

Notes Details - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Details 2)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Details 2) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data	3 Months Ended								12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Summary of diluted net income per share calculation											
Net income	\$ 5,189	\$ 6,941	\$ 4,979	\$ 2,263	\$ 2,687	\$ 9,460	\$ 5,593	\$ 5,248	\$ 19,372	\$ 22,988	\$ 16,829
Net income per share-Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.37
Net income per share-Diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.33
Average number of shares outstanding-Basic									13,096	12,820	12,304
Average number of shares outstanding-Diluted									13,267	13,120	12,691
Restricted stock [Member]											
Summary of diluted net income per share calculation											
Incremental shares from the assumed lapse of restrictions on restricted stock awards									49	61	71
Stock options [Member]											
Summary of diluted net income per share calculation											
Incremental shares from the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options									122	239	316

Source: Destination Maternity Corp, XBRL, 12/14/2012 | Powered by Intelligize

Notes Details - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Details Textual)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended			1 Months Ended	12 Months Ended	1 Months Ended	12 Months Ended			
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010	Nov. 30, 2012 Revolving credit facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Revolving credit facility [Member]	Dec. 28, 2012 Scenario Forecast [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Swap [Member]	Sep. 30, 2011 Furniture and equipment [Member] Maximum [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Furniture and equipment [Member] Minimum [Member]	Sep. 30, 2010 Building [Member]
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies [Line Items]										
Payments of Financing Costs	\$ 61,000	\$ 26,000		\$ 825,000	\$ 825,000					
Deferred financing costs paid					61,000					
Company paid cash dividends	9,325,000	6,901,000				2,400,000				
Company paid cash dividends on per share	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.525				\$ 0.175				
Property, Plant and Equipment [Line Items]										
Service lives of assets							10 years	5 years	40 years	
Unrealized loss on interest rate swap						145,000				
Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Textual) [Abstract]										
Cash overdraft	3,452,000	3,853,000								
Maturity of cash and cash equivalents	Three months or less									
Impairment write-downs of property, plant and equipment	1,876,000	768,000	1,865,000							
Write-downs of intangible assets	1,000	9,000	2,000							
Aggregate amortization expense of intangible assets	142,000	135,000	119,000							
Amortization of deferred financing costs	105,000	170,000	196,000							
Writeoff of unamortized deferred financing costs	22,000	37,000	51,000							
Advertising expenses, including Internet advertising expenses	13,878,000	11,712,000	12,147,000							
Options and unvested restricted stock	321,000	164,000	292,000							
Interest paid, including payments made on interest rate swap agreement	1,359,000	2,266,000	3,414,000							
Income tax paid, net of refunds	\$ 7,432,000	\$ 9,804,000	\$ 2,357,000							
No single supplier represented of net purchases	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%							

Source: Destination Maternity Corp, XBRL, 12/14/2012 | Powered by Intelligize

Notes Details - Trade Receivables (Details)

Trade Receivables (Details) (USD \$)	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Trade Receivables (Textual) [Abstract]		
Trade receivable, net	\$ 201,000	\$ 156,000

Notes Details - Inventories (Details)

Inventories (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Inventories		
Finished goods	\$ 82,795	\$ 83,726
Work-in-progress	2,804	2,381
Raw materials	3,155	4,259
Inventory, Net, Total	\$ 88,754	\$ 90,366

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Notes Details - Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Details)

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Summary of Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment gross	\$ 171,449	\$ 178,711
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(120,371)	(122,857)
Property, plant and equipment, net, total	51,078	55,854
Land [Member]		
Summary of Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment gross	1,400	1,400
Building and improvements [Member]		
Summary of Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment gross	15,843	15,465
Furniture and equipment [Member]		
Summary of Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment gross	69,504	69,919
Leasehold improvements [Member]		
Summary of Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment gross	\$ 84,702	\$ 91,927

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Notes Details - Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Details Textual)

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Property plant and equipment (Textual) [Abstract]			
Aggregate depreciation and amortization expense of property, plant and equipment	\$ 12,303,000	\$ 12,634,000	\$ 12,798,000
Impairment write-downs of property, plant and equipment	\$ 1,876,000	\$ 768,000	\$ 1,865,000

