

ASSIGNMENT

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We, Francis Hlavaty, a citizen of the United States of America and resident of 24939 White Plains, Novi, Michigan 48374, and William H. Fort, a citizen of the United States of America and resident of 15 County Farm Road, Stratham, NH 03885, hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto STONERIDGE, INC., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Ohio, having a place of business at 9400 East Market Street, Warren, Ohio 44404, its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), our entire right, title and interest, for the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, in and to certain inventions which we have invented relating to a DOOR LOCK ACTUATOR HOUSING as described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by us on even date herewith, and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all other lawful forms of protection for said inventions in the United States and its territories, and in any and all foreign countries.

AND we authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, in the United States and its territories and in any and all foreign countries, the benefit of the right of priority provided by any international convention or agreement including, but not limited to, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted therefor, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

AND we hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full and legal formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in the United States for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of said Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND we hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey our entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

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AND I authorize and request my attorney to insert above the application number when it becomes known.

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AND I hereby covenant and agree that I will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and reasonably assist in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent protection and any other lawful form of protection for said inventions in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of MAY, 1998.

Francis Hlavaty
Francis Hlavaty

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Wayne

SS.

On this 27 day of May, 1998, before me appeared Francis Hlavaty, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Sandra J. Jakeway
Notary Public

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SANDRA J. JAKEWAY
Notary Public, Wayne County, MI
My Commission Expires July 1 2000