



BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
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EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	914,817
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PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
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9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		914,817
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10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES<F*>		[ ]
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11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9		7.3%
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12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F*>		IN
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[FN]	<F*>SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!		
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SCHEDULE 13G

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

ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

Spartan Motors, Inc.

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

1000 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte, Michigan 48813

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

William F. Foster

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

1000 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte, Michigan 48813

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

United States of America

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

846819 10 0

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), OR RULE  
13d-2(b), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

Not applicable

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 914,817
- (b) Percent of Class: 7.3%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 914,817
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 914,817
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATIONS.

Not applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 12, 1999

/s/William F. Foster  
William F. Foster  
Vice President and Director

