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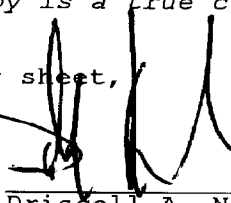
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ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

THIS ASSIGNMENT is made between Societe Industrielle de Materiel Electrique SIMEL (hereinafter called "the Assignor"), and The Whitaker Corporation (hereinafter called "the Assignee").

## WHEREAS;

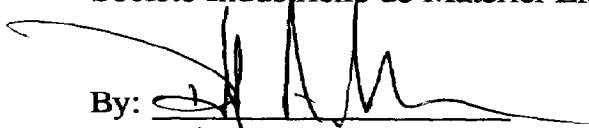
a) The Assignor has caused to be filed an application for the protection of certain intellectual property rights in the country of France, which application has been allocated European Patent Application No. 96400766.0 filed the 9th day of April, 1996, and

b) The parties have agreed on the assignment of the said Patent Application, the Invention, the subject matter thereof, and the right to apply for or obtain corresponding protection of said Patent Application, said Invention and priority thereof in any country of the world, from the Assignor to the Assignee, for good and valuable consideration.

## NOW THIS ASSIGNMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. In pursuance of the said agreement for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor as Beneficial Owner HEREBY ASSIGNS unto the Assignee ALL THE BENEFIT of the said Patent Application, THE INVENTION, the subject matter thereof, THE RIGHT to apply for corresponding protection in any other country including the benefit of the priority date or dates, THE ENTIRE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST in the same and ALL THE RIGHTS, powers, liberties and immunities arising or to arise therefrom TO HOLD unto the Assignee absolutely.
2. The Assignor HEREBY UNDERTAKES, at the expense of the Assignee, to do all acts and execute all documents necessary or desirable for further assuring the title of the Assignee to the said Patent Application, the Invention, and the subject matter thereof.
3. The Assignor further UNDERTAKES to the extent that corresponding intellectual property rights shall issue in the name of the Assignee and, in particular, in regard to the said Patent Application or any corresponding application in any other country of the world for which the Assignee may apply, the Assignor will do all acts, execute all documents and procure the making of any declarations or oaths necessary or required by law, and will comply with any other matter of thing, and in case of default the Assignor HEREBY APPOINTS the nominee of the Assignee attorney to the Assignor for such purposes.
4. The effective date of this Agreement is the 9th day of April, 1996.

Societe Industrielle de Materiel Electrique SIMEL

By:   
 Driscoll A. Nina  
 It's Attorney

Date: 25 AUGUST 96