Notes Details - Restructuring and Other Charges (Details)

Restructuring and Other Charges (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		38 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010	Sep. 30, 2011
Summary of the charges incurred and reserves			
Beginning Balance Accrued	\$ 265	\$ 675	
Restructuring and other charges	193	5,658	6,377
Payments	(265)	(4,294)	
Ending Balance Accrued		265	
Severance and related benefits [Member]			
Summary of the charges incurred and reserves			
Beginning Balance Accrued	159	37	
Restructuring and other charges		323	1,371
Payments	(159)	(201)	
Ending Balance Accrued		159	
Cost Reduction and Other Initiatives [Member]			
Summary of the charges incurred and reserves			
Beginning Balance Accrued	106	638	
Restructuring and other charges		3,561	5,006
Payments	(106)	(4,093)	
Ending Balance Accrued		\$ 106	

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Notes Details - Restructuring and Other Charges (Details Textual)

Restructuring and Other Charges (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Restructuring and related activities (Textual) [Abstract]			
Expense on consulting services	\$ 3,884,000		
Retainer fees agreed upon annual amount	200,000		
Pretax charge on annual retainer			585,000
Charge on benefit costs incurred on retirement			888,000
Charge on relocation		193,000	
Charge on executive recruitment			\$ 301,000

Notes Details - Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities (Details)

Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Composition of accrued expenses and other current liabilities		
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 5,918	\$ 6,526
Insurance, primarily self insurance reserves	5,341	4,558
Gift certificates and store credits	4,194	4,423
Deferred rent	3,599	3,567
Sales taxes	3,097	3,065
Product return reserve	2,225	2,083
Income taxes payable	1,350	
Accounting and legal	1,215	1,495
Supplemental executive retirement plan benefits	150	600
Other	8,455	7,363
Total	\$ 35,544	\$ 33,680

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Notes Details - Deferred Rent and Other Non Current Liabilities (Details)

Deferred Rent and Other Non Current Liabilities (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Deferred rent and other non-current liabilities		
Deferred rent	\$ 21,245	\$ 23,132
Less: current portion included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(3,599)	(3,567)
Non-current deferred rent	17,646	19,565
Accrued income taxes	4,063	2,591
Interest rate swap		145
Supplemental executive retirement plan benefits		132
Other	175	166
Deferred rent and other non-current liabilities	\$ 21,884	\$ 22,599

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Notes Details - Line of Credit (Details)

Line of Credit (Details) (USD \$)	1 Months Ended	12 Months Ended			15 Months Ended	12 Months Ended		15 Months Ended	1 Months Ended			12 Months Ended	1 Months Ended			12 Months Ended							
	Nov. 01, 2012 Tranche Y	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member]	Oct. 25, 2012 Maximum [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member] Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2011 Maximum [Member] Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member] Tranche A	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member] Tranche A-1	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member]	Oct. 25, 2012 Minimum [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member] Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member] Tranche A	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member] Tranche A-1	Nov. 01, 2012 Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2011 Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2010 Prior Credit Facility [Member]	Nov. 01, 2012 Tranche A [Member]	Nov. 01, 2012 Tranche A-1 [Member]	Nov. 30, 2012 Revolving credit facility [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Revolving credit facility [Member]	
Line of Credit Facility [Line Items]																							
Prior Credit Facility	\$ 65,000,000													\$ 55,000,000									
Senior secured revolving credit facility	61,000,000																		55,000,000	6,000,000			
Interest rate Increase upon amendment of Prior Credit Facility														0.75%									
Applicable margin for Base rate borrowings using lender's base rate					1.25%								0.75%						0.50%	2.00%			
Applicable margin for Base rate borrowings using LIBOR				1.50%	2.25%				1.00%	1.75%									1.50%	3.00%			
Payments of Financing Costs	61,000	26,000																			825,000	825,000	
Line of credit, outstanding borrowings														6,934,000	0	0	403,000						
Cash collateral														7,142,000									
Letters of credit														7,084,000	7,459,000								
Line of credit availability														47,916,000	47,541,000								
Prior Credit Facility borrowings interest rate						4.00%	3.75%	5.25%			1.97%	1.72%	3.22%										
Line of credit borrowings during period														0	0	6,200,000							
Line Of Credit (Textual)																							
[Abstract]																							
Revolving credit facility period	5																						
Credit Facility Tranches	2																						
Additional permitted borrowings under Tranche A	15,000,000																						
Line of credit facility maximum borrowing capacity revised		55,000,000																					
Minimum excess availability on borrowing base		10.00%																					
Deferred Financing Cost		61,000																					
Increments of additional permitted borrowings under Tranche A	2,500,000																						
Credit Facility extended maximum limit	\$ 70,000,000																						
Unused line fee under the Credit Facility	0.25%																						
Credit facility minimum percentage of borrowing base required	10.00%																						
Credit Facility Description of Variable Rate Basis	The Interest rate on outstanding borrowings is equal to, at the Company's election, either (i) the lender's base rate plus the applicable margin, or (ii) a LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for base rate borrowings is 0.50% for Tranche A borrowings and 2.00% for Tranche A-1 borrowings. The applicable margin for LIBOR rate borrowings is 1.50% for Tranche A borrowings and 3.00% for Tranche A-1 borrowings. Tranche A-1 borrowings are deemed to be the first loans made and the last loans repaid.																						

