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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CORPORATIONS DIVISION
100 NORTH MAIN STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903-1335

BUSINESS CORPORATION

Corp. I.D. # 92048

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF

To the Secretary of State
of the State of Rhode Island

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1.1-103 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of Rhode Island, and for that purpose submits the following statement:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is FASTENAL COMPANY

SECOND: The name which it elects to use in Rhode Island is

(If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or "limited," or an abbreviation of one of such words, insert the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation which it elects to add thereto for use in Rhode Island)

THIRD: It is incorporated under the laws of MN

FOURTH: The date of its incorporation is 12-24-68 and the period of its duration is PERPETUAL

FIFTH: The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is 2001 TRENTON BLVD WINONA, MN 55987

SIXTH: The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is 83 Vermont Ave Unit #7 Warwick, RI 02889 and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is SAL TASCO

Signature

SEVENTH: The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Rhode Island are

fastener and construction supply distribution

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EIGHTH: The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

Name	Office	Address
MIKE GASTOMSKI	Director	PO Box 978 Winona, MN 55981
JACK REMICK	Director	
HENRY VAN MCCONNOR	Director	
ROBERT A KIERLIN	President	
	Vice President	
STEPHEN SLAGGIE	Secretary	
DAN FLORNESS	Treasurer	

NINTH: The aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
5,000,000	Preferred	-	.01
50,000,000	Common	-	.01

TENTH: The aggregate number of its issued shares, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
0	Preferred	-	.01
37,938,688	Common	-	.01

ELEVENTH: An estimate of the value of all property to be owned by it for the following year, wherever located, is \$ 11,000,000

TWELFTH: An estimate of the value of its property to be located within Rhode Island during such year is \$ 120,000

THIRTEENTH: An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it during such year is \$ 325,000,000

FOURTEENTH: An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it at or from places of business in Rhode island during such year is \$ 250,000

FIFTEENTH: This application is accompanied by a copy of its articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

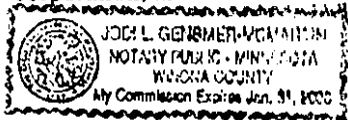
Dated Oct 22, 1996

FASTENAL COMPANY
[Exact Corporate Name of corporation Making Application]

X By Shirley J. Kierlin
Its President
and Stephen M. Slagge
X Its Secretary

STATE OF Minnesota }
COUNTY OF Winona } Sc.

AT in said County on the 22 day
of October 19 96, before me personally appeared Robert Kierlin
and Stephen Slagge, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that
he/she is the President / Secretary of Fastenal,
that he/she signed the foregoing document as such of the
corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.



(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Joel Gerstman-McIntosh
Notary Public

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the document as filed for record in this office.

DATED. 10/15 1996

James Anderson Thorne
Secretary of State



BY

[Signature]