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14	DARFON ELECTRONICS CORP., a Taiwanese corporation,	Case No.	
15		COMPLAINT FOR PATENT	
16	Plaintiff,	INFRINGEMENT	
17	VS.	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
18	LITE-ON SINGAPORE PTE. LTD., a Singaporean company, LITE-ON TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a Taiwanese corporation, LITE-ON TRADING USA, INC., a California corporation, and SILITEK ELECTRONICS (DONGGUAN) CO., LTD. a Chinese company,		
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22	Defendants.		
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	COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT		

This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, in which Plaintiff Darfon Electronics Corporation makes the following allegations against Defendants Lite-On Singapore Pte. Ltd., Lite-On Technology Corporation, Lite-On Trading USA, Inc., and Silitek Electronics (Dongguan) Co., Ltd.

#### **Parties**

- Darfon Electronics Corporation ("Darfon") is a Taiwanese company located at No.
   Shanying Road, Guishan Dist., Taoyuan City 333, Taiwan, R.O.C.
- 2. Darfon was founded in May 1997 and is dedicated to providing "one stop shopping" precision components to ODM and OEM clients. Darfon's product lines include: Human Interface Devices, Power & Energy Devices, Integrated Components & Materials, and Green Devices. Darfon is the world's number one notebook keyboard manufacturer. Darfon acquired more than 1,300 patents worldwide and 8 international design awards in the past 15 years.
- 3. On information and belief, Lite-On Singapore Pte. Ltd. ("Lite-On Singapore") is a Singaporean company located at 22, Sin Ming Lane #03-83, Midview City, Singapore, 573969.
- 4. On information and belief, Lite-On Technology Corporation ("Lite-On") is a Taiwanese corporation located at 392 Ruey Kwang Road, Neihu, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. 114.
- 5. On information and belief, Lite-On Trading USA, Inc. ("Lite-On USA") is a California corporation located at 720 S Hillview Dr., Milpitas, California, 95035.
- 6. On information and belief, Silitek Electronics (Dongguan ) Co., Ltd. ("Silitek") is a Chinese company located at The Mid. of KeJi (Science and Technology) Road, Shi Jie Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, P.R. China.
- 7. On information and belief, Lite-On Singapore, Lite-On USA, and Silitek are subsidiaries of Lite-On (collectively, "Defendants"). Defendants collectively make, import, sell and/or offer for sale infringing products in the United States, including in the State of California and in this District.

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#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. Thus, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants in this action. Defendants are subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the California Long Arm Statute because Defendant Lite-On USA is incorporated in California, and due at least to their substantial business conducted in this forum, directly and/or through intermediaries, including (i) having solicited business in the State of California and in this District, transacted business within the State of California and in this District, and attempted to derive financial benefit from residents of the State of California and this District, including benefits directly related to the patent infringement claims set forth herein; (ii) having placed their products and services into the stream of commerce throughout the United States and having been actively engaged in transacting business in California and in this District; and (iii) either alone or in conjunction with others, having committed acts of infringement within California and in this District, as, on information and belief, the Defendants, directly and/or through intermediaries, have advertised (including through websites), offered to sell, sold and/or distributed infringing products, and/or have induced the sale and use of infringing products in the United States and in California and in this District. Further, the Defendants have, directly or through their distribution network, purposefully and voluntarily placed such products in the stream of commerce knowing and expecting them to be purchased and used by consumers in California and in this District. The Defendants have either committed direct infringement in California or committed indirect infringement based on acts of direct infringement in California and in this District. In addition, on information and belief, the Defendants are subject to the Court's general jurisdiction, including from regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in California and in this District, and/or based on Defendant Lite-On USA's presence and physical location in California.
- 10. On information and belief, the Defendants do one or more of the following with the computer keyboards that embody the patented technology: (a) make these devices in the United

States for sale to customers, including customers in California; (b) import these devices into the United States for sale to consumers, including consumers in California; (c) sell them or offer them for sale in the United States, including to customers in California; and/or (d) sell them to customers who incorporate them into products that such customers import, sell, or offer for sale in the United States, including in California.

- 11. Thus, Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the benefits of doing business in the State of California and the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendants would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 12. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b) because Defendant Lite-On USA is a California corporation with a principal place of business in this District, and because Defendants Lite-On Singapore, Lite-On, and Silitek are foreign corporations.

#### **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

13. This is an Intellectual Property Action within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-2(c) and is to be assigned on a district-wide basis.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 14. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,054,939 ("the '939 Patent"), titled "Keyboard Assembly." The '939 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 25, 2000. A true and correct copy of the '939 Patent is included as Exhibit A to this Complaint.
- 15. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '939 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for any infringement of the '939 Patent.
- 16. Defendants have been aware of the '939 Patent since at least as early as November 4, 2002, when, upon information and belief, Silitek Corp. merged with Defendant Lite-On. Several Silitek Corp. patents, including at least U.S. Patent No. 6,467,683 and U.S. Patent No. 6,542,355, cite to the '939 Patent as prior art. At least U.S. Patent No. 6,467,683 issued prior to November 4, 2002.

- 17. On October 25, 2017, Darfon sent Lite-On a letter informing it of its infringement of the '939 Patent. Upon information and belief, Lite-On received Darfon's letter on October 26, 2017. Defendants have been on notice at least as early as Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 25, 2017 letter of the '939 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '939 Patent. Despite Darfon's attempt to engage Defendants and despite Defendants' knowledge that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of one or more claims of the '939 Patent since at least receipt of Darfon's October 25, 2017 letter, Defendants refused to stop infringing the '939 Patent.
- 18. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,538,222 ("the '222 Patent"), titled "Push Button Switch Apparatus and Method of Assembling the Same." The '222 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 25, 2003. A true and correct copy of the '222 Patent is included as Exhibit B to this Complaint.
- 19. An Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '222 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 11, 2013. A true and correct copy of the Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '222 Patent is included as Exhibit C to this Complaint.
- 20. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '222 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for past and future infringement.
- 21. On July 16, 2012, Darfon sent Lite-On a letter informing it of its infringement of the '222 Patent. Defendants have been on notice at least as early as Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's July 16, 2012 letter of the '222 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '222 Patent. Further, on February 12, 2015, Darfon sent Lite-On an email with the '222 Patent and '222 Reexamination Certificate and identified an infringing Lite-On product. Despite Darfon's attempt to engage Defendants and despite Defendants' knowledge that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of one or more claims of the '222 Patent since at least July 16, 2012, Defendants have refused to stop infringing the '222 Patent or enter into a reasonable, current license agreement for the '222 Patent.

