FASTENAL CO Form 4 January 31, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SLAGGIE STEPHEN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(Last)

(First) (Middle) FASTENAL CO [FAST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

09/02/2004

2001THEURER BLVD. (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WINONA, MN 55987

,								Person		
(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Nor	ı-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/02/2004		Code	V V	Amount 700	(D)	Price \$ 0	3,493,587 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		G	V	1,400	D	\$0	3,492,187 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		G	V	350	A	\$0	72,150 (1) (2)	I	Held by reporting persons child and reporting

person as custodian for

reporting persons child

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. stionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships s						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SLAGGIE STEPHEN M 2001THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987	X						

Signatures

John Milek, Attorney-in-Fact 01/31/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) An additional 209830 shares of issuers common stock are held by the reporting persons spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares referenced in this footnote.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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