

FASTENAL CO

Form 4

November 18, 2004

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
APPLEWICK STEVEN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2001 THEURER BLVD.

(Street)

WINONA, MN 55987

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
FASTENAL CO [FAST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/17/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Vice-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/17/2004		X		900	A \$ 35	3,456 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		S		900	D \$ 61.66	2,556 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2004		X		1,100	A \$ 61.34	3,656 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35	11/17/2004		X	900	06/01/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock		900
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35	11/17/2004		X	1,100	06/01/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock		1,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
APPLEWICK STEVEN L 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987	Vice-President

## Signatures

John Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact 11/18/2004

\_\_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 231 shares of issuers common stock are indirectly owned by the reporting person through the issuers 401(k) plan as of September 30, 2004.

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