- 22. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,012 ("the '012 Patent"), titled "Key Device with a Scissors-like Structure." The '012 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 14, 2003. A true and correct copy of the '012 Patent is included as Exhibit D to this Complaint.
- 23. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '012 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for past and future infringement.
- 24. Defendants have been on notice at least by the date of service of this Complaint of the '012 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '012 Patent.
- 25. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,860,612 ("the '612 Patent"), titled "Illuminated Keyboard Switch Structure." The '612 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2005. A true and correct copy of the '612 Patent is included as Exhibit E to this Complaint.
- 26. An Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '612 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 15, 2014. A true and correct copy of the Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '612 Patent is included as Exhibit F to this Complaint.
- 27. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '612 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for past and future infringement.
- 28. On July 16, 2012 and again on October 3, 2014, Darfon sent Lite-On a letter informing it of its infringement of the '612 Patent. Defendants have been on notice at least as early as Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's July 16, 2012 letter of the '612 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '612 Patent. Despite Darfon's attempt to engage Defendants and despite Defendants' knowledge that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of one or more claims of the '612 Patent since at least July 16, 2012, Defendants have refused to stop infringing the '612 Patent or enter into a reasonable, current license agreement for the '612 Patent.
- 29. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 8,253,598 ("the '598 Patent"), titled "Light-emitting Keyboard." The '598 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States

Patent and Trademark Office on August 28, 2012. A true and correct copy of the '598 Patent is included as Exhibit G to this Complaint.

- 30. An Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '598 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2013. A true and correct copy of the Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '598 Patent is included as Exhibit H to this Complaint.
- 31. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '598 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for past and future infringement.
- 32. On October 3, 2014, Darfon sent Lite-On a letter informing it of its infringement of the '598 Patent. Defendants have been on notice at least as early as Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 3, 2014 letter of the '598 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '598 Patent. Despite Darfon's attempt to engage Defendants and despite Defendants' knowledge that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of one or more claims of the '598 Patent since at least Lire-On's receipt of Darfon's October 2, 2014 letter, Defendants have refused to stop infringing the '598 Patent or enter into a reasonable, current license agreement for the '598 Patent.
- 33. Darfon is the owner by assignment of U.S. Patent No. 9,875,864 ("the '864 Patent"), titled "Keyboard and Backlight Module." The '864 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 23, 2018. A true and correct copy of the '864 Patent is included as Exhibit I to this Complaint.
- 34. Darfon is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '864 Patent, including all rights to sue and recover for past and future infringement.
- 35. Defendants have been on notice at least as early as service of this Complaint of the '864 Patent and their infringement of one or more claims of the '864 Patent.

#### COUNT I

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,054,939**

- 36. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 37. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '939 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1-5, 9-11 and 13-17, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the Dell KB 216T model computer keyboard (SC-KSK467, SK8123 US, 812-01017-00B) ("Dell KB 216T"), which, on information and belief, Defendants manufacture for Dell, and any other similar products that infringe at least one claim of the '939 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '939 Accused Products."
- 38. The '939 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '939 Patent, including at least Claims 1-5, 9-11 and 13-17, because they contain each element of those claims.
- 39. By way of example, the Dell KB 216T infringes Claim 1 of the '939 Patent because it is a keyboard assembly with a base having a supporting surface:

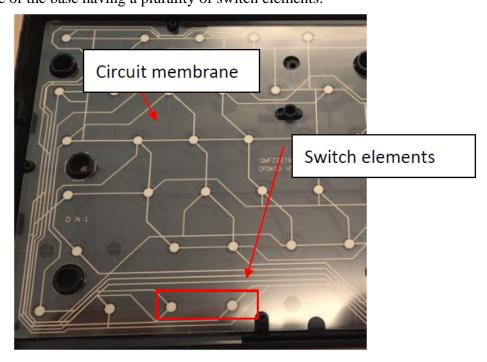


Keyboard assembly

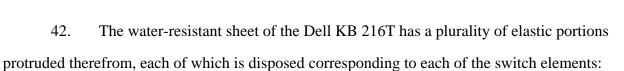
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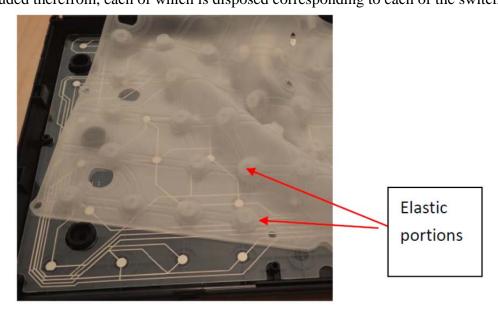
Supporting surface (top surface of the protrusion)

40. The Dell KB 216T also includes a circuit membrane mounted on the supporting surface of the base having a plurality of switch elements:



41. The Dell KB 216T also includes a water-resistant sheet covering the circuit membrane:

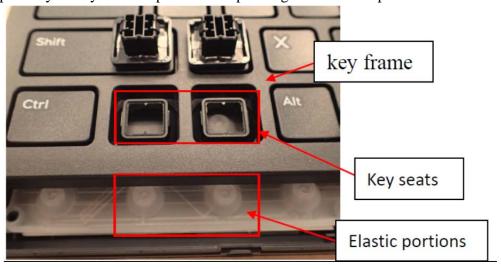




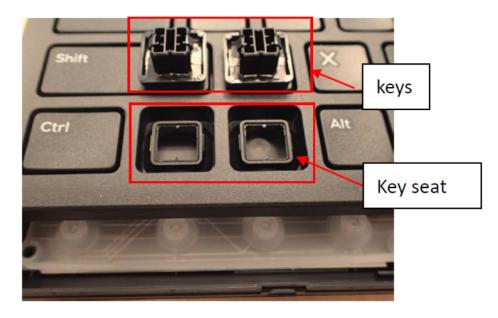
43. The water resistant sheet of the Dell KB 216T also has a peripheral edge:

peripheral edge

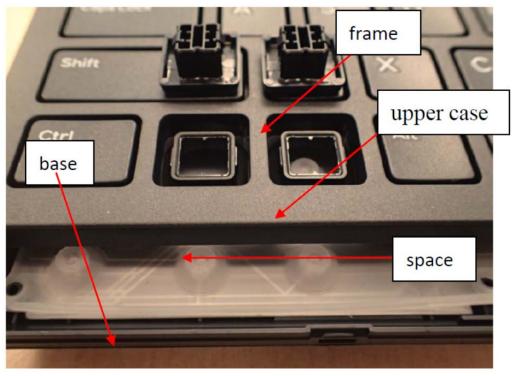
44. In addition, the Dell KB 216T includes a key frame above the water-resistant sheet with a plurality of key seats disposed corresponding to the elastic portions:



45. The Dell KB 216T includes a plurality of keys, each mounted on a respective key seat so that when a key is pressed down, its corresponding elastic portion is depressed to activate its associated switch element:



46. Finally, the Dell KB 216T also includes an upper case mounted on the base, wherein a space for collecting liquid is formed between the key frame and the water-resistant sheet, the space communicating with the plurality of key seats such that liquid entering the key seats flows into the space:

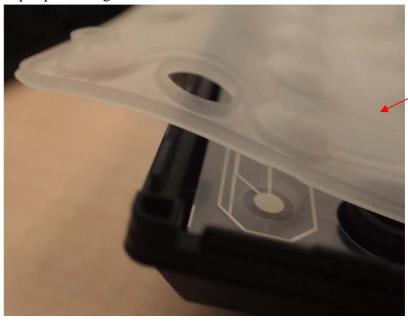


47. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 2 of the '939 Patent because it also includes a first sealing flange mounted on the peripheral edge, thereby surrounding the water resistant sheet:

water-resistant sheet (thin).

first sealing flange (thick)

48. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T infringes Claim 3 of the '939 Patent because the above-identified first sealing flange is integrally formed with the water-resistant sheet along the peripheral edge:



