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July 29, 2005

VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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**Re: Intellectual Property Matters Including
Patents, Copyrights & Trademarks**

Dear Toby:

Initially, per your request, enclosed are three schedules of New Venture patent matters that we have been handling: 1) Issued U.S. and Foreign Patents; 2) Pending U.S. and Foreign Patent Applications; and 3) Non-Filed Invention Disclosures. Also, we did a computer search of the Patent Office records and there is currently no record that New Venture owns the various U.S. Patents and Applications listed on the Schedules.

We are also writing to set forth the basic terms upon which you have engaged our firm to assist you in connection with the above-referenced matters. While this letter may seem a bit formal, it is our experience that a letter such as this is useful both to the firm and to the client.

1. Scope of Engagement. In general, you have requested that we provide you with legal services relating to various Intellectual Property Matters Including Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks. Additional services on our part may be required as mutually agreed, based on our review and consultation.

2. Billing Policies and Procedures. We enclose a statement of our firm's billing policies and procedures. This statement describes the manner in which we compute our fees, the relevance of hourly rates and other factors used to determine a reasonable fee for our services, the payment of disbursement items, the timing and content of billing statements, and the expected payment period.

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While hourly rates are not the sole determinant of our fees, as explained more fully in the attached billing policies and procedures statement, they are a major factor upon which we base our monthly billings. We presently anticipate that the primary services will be performed by me. I am a partner in the firm and my current hourly rate is \$340.00. Staffing decisions are made by the partner in charge of the engagement, with the objective of rendering quality service to you on the most efficient and cost-effective basis.

We reassess our hourly rate schedules from time to time, generally on an annual basis. Under our present policies, our rates are adjusted effective in January of each year, but could change more often or at different times.

As for manner of payment, we reserve the right to ask for full payment in advance of any project requiring our services. Subject, of course, to our ethical and professional obligations, you agree that the firm may terminate its legal services and withdraw from this engagement if our fee statements are not paid in a timely manner, which we consider to be within thirty (30) days of issue. We would, of course, attempt to resolve a good faith disagreement before withdrawal.

3. General Responsibilities of Attorney and Client. Brooks Kushman will provide the above-described and related services for your benefit, for which you will be billed in the manner set forth above. It is our policy to keep you apprised of developments and we will consult with you to ensure the timely, effective and efficient completion of our work.

We understand that you will provide us with factual information and documents when we require them to perform our services. We expect that you will make any business or technical decisions and determinations that are appropriate to facilitate the completion of our services, and will remit payment of our billing statements within thirty (30) days of receipt, in accordance with the procedures described above. In addition, by this Agreement you authorize us to file any paper or take any action necessary to advance or preserve your rights as may be required when performing our services.

4. Initial Payment. As set out in detail in the attached billing policies and procedures, we typically require an initial payment for services to be rendered before beginning work on a new matter. For this engagement, we have determined that a payment of \$0 is appropriate. Any payment will be credited to your account and will be used to pay fees or expenses incurred on your behalf.

5. You understand and acknowledge that we have made no guarantees, warranties or predictions regarding the outcome, success or results of any services we are

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providing, and all discussions involving our representation of you are a matter of our opinion only based upon the facts as stated by you to us. We have not made any representation as to the exact amount of fees, costs and out-of-pocket expenses that will be incurred as that figure will obviously depend on the time that is required to be devoted to the matter. You acknowledge that fees and costs as well as estimates thereof may be affected considerably by the approach others take to the matter such as for example in litigation, indulging in excessive discovery, filing unnecessary or inappropriate motions, or failure to comply with discovery, as well as many other factors.

6. We both agree to use our best efforts in furthering the purposes of this Agreement. You shall always have the right to discharge us and to employ other counsel. We shall also have the option to withdraw from this Agreement at any time if: (1) the financial obligations set forth above are not met by you; (2) you have misrepresented or failed to disclose material fact(s) to us; (3) you fail to be present when required; or (4) you impair or adversely affect our representation of you. In the event that any of the aforesaid events occur, we each agree to execute a Substitution of Attorney at the other's request.

7. You grant to us a lien for payment of fees, costs and other sums to be paid by you to us upon any of the funds that come into possession on your behalf, whether obtained by us in this or any other matter in which we represent or have represented you. You also grant to us a recordable security interest, by virtue of this agreement, for payment of fees, costs and other sums to be paid by you to us, in all pending and issued intellectual property rights for which we provide services to you under this agreement.

8. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any legal services provided by Brooks Kushman shall be resolved by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator(s) shall award to the prevailing party, if any, as determined by the arbitrator(s), all its reasonable costs and fees incurred in connection with the arbitration and any subsequent proceedings.

We are pleased to be asked to provide legal services to you, and we are looking forward to working with you. Should you ever wish to discuss any matter with us, please do not hesitate to call me directly or to speak to any other attorney who is familiar with the case.

Please review this letter and the enclosed billing policies and procedures statement carefully. If you agree that they set forth our respective responsibilities, please return a signed copy of this letter to me at your earliest convenience. Once we have received the signed letter and the appropriate initial payment, we will begin work on your behalf.

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As a final note, we anticipate that our monthly billings to you for the balance of the year will greatly exceed the \$15,000.00 limit that has been in place the past couple years. Our monthly bills to you could reach \$50,000 - \$60,000 until we have prepared and filed patent applications on the backlog of approximately two dozen Invention Disclosures (only a few of which are noted on Schedule 3) that Darius has been holding due to the prior limit.

Another reason for the greatly increased monthly bills is that our foreign associates have been instructed to put a hold on foreign patent activities unless there was a threat of loss of patent rights. We expect that our foreign associates' bills to us will greatly increase when we go forward.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please let me know promptly since I understand that Darius would like us to start working on at least two of the Invention Disclosures as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

BROOKS KUSHMAN P.C.

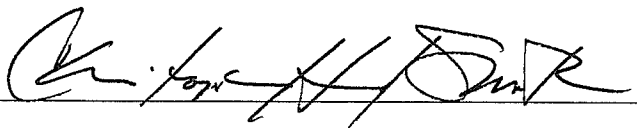


David R. Syrowik

Enclosures

cc: Darius Preisler (w/enclosures)

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By: 

Date: 8/3/05

Printed Name: Christopher H. Smith
Chief Financial Officer

NEW VENTURE HOLDINGS LLC STATUS REPORT
PENDING UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS
(As of July 29, 2005)

B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0192PEP*	Charles R. Hunter David E. Gawronski	Method and System for Building a Data Model of a Physical Part in a Data Format Useful for and Reproduction of the Part	SN 98914536.2 Filed: 4-7-98 8 th Annuity due 10/7/05 - No Extension Possible Designating Germany only	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0219PUS1	Darius J. Preisler	Unitary Composite Air Bag Cover and Method of Making Same (Div. of Serial No. 08/908,773 filed 8/8/97)	SN 10/252,177 Filed: 9/23/02; IDS mailed 9/23/02; published 1/30/03; Office Action due 8/18/05	(See Title)
VEI0230PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 19932278.3 Filed: 7/10/99; 7 th annuity due 1/10/06 - No Extension Possible; Response to Office Action faxed 6/7/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0236PCA*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.) Prosecution turned over to Welsh & Katz	SN 2,265,242 Filed: 3-11-99; Issue fee withdrawn by Welsh & Katz to file Amendment	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0238PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 19930382.7 Filed: 7-01-99 7 th Annuity due 1/1/06 No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)

