

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Cotugno Stephen

(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Professional Detailing, Inc.
10 Mountainview Road

(Street)

Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458

(City) (State) (Zip)

09/01/2000

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

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Professional Detailing, Inc. Nasdaq National Market: "PDII"

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

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

Executive Vice President

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

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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 Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 851 D

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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.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:		6. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security (D) or Indirect (I)	
Options to acquire common stock, par value \$.01 per share	*1	May 19, 2008	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	20,000	\$16.00	D
Options to acquire common stock, par value \$.01 per share	*2	October 28, 2009	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	15,000	\$27.1875	D

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Explanation of Responses: *1: Currently exercisable with respect to 13,334 shares, and the remaining 6,666 shares shall be exercisable on 05/19/01; and *2: The option granted 10/28/99 is exercisable as follows: 5,000 shares on each of 10/28/00, 10/28/01 and 10/28/02.

/s/ Stephen Cotugno 09/11/00

 ** 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.

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