SPARTAN STORES INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â Hartline Alan R
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW
(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS,Â MIÂ 49518
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP Merchan. & Marketing

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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			

				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

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			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hartline Alan R C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW GRAND RAPIDS,Â MIÂ 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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