B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0239PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 199 83 016.9 Filed 3/31/99 7 th Annuity due 9/30/05 - No Extension Possible; Office Action due 6/9/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0240PUS1	Larry J. Winget Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Method of Manufacturing an In-Mold Laminate Component (Cont. of VEI 0240 PUS)	SN 10/193,407 Filed: 7/11/02 published 11/21/02; Response to Decision on Appeal due 9/22/05	(See Title)
VEI0245PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 10112746.4 Filed 3/14/01 5 th annuity due 9/14/05 - No Extension Possible; Office Action due 7/17/05 - On Hold	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0248PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 199 40 245.0 Filed: 8/25/99 7 th Annuity due 8/25/05; Office Action mailed 12/8/03	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0249PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 199 41 433.5 Filed 8-30-99 7 th Annuity due 8-30-05	(Same as U.S.)

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B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0254PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 199 40 662.6 Filed: 8/27/99 7 th Annuity due 8-27-05; Office Action due 11/17/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0256PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 10004210.4 Filed: 2/01/00 6 th Annuity due 8/28/05 - No Extension Possible; Response to Action faxed 6/28/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0258PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 19960006.6 Filed: 12/13/99 Response to Action faxed 6/8/06; 6 th annuity paid 5/24/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0265PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 101 00 745.0 Filed 1/10/01 5 th annuity paid 7/5/05; Exam due 1- 10-08	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0266PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 101 00 747.7 Filed: 1/10/01 5 th annuity paid 7/5/05; Exam due 1/10/08	(Same as U.S.)

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B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0272PPDE*	John F. Murphy	Method and System For Bonding Plastic Parts Together	SN 100 21 445.2 Filed: 5-3-00 6 th Annuity due 10/3/05 - No Extension Possible; Response to Action faxed 6/8/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0275PPDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 101 12 335.3 Filed 3/13/01 5 th annuity due 9/13/05 - No Extension Possible; Deferred exam due 3-13-08	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0275PUS2	Frank W. Bradish	Carbon Fiber-Filled Sheet Molding Compound and Method of Manufacturing Same (Div. of VEI 0275 PUS 1)	SN 11/100,886 Filed: 4/6/05	(See Title)
VEI0303PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 100 58 431.4 Filed on 11/24/00 5 th annuity paid 5/13/05; Response to Action faxed 7/19/05	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0313PUS2	Jason T. Murar, David J. Davis	Method For Molding Metal-Covered Component (CIP of 6,428,738)	USSN 11/146,809 Filed: 6/7/05	A molding method and metal-covered plastic component such as partial or entire fascia, body side moldings, and the like, which have bright surface requirements and which includes a film sheet and a one-piece thermoplastic elastomeric structural carrier are provided.

B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0315PUSA	Sassan Tarahomi	Injection Molded Thermoplastic Integrated Front End Reinforcement And Method of Making Same	SN 10/296,111 Filed: 4/28/03 IDS mailed 8/27/03; published 11/20/03; Response to Office Action due 9/3/05	A vehicle body front end preassembly and method of making a vehicle front end assembly is disclosed. The vehicle body front end preassembly includes a frame to which an integrated front end module formed by an injection molding process is secured.
PEGU0101PU SA1	Nicolas Hochet Francis Vandangeot	A Method of Making A Sandwich-Type Composite Panel Having A Hinge, And A Panel Obtained By Performing Such A Method (Div. of PEGU0101PUSA)	SN 11/096,654 Filed: 4/1/05	(See Title)
0VEI0319PUS	Darius J. Preisler	Occupant Protection System For Vehicle With Air Bag	SN 09/620,581 Filed: 7/20/00 Amendment mailed 7/19/05	An occupant protection system which deploys a deployable air bag from a concealed inner location in a vehicle instrument panel having an opening. An air bag portion covers the opening sufficiently to conceal the air bag in a concealed location.
VEI0328PUSI	Thierry Renault Francis Vandangeot Jacques Henry	System For Molding Thermoplastic Sandwich Material And Deep-Drawn Article Produced Thereby (Div. of VEI 0328 PUS)	SN 10/187,826 Filed: 7/2/02 Issue Fee mailed 7/20/05	A system for molding thermoplastic sandwich material to form a deep-drawn article utilizing a unique clamping technique and mechanism are described.
VEI0328PFR*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 0103466 Filed 3/14/01 Exam requested 7/17/02; 5 th Annuity due 9/30/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)

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VEI0328PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 101 12 722.7 Filed 3/14/01 5 th annuity due 9/14/05 - No Extension Possible; Exam due 3/14/08	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0330PFR*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 0103465 Filed on 3/14/01 Exam requested 7/17/02; 5 th Annuity due 9/30/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0330PDE*	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 10112635.2 Filed on 3/14/01 Exam due 3/14/08; 5 th annuity due 9/14/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0353PDE	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 102 91 606.3 Filed 3/14/02 Waiting for executed Power of Attorney from Venture ; Deferred exam due 3-14-09; 4 th Annuity due 9/14/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)

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B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0356PDE	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 102968055 Filed 4/15/02 Exam due 5/6/09; 4 th Annuity due 10/15/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0357PDE	(Same as U.S.)	(Same as U.S.)	SN 10296806.3 Filed 4/15/02 Exam due 4/15/09; 4 th Annuity due 10/14/05 - No Extension Possible	(Same as U.S.)
VEI0359PUS1	William Hoffman Phil Kuskys Darius J. Preisler	Reinforced Composite Inner Roof Panel Of The Cellular Core Sandwich-Type And Method Of Making Same (Division of VEI 0359 PUS)	SN 11/099,131 Filed: 4/5/05 Missing Parts mailed 7/12/05	(See Title)
VEI0376PUS	Larry J. Winget Darius J. Preisler Jason Murar	In-Mold Laminate Component and Method of Manufacture (Division of VEI 0265 PUS)	SN 09/996,422 Filed 11/30/01 Published 4/11/02 Issue Fee mailed 6/7/05	A method is provided for manufacturing a painted plastic component having a badge, emblem or other ornamentation, such as air bag covers having a badge, or wherein the component is the badge itself.