Notes Details - Long Term Debt (Details)

Long Term Debt (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Senior Secured Debt		
Outstanding borrowings under an Industrial Revenue Bond ("IRB")	\$ 15,257	\$ 31,342
Current portion of long-term debt	15,257	2,915
Long-term Debt, Total		28,427
Senior secured term loan B [Member]		
Senior Secured Debt		
Outstanding borrowings under an Industrial Revenue Bond ("IRB")	13,427	29,327
Industrial revenue bond [Member]		
Senior Secured Debt		
Outstanding borrowings under an Industrial Revenue Bond ("IRB")	1,830	2,015
Long-term Debt, Total	\$ 1,830	\$ 2,015

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Notes Details - Long Term Debt (Details Textual)

Long Term Debt (Details Textual) (USD \$)	1 Months Ended		12 Months Ended			Apr. 18, 2012	Dec. 31, 2009	Dec. 30, 2009	Apr. 18, 2007
	Nov. 01, 2012	Sep. 30, 2007	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010				
Debt Instrument [Line Items]									
Prepayment of outstanding Term Loan			\$ 16,085,000	\$ 13,819,000	\$ 12,248,000				
Outstanding borrowings under an Industrial Revenue Bond ("IRB")				28,427,000					
Long Term Debt (Textual) [Abstract]									
Company's indebtedness under the Term Loan Agreement			13,427,000						
Deferred financing costs paid			(61,000)	(26,000)					
Senior secured term loan B [Member]									
Debt Instrument [Line Items]									
Senior secured term loan B, variable interest			4.25%						
Senior Secured Term Loan B								90,000,000	
Remaining Term Loan B balance prepaid	13,427,000								
Condition for interest rate on term loan			The interest rate on the Term Loan was equal to, at the Company's election, either (i) the prime rate plus 1.00%, or (ii) a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin.						
Excess interest rate over prime rate									1.00%
Fixed Margin LIBOR on Term Loan B		2.50%							
Fixed margin minimum on term loan B LIBOR							2.25%		
Fixed Margin Maximum On Term Loan B								2.50%	
Minimum quarterly repayment amount			225,000						
Minimum percentage of Excess Cash Flow due as principal repayment			25.00%						
Maximum percentage of Excess Cash Flow due as principal repayment			50.00%						
Minimum excess cash flow to generate additional annual principal repayment			5,000,000						

