

Proto Labs Inc  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**03/14/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP and Tech. Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/14/2016		M		21,000	A	\$ 7.86
Common Stock	03/14/2016		M		3,234	A	\$ 47.08
Common Stock	03/14/2016		M		1,999	A	\$ 67.15
Common Stock	03/14/2016		S		26,233	D	\$ 75.1097
					(1)		(2)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.86	03/14/2016		M	21,000	<u>(3)</u> 12/21/2020	Common Stock 21,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.08	03/14/2016		M	3,234	<u>(4)</u> 02/15/2023	Common Stock 3,234
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 67.15	03/14/2016		M	1,999	<u>(5)</u> 02/09/2025	Common Stock 1,999

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRANTZ DONALD G 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359			Executive VP and Tech. Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Samuel A. Rosenbaum 03/16/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person 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) Sale effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 18, 2015.

(2) Reflects the weighted average price of 26,233 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person on March 14, 2016 with sale prices ranging from \$75.00 to \$75.28 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.

(4) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 15, 2014.

(5) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 9, 2016.

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