

SPARTAN STORES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Hartline Alan R | | (Month/Day/Year) | SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW | | 10/15/2008 | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing | |
| GRAND RAPIDS, Â MI Â 49518 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 30,443 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Phantom Stock | Â ⁽²⁾ | Â ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 170.293 | \$ ⁽²⁾ | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/07/2004 | 05/06/2013 | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/07/2005 | 05/06/2013 | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/07/2006 | 05/06/2013 | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/07/2007 | 05/06/2013 | Common Stock | 1,250 | \$ 2.29 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2005 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2006 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2007 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 781 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/12/2008 | 05/11/2014 | Common Stock | 782 | \$ 3.25 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2006 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2007 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2008 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2009 | 05/10/2015 | Common Stock | 750 | \$ 11.5 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2007 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2008 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2009 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/10/2010 | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 13.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2008 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 1,050 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2009 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 1,050 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| | 05/18/2010 | 05/17/2017 | | 1,050 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |

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| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | | | Common Stock | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|----------|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2011 | 05/17/2017 | Common Stock | 1,050 | \$ 28.28 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/16/2009 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 2,750 | \$ 22.69 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/16/2010 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 2,750 | \$ 22.69 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/16/2011 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 2,750 | \$ 22.69 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/11/2012 | 05/15/2018 | Common Stock | 2,750 | \$ 22.69 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | Other |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | | |
| Hartline Alan R C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518 | Â | Â | Â | Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Daniel C. Persinger, By Power of Attorney 10/17/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) On October 15, 2008 the Spartan Stores, Inc. Board of Directors determined that Mr. Hartline is an "officer" for the purposes of Rule 16a-1(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Represents shares of "phantom stock" issued pursuant to the Spartan Stores, Inc. Supplemental Executive Savings Plan ("Plan"). Shares of phantom stock are issued on a one-for-one basis and are payable in cash in accordance with the Plan.

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