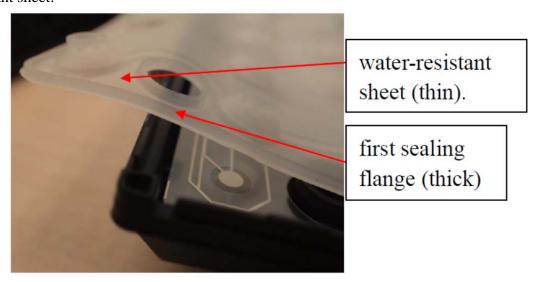
Water-resistant elastomer sheet

49. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 4 of the '939 Patent because the water resistant sheet is made from elastomer mategrial:



Water-resistant elastomer sheet

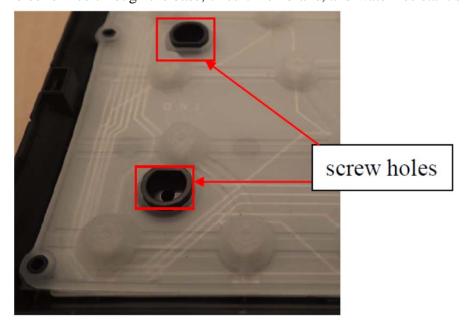
50. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 5 of the '939 Patent because the thickness of the first sealing flange is greater than the thickness of the water-resistant sheet:



51. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 9 of the '939 Patent because it includes a plurality of fastening means for securing the base, circuit membrane, and water-resistant sheet to the key frame:

fastening means

52. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 10 of the '939 Patent because the fastening means are screw bolts that are respectively received in a plurality of screw holes formed through the base, circuit membrane, and water-resistant sheet:



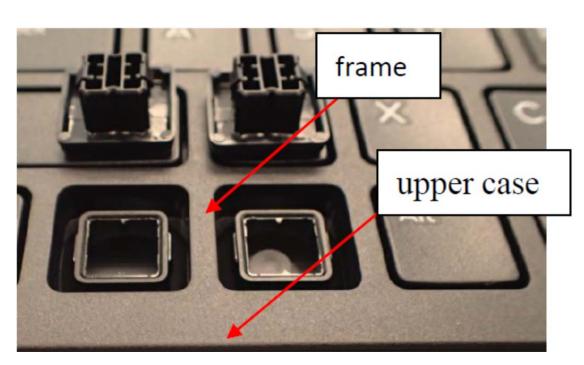
53. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 11 of the '939 Patent because it includes a third sealing flange surrounding the screw holes:

screw hole

third sealing flange

54. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 13 of the '939 Patent because its key frame is integrally formed with its upper case:





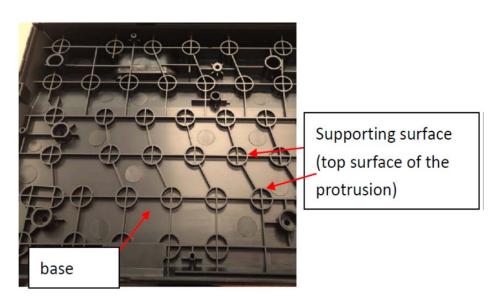
55. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 14 of the '939 Patent because its base is integrally formed with its supporting surface:

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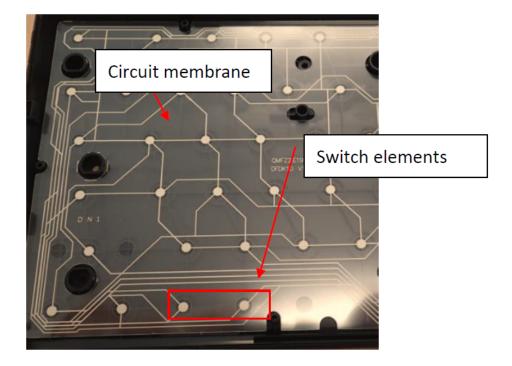
Supporting surface (top surface of the protrusion)

56. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 15 of the '939 Patent because it is a keyboard assembly with a base having a supporting surface:

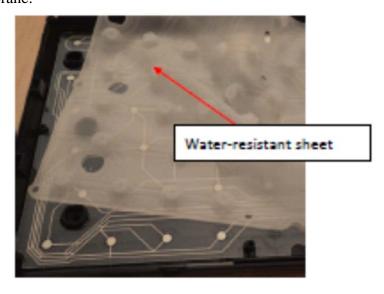




57. The Dell KB 216T also includes a circuit membrane mounted on the supporting surface having a plurality of switch elements:



58. The Dell KB 216T also includes a water-resistant sheet covering the circuit membrane:

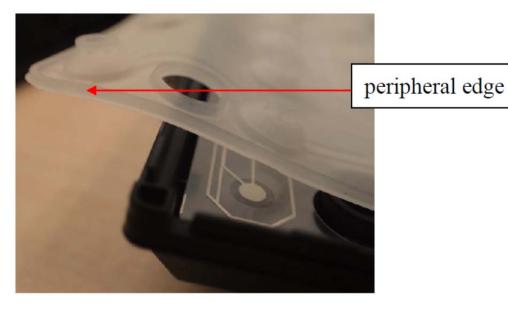


59. The water-resistant sheet of the Dell KB 216T has a plurality of elastic portions protruded therefrom, each of which is disposed corresponding to each of the switch elements:

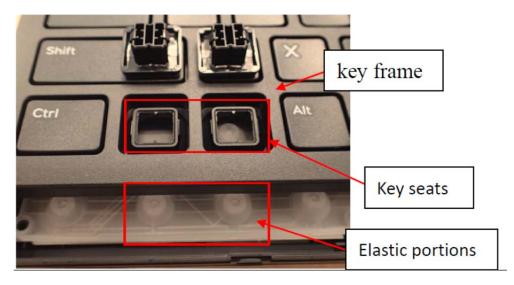
The water-resistant sheet of the Dell KB 216T also has a peripheral edge: 60.

Elastic

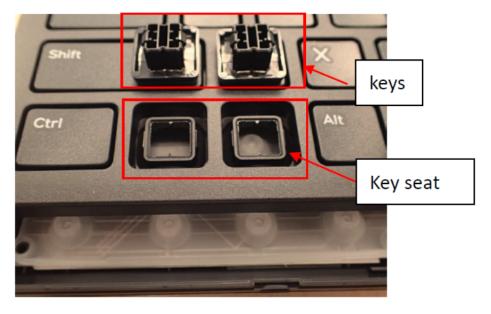
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61. In addition, the Dell KB 216T includes a key frame above the water-resistant sheet with a plurality of key seats disposed corresponding to the elastic portions:

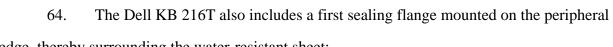


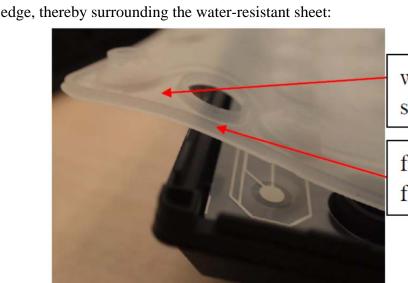
62. The Dell KB 216T includes a plurality of keys, each mounted on a respective key seat so that when a key is pressed down, its corresponding elastic portion is depressed to activate its associated switch element:



