

EIDSON DENNIS  
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**FORM 3**

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL  
 OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
 Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Eidson                      Dennis (Last)                      (First)                      (Middle)	4. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  Spartan Stores, Inc. ("SPTN")
850 - 76th Street, SW  (Street)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director                      &nbsp; <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) below) <u>Executive Vice President, Merchandising and Marketing</u>
Grand Rapids                      Michigan                      49518  (City)                      (State)                      (Zip)	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) March 17, 2003	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	

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. 4)
Common Stock	0		

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 5(b)(v).

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**Form 3 (continued) 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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

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).

By /s/ Dennis Eidson\*  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 Dennis Eidson  
 \* By Alex J. DeYonker  
 Attorney-in-Fact

March 19, 2003  
Date

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

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**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint ALEX J. DEYONKER, GORDON R. LEWIS, TIMOTHY L. HORNER, and MICHAEL K. MOLITOR or any one or more of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys and agents to do any and all acts and things and to execute and file any and all instruments that such attorneys and agents, or any of them, may consider necessary or advisable to enable the undersigned (in his or her individual capacity or in a fiduciary or other capacity) to comply with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and any requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in respect thereof, in connection with the preparation, execution and filing of any report or statement of beneficial ownership or changes in beneficial ownership of securities of SPARTAN STORES, INC. (the "Company") that the undersigned (in his or her individual capacity or in a fiduciary or other capacity) may be required to file pursuant to Sections 13 or 16 of the Act including, without limitation, full power and authority to sign the undersigned's name, in his or her individual capacity or in a fiduciary or other capacity, to any report, application or statement on Form ID, Forms 3, 4 or 5, Schedules 13D or 13G, or to any amendments or any successor forms thereto, or any form or forms adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission in lieu thereof or in addition thereto, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys and agents, or any of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned agrees that the attorneys-in-fact named herein may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by the undersigned to such attorneys-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the attorneys-in-fact against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or omission of necessary fact in the information provided by the undersigned to the attorneys-in-fact for purposes of executing, acknowledging, delivering or filing any such forms, or any amendments or any successor forms thereto, or any form or forms adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission in lieu thereof or in addition thereto.

This authorization shall be in addition to all prior authorizations to act for the undersigned with respect to securities of the Company in these matters.

Date: March 17, 2003

/s/ Dennis Eidson

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Dennis Eidson