

Proto Labs Inc  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gawlick Rainer

(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)  
05/21/2015

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 05/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 715 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A \$ 0  | 3,763  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/21/2015                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               | 399   | D \$ 69.7466 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 3,364  | D  |

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 (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. Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  |  |   | Amount or Number of Shares        |       |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 31.08   | 05/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 1,609  | <u>(4)</u>   | 05/19/2025  | Common Stock                      | 1,609 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gawlick Rainer<br>5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE<br>MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| /s/ Samuel R. Rosenbaum, attorney-in-fact for Rainier<br>Gawlick | 05/21/2015 |
| **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) The restricted stock units vest in full on the earlier of 5/20/16 or the date of the Company's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.
- (2) Sale effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 27, 2014.  
  
Reflects the weighted average price of 399 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person on May 21, 2015 with sale prices ranging from \$69.72 to \$69.81 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)
- (4) The option vests in full on the earlier of 5/20/16 or the date of the Company's 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.

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