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B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0379PUS	Thierry Renault	Method For Molding And Impact Resistant Automotive Part Produced Thereby (Div. of VEI 0303 PUS)	SN 10/122,270 Filed: 4/12/02 Published 10/24/02; Amendment mailed 6/21/05	A molding method and an impact resistant automotive part such as a bumper beam resulting from the molding method are obtained wherein a thermoplastic reinforced fiber structure at least partially forms a pair of attachment portions of the part and continuously extends between the attachment portions to link the attachment portions.
VEI0381PUS	Larry J. Winget Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Method of Manufacturing An In-Mold Laminate Component (Cont. of VEI 0240 PUS)	SN 10/131,019 Filed: 4/24/02 Published 10/31/02; On Appeal	A method is provided for manufacturing a painted plastic component such as painted air bag covers, side cladding or exterior bumpers, which includes a painted film sheet and a one-piece thermoplastic elastomeric structural carrier.
VEI0385PUS	Darius J. Preisler Larry J. Winget	Method For Making A Lightweight, Thermoplastic, Vehicle Headliner Having At Least One Integrally Formed, Energy-Absorbing, Head-Impact Mechanism (Division of VEI 0245 PUS)	SN 10/254,376 Filed: 9/25/02 IDS mailed 1/29/03; Published 1/30/03; On Appeal; Response to Supp. Examiner's Answer mailed 6/6/05	Lightweight, thermoplastic, vehicle headliners each having at least one integrally-formed, energy-absorbing, head-impact mechanism and injection molding methods for making same are provided.

NOTE: All foreign patent applications have been marked with a *

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B&K File No.	Inventor(s)	Title	Status	Shorthand Description
VEI0101PUS	John F. Murphy Larry J. Winget Jeffrey C. Davis Robert D. Scott	Method and System for Automated Assembly of Parts Such as Plastic Parts	USPN 5,276,957 Issued: 1-11-94 Maintenance Fee due 1/11/06 - No Extension Possible	Method and system for automated assembly of plastic parts into assemblies wherein assembly pallets loaded with their corresponding assemblies are stored and vertically indexed in an accumulator station to allow a previously applied material, such as adhesive to cure.
VEI0102PUS	Larry J. Winget	Automotive Air Bag Cover Having a Horn Switch Formed Therein	USPN 5,062,661 Issued: 11-05-91 Expires 11-05-08	An automotive air bag cover including a horn switch device incorporated therein.
VEI0112PUS	Thomas Eckhout	Air Bag Cover Having an Applique Fastened Thereto and Method of Manufacturing Same	USPN 5,487,557 Issued: 1-30-96 Maintenance Fee due 7-30-07	A front cover, a seam and decorative applique assembly permanently fastened to the outer surface of the front cover in non-overlapping fashion with the seam in non-overlapping fashion with the seam.
VEI0115R	Larry J. Winget	Automotive Air Bag Cover Having a Horn Switch Formed Therein	RE 35,031 Issued: 9-05-95	(Same as VEI0102PUS)
VEI0116PUS	Nelson B. Gonzales Robert M. Wedge	Plastic Pallet Assembly	USPN 5,497,709 Issued: 3-12-96 Maintenance Fee due 9-12-07	A load-bearing plastic assembly includes a resilient polymeric core including top and bottom halves which have means for interconnecting and easily disconnecting the halves, but only when desired.

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VEI0118PUS	Kenneth E. Ilkka	Stylus Device for Use in a Scuffing Head Assembly	USPN 5,486,658 Issued: 1-23-96 Maintenance Fee due 7-23-07	A stylus device includes a lower body portion, an upper body portion and a pair of spaced shoulders, a head supported on the upper body portion between the shoulders and the outwardly extending end surface having a central portion defined by a curve wherein the central portion is rounded for controllably removing a layer of paint from a rotating paint substrate when in engagement therewith.
VEI0124A	Jack Phillion Angelo Adler A. Emambakshsh Gary Gordon David Davis	Air Bag Module (Joint venture with TRW)	USPN 5,639,112 Issued: 6-17-97	Air bag module to restrain vehicle occupant has retainer assembly to contain air bag in uninflated condition and includes inflator and canister which snap together.
VEI0126PUS	Charles R. Hunter	Method and System for Reproduction of a Physical Model of an Article	USPN 5,552,992 Issued: 9-3-96 Maintenance Fee due 3/3/08	Covers the process wherein a surface of a clay model is laser scanned to obtain a set of laser scan data which is then edited to smooth, filter and pre-process for further use.
VEI0143PUS	David J. Davis	Air Bag Cover Having A Tear Seam Membrane Switch	USPN 5,465,998 Issued: 11-14-95 Maintenance Fee due 5-14-07	A snap-on air bag cover for use with an air bag container having a retaining member wherein a horn switch has a break seam formed therein.
VEI0143/147 PGB*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 2,298,831 Issued: 9/1/99 11 th Annuity due 11-05-06 No Extension Possible	Combination of VEI0143PUS and VEI0147PUS filed in Great Britain

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VEI0143/147 PSE*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 9502080-6 Granted 9/13/99 11 th annuity due 12/7/05 - No Extension Possible	Combination of VEI0143PUS and VEI0147PUS filed in Sweden
VEI0144PUS	David J. Davis	Plastic Air Bag Cover Having an Integrated Occupant-Sensing Sensor Module	USPN 5,549,323 Issued: 8-27-96 Maintenance Fee due 2-27-08	A plastic air bag cover is provided having an integrated occupant-sensing sensor module adapted for use in a vehicle occupant sensing system.
VEI0145PUS	David J. Davis	Plastic Air Bag Cover Having an Integrated Light Source	USPN 5,558,364 Issued: 9-24-96 Maintenance Fee due 3/24/08	A plastic air bag cover is provided with an integrated light source and is adapted for use within a passenger compartment of a vehicle.
VEI0145PAU*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 696,317 Issued: 12/17/98 9 th annuity due 10/23/05 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0146PUS	David J. Davis	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Having a Domed Front Panel and Multifunctional Unitary Switching Module	USPN 5,678,849 Issued: 10-21-97 Maintenance Fee Due 10-21-05 - No Extension Possible	A thermoplastic air bag cover is provided having a plurality of domes formed which enclose switches of at least one multifunctional unitary switching module.
VEI0146PAU*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 698,735 Issued: 2-18-99 9 th Annuity due 11-1-05 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)

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VEI0147PUS	Thomas Eckhout	Air Bag Cover Having a Switch Assembly Disposed Therein	USPN 5,590,902 Issued: 1-7-97 Maintenance Fee due 7/7/08	Covers one embodiment of a snap-on air bag cover and method of manufacturing the air bag cover which includes a foil-switch assembly.
VEI0148PUS	Thomas Eckhout	Air Bag Cover Having a Hidden Break Seam (FWC of VEI0113PUS)	USPN 5,498,026 Issued: 3-12-96 Maintenance Fee due 9-12-07	Covers an air bag cover having a hidden break seam.
VEI0152PUS	David J. Davis	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Having a Membrane Switch	USPN 5,520,412 Issued: 5-28-96 Maintenance Fee due 11-28-07	A relatively flexible thermoplastic air bag cover is provided including a front panel wherein a curved border area about a switch location of the front panel.
VEI0152PAU*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 695,760 Issued: 12/3/98 9 th Annuity due 10/23/05 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0152PEP*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 0828637 Issued: 10/4/00 Germany PN 69610557.8 10 th annuity due 10/23/05 No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0153PUS	David J. Davis	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Having a Unitary Multifunctional Domed Switching Module	USPN 5,542,694 Issued: 8-6-96 Maintenance Fee due 2-6-08	A thermoplastic air bag cover having unitary multifunctional domed switching module is provided wherein the domes are integrally formed with a front plate of the switching module to seal and protect the switches of the switching module.

