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J. SCOTT JEPSEN, BRYAN AUKAMP,  
ERIN K. PRICE, and TRACY D. RAMSAROOOP

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we the undersigned, J. SCOTT JEPSEN, BRYAN AUKAMP, ERIN K. PRICE, and TRACY D. RAMSAROOP, all being citizens of the United States and residing, respectively, in the County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri; County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri; County of St. Charles, and State of Missouri, and County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, respectively, are employees of STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., a Missouri corporation, having a place of business located in St. Louis, Missouri, and we understand and acknowledge that we enjoy such employment, in part, because of our potential capacity to invent, that one of our duties as such employees is to endeavor at all times to make inventions for the benefit of our employer, and that a condition of our said employment is and has been that all patent rights appertaining to any invention made by us, in the course of such employment, be assigned by us unto our said employer without any charge whatever in addition to our regular salary;

AND WHEREAS, in the course of said employment, we the undersigned, J. SCOTT JEPSEN, BRYAN AUKAMP, ERIN K. PRICE, and TRACY D. RAMSAROOP, have invented certain improvements in

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which we have made, and have executed, application for Letters Patent of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, know all men by these presents that in compliance with the duties and obligations inherent in our aforesaid employment, and in further consideration of a bonus of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid by said STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., (receipt whereof by us is hereby acknowledged) we, said J. SCOTT JEPSEN, BRYAN AUKAMP, ERIN K. PRICE, and TRACY D. RAMSAROOP, do hereby formally assign, transfer, and set over unto said STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., a corporation, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and patent application upon SIGN FRAME, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made; and we agree to execute such further applications, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents as may be necessary or desirable to fully effectuate this agreement.

AND, we further grant to said STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any application for said invention the full benefit of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries.

AND we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent, when granted, to the said STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., a corporation, its successors and assigns, as assigns of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention for the sole use and behoof of said STOUT INDUSTRIES, INC., a corporation, and for its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the terms for which Letters Patent may be granted.

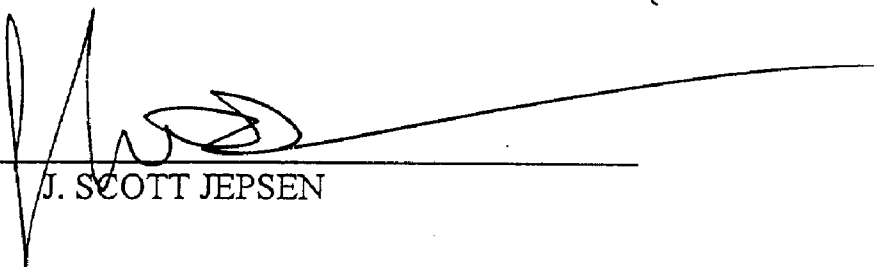
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Serial No. 08/835.004

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J. SCOTT JEPSEN

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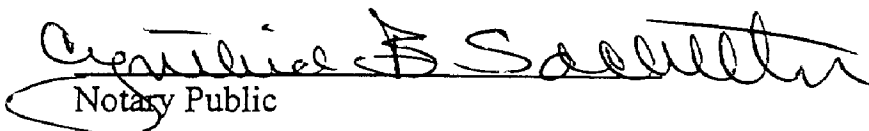
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS )

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1999, before me, a

Notary Public, personally appeared J. SCOTT JEPSEN, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

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CYNTHIA B. SACTLEBEN  
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EXECUTED and delivered this 19 day of JANUARY, 19 99.

Bryan C. Aukamp  
BRYAN AUKAMP

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS ):

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 19 99, before me, a

Notary Public, personally appeared BRYAN AUKAMP, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

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Erin K. Price  
ERIN K. PRICE

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On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared ERIN K. PRICE, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

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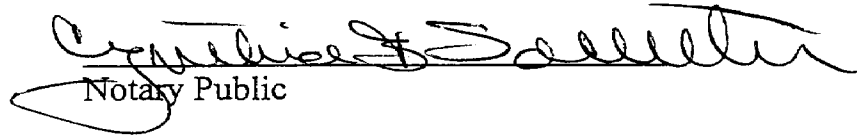
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TRACY D. RAMSAROOP

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
                                  ) SS; 491-82-5063  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS ):

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared TRACY D. RAMSAROOP, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

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