

# PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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## RECEIVING PARTY DATA

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED,

has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

Attorney Docket No. 202-0128 entitled: **AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE BICYCLE RACK HAVING LOAD ASSIST APPARATUS**

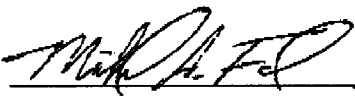
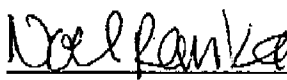
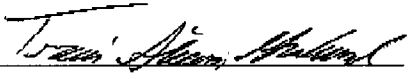
for which I/we intend to make application for Letters Patent of the United States listing the following as inventor/s:

Michael Ford  
Noah Barlow Mass  
Noel Ranka, and  
Travis Steven Garland

WHEREAS, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at Dearborn, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to my employment agreement heretofore made with FORD MOTOR COMPANY, or by my contractual obligation, I do sell, assign and transfer unto FORD MOTOR COMPANY the full and exclusive right for the United States of America and for all foreign countries to the said invention, as described in the specification executed by me on the date listed below, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor (and I hereby authorize my attorneys to insert the serial number and filing date herein:

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_), and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to FORD MOTOR COMPANY as the assignee.  
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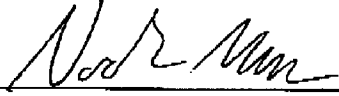
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