# **ModernGraham Valuation**

### **Company Name:**

Company Ticker FAST Date of Analysis Fastenal Company





## Stage 1: Is this company suitable for the Defensive Investor or the Enterprising Investor?

Defensive Investor; must pass 6 out of the following 7 tests.

1. Adequate Size of the Enterprise	Market Cap > \$2Bil	\$12,891,079,451 Pass
2. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Current Ratio > 2	4.40 Pass
3. Earnings Stability	Positive EPS for 10 years prior	Pass
4. Dividend Record	Dividend Payments for 10 years prior	Pass
5. Earnings Growth	Increase of 33% in EPS in past 10 years using 3 year averages at beginning and end	122.70% Pass
6. Moderate PEmg Ratio	PEmg < 20	26.46 Fail
7. Moderate Price to Assets	PB Ratio < 2.5 OR PB*PEmg < 50	7.10 Fail
must pass 4 out of the following 5 tests, or i	be suitable for the Defensive Investor.	
1. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Current Ratio > 1.5	4.40 Pass
2. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Debt to NCA < 1.1	0.27 Pass
3. Earnings Stability	Positive EPS for 5 years prior	Pass
4. Dividend Record	Currently Pays Dividend	Pass
5. Earnings Growth	EPSmg greater than 5 years ago	Pass
	<ol> <li>Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition</li> <li>Earnings Stability</li> <li>Dividend Record</li> <li>Earnings Growth</li> <li>Moderate PEmg Ratio</li> <li>Moderate Price to Assets</li> </ol> <i>must pass 4 out of the following 5 tests, or 1</i> . Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition Earnings Stability Dividend Record	2. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition       Current Ratio > 2         3. Earnings Stability       Positive EPS for 10 years prior         4. Dividend Record       Dividend Payments for 10 years prior         1. Increase of 33% in EPS in past 10 years using 3 year averages at beginning and end       Earnings Growth         6. Moderate PEmg Ratio       PEmg < 20

#### Suitability

Defensive	No
Enterprising	Yes

#### Stage 2: Determination of Intrinsic Value

	EPSmg		\$1.69
	MG Growth Estimate		7.61%
	MG Value		\$40.08
	MG Value based on 3% Growth		\$24.51
	MG Value based on 0% Growth		\$14.37
	Market Implied Growth Rate		8.98%
MG Opinion			
	Current Price		\$44.72
	% of Intrinsic Value	1'	11.59%
	Opinion	Overvalued	

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#### Stage 3: Information for Further Research

Yahoo Finance

MG Grade

	Net Current Asset Value (NCAV)		\$3.27
	Graham Number		\$15.85
	PEmg		26.46
	Current Ratio		4.40
	PB Ratio		7.10
	Current Dividend		\$1.14
	Dividend Yield		2.55%
	Number of Consecutive Years of Dividend Growth		19
Useful Links:	ModernGraham tagged articles	Morningstar	
	Google Finance	MSN Money	

Seeking Alpha

GuruFocus

#### SEC Filings

EPS History		EPSmg History	
Next Fiscal Year			
Estimate		Next Fiscal Year Estimate	\$1.69
Dec2015	\$1.77	Dec2015	\$1.60
Dec2014	\$1.66	Dec2014	\$1.46
Dec2013	\$1.51	Dec2013	\$1.29
Dec2012	\$1.42	Dec2012	\$1.12
Dec2011	\$1.21	Dec2011	\$0.94
Dec2010	\$0.90	Dec2010	\$0.80
Dec2009	\$0.62	Dec2009	\$0.74
Dec2008	\$0.94	Dec2008	\$0.75
Dec2007	\$0.78	Dec2007	\$0.62
Dec2006	\$0.66	Dec2006	\$0.51
Dec2005	\$0.55	Dec2005	\$0.40
Dec2004	\$0.43	Dec2004	\$0.32
Dec2003	\$0.28	Dec2003	\$0.26
Dec2002	\$0.25	Dec2002	\$0.24
Dec2001	\$0.23	Dec2001	\$0.22
Dec2000	\$0.27	Dec2000	\$0.21
Dec1999	\$0.22	Balance Sheet Information	3/1/2016
Dec1998	\$0.18	Total Current Assets	\$1,767,180,000
Dec1997	\$0.14	Total Current Liabilities	\$401,673,000
Dec1996	\$0.11	Long-Term Debt	\$362,390,000
		Total Assets	\$2,642,781,000
		Intangible Assets	\$0
		Total Liabilities	\$820,905,000
		Shares Outstanding (Diluted Average)	289,124,000



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