

FASTENAL CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 \*  
**KIERLIN ROBERT A**

(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)  
11/15/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	11/15/2004		X	2,560 D \$ 35	5,584,897 <u>(4)</u>	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	11/16/2004		X	2,520 D \$ 35	5,582,377 <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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Call Options (Obligation to Sell) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	\$ 35	11/15/2004		X	2,560	06/01/2004 11/30/2004	Common Stock	2,560
Call Options (Obligation to Sell) <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2) (3)</sub>	\$ 35	11/16/2004		X	2,520	06/01/2004 11/30/2004	Common Stock	2,520

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KIERLIN ROBERT A 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987		X		

## Signatures

/s/ John Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 11/17/2004

\_\_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) 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 on November 30, 2004. Each of the

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

- 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.
- (2) 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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