

EACH REPORTING	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	598,427
PERSON WITH	8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	538,028

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		1,136,455

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES<F*>		[]

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9		9.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F*>		IN

<F*>SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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:

George W. Szykiel

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: 1,136,455
- (b) Percent of Class: 9.1%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 598,427
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 538,028
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
598,427
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
538,028

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.

The Reporting Person owns 598,427 shares of the Issuer's common stock in his own name and 538,028 shares in which he shares voting or dispositive power by reason of joint ownership, trust, or other contract or property right, and shares held by the Reporting Person's spouse over whom the Reporting Person may have substantial influence by reason of relationship.

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 10, 1998

/S/ GEORGE W. SZTYKIEL
George W. Szttykiel
Chief Executive officer and Chairman of
Board of Directors

