STEPAN CO Form SC 13G/A February 13, 2001

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 8)*

STEPAN COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

5 1/2% Convertible Preferred

(Title of Class of Securities)

858586-20-9

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement. [_] (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

PAUL H. STEPAN

CHE	CK THE APPROPRIATE BOX I	F A MEMR	ER OF A GROUP*
2			(a) [_] (b) [_]
SEC	USE ONLY		
	IZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORG	GANIZATIO	N
4	U.S.A.		
			SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		5	4,193
SHAR	ES		·
		6	SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		6	166,480 (see item 6)
OWNE	D BY		
EACH		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING			4,193
PER	SON		
WITH		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
			166,480
AGG 9	REGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIAL	LY OWNED	BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
-	170,673		
	CK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE	AMOUNT I	N ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
10			[_]
PER 11	CENT OF CLASS REPRESENTE	D BY AMO	UNT IN ROW (9)
TYP	E OF REPORTING PERSON*		
12	INDIVIDUAL		
		Page	2
Item 1(a)	Name of issuer: Stepan Company		
Item 1(b)	1(b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices: 22 West Frontage Road Northfield, Illinois 60093		
Item 2(a)	Name of person fili See Item 1 of cover	-	

Item 2(b)	Address of principal business office or, if none, residence: Stepan Company 22 West Frontage Road Northfield, Illinois 60093			
Item 2(c)	Citizenship: See item 4 of cover page			
Item 2(d)	Title of class of securities: 5 1/2 percent Convertible Preferred			
Item 2(e)	CUSIP number: 858586-20-9			
Item 3	Ownership (a) Amount beneficially owned: See Item 9 of cover page			
	(b) Percent of Class: See Item 11 of cover page			
	(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:			
	(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote See Item 5 of cover page			
	(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote - See Item 6 of cover page			
	(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of See Item 7 of cover page			
	<pre>(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: See Item 8 of cover page</pre>			
Item 5	Ownership of five percent or less of a class: Not applicable			
Item 6	Ownership of more than five percent on behalf of another person: Of the shares reported herein, F. Quinn Stepan and Paul H. Stepan, as the general partners of Stepan Venture I, an Illinois limited partnership, which in turn is the sole general partner of Stepan Venture II, an Illinois limited partnership, have over 166,480 of the issuer's 5 1/2 percent Convertible Preferred shares owned by Stepan Venture II. (note - Stepan Company 5 1/2 percent Convertible Preferred shares were split 8-for-1 on April 30, 1993)			
Item 7	Identification and classification of the subsidiary which acquired the security being reported on by the parent holding company: Not applicable			
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Item 8	Identification and classification of members of the group. Not applicable			
Item 9	Notice of dissolution of group: Not applicable			

Item 10 Certification:
Not applicable

Signature - After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct

Name

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