

FORM 4
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
WILSON DAVID R. (Last) (First) (Middle)	Spartan Motors, Inc. (SPAR)	
5511 WALLACE DRIVE (Street)	3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title ___ Other (specify below below)
GREENSBORO NC 27407	379-34-6251	
(City) (State) (Zip)	4. Statement for Month/Year	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Amount (A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/16/1997	P	1000 A	\$7.7500

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, SEE Instruction 4(b)(v).
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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)
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	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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 Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal
 Criminal Violations. SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). /S/ RICHARD J. SCHALTER 7/2/97
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient,
 SEE Instruction 6 for procedure.

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 required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.
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