

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

SUBMISSION TYPE: NEW ASSIGNMENT**APPLICATION NUMBER**
09/682263**NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:** ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST**CONVEYING PARTY DATA****Conveying Party Name:** Ford Motor Company**Execution Date:** 07/09/2001**RECEIVING PARTY DATA****Receiving Party Name:** Ford Global Technologies, Inc.**Street Address:** One Parklane Boulevard**Internal Address:** Suite 600 - Parklane Towers East**City:** Dearborn**State:** MICHIGAN**Country:****Postal Code:** 48126

The USPTO, Office of Public Records, will send correspondence
via **U.S. Postal Service**

When the customer number has been provided, the Office of Public Records
will obtain the correspondence data from the official record on file at the USPTO.

CUSTOMER NUMBER: 022844

***To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is true and correct and any
attached copy is a true copy of the original document.***

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Sheri L. Charles**DATE SIGNED:** 08/10/2001**Total Attachments:** 1

source="FGTI assignment.tif "

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

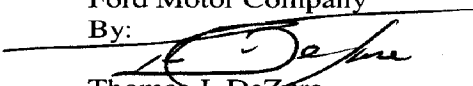
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company (Ford), a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having a principal place of business at Dearborn, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, is the owner of the invention claimed in the patent application first signed 7-3-01, Attorney Docket No: 200-1546, titled: CONNECTING ROD FOR A VARIABLE COMPRESSION ENGINE which is filed concurrently herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

WHEREAS, Ford Global Technologies, Inc., a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Michigan and having a principal place of business at Dearborn, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ford by these presents does assign and transfer unto Ford Global Technologies, Inc. the full and exclusive right for the United States of America and for all foreign countries to said invention, together with all patent applications, divisionals, continuations-in-part, continuations, renewals, or secondary filings thereof.

Ford Motor Company

By: 

Thomas J. DeZure

Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: 7-9-01

(To be completed after recordation by the USPTO)

USPTO Filing Date: _____

USPTO Application No: _____

Buckert

PATENT

RECORDED: 08/10/2001

REEL: 011839 FRAME: 0629