

DIRECT GENERAL CORP

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *

Hagely John Todd

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/15/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DIRECT GENERAL CORP [drcr]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Sr VP & CFO6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD

(Street)

NASHVILLE, TN 37217

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

9,294

D

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative
Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Exercisable Expiration
Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/11/2004 ⁽¹⁾	08/11/2013	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/15/2006 ⁽²⁾	08/15/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 18.05	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hagely John Todd 1281 MURFREESBORO ROAD NASHVILLE, TN 37217	Â	Â	Â Sr VP & CFO	Â

Signatures

John Todd
Hagely 08/22/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 options vest in five equal annual installments beginning August 11, 2004.
- (2) The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning August 15, 2005.

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