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Prepayment of outstanding Term Loan		15,000,000	12,623,000	11,000,000				
Prepayment under the annual excess cash flow provision of term Loan			2,623,000	5,765,000				
Interest Rate on Term Loan		7.25%				7.50%		
Notional Amount of Interest Rate Swap					5,000,000		75,000,000	
Unrealized loss of estimated fair value of the interest rate swap			(145,000)					
Pretax losses with the exchange of interest rate payments under the swap agreement		144,000	808,000	1,514,000				
Industrial revenue bond [Member]								
Debt Instrument [Line Items]								
Senior secured term loan B, variable interest		0.45%						
Outstanding borrowings under an Industrial Revenue Bond ("IRB")		1,830,000	2,015,000					
Amount of debt put by Bondholder		\$ 1,415,000	\$ 100,000					
Maturity date		Sep. 01, 2020						

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Notes Details - Fair Value Measurements (Details)

Fair Value Measurements (Details) (USD \$)	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Fair Value Measurements (Textual) [Abstract]		
Cash equivalents held by the Company	\$ 19,462,000	\$ 11,976,000
Fair Value Measurements (Additional Textual) [Abstract]		
Interest rate swap liability		\$ 145,000

Notes Details - Common and Preferred Stock (Details)

Common and Preferred Stock (Details) (USD \$)	1 Months Ended		12 Months Ended	
	Jul. 31, 2012	Jul. 30, 2008	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Series B junior participating preferred stock, shares authorized			1,656,381	1,656,381
Common and Preferred Stock (Textual) [Abstract]				
Repurchase of the Company's outstanding common stock	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 7,000,000		
Preferred stock, par value			\$ 0.01	
Preferred stock, shares issued			0	0
Series B junior participating preferred stock, shares outstanding			0	0
Class of warrants rights preference share conversion ratio			0.10%	
Series B Unit voting rights			One share of common stock	
Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock [Member]				
Series B junior participating preferred stock, shares authorized			300,000	

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Notes Details - Rights Agreement (Details Textual)

Rights Agreement (Details Textual)	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2012 Customer Right Award Age D Leased_Department Retail_Location Store
Rights Agreement (Textual) [Abstract]	
Right Exercise Price	85
Beneficial Ownership Percentage To make right agreement inoperative for Acquiring Person	15.00%
Number of Days For commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer	10
Mandatorily redeemable rights redemption price	0.01
Number of right for each common share	1
Number of Series B unit purchased	1
Rights to receive Series B units or common stock of the acquiring company	Two times

Notes Details - Equity Award Plans (Details)

Equity Award Plans (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2012
Stock option activity for all plans	
Share-based compensation Arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, number, beginning balance	648
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, weighted average exercise price, beginning balance	\$ 11.60
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, grants	107
Exercise of stock options, net, shares	(135)
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, forfeitures in period	(11)
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, expirations in period	(2)
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, exercisable, number	202
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, weighted average exercise price	\$ 15.85
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, exercises in period, weighted average exercise price	\$ 8.25
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, forfeitures in period, weighted average exercise price	\$ 15.59
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, expirations in period, weighted average exercise price	\$ 4.90
Share-based compensation Arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, number, Ending balance	607
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, weighted average exercise price, Ending balance	\$ 13.05
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, weighted average remaining contractual term	7 years
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, exercisable, weighted average remaining contractual term	4 years 10 months 24 days
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, exercisable, weighted average exercise price	\$ 10.16
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, outstanding, intrinsic value	\$ 3,872
Share-based compensation arrangement by share-based payment award, options, exercisable, intrinsic value	\$ 1,815

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Notes Details - Equity Award Plans (Details 1)

Equity Award Plans (Details 1)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Weighted-average assumptions for option grants			
Expected dividend yield	4.50%	3.20%	
Expected price volatility	63.00%	62.50%	62.90%
Risk-free interest rate	1.00%	2.40%	2.70%
Expected life	5 years 6 months	5 years 9 months 18 days	6 years 6 months

Notes Details - Equity Award Plans (Details 2)

