

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, John D. Rupel, residing at Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin, am a co-inventor of LIGHT CONTROL WINDOW COVERING AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME from which United States Letters Patent No. 6,196,291 issued on March 6, 2001.

AND WHEREAS, Springs Window Fashions Division, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 7549 Graber Road, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562-1096, hereinafter called the "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all of my rights, title and interest in and to said patent and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed;

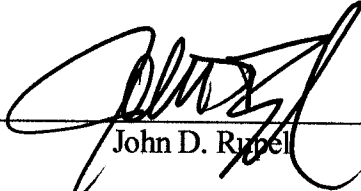
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration paid to me by said assignee, receipt whereof I acknowledge, I do hereby assign, sell, transfer, and set over unto said assignee all of my rights, title, and interest in and to said patent, the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and all foreign countries as well as all other Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all foreign countries and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof including all priority rights under the International Convention associated therewith for each country and the Union, said assignee to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, renewals, and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment not been made.

I covenant that I am the co-inventor of said patent, inventions, and improvements, that I have not encumbered, or granted any license to make, use or sell the said inventions or improvements or any of them, and that I have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I agree that I will communicate to said assignee or the representatives thereof any facts known to me respecting said inventions and improvements, and will, upon request, but without expense to me, testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, reissue, continuation, renewal and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said assignee or by counsel for said assignee, to assist or enable said assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said assignee.

DATED:

07/01, 2003



John D. Ripel

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State of Wisconsin :
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County of Brown :

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared JOHN D. RUPEL who acknowledged that he is the person who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 15th day of July, 2003.

Kristine L. Crucian
Notary Public
my commission expires
5/01/05

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

