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**"NON-FLEX LOCKING BUCKLE"**executed on **14 OCTOBER 1998** by **Steven C. KELLER**, and filed herewith.

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**16 OCTOBER 1998****ROLAND K. BOWLER II (Reg. No. 33,477)**

# A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, **Steven C. KELLER** of 619 River Oaks Lane, Island Lake, Lake County, Illinois 60042 have invented a new and useful "**NON-FLEX LOCKING BUCKLE**" and have executed an application for United States Letters Patent, and

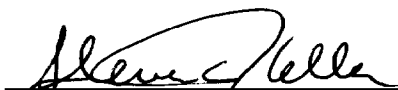
WHEREAS, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Cook County, Illinois 60025, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest of said **Steven C. KELLER** in and to said invention, and in, to and under said application, and all Letters Patents of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand and paid by said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said **Steven C. KELLER** have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns, for, within and throughout the United States and the territories thereof, and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under said application, and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted for said invention and any improvements, including divisions, reissues, reexaminations, subdivisions, continuations and prolongations of such applications and Letters Patent, to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue, and further, including the right to ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., to file in its name applications for Letters Patent to said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States including the full right to claim for any such applications the priority benefits of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and other priority conferring treaties, and all Letters Patents which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals, reissues and reexaminations thereof.

I do hereby covenant and agree, for myself, my heirs and my legal representatives, that I will assist said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference or other proceeding which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that I will execute and deliver to said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., any and all additional papers that may be requested by said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. to fully carry out the terms of this assignment.

I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted pursuant to application aforesaid, or for said invention, to said ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., its successors and assigns in accordance with this assignment.

And I do hereby covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.



Steven C. KELLER

10/14/98  
Date



Witness JOHN PONTAPE Date

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