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VEI0153PAU*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 695,452 Issued: 11-26-98 9 th annuity due 10/23/05 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0153PEP*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 0828635 Issued: 10/4/00 Germany PN 69610555.1 10 th annuity due 10/23/05 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0157PUS	David A. Bowman David J. Davis	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Having a Membrane Switch with Enhanced Activation	USPN 5,642,901 Issued: 7-1-97 Maintenance Fee due 1/1/09	A relatively flexible thermoplastic air bag cover is provided including a front panel wherein switch-activating members enhance activation of a membrane-type switch located at a switch location area of the front panel.
VEI0157PAU*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 702,364 Filed: 6-3-99 9 th annuity due 1/30/06 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)

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VEI0157PEP*	(Same as immediately above)	(Same as immediately above)	PN 837,794 Granted: 9-15-99 Germany PN 69604295.9 10 th annuity due 1/30/06 - No Extension Possible Great Britain PN 0837794 10 th annuity due 1/30/06 - No Extension Possible Italy PN 0837794 10 th annuity due 1/30/06 - No Extension Possible	(National Phase of PCT above)
VEI0160PUS	Thomas J. Eckhout	Snap-on Air Bag Cover (FWC of VEI0114PUS)	USPN 5,501,485 Issued: 3-26-96 Maintenance Fee due 9-26-07	Covers original version of the snap-on air bag cover.
VEI0168PUS	Hugh Kauer	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Assembly Having a Switch and Method of Making Same	USPN 5,685,561 Issued: 11-11-97 Maintenance Fee due 11-11-05 - No Extension Possible	Induction welding the back plate to the back side of an air bag cover.
VEI0169PUS	Thomas L. Eckhout	Air Bag Cover Having an Applique Fastened Thereto and Method of Manufacturing Same	USPN 5,529,336 Issued: 6-25-96 Maintenance Fee due 12-25-07	An automotive air bag cover which includes a decorative applique assembly permanently fastened to the outer surface of the front cover.

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VEI0173PUS	Larry J. Winget	Unitary Composite Steering Wheel and Air Bag Cover Assembly and Method of Making Same	USPN 5,765,864 Issued: 6-16-98 Maintenance Fee due 12-16-05	A unitary composite steering wheel and air bag cover assembly includes a one-piece thermoplastic body having an air bat cover portion, a one-piece rear rim portion molded from a thermoplastic material tible with the thermoplastic other body and a one-piece skeletal frame structure encapsulated therebetween.
VEI0175PUS	Robert Budnick	Air Bag Cover Having a Hidden Tear Seam and Method and Apparatus of Making Same	USPN 5,776,522 Issued: 7-7-98 Maintenance Fee due 1-7-06	Covers a method for forming a tear seam within the molding cycle through a seam coining process.
VEI0176PUS	Bill Hoffman David J. Davis Larry J. Winget	Natural Wood-Covered Plastic Part Such as a Vehicle Part and Method of Manufacturing Same	USPN 5,744,210 Issued: 4-28-98 Maintenance Fee due 10/28/05	Genuine wood laminated to thermoplastic for use as decorative trim.
VEI0178PUS	David J. Davis Thomas L. Eckhout	Automotive Seat Plastic Air Bag Cover	USPN 5,683,101 Issued: 11-4-97 Maintenance Fee due 11/04/05 - No Extension Possible	A side air bag cover assembly including a sealing ring.
VEI0192PUS	Charles R. Hunter David E. Gawronski	Method and System for Building a Data Model of a Physical Part of a Data Format Useful for a Reproduction of the Part	USPN 6,073,056 Issued: 6/6/00 Maintenance Fee due 12-6-07	Covers an improved version of the invention of VEI0126PUSabove.
VEI0205PUS	John F. Murphy	Injection Molding Apparatus for Molding Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover	USPN 5,922,368 Issued: 7/13/99 Maintenance Fee due 1-13-07	Covers an improved injection molding apparatus for molding snap-on, thermoplastic air bag covers including a plurality of wedge-shaped outboard mold parts.

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VEI0206PUS	Jason T. Murar John F. Murphy	Method and System for Manufacturing An Air Bag Cover Assembly Including a Switch (See Cont. VEI 0374 PUS)	USPN 6,579,402 Issued: 6/17/03 Maintenance Fee due 12-17-06	A method and system of manufacturing an air bag cover assembly utilizing infrared radiation is disclosed.
VEI0213PUS	Gerald M. Rea	Cover System For A Golf Cart	USPN 6,220,657 Issued: 4/24/01 Maintenance fee due 10/24/08	Disclosed is a manually actuated sliding golf cart cover system to protect both the occupants and the golf equipment from the elements. Several overlapping panels are configured such that they telescope one with respect to the other in the closed position until all that is visible is a single panel.
VEI0221PUS	Charles Webber Larry J. Winget	Cigar Holder	USPN 6,109,271 Issued: 8/29/00 Maintenance Fee due 2-29-08	A cigar holder for a vehicle is formed with one portion to support another portion of the non-heat conducting and weather resistant material to protect the vehicle from heat of the cigar and cigar holder from deleterious effects of the weather.
VEI0222PUS	Larry J. Winget John F. Murphy	Mold for Use in a Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Gas Pin Assembly for Use Therein	USPN 6,053,720 Issued: 4/25/00 Maintenance Fee due 10/25/07	Covers molds and gas pin assemblies for use therein and, in particular, molds for use in gas-assisted injection molding systems and gas pin assemblies.
VEI0224PUS	Gerald M. Rea	Cigar and Cigarette Ashtray	USPN 5,927,286 Issued: 7/27/99 Maintenance Fee due 1-27-07	A stackable ashtray of rectangular shape is provided in a plastic container having notched walls for supporting cigarettes and outwardly extending channels for supporting cigars.