63. The Dell KB 216T also includes an upper case mounted on the base, wherein a space for collecting liquid is formed between the key frame and the water-resistant sheet, the space communicating with the plurality of key seats such that liquid entering the key seats flows into the space:

base





water-resistant sheet (thin).

frame

upper case

space

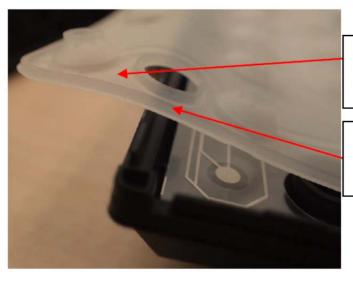
first sealing flange (thick)

65. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T infringes Claim 16 of the '939 Patent because the above-identified first sealing flange is integrally formed with the water-resistant sheet along the peripheral edge:

66. By way of further example, the Dell KB 216T also infringes Claim 17 of the '939 Patent because the thickness of the first sealing flange is greater than the thickness of the water-

resistant sheet:





water-resistant sheet (thin).

first sealing flange (thick)

67. Upon information and belief, the Dell KB 216T model computer keyboard (SC-KSK467, SK8123 US, 812-01017-00B) is manufactured by Defendants. Upon information and belief, the serial numbers on the Dell KB 216T correspond to Defendants' part numbers:

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68. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '939 Accused Products that infringe the '939 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '939 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

69. In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '939 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1-5, 9-11 and 13-17, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., Dell), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '939 Accused Products. The making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '939 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '939 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '939 Accused Products; advertising the '939 Accused Products in the United States; and encouraging the sale and offer for sale of the '939 Accused Products by other entities (for example, <a href="https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing\_page">https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing\_page</a> and https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as Dell offer the '939 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party Dell offers the Dell KB 216T for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:

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70. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '939 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '939 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '939 Patent and the infringement of the '939 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 25, 2017 letter, as described in Paragraphs 16-17. At the very least, because Defendants have been and remain on notice of the '939 Patent and the accused infringement, they have been and remain willfully blind regarding the infringement they have induced and continue to induce. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35. U.S.C. § 271 by marking their products that practice the '939 Patent, either physically or through virtual marking, including at <a href="http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp">http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp</a>, thus providing notice to potential infringers.

- 71. Darfon has suffered and continues to suffer damages and irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '939 Patent.
- 72. Defendants' infringement of the '939 Patent has been and continues to be willful, deliberate, and in disregard of Darfon's patent rights. The Defendants had knowledge of the '939 Patent and the infringement of the '939 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 25, 2017 letter, as described in Paragraphs 16-17, and have proceeded to infringe the '939 Patent with full knowledge of that patent and its applicability to Defendants' products. Defendants' intentional, knowing, egregious, culpable, willful, wanton, malicious, bad faith, deliberate, consciously wrongful, and/or flagrant infringement entitles Darfon to increased damages under 35

U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

#### **COUNT II**

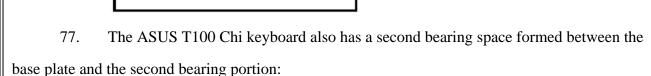
#### INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,538,222

- 73. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 74. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '222 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 13-22 and 24-28, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the keyboard of the ASUS Transformer T100 Chi 2-in-1 Detachable Laptop (SG-80300-XUA) ("ASUS T100 Chi keyboard"), which, on information and belief, Defendants manufacture for ASUS, and any other similar products that infringe at least one claim of the '222 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '222 Accused Products."
- 75. The '222 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '222 Patent, including at least Claims 13-22 and 24-28, because they contain each element of those claims.
- 76. By way of example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 13 of the '222 Patent because it is a push button switch apparatus with a base plate having a first bearing portion, a second bearing portion, and a first pivot bearing space formed between the base plate and first bearing portion:

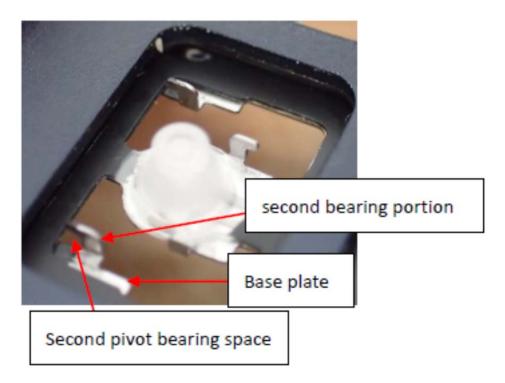
First bearing portion

Base plate

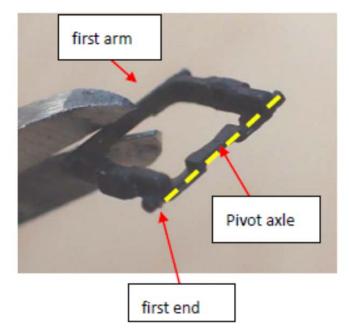
First pivot bearing space



Second bearing portion



78. In addition, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard has a first arm having a pivot axle at the first end:



79. The pivot axle of the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard extends from the first end through both the first and second pivot bearing spaces:

pivot axle

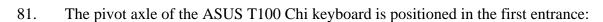
first pivot bearing space

second pivot bearing space

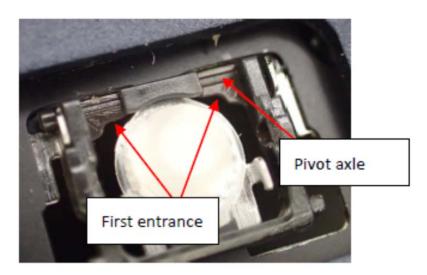
80. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a flexible layer positioned on the base plate and having a first entrance partially overlapping with both the first and second pivot bearing spaces:

Flexible layer

First pivot bearing spaces

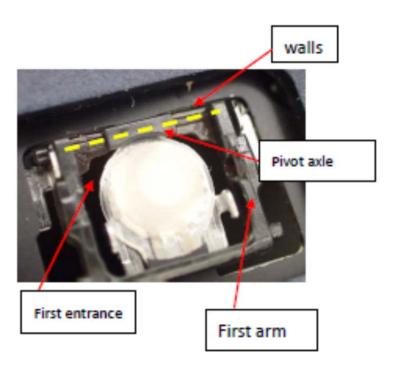


First entrance

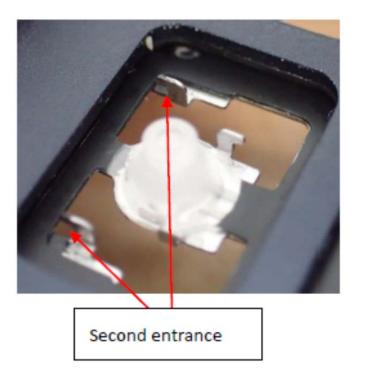


Second pivot bearing spaces

82. Finally, the walls defined by the first entrance of the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard constrain the pivot axle within the pivot bearing space, and the first arm selectively rotating along the pivot axle.



83. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 14 of the '222 Patent because the first pivot bearing space includes a second entrance and the pivot axle enters into the first pivot bearing space through the second entrance:



'222 Patent because it includes a key cap connected to the second end of the first arm, the first arm

By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 15 of the

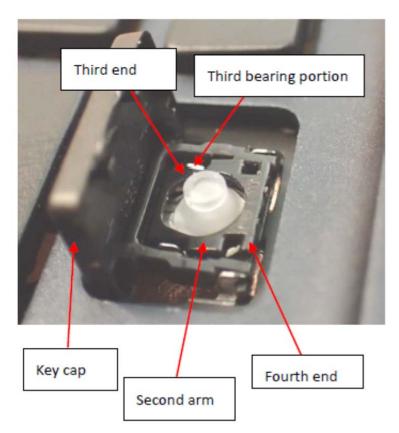
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Key cap

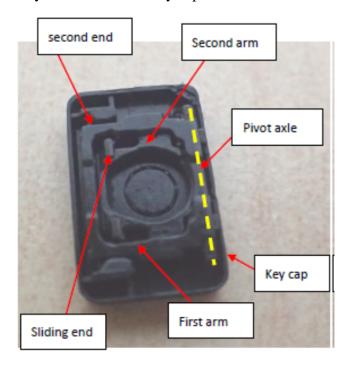
selectively rotating along the pivot axle in response to up-and-down movement of the key cap: Pivot axle

85. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 16 of the '222 Patent because it has a second arm with a third end and a fourth end, where its base plate comprises a third bearing portion connected to the third end, the fourth end is connected to the key cap, and the second arm is connected to the first arm to constitute a scissors-like structure:

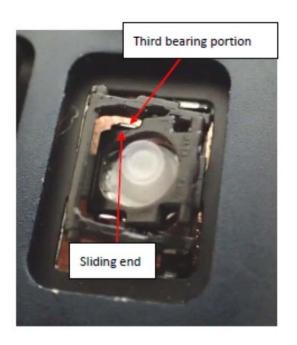
Second end



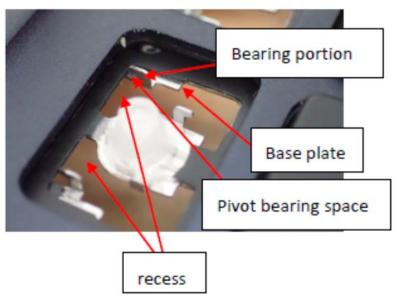
86. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 17 of the '222 Patent because it includes a second arm comprising a sliding end, and its first arm has a second end slidably connected to its key cap:



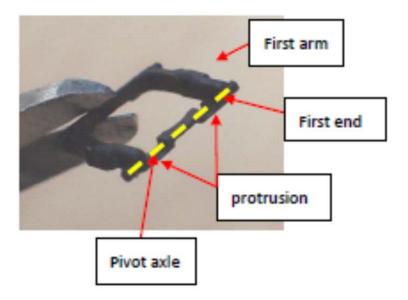
87. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a base plate with a third bearing portion slidably connected to the sliding end of the second arm, wherein the pivot axle is slidably rotatable within the first bearing space and slides for a shorter horizontal distance than the sliding end of the second arm in response to up-and-down motion of the key cap:



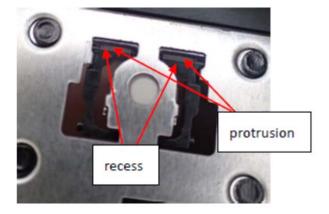
88. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 18 of the '222 Patent because it is a push button switch apparatus with a base plate having a bearing portion and a recess, a pivot bearing space formed between the base plate and the bearing portion:

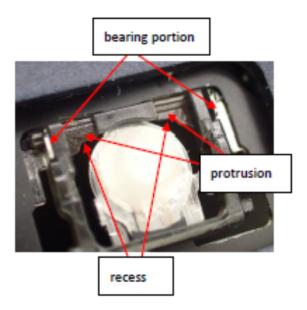


89. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also has a first arm with a pivot axle at a first end of the first arm, the pivot axle having a protrusion:

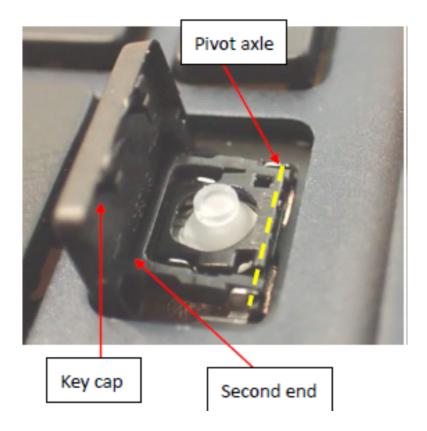


90. The protrusion of the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard is disposed in the recess but outside a space beneath the bearing portion to enable the pivot axle to be retained within the pivot bearing space:

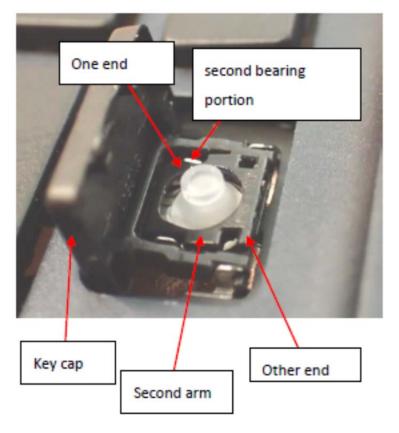




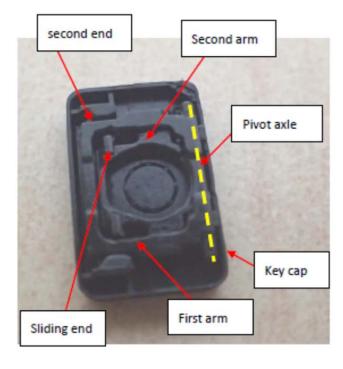
91. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also infringes Claim 19 of the '222 Patent because it includes a key cap and its first arm comprises a second end connected to the key cap, the first arm selectively rotating along the pivot axle in response to up-and-down movement of the key cap:

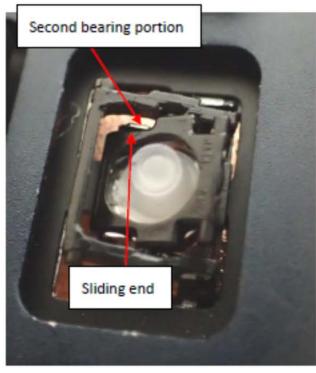


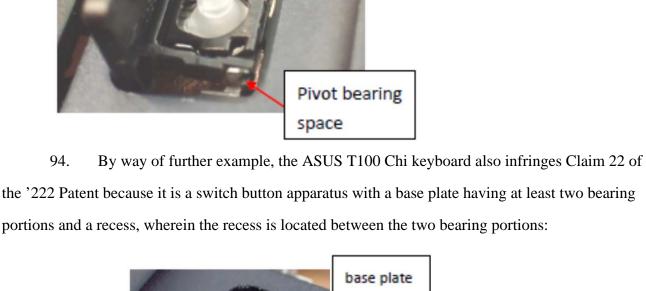
92. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also infringes Claim 20 of the '222 Patent because it includes a second arm, its base plate comprises a second bearing portion, and the second arm comprises two ends, wherein one end of the second arm is connected to the second bearing portion, the other end of the second arm is connected to the key cap, and the second arm is connected with the first arm to constitute a scissors-like structure:

