

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HASSLER PAUL E (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 638 (Street) ELKHART, IN 46515 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PATRICK INDUSTRIES INC [PATK]		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President & CEO		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. 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		

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	1,500	D	

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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	06/06/2001	06/05/2006	Common Stock	6,000 (1)	\$ 6.125	D	
Stock Options	07/08/2000	10/31/2007	Common Stock	7,500 (2)	\$ 6.3	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HASSLER PAUL E P.O. BOX 638 ELKHART, IN 46515			President & CEO	

Signatures

Paul E. Hassler by Andy L. Nemeth, Agent	03/04/2004
**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) Options vest over time at 25% per year beginning 6-6-01. 100% Vested on 6-6-04.

(2) Options vest over time at 25% per year beginning 7-8-00. 100% vested on 7-8-03.

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

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned constitutes and appoints Andy Nemeth and Debbie Murphy and each of them, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to sign any and all (1) Form 144s under the Securities Act of 1933 and (2) Securities and Exchange Commission statements of beneficial ownership of securities of Patrick Industries, Inc. ("Company") on Forms 3, 4 and 5 as required under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company and the NASD, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each act and thing requisite and necessary to be done under said Rule 144 and Section 16(a), as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

A copy of this power of attorney shall be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The authorization set forth above shall continue in full force and effect until the undersigned revokes such authorization by written instructions to the attorneys-in-fact.

The authority granted hereby shall in no event be deemed to impose or create any duty on behalf of the attorneys-in-fact with respect to the undersigned's obligations to file Form 144 or Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated: March 1 , 2004.
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/s/ Paul E. Hassler

Signature of Reporting Person

Paul E. Hassler, President

Name and Title