

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 10549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.14)*

GENTEX CORPORATION . (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.06
(Title of Class of Securities)

371901-10-9
(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.)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Fred Bauer
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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
3,780,464

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH

-0-

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON
WITH
3,780,464

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,888,467

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

X

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.4%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:
Gentex Corporation

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
600 N. Centennial
Zeeland, MI 49464

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:
Fred Bauer

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:
Fred Bauer: 236 Dyken Avenue
Holland, MI 49423

Item 2(c) Citizenship:
United States of America

Item 2(d) Title of Securities:
Common Stock, Par Value \$.06

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
371901-10-9

Item 3 Not applicable.

Item 4 Ownership:
Ownership details are disclosed in Items 5 through 8 on the coversheet preceding this portion of Schedule 13G. The amount shown in Item 9 on the coversheet for Fred Bauer includes 108,003 shares covered by options exercisable within 60 days.

Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:
Not applicable.

- Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:
Not applicable.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by Parent Holding
Company:
Not applicable.
- 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.

Dated: January 31, 1999

/s/ Fred Bauer
Fred Bauer