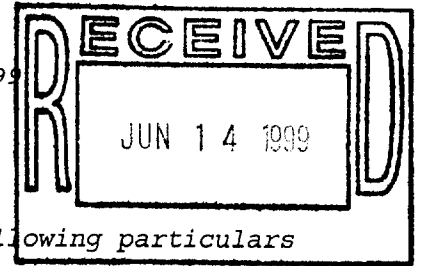


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- 2. Assignee(s): B & W Custom Truck Beds, Inc.
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ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

On the date shown below, and for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which I acknowledge, I made the following assignment and promises to B & W Custom Truck Beds, Inc. ("Assignee"), a Kansas corporation having a principal place of business at 1216 Highway 224, Humbolt, Kansas 66748, in connection with my invention of a new, original, IMPROVED FIFTH WHEEL TYPE HITCH ("Invention").

I assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to

- (a) the Invention;
- (b) the application for United States Letters Patent executed by me on February 22, 1999.
- (c) any Letters Patent issued pursuant to, or as a result of, the application referenced above;
- (d) all applications for Letters Patent, or similar legal protection, which may be filed in any country or countries foreign to the United States with respect to the Invention;
- (e) all Letters Patent which may be granted for the Invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and
- (f) all extensions, renewals, reissues, divisions, and continuations (or their legal equivalents) of any applications or Letters Patent referred to above.

1. I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents or similar legal protection on applications, to issue to Assignee all Letters Patent or similar legal protection for the Invention or improvements.

2. I agree that, upon the request of Assignee, I will
- (a) execute any and all divisional and renewal applications for the Invention or improvements;
 - (b) execute any supplemental oath relating to the Invention or improvements;
 - (c) execute any application for reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon the application;

- (d) cooperate to the best of my ability in connection with any Interference proceeding, including but not limited to, cooperation in connection with preparing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support of such preliminary statement;
- (e) perform any and all affirmative acts to obtain Letters Patent and vest all right in such Letters Patent in Assignee; and
- (f) perform such additional acts as Assignee may deem necessary or expedient in connection with any of the matters stated above.

3. I covenant and warrant that as of the date of this Assignment Agreement, I am the true and lawful owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the Invention, application for Letters Patent, and any Letters Patent which may issue under said application, and have the full right and power to convey the same; that the same are free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever; and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment Agreement.

4. This Assignment Agreement is binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be performed by the parties named, their heirs, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1999.

Joseph W. Works
Joseph W. Works, Inventor

STATE OF)
) ss.
COUNTY OF)

On this 7th day of June, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the above State and County, personally appeared Joseph W. Works, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the above instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Notary Public State of Kansas
Kathleen G. Luedke
My Appt Exp 10-14-2002

Notary Public
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My Commission Expires: