

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Budd                      Steven                      K.

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(Last)                      (First)                      (Middle)

599 MacArthur Blvd.

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(Street)

Mahwah,                      New Jersey                      07430

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(City)                      (State)                      (Zip)

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2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

5/19/98

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Professional Detailing, Inc.                      PDII

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

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6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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7. Individual or joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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3. Ownership Form:

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

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<S>                                      <C>                                      <C>                                      <C>

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\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person see instruction 5(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct or Indirect		7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	(D) or (I)	(Instr. 5)		
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	
Options to acquire common stock	see below	12/31/05	common stock		39,189	\$1.61	D		

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Explanation of Responses: 13,063 exercisable on each of 5/20/98, 5/20/99 and 5/20/00.

/s/ Steven K. Budd 5/19/98  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.