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VEI0225PUS	Roger Budnick	Air Bag Cover Having a Hidden Tear Seam and Method and Apparatus for Making Same Division of VEI0175PUS Claims 1-5	USPN 5,868,988 Issued: 2-9-99 Maintenance Fee due 8/9/06	Covers a method for forming a tear seam within the molding cycle through a seam coining process.
VEI0227PUS	Jason Murar Carl R. Sayler	Air Bag Cover Assembly Including a Switch Fastenable to an Air Bag Housing Assembly	USPN 5,979,933 Issued: 11/9/99 Maintenance Fee due 5-9-07	An air bag cover assembly includes a plastic cover section, a backing section and set of temporary fasteners.
VEI0229PUS	Larry J. Winget John F. Murphy	Mold for Use in Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Gas Pin Assembly for Use Therein (CIP of VEI0222PUS)	USPN 6,120,275 Issued: 9/19/00 Maintenance Fee due 3/19/08	A mold for use in a gas-assisted injection molding system includes a gas pin assembly which can be readily removed from one mold half in an open position of a mold wherein a porous insert of the assembly can be readily removed.
VEI0230PUS	Randy Porter Larry Winget John F. Murphy	Hollow Plastic Article Formed by a Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System	USPN 6,322,865 Issued: 11/27/01 Maintenance Fee due 11/27/05 - No Extension Possible	A hollow plastic article of a one-piece construction formed from a molten plastic resin by a gas-assisted injection molding system wherein the article is designed in such a way that any gas channel read through is hidden at a "Class A" convex surface thereof.
VEI0231PUS	John F. Murphy Randy Porter	Mold for Use in a Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Ejector Pin Subsystem Including a Split Pin for Use Therein	USPN 6,042,355 Issued: 3-28-00 Maintenance Fee due 9-28-07	A mold for use in gas-assisted injection molding system includes a split pin which partially blocks the flow of molten plastic through a secondary runner.
VEI0232PUS	John F. Murphy	Mold for Use in a Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Runner Shut-Off Subsystem for Use Therein	USPN 6,062,842 Issued: 5/16/00 Maintenance Fee due 11-15-07	A mold for use in a gas-assisted injection molding system having a nozzle includes a runner shut-off subsystem which prevents pressurized gas from flowing through the runner and into the nozzle.

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VEI0233PUS	Keith Blazaitis Darius Preisler	Air Bag Cover Having A Visually Perceptible Tear Seam and Method and Apparatus of Making Same (See Divisional VEI0327PUS)	USPN 6,042,140 Issued: 3-28-00 Maintenance Fee due 9-28-07	Method and apparatus for making thermoplastic air bag cover having a visually perceptible tear seam formed by a controlled amount of plastic sinkage during injection molding process.
VEI0234PUS	John F. Murphy Randy Porter	Mold for Use in a Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Adjustable Overflow Pin Assembly for Use Therein	USPN 5,869,105 Issued: 2-9-99 Maintenance Fee due 8/9/06	A mold for use in gas-assisted injection molding system includes an ejector pin subsystem including a split pin which partially blocks the flow of molten plastic through a secondary runner.
VEI0235PUS	John F. Murphy	Mold for Use in Gas-Assisted Injection Molding System and Ejector Pin Sub-System Including a Blocking Pin Assembly for Use Therein	USPN 6,042,356 Issued: 3-28-00 Maintenance Fee due 9-28-07	A mold for use in gas-assisted injection molding system including an ejector pin subsystem including a blocking pin assembly which not only blocks the flow of molten plastic through a secondary runner by also helps to eject lid plastic from the mold.
VEI0236PUS	John F. Murphy	Mold for Use in a Plastic Injection Molding System and Venting-Pin Assembly for Use Therein	USPN 6,042,361 Issued: 3-28-00 Maintenance Fee due 9-28-07	A mold for use in a plastic injection molding system includes a venting pin assembly which can not only vent an article-defining cavity in the mold but can also eject a formed plastic article in an open position of the mold.
VEI0237PUS	Larry J. Winget	Unitary Composite Steering Wheel and Air Bag Cover Assembly and Method of Making Same (Division of VEI0173PUS)	USPN 6,017,481 Issued: 1/25/00 Maintenance Fee due 7-25-07	(See description for VEI0173PUS)

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VEI0238PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Motor Vehicle Instrument Panel Having Integrally Hinged Air Bag Door	USPN 6,168,188 Issued: 1/2/01 Maintenance Fee due 7/2/08	A molded instrument panel of a plastic front panel and incorporating an integral air bag door is disclosed wherein the air bag door is hinged to the front panel by overlapping integral plastic members to ensure that the door does not separate from the instrument panel during air bag deployment.
VEI0239PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Air Bag Cover and Method of Making Same (See continuation VEI0323PUS)	USPN 6,047,984 Issued: 4/11/00 Maintenance Fee due 10/11/07	An air bag cover having a decorative badge secured thereto is made by injection molding a thermoplastic elastomeric body in an injection mold having a shape defining the air bag cover.
VEI0240PUS	Larry J. Winget	Method of Manufacturing an In-Mold Laminate Component (See CIP VEI 0249 PUS, CIP VEI0313PUS, Cont. VEI 0381PUS & Cont VEI0240PUS1)	USPN 6,428,738 Issued: 8/6/02 Maintenance Fee due 2/6/06	A method is provided for manufacturing a painted plastic component such as painted air bag covers, side cladding or exterior bumpers which includes a painted film sheet and a one-piece thermoplastic elastomeric structural carrier.
VEI0245PUS	Darius J. Preisler Larry J. Winget	Lightweight, Thermoplastic, Vehicle Headliner Having at Least One Integrally-Formed, Energy- Absorbing, Head-Impact Mechanism and Injection Molding Method For Making Same	USPN 6,475,937 Issued: 11/05/02 Maintenance Fee due 5-5-06	Lightweight, thermoplastic, vehicle headliners each having at least one integrally-formed, energy-absorbing, head-impact mechanism and injection molding methods for making same are provided.

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VEI0248PUS	Larry J. Winget	Method and Mold to Make Plastic Articles Having Reduced Surface Defects and Assembly For Use Therein	USPN 6,164,953 Issued: 12/26/00 Maintenance Fee due 6/26/08	A method and mold and assembly for use in the mold are provided to make plastic articles having reduced surface defects wherein gases and/or volatiles normally trapped at at least one surface of the article are absorbed by at least one porous part to degas the at least one surface.
VEI0249PUS	Darius Preisler Jason Murar	Air Bag Cover Having A Decorative Applique Preform Bonded Thereto and Method of Making Same (CIP of VEI 0240 PUS)	USPN 6,082,762 Issued: 7/04/00 Maintenance Fee due 1-4-08	An automotive air bag cover is provided having a decorative applique preform bonded thereto completely about a pair of flap portions of a front panel of the cover.
VEI0253PUS	Darius Preisler Jason Murar	Foil Covered Plastic Part and Method of Making Same (See CIP VEI 0262 PUS See Div. VEI 0361PUS)	USPN 6,280,823 Issued: 8/28/01 Maintenance Fee due 8/28/05 - No Extension Possible	A foil-covered plastic part is provided including a hot stamping foil having a foil top layer disposed on a plastic bottom layer which, in turn, is bonded to a plastic outer surface of a decorative preform at foil-receiving portions of the plastic outer surface.
VEI0253PDE*	Same as above	same as above	PN 19940244 Issued: 11/23/00 7 th Annuity due 8-24-05	(Same as immediately above)
VEI0254PUS	John F. Murphy	Molded Plastic Component Having Enhanced Surface Finish (See Div. VEI 0373 PUS)	USPN 6,686,007 Issued 2/3/04 Maintenance Fee due 8/3/07	A molded plastic component having enhanced surface finish is molded within a mold having at least one metal base, a mold cavity, and at least one self-lubricating surface layer which defines the plastic component within the mold cavity.

