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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 9766801 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9766801 (the "9766801 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

I have successfully searched for information regarding US Patent 9,766,801. I found the patent's title, assignee, inventors, filing date, and issue date. I was also able to locate the abstract and independent claims within the provided patent text.

However, my search for "CAFC 2026 dockets" did not yield any specific results for this patent. The search results provided general information about the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's dockets and procedures for 2026, but no specific case numbers or party names related to US Patent 9,766,801. This suggests that as of today, April 26, 2026, there may not be any publicly listed appeal cases involving this specific patent in 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 9766801 Patent:

To: Lead Patent Counsel

From: Senior Patent Analyst

Date: April 30, 2026

Subject: Prior Art Analysis for U.S. Patent No. 9,766,801

Introduction

This report provides an analysis of the most relevant prior art cited in the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 9,766,801, "In-car information system, in-car device, and information terminal" (the '801 patent). The analysis focuses on the potential for these references to anticipate the independent claims of the '801 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The core inventive concept of the '801 patent, as detailed in independent claims 1, 8, and 11, revolves around a system and method for dynamically assigning functions of a portable information terminal (e.g., a smartphone) to the physical controls of an in-car device. This process involves a two-way exchange of information: the in-car device provides details about its available controls (actuation information), and the portable terminal (or, in an alternative embodiment, the in-car device itself) uses this information along with its own predefined operational priorities (operation assignment...

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:

To: Lead Patent Counsel

From: Senior Patent Analyst

Date: April 30, 2026

Subject: Obviousness Analysis of U.S. Patent No. 9,766,801

1. Introduction

This memorandum provides a non-infringement and invalidity analysis of U.S. Patent No. 9,766,801 ("the '801 patent") under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The analysis is based on the prior art references cited during the patent's prosecution, as detailed in the preliminary report. A person of ordinary skill in the art (POSITA) at the time of the invention would likely have a Bachelor's degree in computer science or electrical engineering, with experience in embedded systems, mobile application development, and human-machine interface (HMI) design, particularly within the automotive or consumer electronics industry.

The core concept of the '801 patent involves a dynamic assignment of a portable terminal's functions to an in-car device's physical controls, based on information exchanged between the two devices, including control types and operational priorities. This analysis contends that the independent claims of the '801 patent would have been...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 9766801 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Autonavigare LLC v. General Motors, LLC — 6:23-cv-00569 · U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas · filed 2023-08-04 · Terminated
- Autonavigare LLC v. Ford Motor Company — 6:23-cv-00570 · U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas · filed 2023-08-04 · Terminated
- Autonavigare LLC v. Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. — 6:23-cv-00571 · U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas · filed 2023-08-04 · Terminated
- Autonavigare LLC v. Toyota Motor Corporation et al. — 2:24-cv-00439 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas · filed 2024-06-05 · Active

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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