

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

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UNILOC USA, INC. and	§	
UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.,	§	Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-00293
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Plaintiffs,	§	
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v.	§	
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APPLE INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs, Uniloc USA, Inc. (“Uniloc USA”) and Uniloc Luxembourg, S.A. (“Uniloc Luxembourg”) (together, “Uniloc”), for their complaint against defendant, Apple Inc. (“Apple”), allege as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Uniloc USA is a Texas corporation having regular and established places of business at Legacy Town Center I, Suite 380, 7160 Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75024 and 102 N. College, Suite 603, Tyler, Texas 75702.

2. Uniloc Luxembourg is a Luxembourg public limited liability company having a principal place of business at 15, Rue Edward Steichen, 4th Floor, L-2540, Luxembourg (R.C.S. Luxembourg B159161).

3. Apple is a California corporation having regular and established places of business at 12535 Riata Vista Circle and 5501 West Parmer Lane, Austin, Texas. Apple offers its products and/or services, including those accused herein of infringement, to customers and

potential customers located in Texas and in the judicial Western District of Texas. Apple may be served with process through its registered agent for service in Texas: CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryant Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. Uniloc brings this action for patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332(a) and 1338(a).

5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). Apple has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district and maintains regular and established places of business in this district, as set forth above.

COUNT I
(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,836,654)

6. Uniloc incorporates paragraphs 1-5 above by reference.

7. Uniloc Luxembourg is the owner, by assignment, of U.S. Patent No. 6,836,654 (“the ’654 Patent”), entitled ANTI-THEFT PROTECTION FOR A RADIOTELEPHONY DEVICE which issued on December 28, 2004. A copy of the ’654 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

8. Uniloc USA is the exclusive licensee of the ’654 Patent, with ownership of all substantial rights, including the right to grant sublicenses, to exclude others, and to enforce and recover past damages for infringement.

9. The ’654 Patent describes in detail and claims in various ways inventions in systems and devices for improved blocking and unblocking of the operational mode of electronic devices such as cellphones, using timing and identifiers developed by the inventor around 1999.

10. The '654 Patent describes problems and shortcomings in the then-existing field of antitheft measures for portable telephones and describes and claims novel and inventive technological improvements and solutions to such problems and shortcomings. The technological improvements and solutions described and claimed in the '654 Patent were not conventional or generic at the time of their respective inventions but involved novel and non-obvious approaches to the problems and shortcomings prevalent in the art at the time.

11. The inventions claimed in the '654 Patent involve and cover more than just the performance of well-understood, routine and/or conventional activities known to the industry prior to the invention of such novel and non-obvious methods, systems and devices by the '654 Patent inventor.

12. The inventions claimed in the '654 Patent represent technological solutions to technological problems. The written description of the '654 Patent describes in technical detail each of the limitations of the claims, allowing a person of ordinary skill in the art to understand what the limitations cover and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim elements differ markedly from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic.

13. Apple imports, uses, offers for sale, and sells in the United States electronic devices that utilize antitheft measures. Such devices include: (1) iPhone, iPhone 3G, iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPhone 5, iPhone 5c, iPhone 5s, iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus, iPhone 6s, iPhone 6s, iPhone SE, iPhone 7, iPhone 7, Plus, iPhone 8, iPhone 8 Plus, iPhone X cellphones, and (2) iPad 2 CDMA, iPad 2 3G, iPad 3G, iPad 3 Cellular, iPad 4 Cellular, iPad Mini Cellular tablets (collectively "Accused Infringing Devices").

14. The Accused Infringing Devices are mobile radiotelephony devices incorporating antitheft technology that utilizes timing and identification codes to block and unblock normal operation of the device.

15. Apple has infringed, and continues to infringe, claims of the '654 Patent in the United States, including claims 1-5 and 7, by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing the Accused Infringing Devices in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

16. Apple has also infringed, and continues to infringe, claims 1-5 and 7 of the '654 Patent by actively inducing others to use, offer for sale, and sell the Accused Infringing Devices. Apple's customers who use those devices in accordance with Apple's instructions infringe claims 1-5 and 7 of the '654 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). Apple intentionally instructs its customers to infringe through training videos, demonstrations, brochures, installation and user guides, such as those located at:

- www.apple.com
- <https://support.apple.com/en-us/>
- <https://support.apple.com/explore/messages>
- <https://www.apple.com/iphone-7/>
- [https:// www.apple.com/iphone-8/](https://www.apple.com/iphone-8/)
- <https://support.apple.com/en-in/HT201371>
- <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204060>
- <https://discussions.apple.com/thread/>
- www.apple.com/business/docs/iOS_Security_Guide.pdf
- www.youtube.com/user/apple

Apple also induces infringement by others by failing to remove or diminish the infringing features of the Accused Infringing Devices. Apple is thereby liable for infringement of the '654 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

17. Apple has also infringed, and continues to infringe, claims 1-5 and 7 of the '654 patent by offering to commercially distribute, commercially distributing, or importing the Accused Infringing Devices which devices are used in practicing the processes, or using the systems, of the '654 patent, and constitute a material part of the invention. Apple knows portions of the Accused Devices to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the '654 patent, not a staple article, and not a commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Apple is thereby liable for infringement of the '654 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

18. Apple will have been on notice of the '654 Patent since, at the latest, the service of this complaint upon it. By the time of trial, Apple will have known and intended (since receiving such notice) that its continued actions would actively induce and contribute to the infringement of claims 1-5 and 7 of the '654 Patent.

19. Apple may have infringed the '654 Patent through other software and devices utilizing the same or reasonably similar functionality, including other versions of the Accused Infringing Devices.

20. Uniloc has been damaged by Apple's infringement of the '654 Patent.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Uniloc requests that the Court enter judgment against Apple:

(A) declaring that Apple has infringed the '654 Patent;

- (B) awarding Uniloc its damages suffered as a result of Apple's infringement of the '654 Patent;
- (C) awarding Uniloc its costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and interest, and
- (D) granting Uniloc such further relief as the Court finds appropriate.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Uniloc demands trial by jury, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

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Respectfully submitted,

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