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Re: U.S. Patent No. 11840970 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11840970 (the "11840970 Patent"). After preliminary review, we have substantial concerns about the validity, enforceability, and scope of the asserted claims, summarized below. We reserve all rights and defenses.

1. Subject Patent — Summary

An analysis of United States Patent 11,840,970 reveals the following details regarding the invention and its legal status.

Title: Dual fuel generator with remote regulator

Assignee: Champion Power Equipment Inc

Inventors: Mark J. Sarder, Aleko D. Sotiriades, James J. Dehn, Leigh Jenison

Filing Date: September 30, 2022

Issue Date: December 12, 2023

Abstract: The patent describes a generator and an off-board fuel delivery system. The generator is designed to run on multiple fuels, including a gaseous fuel from a pressurized source. A fuel regulator system, located separately from the generator, controls the pressure of the gaseous fuel in two stages. The first stage reduces the...

2. Validity Concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 102 — Prior Art

We have identified prior-art references that, in our preliminary view, anticipate one or more asserted claims of the 11840970 Patent:

Analysis of Prior Art for U.S. Patent 11,840,970

Report Date: May 13, 2026

This analysis details the most relevant prior art cited during the examination of U.S. Patent 11,840,970, titled "Dual fuel generator with remote regulator." The key inventive concept of patent '970 appears to be a dual fuel generator system where the gaseous fuel pressure regulation system, particularly a two-stage regulator, is located "off-board" or remote from the generator housing, leaving the generator itself free of such regulators. A mechanical valve on the generator is used to select the fuel type.

The following references were cited by the USPTO examiner and are evaluated for their potential to anticipate the claims of patent '970 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

1. US 2007/0137591 A1

- Full Citation: US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0137591 A1
- Assignee: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
- Publication Date: June 21, 2007
- Filing Date: September 29, 2004
- Description: This publication discloses an engine-operated generator capable of using both gasoline and a gaseous fuel such as LPG. It describes...

3. Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent of § 102, we believe the asserted claims are obvious in view of combinations of prior art that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine:

Obviousness Analysis of U.S. Patent 11,840,970

This analysis assesses the patentability of the claims of U.S. Patent 11,840,970 ("the '970 patent") in light of prior art, focusing on the standard of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The analysis concludes that the independent claims of the '970 patent would have been obvious to a Person Having Ordinary Skill in the Art (PHOSITA) at the time of the invention.

The primary combination of references leading to this conclusion is U.S. Patent 11,530,654 ("Champion '654") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2007/0137591 ("Honda").

1. Summary of Claimed Invention

The core concept protected by the independent claims (1, 12, 20, 34, and 44) of the '970 patent is a dual-fuel generator system with three key features:

- A generator capable of running on liquid fuel (e.g., gasoline) and a gaseous fuel (e.g., LPG).
- A gaseous fuel pressure regulator system that is located entirely "off board" or remote from the generator housing. This system performs pressure reduction in two stages (primary and secondary).
- A mechanical fuel...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 11840970 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. v. Champion Power Equipment, Inc. — 2:24-cv-08722 · U.S. District Court for the Central District of California · Active
- Champion Power Equipment Inc. v. Harbor Freight Tools USA Inc. — 2:24-cv-01302 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin · filed 2024-10-14 · Dismissed

5. Request

In light of the foregoing, we request that your client (i) provide a detailed claim chart identifying each accused product or service and mapping every limitation of each asserted claim, (ii) identify any prior art known to your client, including any references cited during prosecution or reexamination, and (iii) substantiate the basis for any damages or licensing demand. We are prepared to discuss the matter further once we have received and reviewed the foregoing.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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