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VEI0255PUS	Randy Porter	Air Bag Cover Assembly Having A Switch Module and Method of Making Same	USPN 6,079,734 Issued: 6/27/00 Maintenance Fee due 12-27-07	An air bag cover assembly is provided. The assembly includes a front panel having inner and outer surfaces and a switch module attached to the inner surface of the front panel.
VEI0256PUS	Darius J. Preister Jason Murar Brad Kusky	Motor Vehicle Trim Assembly Including A Hollow Plastic Panel For A Side Impact Inflatable Air Bag System	USPN 6,364,346 Issued 4/2/02 Maintenance fee due 10/2/05	A motor vehicle trim assembly includes a plastic outer trim panel having an opening, a door for closing the opening, an inner trim panel for storing an uninflated air bag curtain, a hinge for the door an a latch for holding the door in its closed position yet still allow deployment of the air bag curtain through the opening in the outer trim panel.
VEI0258PUS	Salvatore J. Gulisano, Michael Mazzola Stephen C. Ivy Rhys Johnson	Door Trim Panel Assembly and Plastic Inner Panel For Use Therein	USPN 6,119,406 Issued: 9/19/00 Maintenance Fee due 3/24/08	An automotive door trim panel assembly including a plastic inner panel having a relatively thick, rigid, hollow retaining section which is designed for snap-fit installation of the assembly with a weather seal having a snap-on groove defined therein to thereby eliminate the need for additional fastening hardware while at the same time to provide increased rigidity and ease of tooling.

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VEI0259PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason Murar	Air Bag Cover Assembly Having A Membrane Switch and an Ornamental Pad Permanently Fastened Thereto and Method of Making Same	USPN 6,053,526 Issued: 4/25/00 Maintenance Fee due 10/25/07	An air bag cover assembly is provided including a front panel adapted to overlie an undeployed air bag, an ornamental pad permanently fastened to the front panel within an outer recessed portion,, and a membrane-type switch lying behind the rear inner surface of the pad in a switch location area defined by a plastic top plate and an ornament of the ornamental pad.
VEI0260PUS	Roger R. Budnick	Air Bag Cover Having A Hidden Tear Seam	USPN 6,050,594 Issued: 4/18/00 Maintenance Fee due 10/18/07	CPA of VEI 0226 PUS
VEI0262PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason Murar	Foil-Covered Automotive Interior Plastic Part Having A Decorative Preform and Method of Making Same (CIP of VEI 0249 PUS and VEI 0253 PUS)	USPN 6,180,207 Issued: 1/30/01 Maintenance Fee due 7/30/08	A foil-covered automotive interior plastic part including a decorative preform is provided including a hot stamping foil having a foil top layer disposed on a plastic bottom layer which, in turn, is bonded to an outer surface of a plastic structural substrate at foil-receiving portions of the outer surface.
VEI0265PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason Murar	In-Mold Laminate Component And Method of Manufacture	USPN 6,620,371 Issued: 9/16/03 Maintenance Fee due 3-16-07	A method is provided for manufacturing a painted plastic component having a badge, emblem or other ornamentation, such as air bag covers having a badge, or wherein the component is the badge itself.

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VEI0266PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason Murar	Air Bag Cover Having A Decorative Badge and Method of Making Same	USPN 6,209,905 Issued: 4/3/01 Maintenance Fee due 10/3/08	An air bag cover assembly for a motor vehicle is provided and includes a plastic substrate which is adapted to enclose an uninflated automotive air bag and a switch.
VEI0272PUS	John F. Murphy	Method and System For Bonding Plastic Parts Together	USPN 6,251,202 Issued: 6/26/01 Maintenance Fee due 12/26/08	A method and system for bonding plastic parts together utilizing a heat-activated adhesive and at least one infrared lamp are disclosed.
VEI0275PUS	Frank W. Bradish	Carbon Fiber-Filled Sheet Molding Compound and Method of Manufacturing Same	USPN 6,508,906 Issued: 1/21/03 Maintenance Fee due 7-21-06	The present invention involves a carbon fiber-filled sheet molding compound and method of manufacturing the same.
VEI0275PUS1	Frank W. Bradish	Carbon Fiber-Filled Sheet Molding Compound and Method of Manufacturing Same(Div. of VEI 0275 PUS)	USPN 6,901,986 Issued: 6/7/05 Maintenance Fee due 12-07-08	The present invention involves a carbon fiber-filled sheet molding compound and method of manufacturing the same.
VEI0277PUS	Salvatore J. Gulisano	Trim Panel Assembly and Plastic Interior Trim Panel For Use Therein	USPN 6,196,607 Issued: 3/6/01 Maintenance Fee due 9/6/08	Elevated doghouse having a lower base section formed by a slide and a lifter.
VEI0279PUS	Sasson Tarahomi	Removable Hard Top For An Automotive Vehicle and Method of Making A Composite Removable Hard Top (See divisional VEI0344PUS)	USPN 6,135,535 Issued: 10-24-00 Maintenance Fee due 4/24/08	A removable hardtop including inner and outer roof panels made of molded fiber reinforced sheet molding compound.

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VEI0288PUS	Michael G. Froude Darius J. Preisler	Snap-On Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover With Enhanced Moldability	USPN 6,347,806 Issued: 2/19/02 Maintenance fee due 8-19-05	A snap-on air bag cover having enhanced moldability is provided for use with an air bag container assembly including a container having a retaining member and a retaining bracket secured to the container to move therewith.
VEI0299PUS	Michael G. Froude Jason T. Murar	Thermoplastic Air Bag Cover Mountable Onto an Air Bag Container Assembly	USPN 6,260,876 Issued: 7/17/01 Maintenance Fee due 1-17-09	A snap-on thermoplastic air bag cover mountable onto an air bag container assembly includes a novel mechanism for attaching a horn backing plate to the cover.
VEI0303PUS	Thierry Renault	Method For Molding and Impact Resistant Automotive Part Produced Thereby	USPN 6,649,109 Issued: 11/18/03 Maintenance Fee due 5-18-07	A molding method and an impact resistant automotive part such as a bumper beam resulting from the molding method are obtained wherein a thermoplastic reinforced fiber structure at least partially forms a pair of attachment portions of the part and continuously extends between the attachment portions to link the attachment portions.
VEI0313PUS1	Jason T. Murar David Davis	Molding Method And Metal-Covered Component (Div. of Serial No. 09/528,761 filed 3/17/00, VEI 0313 PUS)	USPN 6,818,305 Issued: 11/16/04 Maintenance fee due 5/16/08	A molding method and a metal-covered plastic component such as partial or entire fascia, body side moldings, and the like, which have bright surface requirements and which includes a film sheet and a one-piece thermoplastic elastomeric structural carrier are provided.