Equity Award Plans (Details 2) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2012
Range one [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 3.52
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 5.00
Number of Options Outstanding	18
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	6 years 1 month 6 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 3.52
Number of Options Exercisable	7
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 3.52
Range two [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 5.01
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 6.00
Number of Options Outstanding	14
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	3 years 2 months 12 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 5.01
Number of Options Exercisable	14
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 5.01
Range three [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 6.01
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 6.50
Number of Options Outstanding	21
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	2 years 8 months 12 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 6.45
Number of Options Exercisable	21
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 6.45
Range four [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 6.51
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 7.00
Number of Options Outstanding	170
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	5 years 9 months 18 days

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Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 6.87
Number of Options Exercisable	90
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 6.87
Range five [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 7.01
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 12.00
Number of Options Outstanding	109
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	7 years 1 month 6 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 11.78
Number of Options Exercisable	11
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 10.87
Range six [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 12.01
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 22.00
Number of Options Outstanding	169
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	7 years 9 months 18 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 16.91
Number of Options Exercisable	38
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 16.36
Range seven [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 22.01
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 22.13
Number of Options Outstanding	106
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	8 years 4 months 24 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 22.13
Number of Options Exercisable	21
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 22.13
Range eight [Member]	
Summary of information about stock options outstanding	
Range of Exercise Prices, lower range	\$ 3.52
Range of Exercise Prices, upper range	\$ 22.13
Number of Options Outstanding	607
Options Outstanding, Weighted Average Remaining Life	6 years 10 months 24 days
Option Outstanding, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 13.05

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Number of Options Exercisable	202
Option Exercisable, Weighted Average Exercise Price	\$ 10.16

Notes Details - Equity Award Plans (Details 3)

Equity Award Plans (Details 3) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2012
Restricted stock activity for the 2005 Plan	
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value, Nonvested, beginning balance	\$ 16.81
Outstanding Shares, Nonvested, beginning balance	210
Outstanding Shares, Granted	110
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value, Granted	\$ 15.59
Outstanding Shares, Vested	(86)
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value, Vested	\$ 17.85
Outstanding Shares, Forfeited	(19)
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value, Forfeited	\$ 14.06
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value, Nonvested, ending balance	\$ 16.02
Outstanding Shares, Nonvested, ending balance	215

Notes Details - Equity Award Plans (Details Textual)

Equity Award Plans (Details Textual) (USD \$)	1	12 Months Ended							12 Months Ended		1	12 Months Ended				12 Months Ended		
	Months Ended	Sep. 30, 2008	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010	Dec. 09, 2007	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member] Executive RSUs [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member] Executive RSUs [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 1987 Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member] Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member] Plan [Member]	Jan. 31, 2010 2005 Plan [Member] Executive	Sep. 30, 2008 2005 Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 2005 Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2011 2005 Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2010 2005 Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Director Plan [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Maximum [Member]	Sep. 30, 2012 Minimum [Member]
Deferred Compensation Arrangement with Individual, Share-based Payments [Line Items]																		
Number of equity award plans		3																
Options to be issued							4,350,000					2,000,000						
Share based compensation arrangement by share based payment award number of shares authorized to be issued as stock options																400,000		
Common stock shares issued, restricted stock units under 2005 Plan												1,000,000						
Common stock available for grant under the 2005 Plan												518,782						
Shares issued in respect of restricted stock under the 2005 Plan												286,745						
Exercise of stock options, net, shares		135,000										119,600	368,800	443,900				
Aggregate exercise price		\$ 107,000	\$ 2,285,000	\$ 1,369,000								\$ 1,007,000	\$ 2,428,000	\$ 2,552,000				
Common stock at an exercise price												\$ 6.87						
Closing price for share of Company's common stock												15.00						
Common stock shares purchased											120,000	200,000						
Weighted average fair value of stock options		\$ 6.17	\$ 9.69	\$ 7.61														
Repurchase of common stock, shares		30,849	128,646	87,326														
Cumulative restricted stock units available for future declaration						58,590	19,531											
Cumulative operating income during performance period, fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2014, minimum		120,000,000																
Cumulative operating income during performance period, fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2014, maximum		132,000,000																
Exercise price												\$ 11.89						
Number of executive officers awarded performance-based RSUs											4							
Net-share settled by company		51,041	109,926	220,359														
Actual tax benefit realized for tax deductions from option exercised		573,000	3,617,000	1,671,000														
Share-based payment award, vesting period																5 years	4 years	
Share-based payment award, expiration period		10 years							5 years	1 year								
Equity Awards Plans (Textual) [Abstract]																		
Options unavailable for grant upon expiration of 1987 Plan					521,354													
Restricted stock, shares vested to non-employee director		4,000																
Unrecognized compensation cost		5,164,000																
Weighted-average period recognized compensation cost		1 year 7 months 6 days																
Total intrinsic value of options exercised		1,544,000	9,659,000	4,452,000														
Cash received from options		107,000	2,285,000	1,369,000														
Payments for tax obligations to the tax authorities on exercise or vesting date		\$ 597,000	\$ 2,786,000	\$ 960,000														
Number of consecutive trading days, supplemental condition		30 days																

