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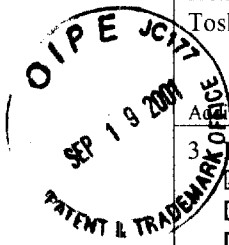
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Keizo Suzuki, Hiroki Mori, Hisao Yamada and Toshio Uka  
of Aichi-ken, Japan and Kochi-pref, Japan (hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in  
STEERING WHEEL

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been  
executed by the undersigned on August 20, 2001, and;

August 22, 2001  
WHEREAS, KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOKAI-RIKA-DENKI-SEISAKUSHO and MIROKU TECHNO-  
WOOD CORPORATION of 260, Toyota 3-chome, Ohguchi-cho,  
Niwa-gun, Aichi-ken, Japan and 537-1, Shinohara, its heirs, successors, legal representatives  
Nangoku-city, Kochi-pref, Japan 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,  
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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 August 20, 2001 Name of Inventor Kizo Suzuki (SEAL)

Date August 20, 2001 Name of Inventor Hiroki Mori (SEAL)

Date August 20, 2001 Name of Inventor Hisao Yamada (SEAL)

Date August 22, 2001 Name of Inventor Takashi Kuroki (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.)

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