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VEI0315PUS	Sassan Tarahomi	Injection Molded Thermoplastic Integrated Front End Reinforcement and Method of Making Same	USPN 6,287,442 Issued: 9/11/01 Maintenance Fee due 9/11/05 - No Extension Possible	A vehicle body front end preassembly and method of making a vehicle front end assembly is disclosed. The vehicle body front end preassembly includes a frame to which an integrated front end module formed by an injection molding process is secured.
VEI0316PUS	Darius J. Preisler	Air Bag Cover With A Non-Exposed Tear Seam(Transferred from NS 1/18/00)	USPN 6,341,796 Issued: 1/29/02 Maintenance Fee due 1-29-06 - No Extension Possible	An interior trim panel has an air bag cover for supporting an air bag cannister and closing an opening in the interior trim panel. The air bag cover is openable when an air bag is deployed from the cannister.
PEGU0102PUS S formerly VEI0320PUS	Nicholas Hochet	A Molded Composite Stack (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,050,630 Issued: 4/28/00 Maintenance Fee due 10/18/07	Monitoring only
VEI0321PUS	Gerald M. Rea	Shopping Cart Front Storage Compartment	USPN 6,406,041 Issued: 6-18-02 Maintenance Fee due 12-18-05	The present invention involves a shopping cart which is nestable with other conventional shopping carts and has a front storage compartment disposed at a front end of the cart.
VEI0322PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Foil-Covered Plastic Part and Method of Making Same (Div. of VEI0253PUS)	USPN 6,132,662 Issued: 10/17/00 Maintenance Fee due 4/17/08	A foil-covered plastic part is provided including a hot stamping foil having a foil top layer disposed on a plastic bottom layer which, in turn, is bonded to a plastic outer surface of a decorative preform at foil-receiving portions of the plastic outer surface.

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VEI0323PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Air Bag Cover and Method of Making Same (Continuation of VEI0239PUS)	USPN 6,158,764 Issued: 12/12/00 Maintenance Fee due 6/12/08	An air bag cover having a decorative badge secured thereto is made by injection molding a thermoplastic elastomeric body in an injection mold having a shape defining the air bag cover.
VEI0327PUS	Keith Blazaitis and Darius J. Preisler	Air Bag Cover Having A Visually Perceptible Tear Seam and Method and Apparatus of Making Same (Division of VEI0233PUS)	USPN 6,296,802 Issued: 10/02/01 Maintenance Fee due 10/2/05 - No Extension Possible	A method and apparatus for making a thermoplastic air bag cover having a visually perceptible tear seam formed by a controlled amount of plastic sinkage during an injection molding process.
VEI0328PUS	Thierry Renault Francis Vandangeot Jacques Heinry	Method and System For Molding Thermoplastic Sandwich Material and Deep-Drawn Article Produced Thereby	USPN 6,682,676 Issued: 1/27/04 Maintenance Fee due 7/27/07	A system for molding thermoplastic sandwich material to form a deep-drawn article utilizing a unique clamping technique and mechanism are described.
PEGU0103 PUSA formerly VEI0329PUSA	Nicolas Hochet Francis Vandangeot	Method of Making a Sandwich-Type Reenforced Composite Structural Panel with Alveolate Core and Resulting Panel (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,537,413 Issued 3/25/03 Maintenance Fee due 9-25-06	The invention relates to a method of making a reinforced composite panel of the sandwich-type having a cellular core.
VEI0330PUS	Francis Veandangeot Emmanuel Boivin Loic Durual	Method and System For Co-Molding A Thermoplastic Material with A Thermoplastic Sandwich Material and Article Produced Thereby	USPN 6,682,675 Issued: 1/27/04 Maintenance Fee due 7/27/07	A method and system for co-molding a thermoplastic material with a thermoplastic sandwich material to form a thermoplastic sandwich article having a thermoplastic inner portion are provided.

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VEI0330PUS1	Francis Veandangeot Emmanuel Boivin Loic Durual	System For Co-Molding A Thermoplastic Material With A Thermoplastic Sandwich Material and Article Produced Thereby (Div. of VEI 0330 PUS)	USPN 6,790,026 Issued: 9/14/04 Maintenance Fee due 3/14/08	A system for co-molding a thermoplastic material with a thermoplastic sandwich material to form a thermoplastic sandwich article having a thermoplastic inner portion are provided.
VEI0334PUS	Jay A. Shellabarger	Step For Entering and Exiting A Vehicle and Method of Making Same	USPN 6,481,733 Issued: 11/19/02 No Foreign filing Maintenance Fee due 5-19-06	The present invention involves a step for entering and exiting a vehicle. The step is a unitary one piece mold having at least two hollow U-shaped portions wherein each portion has a receding body section and first and second legs extending from the body section to first and second distal ends respectively.
VEI0335PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Air Bag Cover Having A Decorative Applique Preform Bonded Thereto and Method of Making Same (Division of VEI0249PUS)	USPN 6,395,219 Issued: 5-28-02 Maintenance Fee due 11-28-05	An automotive air bag cover is provided having a decorative applique preform bonded thereto completely about a pair of flap portions of a front panel of the cover.
VEI0336PUS	Sassan Taxatbram	Lightweight Vehicle Body Panels and Method of Blow Molding Vehicle Body Panels	USPN 6,299,244 Issued: 10/09/01 Maintenance Fee due 10/9/05 - No Extension Possible	A vehicle body panel that is formed in part by a blow molding process.
VEI0344PUS	Sasson Tarahomi	Removable Hard Top For An Automotive Vehicle and Method of Making A Composite Removable Hard Top (Division of VEI0279PUS)	USPN 6,438,843 Issued: 8/27/02; published 11/14/02 Maintenance Fee due 2/27/06	A removable hardtop including inner and outer roof panels made of molded fiber reinforced sheet molding compound.

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VEI0344PUS1	Sassan Tarahomi	A Composite Removable Hard Top (Cont. of VEI 0344 PUS)	USPN 6,575,521 Issued: 6/10/03 Maintenance Fee due 12-10-06	A removable hardtop including inner and outer roof panels made of molded fiber reinforced sheet molding compound.
VEI0346PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Foil-Covered Automotive and Plastic Interior Trim Panel For Use Therein (Division of VEI 0262 PUS)	USPN 6,398,897 Issued: 6/4/02 Maintenance Fee due 12/4/05	A foil-covered automotive interior plastic part including a decorative preform is provided including a hot stamping foil having a foil top layer disposed on a plastic bottom layer which, in turn, is bonded to an outer surface of a plastic structural substrate at foil-receiving portions of the outer surface.
PEGU0104 PUSA formerly VEI 0351 PUSA	Thierry Renault	A Combination Bumper Skin and Under-Engine Fairing For A Vehicle (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,435,577 Issued: 8/20/02 Maintenance Fee due 2/20/06	(See Title)
VEI0352PUS	Sassan Tarahomi	Injection Molded Thermoplastic Integrated Front End Reinforcement and Method of Making Same (Division of VEI 0315 PUS)	USPN 6,293,615 Issued: 9/25/01 Maintenance Fee due 9/25/05 - No Extension Possible	A vehicle body front end preassembly and method of making a vehicle front end assembly is disclosed. The vehicle body front end preassembly includes a frame to which an integrated front end module formed by an injection molding process is secured.
VEI0353PUS	Larry J. Winget	Plastic Panel With Integrally Molded Speaker Grille	USPN 6,672,650 Issued: 1/6/04 Maintenance Fee due 7/6/07	A vehicle plastic panel includes a plastic panel body and a speaker grille integrally injection molded with a plastic panel body.

