

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.) *

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK
(Title of Class of Securities)

846819 10 0
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [X]. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 84681910-0 13G

(1) Names of Reporting Person
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

William F. Foster

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
(a) []
(b) []

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization United States of America

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	(5) Sole Voting Power	993,317
	(6) Shared Voting Power	0
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power	993,317
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power	0
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		993,317
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares		[]
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9		8.04%
(12) Type of Reporting Person		IN

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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: 993,317
- (b) Percent of Class: 8.04%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 993,317
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 993,317
 - (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. CERTIFICATION.

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: April 23, 1997

By /S/ WILLIAM F. FOSTER
William F. Foster
Vice President and Director

