

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form S-8  
October 28, 2002

Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**38-0593940**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**850 76th Street, S.W., P.O. Box 8700  
Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49518**  
(Zip Code)

**SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

**SPARTAN RETAIL SAVINGS PLUS PLAN**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN  
FOR J.F. WALKER COMPANY ASSOCIATES**

(Full Title of the Plan)

**James B. Meyer**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Spartan Stores, Inc.**  
**850 76th Street, S.W.**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518**  
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

Copies to:

**Alex J. DeYonker**  
**Warner Norcross & Judd LLP**  
**900 Fifth Third Center**  
**111 Lyon Street, N.W.**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487**

**(616) 878-2000**

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount Of Registration Fee
Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan Common Stock, no par value	1,000,000 shares (2)	\$2.55 (3)	\$2,550,000.00 (3)	\$234.60

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Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates Common stock, no par value	500,000 shares (2)	\$2.55 (3)	\$1,275,000.00 (3)	\$117.30
Spartan Retail Savings Plus Plan Common stock, no par value	250,000 shares (2)	\$2.55 (3)	\$637,500.00 (3)	\$58.65
Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for J.F. Walker Company Associates Common stock, no par value	25,000 shares (2)	\$2.55 (3)	\$63,750.00 (3)	\$5.87

- (1) On October 24, 2002, the average of the bid and asked prices of the Common Stock of Spartan Stores, Inc. was \$2.55 per share. The registration fee is computed in accordance with Rule 457(h) and (c) under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act").
- (2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein. This registration statement also covers such indeterminate number of additional shares as may be authorized in the event of an adjustment as a result of an increase in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from the payment of stock dividends or stock splits or certain other capital adjustments.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Registration Statement is filed for the purpose of registering 1,775,000 additional shares of Common Stock by Spartan Stores, Inc., a Michigan corporation (the "Registrant"), for use in connection with the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan, the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates, the Spartan Retail Savings Plus Plan and the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for J.F. Walker Company Associates. In accordance with General Instruction E to Form S-8, the Registrant incorporates by reference the contents of (1) the Registration Statement on Form S-8, file No. 333-66430, filed on August 1, 2001, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed on July 17, 2002, and (2) the Registration Statement on Form S-8, file No. 333-96615, filed on July 17, 2002.

**SIGNATURES**

*The Registrant.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, on this 28th day of October, 2002.

SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By/s/James B. Meyer

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James B. Meyer  
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief  
Executive Officer

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Form S-8 Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

October 28, 2002

By /s/ Alex J. DeYonker

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Alex J. DeYonker  
Director

October 28, 2002

By /s/ Elson S. Floyd, Ph.D.\*

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Elson S. Floyd, Ph.D.  
Director

October 28, 2002

By /s/ Richard B. Iott\*

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Richard B. Iott  
Director

October 28, 2002

By /s/ Gregory P. Josefowicz\*

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Gregory P. Josefowicz  
Director

October 28, 2002

By /s/ James B. Meyer

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James B. Meyer  
Director

October 28, 2002

By /s/ Elizabeth A. Nickels\*

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Elizabeth A. Nickels  
Director

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
October __, 2002	By _____ Kenneth T. Stevens Director
October __, 2002	By _____ James F. Wright Director
October 28, 2002	By /s/ David M. Staples _____ David M. Staples Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

\*By /s/ Alex J. DeYonker

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Alex J. DeYonker  
Attorney-in-Fact

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plans) have duly caused this registration statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, on this 28th day of October, 2002.

SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN

By: SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
Plan Administrator

By: /s/ Mark C. Eriks

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Mark C. Eriks, Vice President Human Resources

SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN  
FOR UNION ASSOCIATES

By: SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
Plan Administrator

By: /s/ Mark C. Eriks

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Mark C. Eriks, Vice President Human Resources

SPARTAN RETAIL SAVINGS PLUS PLAN

By: FAMILY FARE, LLC  
Plan Administrator

By: SPARTAN STORES HOLDING, INC.  
Sole Member

By: /s/ James B. Meyer

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James B. Meyer, President

SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS PLUS PLAN  
FOR J.F. WALKER COMPANY ASSOCIATES

By: SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
Plan Administrator

By: /s/ Mark C. Eriks

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Mark C. Eriks, Vice President Human  
Resources

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Document</u>
4.1	Articles IV, V, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIII of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Spartan Stores, Inc. Previously filed as Annex B to the prospectus and joint proxy statement contained in Spartan Stores' Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed on June 5, 2000. Here incorporated by reference.
4.2	Articles II, III and X of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Spartan Stores, Inc. Previously filed as Annex B to the prospectus and joint proxy statement contained in Spartan Stores' Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed on June 5, 2000. Here incorporated by reference.
5.1	Opinion of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP.

- 5.2 Most recent Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter for the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan. Previously filed as an exhibit to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed July 17, 2002. Here incorporated by reference.
- 5.3 Most recent Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter for the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates. Previously filed as an exhibit to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed July 17, 2002. Here incorporated by reference.
- 5.4 Most recent Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter for the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for J.F. Walker Company Associates. Previously filed as an exhibit to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed July 17, 2002. Here incorporated by reference.
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Public Accountants.
- 23.2 Consent of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 24 Powers of Attorney.