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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Glenn M. Massina Michael Best & Friedrich LLP 3773 Corporate Parkway, Suite 360 Center Valley, Pennsylvania 18034 Phone: 610-798-2175</p>		<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1</p>	
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<p>9. Statement and signature. <i>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.</i></p> <p>Glenn M. Massina (Reg. No. 40,081) Name of Person Signing</p> <p style="text-align: right;">May 23, 2003 Date</p> <p>Attorney File 091395-9386</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 3</p>			
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ASSIGNMENT

Pursuant to our obligation to The Torrington Company (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at:

59 Field Street
Torrington, CT 06790

and for other valuable and sufficient consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we:

Gary T. Schick
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confirm our obligation to and hereby sell, assign and convey, unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest -

(1) in and to an invention entitled "STEERING COLUMN CLAMPING DEVICE" for which we have executed United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/385,885, filed March 10, 2003 (Atty. File No. 091395-9386);

(2) in and to said United States patent application, in and to all other patent applications (including divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, §111(b) provisional, §111(a), and reissue applications) based upon said invention, and in and to the patent or patents to be granted thereon, including reissues thereof, if any, to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent or patents may be granted;

(3) in and to all patent applications on said invention now or hereafter filed in countries foreign to the United States of America, and in and to any and all patents granted on said applications to the full end of the terms for which said patents may be granted; and

(4) under the International Convention in respect to the United States patent application and agree that any patent applications of any foreign countries which may be filed shall be filed in the name of our Assignee with a claim to priority based on said United States application.

And we hereby agree that we will, upon demand of Assignee, its successors or assigns, and without further consideration to us, execute any and all papers that may be necessary, or deemed by Assignee, its successors or assigns, to be necessary, to a complete fulfillment of the intent and purposes of this Assignment, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be paid by Assignee, its successors and assigns, and not by us.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue said United States patent or patents to Assignee.

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Date:

Gary T. Schick
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16 May 03
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W. Richard Gist
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19 May 03
Date:

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