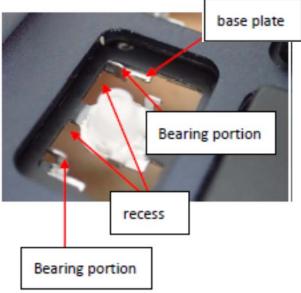


93. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also infringes Claim 21 of the '222 Patent because it includes a key cap and a second arm, the second arm comprising a sliding end, a first arm comprising a second end slidably connected to the key cap, and a base plate comprising a second bearing portion slidably connected to the sliding end, wherein the pivot axle is slidably rotatable within the pivot bearing space and the pivot axle slides for a shorter horizontal distance than the sliding end of the second arm in response to up-and-down motion of the key cap:

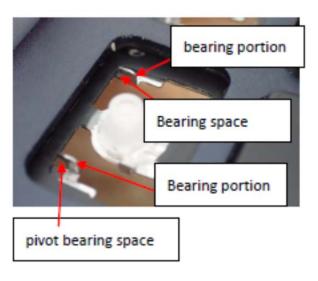




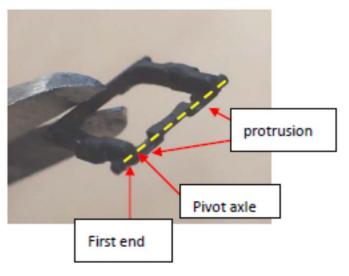




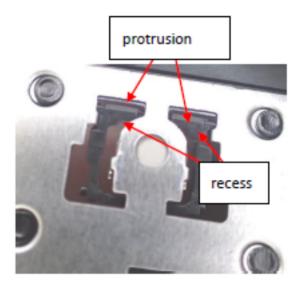
95. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a bearing space formed between the base plate and each bearing portion:

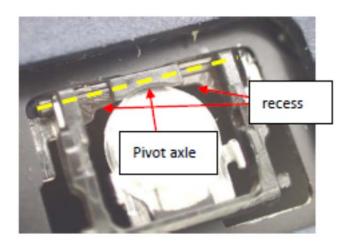


96. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a first arm having a pivot axle at a first end of the first arm, the pivot axle having a protrusion:

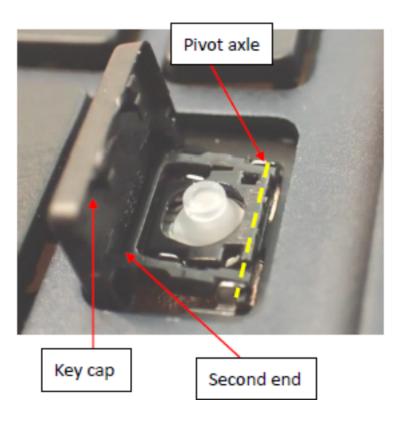


97. The protrusion of the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard is disposed in the recess to enable the pivot axle to be retained within the pivot bearing space:

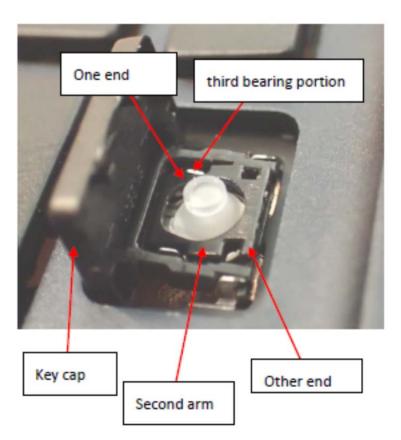




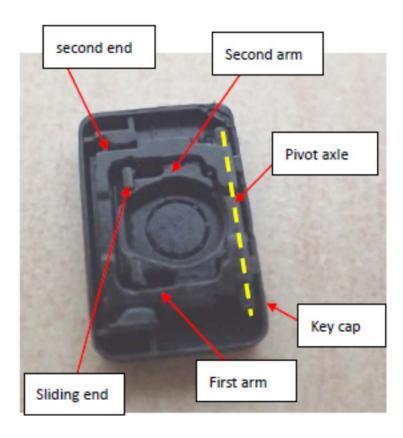
98. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 24 of the '222 Patent because it includes a key cap, a first arm comprising a second end connected to the key cap, and the first arm selectively rotating along the pivot axle in response to up-and-down movement of the key cap:



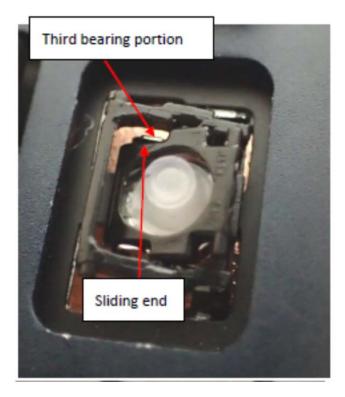
By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 25 of the 99. '222 Patent because it includes a second arm, its base plate also comprises a third bearing portion, and the second arm comprises two ends, wherein one end of the second arm is connected to the third bearing portion, the other end of the second arm is connected to the key cap, and the second arm is connected to the first arm to constitute a scissors-like structure:

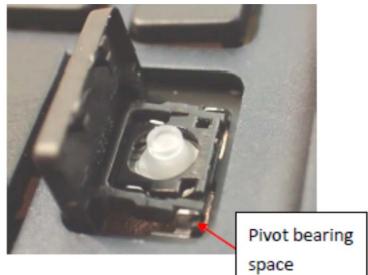


100. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 26 of the '222 Patent because it includes a key cap and a second arm, the second arm comprising a sliding end, and a first arm comprising a second end slidably connected to the key cap:

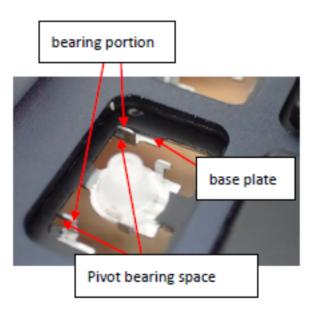


101. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a baseplate comprising a third bearing portion slidably connected to the sliding end, wherein the pivot axle is slidably rotatable within the pivot bearing space and the pivot axle slides for a shorter horizontal distance than the sliding end of the second arm in response to up-and-down motion of the key cap:

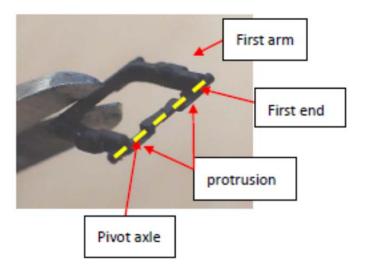




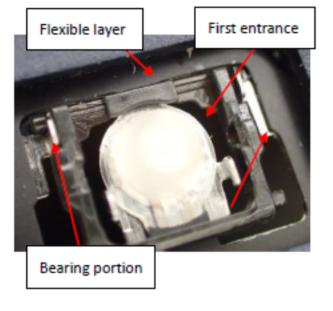
102. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also infringes Claim 27 of the '222 Patent because it is a push button switch apparatus with a base plate having at least two bearing portions, a pivot bearing space being formed between the base plate and each bearing portion:



