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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 12038247 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 12038247 (the "12038247 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

Analysis of U.S. Patent No. 12,038,247

Title: Firearm trigger mechanism

Assignee: ABC IP, LLC

Inventor: Brian A. Blakley

Filing Date: May 30, 2023

Issue Date: July 16, 2024

Abstract:

The patent describes a trigger mechanism for AR-pattern firearms that includes a hammer, a trigger member, a disconnecter, a cam, and a three-position safety selector. The selector allows for "safe," "standard semi-automatic," and "forced reset semi-automatic" modes. In the standard semi-automatic mode, the disconnecter catches the hammer after a shot, requiring the user to release the trigger to reset it. In the forced reset mode, the safety selector prevents the disconnecter from...

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 12038247 Patent:

Analysis of Prior Art for U.S. Patent No. 12,038,247

The following is an analysis of prior art references cited during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 12,038,247. Each reference is evaluated for its potential to anticipate the claims of the '247 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

1. U.S. Patent No. 9,939,221 B2 (Graves)

- Full Citation: US 9,939,221 B2, "Firearm trigger mechanism," Inventor: Thomas Allen Graves, Assignee: Fost-ech, Inc., Publication Date: April 10, 2018 (Filed: Jan. 26, 2017).
- Brief Description: The Graves '221 patent describes a trigger assembly for a semi-automatic firearm designed to increase the rate of fire. It features a trigger that, when pulled, fires a round. The subsequent rearward movement of the bolt carrier assembly interacts with a secondary sear, which holds the hammer. As the bolt carrier returns to battery, it releases the secondary sear, causing the hammer to strike the firing pin and fire another round, provided the shooter maintains pressure on the trigger. This creates a "forced-reset" or "echo" firing mode. The mechanism includes a...

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 No. 12,038,247

Date of Analysis: April 29, 2026

Patent Under Review:

- Patent Number: US 12,038,247 B2
- Title: Firearm trigger mechanism
- Filing Date: May 30, 2023
- Priority Date: September 8, 2022
- Inventor: Brian A. Blakley
- Assignee: ABC IP, LLC

Introduction

This analysis examines the patentability of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 12,038,247 ('247 patent) in light of prior art, specifically under the legal standard of non-obviousness as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 103. The '247 patent describes a "three position" trigger mechanism for AR-pattern firearms, featuring a safe mode, a standard semi-automatic mode, and a forced reset semi-automatic mode. The key inventive concept appears to be the integration of a selectable disconnecter function, which allows the user to switch between a conventional semi-automatic operation and a "forced reset" operation, all within a single trigger assembly.

Legal Standard for Obviousness (35 U.S.C. § 103)

A patent claim is considered obvious if the differences between the claimed invention and the...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 12038247 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Steven Thanh Nguyen — 4:26-cv-00425 · Texas Eastern

District Court · filed 2026-04-23 · Open

- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Zach Morrow et al. — 4:26-cv-00377 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Hoffman Tactical LLC et al. — 4:26-cv-00378 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Tyler Harrison et al. — 4:26-cv-00379 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. 80mills LLC et al. — 4:26-cv-00380 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. AS Designs LLC et al. — 4:26-cv-00370 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-13 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Z3 Productions LLC — 4:26-cv-00367 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-13 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Damion Terrell Bennett et al. — 4:26-cv-00369 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-13 · Open
- ...and 8 additional case(s)

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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