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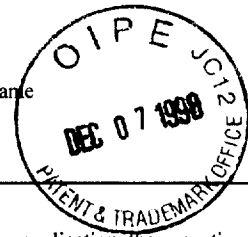
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## ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT of a United States Letters Patent is made by and between **Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, United States of America, with an office and principal place of business at 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, Ohio 44317, hereinafter designated as Assignor, and **Bridgestone Corporation**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Japan and having its principal office and place of business at Tokyo, Japan, hereinafter designated as Assignee.

WHEREAS, Assignor is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the U.S. Letter Patent Serial No. 09/002,056 by virtue of the assignments recorded at Reel 9137, Frame 0536 (hereinafter designated as the "Patent Rights and Inventions"); and

WHEREAS, Assignee desires to obtain the entire right, title and interest, both legal and equitable, in and to the said Patent rights and Inventions.

NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May concern, be it known that in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), paid by the Assignee to Assignor, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby expressly acknowledged, the said assignor has sold, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said Patent Rights and Inventions and any Letters Patents reissued therefrom, all foreign rights, and all rights of action against third parties for past infringement thereof.

Assignor further covenants and agrees that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, it possesses full title to the said Patent Rights and Inventions, and that it has the right and authority to make this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this assignment to be executed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1998, *nunc pro tunc*, the date previously assigned by each inventor, respectively.

**BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.**

By: *D.A. Thomas*  
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On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, personally appeared D.A. Thomas to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that: he is the Deputy General Counsel of Assignor, the corporation described in the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of himself personally and as the act of said corporation in his capacity as the Deputy General Counsel of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors.

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