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VEI0354PUS	Sassan Taxatbram	Method of Blow Molding Vehicle Body Panels (Division of VEI 0336 PUS)	USPN 6,470,573 Issued: 10/29/02 Maintenance Fee due 4-29-06	The method of making a vehicle body panel includes blow molding all or a substantial portion of the vehicle body panel and then securing attachments to openings formed on the blow molded body or to peripheral portions of the blow molded body.
VEI0355PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Instrument Panel Air Bag Door With Integrated Deployment Chute	USPN 6,467,801 Issued: 10/22/02 Maintenance Fee due 4-22-06	The present invention involves an air bag deployment chute for deploying an air bag through a panel member having a groove. The deployment chute comprises a stationary portion and a door portion.
VEI0357PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Knee Bolster Airbag System	USPN 6,464,255 Issued: 10/15/02 Maintenance Fee due 4-15-06	The present invention involves a knee bolster airbag system to dissipate impact energy during an impact of a vehicle in which the system is disposed.
VEI0359PUS	William Hoffman Phil Kusky Darius J. Preisler	Reinforced Composite Inner Roof Panel Of The Cellular Core Sandwich-Type And Method Of Making Same	USPN 6,890,023 Issued: 5/10/05	The invention relates to reinforced composite inner roof panels of the sandwich-type having a cellular core.
VEI0360PUS	John F. Murphy	Method and System For Bonding Plastic Parts Together (Div. of VEI 0272 PUS)	USPN 6,619,358 Issued: 9/16/03 Maintenance Fee due 3-16-07	A method and system for bonding plastic parts together utilizing a heat-activated adhesive and at least one infrared lamp are disclosed. The system preferably includes first and second infrared lamps for emitting infrared radiation.

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VEI0361PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Foil-Covered Plastic Part and Method of Making Same (Division of VEI 0253 PUS)	USPN 6,391,242 Issued: 5/21/02 Maintenance Fee due 11/21/05	A foil-covered plastic part is provided including a hot stamping foil having a foil top layer disposed on a plastic bottom layer which, in turn, is bonded to a plastic outer surface of a decorative preform at foil-receiving portions of the plastic outer surface.
VEI0363PUS	Darius J. Preisler	A Reinforced Composite Pallet Assembly Of The Cellular Corc Sandwich-Type	USPN 6,655,299 Issued: 12/02/03 Maintenance Fee due 6/2/07	The invention relates to reinforced composite pallet assemblies of the sandwich-type having a cellular core.
VEI0368PUS	Darius J. Preisler	A Reinforced Composite Vehicle Load Floor Of The Cellular Core Sandwich-Type	USPN 6,843,525 Issued: 1/18/05 Maintenance Fee due 7/18/08	The invention relates to reinforced composite vehicle load floors of the sandwich-type having a cellular core.
PEGU0105PUS S formerly VEI0369PUS	Sebastien Brogly Ghislain George Thierry Renault	A Vehicle Subassembly Including A Cooling Cassette And A Support Frame (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,685,258 Issued: 2/3/04 Maintenance Fee due 8/3/07	See title
PEGU0106PUS S formerly VEI0370PUS	Sebastien Brogly Ghislain George Thierry Renault	An Automobile Vehicle Hood Locking Device (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,588,525 Issued: 7/8/03 Maintenance Fee due 1-8-07	See title
PEGU0107PUS S formerly VEI0371PUS	Sebastien Brogly Ghislain George	An Automobile Vehicle including Associated Body Parts With Reduced Clearance (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,868,930 Issued: 3/22/05 Maintenance Fee due 9/22/08	See title

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VEI0373PUS	John F. Murphy	Molded Plastic Component Having Enhanced Surface Finish (Division of VEI 0254 PUS)	USPN 6,749,795 Issued: 6/15/04 Maintenance Fee due 12-15-07	A molded plastic component having enhanced surface finish is molded within a mold having at least one metal base, a mold cavity, and at least one self-lubricating surface layer which defines the plastic component within the mold cavity.
VEI0374PUS	Jason T. Murar John F. Murphy	Method and System For Manufacturing An Air Bag Cover Assembly Including A Switch (Continuation of Serial No. 09/305,531 VEI 0206 PUS)	USPN 6,881,296 Issued: 4/19/05 Maintenance Fee due 10/19/08	A method and system of manufacturing an air bag cover assembly utilizing infrared radiation is disclosed.
PEGU0109PU SA formerly VEI0375PUSA	Lucien Pelage Sebastien Brogly	A System For Fixing A Radiator On A Vehicle Support (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,668,956 Issued: 12/30/03 Maintenance Fee due 6-30-07	(See Title)
VEI0377PUS	Tim Howell John Murphy Bob Rowley	Method For Making A Reinforced, Polymeric Article In A Reaction Injection Molding System, Mold For Use Therein And Article Produced Thereby	USPN 6,893,599 Issued: 05/17/05 Maintenance Fee due 11-17-08	A mold for use in a reaction injection molding method and system to make a reinforced polymeric article having reduced surface defects includes a novel gating system.
VEI0378PUS	Darius J. Preisler Jason T. Murar	Air Bag Deployment Chute and Panel Assembly (CIP of VEI 0355 PUS)	USPN 6,672,611 Issued: 1/6/04 Maintenance Fee due 7/6/07	The present invention involves an air bag deployment chute and panel assembly for deploying an air bag through a panel member having a groove. The deployment chute comprises a stationary portion and one or more door portions depending on the shape of the prescribed tear pattern (<i>i.e.</i> , "I", "H" or "U").

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VEI0380PUS	Darius J. Preisler	Assembly For Enclosing And Protecting A Plurality of Meters For Storage Or Transportation Purposes And Carrier And Pallet For Use Therein	USPN 6,823,803 Issued: 11/30/04 Maintenance fee due 5/30/08	An assembly for enclosing and protecting a plurality of meters for storage or transportation purposes and carrier and pallet for use therein are provided. The assembly includes a plurality of carriers.
VEI0383PUS	Darius J. Preisler Lloyd R. Hilligoss	Reinforced Composite Pallet Assembly Of The Sandwich-Type With A Locally Crushed Cellular Core (CIP of VEI 0363 PUS)	USPN 6,748,876 Issued: 6/15/04 Maintenance Fee due 12-15-07	A reinforced composite pallet assembly of the sandwich-type having a cellular core which is locally crushed is provided. The assembly includes a pair of substantially flat decks having front, back and side edges.
PEGU0110PU SA formerly VEI0386PUSA	Jean-Philippe Ponsonaille Thierry Renault	Bumper Bar For A Motor Vehicle With an Intermediate Web (Assigned to Peguform France)	USPN 6,659,518 Issued: 12/9/03 Maintenance fee due 6-9-07	The invention relates to a bumper bar for a motor vehicle, comprising front and rear walls and an intermediate web extending from the front wall to the rear wall so as to form with the latter an "H" - shaped section.

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