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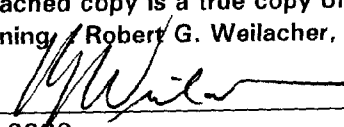
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## ASSIGNMENT

This assignment agreement is applicable to an invention entitled (Invention Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
Shock - absorbing steering assembly

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- U.S. patent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
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The ASSIGNOR(S) referred to in this agreement is (or are) the inventor(s) whose signatures appear on page 2 of this Assignment and any Supplemental Sheet(s).

The ASSIGNEE referred to in this agreement is:

(Name of Assignee) Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.  
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The ASSIGNEE is:

- (check one)  An Individual.
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The ASSIGNOR(S), in consideration of \$10.00 paid by the ASSIGNEE, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, hereby assign(s) the following rights to the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns:

the full and exclusive right to the invention;  
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ASSIGNEE: Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.

INVENTION TITLE: Shock - absorbing steering assembly

As to all U.S. patent applications assigned under this agreement, the ASSIGNOR(S) hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent to the ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest, for the sole use and enjoyment of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

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The ASSIGNORS authorize any attorneys and agents who have a power of attorney in this application to check any appropriate boxes and to insert the Serial Number and filing date in this document after it has been executed.

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