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FORM	UNITED	STATES					NGE	COMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287	
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(Print or Type R	lesponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> KIERLIN ROBERT A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FASTENAL CO [FAST]				g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Chec	k all applicabl	e)			
2001 THEURER BLVD.			(Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2004					X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
WINONA, N	(Street) MN 55987			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	e Original			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M Person	One Reporting P	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	- I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties A c	quired, Disposed o	f or Beneficia	llv Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	tle of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed urity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	-		
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Common} \\ \text{Stock} \ \underline{(1)} \ \underline{(2)} \\ \underline{(3)} \end{array}$	11/17/2004			X	5,240	D		5,577,137 <u>(4)</u>	D		
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Common} \\ \text{Stock} \ \underline{(1)} \ \underline{(2)} \\ \underline{(3)} \end{array}$	11/18/2004			X	1,220	D	\$ 35	5,575,917 <u>(4)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Call Options (Obligation to Sell) (1) (2) (3)	\$ 35	11/17/2004		Х	5,240	06/01/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock	5,240
Call Options (Obligation to Sell) (1) (2) (3)	\$ 35	11/18/2004		Х	1,220	06/01/2004	11/30/2004	Common Stock	1,220

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KIERLIN ROBERT A 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ John Milek, Attorney-in-Fact	11.	/19/2004					
<u>**</u> 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) In 2000, the reporting person adopted a stock option plan for employees of the issuer and its subsidiaries (the "Plan") pursuant to which the reporting person has granted to such employees, in January 2000, January 2001 and January 2002, options to purchase shares of issuer common stock owned by the reporting person. No premium or other consideration was received by the reporting person in connection with the grant of the options. In general, each of the options granted under the Plan in January 2000 or January 2001 that has not previously expired or terminated will expire on, respectively, December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003, and each of the options granted under the Plan in January 2002 that has not previously expired or terminated will expire of the options.

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options vests and becomes exercisable six months prior to the scheduled expiration date of that option.

- (2) If the holder of an option ceases to be employed by the issuer or one of its subsidiaries (other than as a result of death) prior to vesting of the option, the option will expire at the time employment is terminated. If the holder of an option ceases to be employed by the issuer or one of its subsidiaries (other than as a result of death) after vesting of the option, the option will expire on the earlier of the scheduled expiration date or 90 days after the date employment is terminated.
- (3) This reports the exercise of options granted in January 2002 under the Plan.
- (4) Reporting person's spouse owns an additional 200 shares of common stock. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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