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5. Name and address of Party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Roland A. Fuller III Internal: DaimlerChrysler Corporation Address: CIMS 483-02-19 Street: 800 Chrysler Drive East Address: Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757 Phone (248) 576-3584 FAX (248) 576-7905	6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u> 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40.00</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to charge any addition fees or credit any over-payment to deposit account 8. Deposit Account number: <u>03-1800</u> (Duplicate copy attached)

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We, Robert B Hutter of South Lyon, Oakland County, MI
Brian C Lazarus of Novi, Oakland County, MI
Christopher G Burchart of New Hudson, Oakland County, MI
Eric P Thorne of Livonia, Wayne County, MI

have invented a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter, or an improvement thereof, entitled:

SWING-AWAY SPARE TIRE CARRIER

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on 01/25/2000.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at Auburn Hills, Michigan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the invention and under the Letters Patent, and similar protection to be obtained, worldwide.

In consideration of the payment by DaimlerChrysler Corporation to us of the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, receipt being acknowledged, we sell, assign, and transfer unto DaimlerChrysler Corporation, our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention worldwide and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained for the invention worldwide by the application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute, re-examination, reissue, or any legal equivalent, for the full term or terms that may be granted.

We authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to insert the filing date and Serial Number of the application, to wit, Serial No., 09/4988000, filed 02/02/2000. We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States to DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

We warrant that we have the right to sell, assign, and transfer our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention and that no assignment, sale, agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into that will conflict with this sale, assignment, and transfer.

We further agree to communicate to DaimlerChrysler Corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting the invention, testify in any legal proceedings relating to the invention when called upon, and sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which, in the judgment of DaimlerChrysler Corporation, is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal right, title, and interest assigned in this Assignment.

This Assignment will be binding on our heirs and legal representatives.

Date 1/25/00
Witness Frank Kummer

Robert B. Hutter
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Date 1/25/00
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Brian C. Lazarus
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