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Notes Details - Income Taxes (Details)

Income Taxes (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Summary of income tax provisions			
Current provision	\$ 13,874	\$ 10,307	\$ 13,315
Deferred (benefit) provision	(1,378)	2,679	(2,062)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	12,496	12,986	11,253
Federal provision	8,517	12,047	8,769
State provision	2,170	924	2,484
Foreign provision	1,809	15	
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	\$ 12,496	\$ 12,986	\$ 11,253

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Notes Details - Income Taxes (Details 1)

Income Taxes (Details 1)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Reconciliations of the statutory federal tax rate to the Company's effective income tax rates			
Statutory federal tax rate	35.00%	35.00%	35.00%
State tax rate, net of federal benefit	2.70%	3.30%	2.40%
Provision for (benefit from) uncertain income tax positions, net of federal effect	2.40%	(1.50%)	3.10%
Other	(0.90%)	(0.70%)	(0.40%)
Effective income tax rate, continuing operations, total	39.20%	36.10%	40.10%

Notes Details - Income Taxes (Details 2)

Income Taxes (Details 2) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Deferred tax assets:		
Deferred rent	\$ 7,981	\$ 8,656
Employee benefit accruals	2,915	2,509
Depreciation and amortization	1,729	1,156
Stock-based compensation	733	652
Inventory reserves	637	685
Foreign tax credit carryforwards	447	
Pension benefits	122	336
Other accruals	2,866	2,897
Other	1,322	1,378
Deferred tax assets (excluding state net operating loss carryforwards)	18,752	18,269
Deferred tax liability:		
Prepaid expenses	(528)	(564)
Deferred tax assets, net, total	\$ 18,224	\$ 17,705

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Notes Details - Income Taxes (Details 3)

Income Taxes (Details 3) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Reconciliation of gross unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,591	\$ 3,830	\$ 2,600
Additions for current year tax positions	1,377	203	1,147
Additions for prior year tax positions	266	154	485
Reductions of prior year tax positions	(20)	(1,104)	(402)
Settlements	(151)	(492)	
Balance at end of year	\$ 4,063	\$ 2,591	\$ 3,830

Notes Details - Income Taxes (Details Textual)

Income Taxes (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Income Taxes (Textual) [Abstract]			
Valuation allowance for net deferred tax assets	\$ 0		
Increase deferred tax assets excluding state net operating loss carryforwards	658,000		
Unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain income tax positions	1,788,000		
Gross unrecognized tax benefits increase for uncertain tax positions	666,000		
Unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain income tax position accrued interest and penalties	577,000	(386,000)	605,000
Recognized liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits that impact effective tax rate	3,000,000		
Approximate gross unrecognized tax benefit that would impact the effective tax rate	\$ 508,000		

Notes Details - Commitments and Contingencies (Details)

Commitments and Contingencies (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012
Future annual minimum operating lease payments	
Fiscal Year	\$ 45,787
2013	34,396
2014	24,872
2015	18,582
2016	14,206
2017	28,069
2018 and thereafter	\$ 165,912

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Notes Details - Commitments and Contingencies (Details Textual)

Commitments and Contingencies (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Commitments and Contingencies (Textual) [Abstract]			
Total rent expense	\$ 65,412,000	\$ 67,496,000	\$ 69,839,000
Contingent rentals based upon a percentage of sales	\$ 1,428,000	\$ 1,563,000	\$ 1,465,000