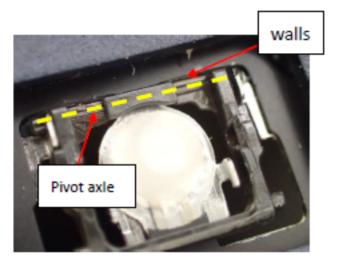
103. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a first arm having a pivot axle at a first end of the first arm, the pivot axle having a protrusion:



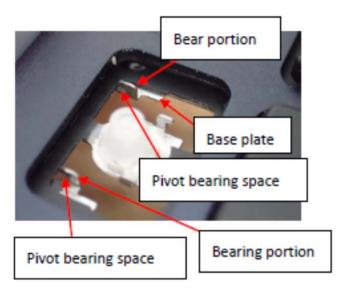
104. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also includes a flexible layer positioned on the base plate with a first entrance located between the two bearing portions and the protrusion being positioned in the first entrance:



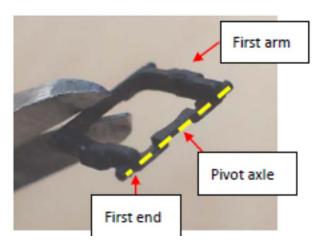
105. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also has walls defined by the first entrance that constrain the pivot axle being movable within the pivot bearing space:



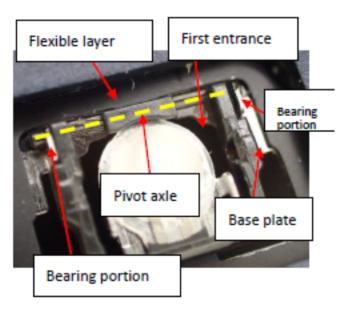
106. By way of further example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 28 of the '222 Patent because it includes a base plate having at least two bearing portions and a pivot bearing space formed between the base plate and each bearing portion:



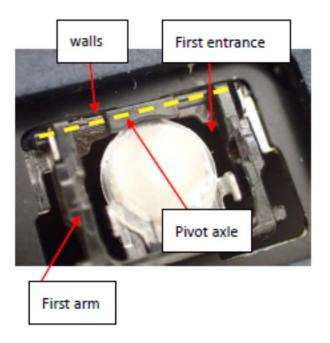
107. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also has a first arm having a pivot axle at a first end:



108. The ASUS T100 Chi keyboard also has a flexible layer positioned on the base plate, having a first entrance located between the two bearing portions and the pivot axle being positioned in the first entrance:



109. Finally, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard has walls defined by the first entrance that constrain the pivot axle within the pivot bearing space, and the first arm selectively rotating along the pivot axle:



110. Upon information and belief, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard is manufactured by Defendants. Upon information and belief, the serial numbers on the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard, including at least SG-80300-XUA, correspond to Defendants' part numbers:

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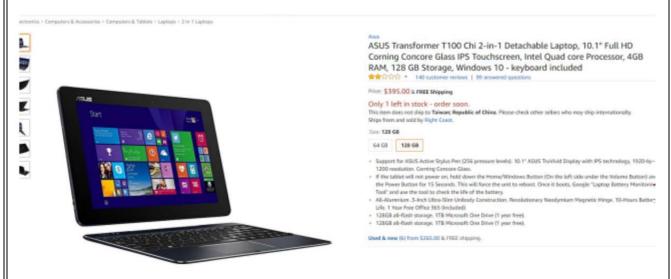
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- 111. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '222 Accused Products that infringe the '222 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '222 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.
- In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '222 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 13-22 and 24-28, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., ASUS), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '222 Accused Products. The making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '222 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '222 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '222 Accused Products; advertising the '222 Accused Products in the United States; and encouraging the sale and offer for sale of the '222 Accused Products by other entities (for example, https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing page and https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as ASUS offer the '222 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party ASUS offers the ASUS T100 Chi for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:



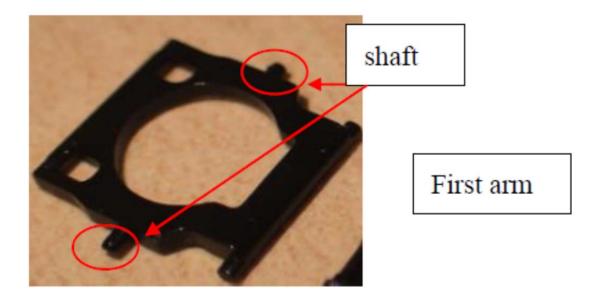
- 113. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '222 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '222 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '222 Patent and the infringement of the '222 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's July 16, 2012 letter, as described in Paragraph 21. At the very least, because Defendants have been and remain on notice of the '222 Patent and the accused infringement, they have been and remain willfully blind regarding the infringement they have induced and continue to induce. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35. U.S.C. § 271 by marking their products that practice the '222 Patent, either physically or through virtual marking, including at <a href="http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp">http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp</a>, thus providing notice to potential infringers.
- 114. Darfon has suffered and continues to suffer damages and irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '222 Patent.
- 115. Defendants' infringement of the '222 Patent has been and continues to be willful, deliberate, and in disregard of Darfon's patent rights. The Defendants had knowledge of the '222 Patent and the infringement of the '222 Patent no later than July 16, 2012, as described in Paragraph 21, and have proceeded to infringe the '222 Patent with full knowledge of that patent and its applicability to Defendants' products. Defendants' intentional, knowing, egregious, culpable, willful, wanton, malicious, bad faith, deliberate, consciously wrongful, and/or flagrant infringement entitles

Darfon to increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

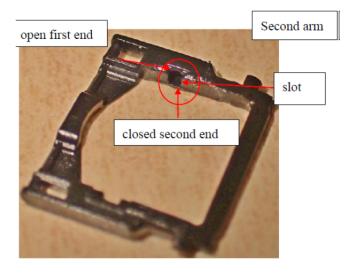
#### **COUNT III**

## INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,633,012

- 116. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 117. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '012 Patent, including but not limited to Claim 1 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the keyboard of the ASUS Transformer T100 Chi 2-in-1 Detachable Laptop (SG-80300-XUA) ("ASUS T100 Chi keyboard"), which, on information and belief, Defendants manufacture for ASUS, and any other similar products that infringe at least one claim of the '012 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '012 Accused Products."
- 118. The '012 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '012 Patent, including at least Claim 1, because they contain each element of those claims.
- 119. By way of example, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard infringes Claim 1 of the '012 Patent because it is a key device with a first arm having a shaft:



120. In addition, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard includes a second arm having a slot with an open first end and a closed second end, the slot comprising a first portion and a second portion, the first portion communicating the second portion, and the second portion defining an axial direction, wherein the length of the first portion along the axial direction is substantially shorter than the shaft:



