

KRANTZ DONALD G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KRANTZ DONALD G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE
(Street)

MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		5,000	A	\$ 1.79
Common Stock	10/25/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		5,000	D	\$ 35.369
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.79	10/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	⁽³⁾ 11/21/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRANTZ DONALD G 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact for Donald G. Krantz

 **Signature of Reporting Person
 10/29/2012
 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) Transaction effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 27, 2012.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 5,000 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on October 25, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$35.25 to \$35.41 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Fully vested.

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