Notes Details - Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Details)

Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Details) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Prior to May 15, 2007 Amendment [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary	\$ 531,000		
Subsequent to May 15, 2007 Amendment [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary	650,000		
Prior to August 10, 2011 amendment [Member] Senior Vice President And Chief Financial Officer [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary		332,000	
Prior to August 10, 2011 amendment [Member] Senior Vice President and General Counsel [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary		275,000	
Subsequent to August 10, 2011 amendment [Member] Senior Vice President And Chief Financial Officer [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary		375,000	
Subsequent to August 10, 2011 amendment [Member] Senior Vice President and General Counsel [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary		320,000	
Chief Executive Officer [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary	750,000	733,000	650,000
Number of stock options granted upon CEO appointment	2		
Grant of Stock Options under Each of Two Grants	200,000		
President [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary	525,000	175,000	
Non Executive Chairman [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Term of D. Matthias Transition Agreement entered September 30, 2008	4 years		
Annual retainer charges	200,000		
Pretax charge for remaining term of advisory agreement			585,000
Length of restrictive covenants after ceasing service to company	2 years		
Former President and Chief Creative Officer [Member]			

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Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary			572,000
Annualized base salary rate from effective date through transition date			572,000
Length of restrictive covenants after ceasing service to company	2 years		
Annualized Base Rate Salary from Transition Date through Termination Date			114000
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annual base salary	375,000	368,000	332,000
Senior Vice President and General Counsel [Member]			
Executive Officer Employment Agreements (Textual) [Abstract]			
Annualized base salary rate from effective date through transition date	\$ 320,000	\$ 312,000	

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Notes Details - Retirement Plans (Details)

Retirement Plans (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Changes in the benefit obligation under Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement			
Interest cost	\$ 18	\$ 88	\$ 257
SERP Agreements [Member]			
Changes in the benefit obligation under Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	732	5,560	
Interest cost	18	88	
Benefit payments	(600)	(4,916)	
Benefit obligation at end of year	150	732	
Less: current portion included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(150)	(600)	
Non-current benefit obligation at end of year		\$ 132	

Notes Details - Retirement Plans (Details 1)

Retirement Plans (Details 1) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Components of net periodic pension cost on a pretax basis			
Service cost			\$ 439
Interest cost	18	88	257
Amortization of prior service cost			139
Plan amendment and curtailment			888
Total net periodic benefit cost	\$ 18	\$ 88	\$ 1,723

Notes Details - Retirement Plans (Details 2)

Retirement Plans (Details 2) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2010
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	
Unrecognized prior service cost beginning of year	\$ (589)
Amortization of prior service cost	139
Prior service cost recognized for plan amendment and curtailment	450
Unrecognized prior service cost end of year	

Notes Details - Retirement Plans (Details Textual)

Retirement Plans (Details Textual) (USD \$)	1	12 Months Ended											12 Months Ended				
	Months Ended	Dec. 31, 2010	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2012 SERP	Sep. 30, 2011 SERP	Sep. 30, 2010 SERP	Jun. 15, 2010 SERP	Dec. 31, 2009 SERP	Sep. 30, 2009 SERP	Apr. 01, 2009 SERP	Sep. 30, 2008 SERP	Sep. 30, 2007 SERP	Mar. 02, 2007 SERP	Sep. 30, 2012 SERP	Sep. 30, 2011 SERP	Sep. 30, 2010 SERP	Sep. 30, 2011 SERP
				Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]	Agreements [Member]
Defined Benefit Plan Disclosure [Line Items]																	
Increase in payable amounts under Agreement			10.00%														
SERP Agreement benefits to be paid to former CEO									\$ 3,960,000								
Benefit payments			600,000	4,916,000									600,000	750,000	900,000	4,166,000	
Increase in base salary			3.00%														
Benefit vested								15.00%		15.00%	15.00%	33.33%					
Actuarial present value of a single life annuity			60.00%														
Cumulative total vested percentage						93.33%											
Amended amount			15.00%														
Net periodic benefit cost discount rate			5.00%	5.00%	5.00%												
Compensation increase rate			3.00%	3.00%	3.00%												
Company made a partial cash contribution to the Grantor Trust							1,500,000										
Corresponding reduction of the SERP Letter of Credit							4,437,000										
Retirement Plans (Textual) [Abstract]																	
Company received a distribution of the remaining assets		1,504,000															
Letter of credit		\$ 150,000															

Notes Details - Employee Benefit Plans (Details Textual)

Employee Benefit Plans (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012 Customer Right Award Age D	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Employee Benefit Plans (Textual) [Abstract]			
Service of employees under savings plan	6 months		
Minimum age of employees under savings plan	18		
Contribution made by employees	20.00%		
Contributions made by company	\$ 39,000	\$ 146,000	\$ 153,000
Cumulative plan forfeitures applied against company matching contribution	\$ 100,000		
Discretionary contributions to the plan	6 years		

Notes Details - Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited) (Details)

Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited) (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands, except Per Share data	3 Months Ended								12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Jun. 30, 2012	Mar. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Quarterly financial results											
Net sales	\$ 128,487	\$ 138,847	\$ 137,792	\$ 136,350	\$ 129,442	\$ 146,684	\$ 133,833	\$ 135,435	\$ 541,476	\$ 545,394	\$ 531,192
Gross profit	71,588	75,756	73,761	69,606	68,840	80,935	74,189	72,933	290,711	296,897	291,026
Net income	\$ 5,189	\$ 6,941	\$ 4,979	\$ 2,263	\$ 2,687	\$ 9,460	\$ 5,593	\$ 5,248	\$ 19,372	\$ 22,988	\$ 16,829
Net income per share-Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.37
Net income per share-Diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.33

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Notes Details - Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details)

Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Net Sales to Unaffiliated Customers			
United States	\$ 514,779	\$ 520,023	\$ 505,621
Foreign	\$ 26,697	\$ 25,371	\$ 25,571

Notes Details - Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details 1)

Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details 1) (USD \$) In Thousands	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011
Long-Lived Assets, Net		
United States	\$ 51,449	\$ 55,497
Foreign	\$ 976	\$ 1,605

Notes Details - Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details Textual)

Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Details Textual)	12 Months Ended
	Sep. 30, 2012 Customer Right Award Age D
Segment and Enterprise Wide Disclosures (Textual) [Abstract]	
Number of customer who represented more than 10% of net sales	0
Percentage of contribution by the customer	10.00%

Notes Details - Interest Expense, Net (Details)

Interest Expense, Net (Details) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Interest expense, net			
Interest expense	\$ 1,256	\$ 2,266	\$ 3,330
Interest income	(41)	(33)	(30)
Interest expense, net	\$ 1,215	\$ 2,233	\$ 3,300

Notes Details - Related Party Transactions (Details Textual)

Related Party Transactions (Details Textual) (USD \$)	12 Months Ended		
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010
Related Party Transactions (Textual) [Abstract]			
Legal fees paid by the company	\$ 271,000	\$ 754,000	\$ 288,000
Accrued amounts outstanding	\$ 15,000	\$ 31,000	

Notes Details - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Details)

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Details) (Product return reserve [Member], USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended			
	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2010	Sep. 30, 2009
Product return reserve [Member]				
Movement in valuation allowances and reserves				
Additions charged to costs and expenses	\$ 142	\$ 614	\$ 896	
Deductions and reclassifications			249	
Valuation Allowances and Reserves, Balance, Ending Balance	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,083	\$ 1,469	\$ 324

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Notes Details - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Details Textual)

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Details Textual) (USD \$) In Thousands	12 Months Ended			
	Sep. 30, 2010	Sep. 30, 2012	Sep. 30, 2011	Sep. 30, 2009
Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Textual) [Abstract]				
Cost value of estimated product returns	\$ 617	\$ 919	\$ 853	\$ 249
Time for customers to return merchandise purchased in its retail stores for a full refund	30 days			