

12-29-2000

FORM PTO-1619A  
Expires 06/30/99  
OMB 0651-0027

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office  
PATENT



101567015

MLB  
12.19.00

U.S. PTO  
29/134256  
12/19/00

RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET  
PATENTS ONLY

TO: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies).

Submission Type

New

Resubmission (Non-Recordation)  
Document ID #

Correction of PTO Error  
Reel #  Frame #

Corrective Document  
Reel #  Frame #

Conveyance Type

Assignment  Security Agreement

License  Change of Name

Merger  Other

U.S. Government  
(For Use ONLY by U.S. Government Agencies)

Departmental File  Secret File

Conveying Party(ies)

Mark if additional names of conveying parties attached

Name (line 1)  Effective Date  
Month Day Year

Name (line 2)

Second Party

Name (line 1)  Effective Date  
Month Day Year

Name (line 2)

Receiving Party

Mark if additional names of receiving parties attached

Name (line 1)

Name (line 2)

Address (line 1)

Address (line 2)

Address (line 3)

City State/Country Zip Code

If document to be recorded is an assignment and the receiving party is not domiciled in the United States, an appointment of a domestic representative should be attached. (Designation must be a separate document from Assignment.)

Domestic Representative Name and Address

Enter for the first Receiving Party only.

Name

Address (line 1)

Address (line 2)

Address (line 3)

Address (line 4)

12-29-2000 EEKUBAYL 00000013 29.134256  
40.00 00

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 30 minutes per Cover Sheet to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed to complete the Cover Sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Chief Information Officer, Washington, D.C. 20231 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (06510-0027), Washington, D.C. 20503. See OMB Information Collection Budget Package 0651-0027, Patent and Trademark Assignment Practice. DO NOT SEND REQUESTS TO RECORD ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENTS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet(s) information to:  
Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks, Box Assignments, Washington, D.C. 20231

FORM PTO-1619B  
Expires 06/30/99  
OMB 0651-0027

DOCKET NO.: 2421-0037  
Page 2

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office  
PATENT

Correspondent Name and Address Area Code and Telephone Number

(703) 790-9110

Name Donald R. Studebaker

Address (line 1) NIXON PEABODY LLP

Address (line 2) 8180 Greensboro Drive Suite #800

Address (line 3) McLean, Virginia 22102

Address (line 4) (703) 790-9110

U.S. PTO  
20/134256  
12/19/00

Pages Enter the total number of pages of the attached conveyance document including any attachments.

# 4

Application Number(s) or Patent Number(s)

Mark if additional numbers attached

Enter either the Trademark Application Number or the Registration Number (DO NOT ENTER BOTH numbers for the same property).

Patent Application Number(s)

Patent Number(s)

Grid of boxes for entering application and patent numbers.

If this document is being filed together with a new Patent Application, enter the date the patent application was signed by the first named executing inventor.

Month Date Year  
November 20, 2000

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Enter PCT application number only if a U.S. Application Number has not been assigned.

PCT application number entry fields.

Number of Properties Enter the total number of properties involved.

# 1

Fee Amount Fee Amount for Properties Listed (37 CFR 3.41):

\$ 40.00

Method of Payment: Enclosed  Deposit Account

Deposit Account

(Enter for payment by deposit account or if additional fees can be charged to the account.)

Deposit Account Number: # 19-2380

Authorization to charge additional fees: Yes  No

Statement and Signature

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

Donald R. Studebaker  
Name of Person Signing

*[Signature]*  
Signature

12/18/00  
Date

NIXON PEABODY, LLP  
United States Patent Rights

Attorney Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Satoru AKANA and Shigeo HIRATA whose post office address is c/o Mazda Motor Corp., No.3-1, Shinchi, Fuchu-cho, Aki-gun, Hiroshima, Japan (hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in FRONT PORTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and assigned Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and;

WHEREAS, Mazda Motor Corporation of No. 3-1, Shinchi, Fuchu-cho, Aki-gun, Hiroshima, Japan, its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted therefor in the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to the undersigned in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned has (have) sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States of America and its territories and for all foreign countries, dependencies and possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent(s) which may be granted therefor in the United States of America and its territories, dependencies and possessions, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or any continuation, division or reissue thereof or Letters Patent(s) or reissue patent issued thereon and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining and producing evidence and proceeding with such interference.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and to perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims under or provisions of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent(s) to the Assignee and to vest all rights therein hereby conveyed to said Assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned if this Assignment and sale had not been made.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States of America resulting from said application or any division or divisions or continuing or reissue applications thereof to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has (they have) the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has (they have) not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

In witness thereof, this Assignment has been executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

Date November 20, 2000 Name of Inventor Satoru Akana (SEAL)  
Satoru AKANA

Date November 20, 2000 Name of Inventor Shigeo Hirata (SEAL)  
Shigeo HIRATA

Date \_\_\_\_\_, Name of Inventor \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Date \_\_\_\_\_, Name of Inventor \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Date \_\_\_\_\_, Name of Inventor \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

(This assignment should preferably be acknowledged before a United States Consul or Notary Public. If not, then the execution by the Inventor(s) should be witnessed by at least two other persons who should sign here.)

Witness Tatsuo SHIMOKAWA Tatsuo Shimokawa  
(name) (signature)

Witness Euji YOSHIKAWA Euji Yoshikawa  
(name) (signature)

Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (signature)