

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

WASICA FINANCE GMBH AND
BLUEARC FINANCE AG,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CONTINENTAL AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS
U.S., INC.,

Defendant.

C.A. No. 13-1356-SLR

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs, Wasica Finance GmbH and BlueArc Finance AG file this First Amended Complaint and demand for jury trial seeking relief for patent infringement by the Defendant, Continental Automotive Systems U.S., Inc. Plaintiffs state and allege the following:

BACKGROUND

1. Wasica Finance GmbH is a Swiss company with a place of business at Schwanderstrasse 27, 6063 Stalden, Switzerland. Mr. Karl Leemann is the primary owner of Wasica Finance GmbH.

2. BlueArc Finance AG is a Swiss company with a place of business at Schwanderstrasse 27, 6063 Stalden, Switzerland. Mr. Heinz Ruchti is the primary owner of BlueArc Finance AG.

3. During the early 1990s, Mr. Leeman and Mr. Ruchti owned Uwaterc AG, a Swiss company in the business of manufacturing and selling scuba diving products. During that time, Uwaterc engaged Mr. Markus Mock and Mr. Ernst Völlm to develop technology for the scuba diving business. While working on that assignment, Messrs. Mock and Völlm conceived of an

Invention relating to monitoring the air-pressure in pneumatic tires on vehicle wheels. Mr. Mock and Mr. Völlm assigned their patent rights in the Invention to Uwaterc AG, which applied for patents on the Invention in multiple jurisdictions including the United States. On February 11, 1997, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued U.S. Patent No. 5,602,524 to Messrs. Mock and Völlm for the Invention. Later, Messrs. Leeman and Ruchti sold Uwaterc AG. As part of that transaction, the patent rights to the Invention were assigned to Messrs. Leeman and Ruchti. Messrs. Leeman and Ruchti formed Wasica Finance GmbH and BlueArc Finance AG to own and hold their respective patent rights in the Invention, including the '524 patent.

4. On information and belief, Defendant Continental Automotive Systems U.S., Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 1 Continental Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48236.

5. On information and belief, Continental is a major manufacturer and seller of tire pressure monitoring systems. Continental sells its tire pressure monitoring sensors and equipment in both the OEM and Aftermarket channels.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Continental because it regularly conducts business in the State of Delaware and therefore has substantial and continuous contacts within this judicial district; because it has purposefully availed itself to the privileges of conducting business in this judicial district; and/or because it has committed acts of patent infringement in this judicial district.

8. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c) and 1400(b).

9. On information and belief, Continental has placed infringing products into the stream of commerce by shipping those products into this judicial district and/or by knowing that such products would be shipped into this judicial district. On information and belief, Continental's established distribution network distributes accused products directly into this judicial district.

COUNT I
(Patent Infringement)

10. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

11. On February 11, 1997, United States Patent No. 5,602,524 ("the '524 patent") entitled "Device for Monitoring and the Air-Pressure in Pneumatic Tires Fitted on Vehicle Wheels" was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Plaintiffs owns the '524 patent by assignment. A true and correct copy of the '524 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

12. The '524 patent relates to tire pressure monitoring systems ("TPMS") used to monitor the pressure in automobiles and other vehicles. Low tire pressure can lead to tire failure, often a tire blow-out, that poses serious danger to vehicles and their occupants. In addition, low tire pressure can result in increased fuel consumption and shortened tire life. As a result, Congress has mandated that all passenger vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds be equipped with a TPMS to warn drivers of under-inflated tires.

13. On information and belief, Continental has had knowledge of the '524 patent based on its prior dealings with Plaintiffs since at least July 29, 2007.

14. On information and belief, Continental has made, used, sold, and offered for sale TPMS equipment, including but not limited to Continental's VDO REDI-Sensor, in the United States.

15. On information and belief, Continental has been contributing to the infringement of the '524 patent by others, including Continental's customers and the end users of Continental's TPMS equipment, by making, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States Continental's TPMS equipment. On information and belief, Continental's customers and/or the end users incorporate Continental's TPMS equipment into vehicles along with other equipment to directly infringe the '524 patent.

16. On information and belief, Continental's TPMS equipment has no substantial noninfringing uses. Further, Continental's TPMS equipment constitute a material part of the inventions claimed in the '524 patent because they constitute the "pressure measuring device," the "transmitter," and the "receiver" claimed in the '524 patent.

17. On information and belief, Continental knew its TPMS equipment were especially made or adapted for use in a manner that would infringe the '524 patent.

18. Plaintiffs have been damaged as the result of Continental's infringement.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully requests that this Court:

- (1) Enter judgment that Continental has infringed the '524 patent;
- (2) Award Plaintiffs damages in an amount sufficient to compensate it for Continental's infringement of the '524 patent, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs, and all other damages permitted under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(3) Award Plaintiffs an accounting for acts of infringement not presented at trial and an award by the Court of additional damage for any such acts of infringement; and

(4) Award Plaintiffs such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all issues so triable.

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