

05-30-2003



Form PTO-1595
(Rev. 03/01)
OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002)

102460438
PATENTS ONLY

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Tab settings ⇌ ⇌ ⇌ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
Metaldyne Company, LLC **S-28-03**

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other _____

Execution Date: May 19, 2003

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: Cequent Towing Products, Inc.
Internal Address: _____
Street Address: 2602 College Avenue
City: Goshen State: IN Zip: 46528

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____

A. Patent Application No.(s)
09/668, 756

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional number(s) attached Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Ronald D. Gutt
Internal Address: McDonald Hopkins Co., LPA
Street Address: 600 Superior Avenue, E.
2100 Bank One Center
City: Cleveland State: OH Zip: 44114

6. Total number of applications and patents involved **1**

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00
 Enclosed
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

13-0265

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. 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.

Ronald D. Gutt, (Reg. No. 43,650)
Name of Person Signing

Ronald D. Gutt
Signature

5/23/03
Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents:

5/29/2003 ECOOPER 00000053 09668756
FC:0021 40.00 DP

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

{400338:}

PATENT
REEL: 014105 FRAME: 0675

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

Whereas, Metaldyne Company LLC, a Delaware corporation, having an address at 47603 Halyard Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 hereinafter referred to as "Assignor", is the owner of the entire right, title and interest to a new and useful invention for a **REVERSIBLE SHANK FOR HITCH MOUNTED ACCESSORY CARRIERS** for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed on September 22, 2000, having Application Serial No. 09/668,756 (hereinafter referred to as "Patent").

Whereas, Cequent Towing Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having an address at 2602 College Avenue, Goshen, Indiana 46528 herein referred to as "Assignee" is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, the Assignor, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to said Patents and all letters patent of foreign countries which may be or have been issued on the invention disclosed in the Patents, all divisions, reissues, and continuations thereof, and all inventions disclosed therein, together with all claims for damages by reason of past or future infringement, with the right to sue for and collect the same for the use and benefit of Assignee and its successors and assigns. Assignor warrants that he is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire legal and equitable interest in the Patents and the inventions disclosed therein, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances; and that he has full power, authority, and capacity to make this Assignment to Assignee. Assignor covenants and agrees for myself and for my successors and assigns that, at Assignee's request, I will cause to be executed and delivered any applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments as may be deemed necessary or desirable to secure for or vest in Assignee, its successors or assigns, all right, title, and interest in and to any application, patent, or other right or property covered by this assignment, including the right to apply for and obtain patents in foreign countries under the provisions of the International Convention; and Assignor hereby requests and authorizes the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said Patents to Assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, and authorizes appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries to issue any letters patent granted on any of said Patents to Assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same.

