

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) |X|

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES 2,180,232

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH -0-

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,180,232

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,214,233

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

X

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.3%

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 16,000 shares held by his minor child and 18,001 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 22, 1997

/s/ Fred Bauer
Fred Bauer