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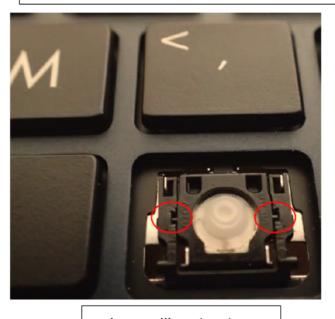
121. Further, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard's first arm and second arm form a scissors-like structure with the shaft disposed within the second portion:

second portion

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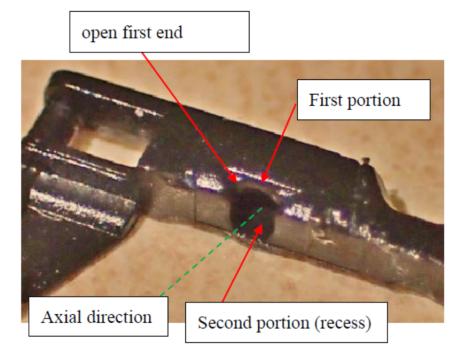
# shaft disposed within said second portion

axial direction



scissors-like structure

122. Finally, while the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard's first arm is being assembled to the second arm, the shaft is first disposed into the first portion via the open first end, then the shaft slides along the first portion and the shaft is further pushed into the second portion along the axial direction:



123. Upon information and belief, the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard is manufactured by Defendants. Upon information and belief, the serial numbers on the ASUS T100 Chi keyboard correspond to Defendants' part numbers:



- 124. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '012 Accused Products that infringe the '012 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '012 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.
- 125. In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '012 Patent, including but not limited to Claim 1, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., ASUS), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '012 Accused

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constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '012 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '012 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '012 Accused Products; advertising the '012 Accused Products in the United States; and encouraging the sale and offer for sale of the '012 Accused Products by other entities (for example, https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing\_page and https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as ASUS offer the '012 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party ASUS offers the ASUS T100 Chi for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:



ASUS Transformer T100 Chi 2-in-1 Detachable Laptop, 10.1" Full HD Corning Concore Glass IPS Touchscreen, Intel Quad core Processor, 4GB RAM, 128 GB Storage, Windows 10 - keyboard included Price: \$395.00 a FREE Shipping Only 1 left in stock - order so does not this to Taiwarc Republic of China. Please check other sellers 64 GB 128 GB If the tablet will not power on, held down the Herney/Windows Button (On the left side un the Power Button for 15 Seconds. This will force the unit to reboot. Once it boots, Google Tool\* and use the tool to check the life of the buttery. All-Alumnium .5-Inch Ultra-Silm Unibody Construct Life. 1 Year Free Office 365 (Included) 128GB all-flash storage. 1TB Microsoft One Drive (1 year free) 128GB all-flash storage. 1TB Microsoft One Drive (1 year free)

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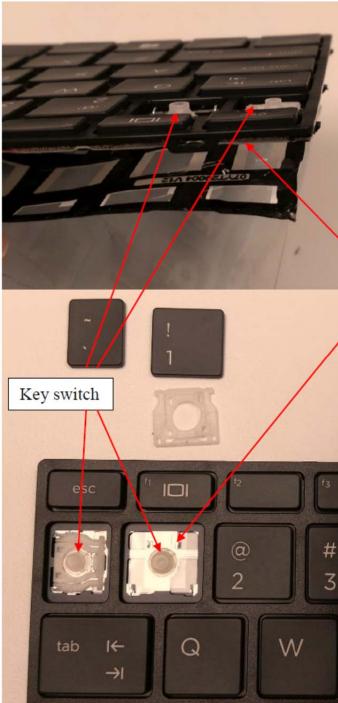
126. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '012 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '012 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '012 Patent and the infringement of the '012 Patent no later than the date of service of this Complaint, as described in Paragraph 24. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35. U.S.C. § 271 by marking their products that practice the '012 Patent, either physically or through virtual marking, including at http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp, thus providing notice to potential infringers.

127. Darfon has suffered and continues to suffer damages and irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '012 Patent.

#### **COUNT IV**

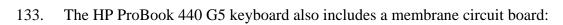
## **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,860,612**

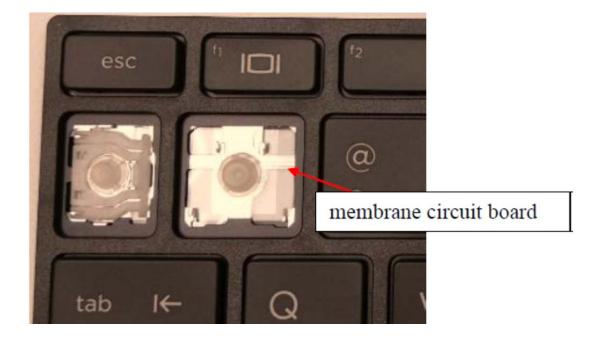
- 128. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth herein.
- 129. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '612 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 17, 21, 22, 29, 32, 34 and 35 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard (SG-87710-XUA) ("HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard"), which, on information and belief, Defendants manufacture for HP, and any other similar products that infringe at least one claim of the '612 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '612 Accused Products."
- 130. The '612 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '612 Patent, including at least Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 17, 21, 22, 29, 32, 34, and 35 because they contain each element of those claims.
- 131. By way of example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 1 of the '612 Patent because it is an illuminated keyboard with a key switch including a seat:



seat

132. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a fixed member:





134. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a connecting assembly and a cap, wherein the seat includes a through hole corresponding to the cap:

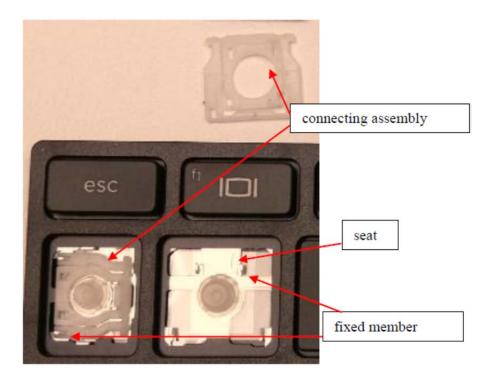
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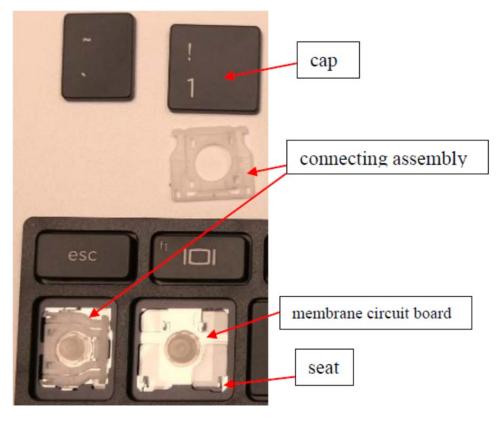
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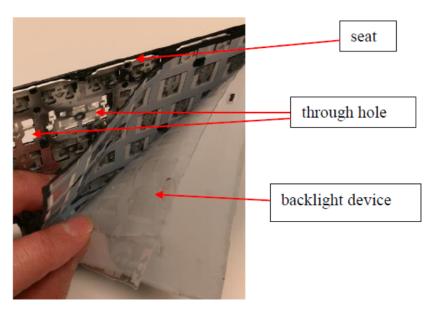
135. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's fixed member is positioned directly on the seat and connected to the connecting assembly:



136. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's membrane circuit board is disposed between the seat and the cap, the cap is disposed on the seat by the connecting assembly in a manner such that the cap is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the seat:

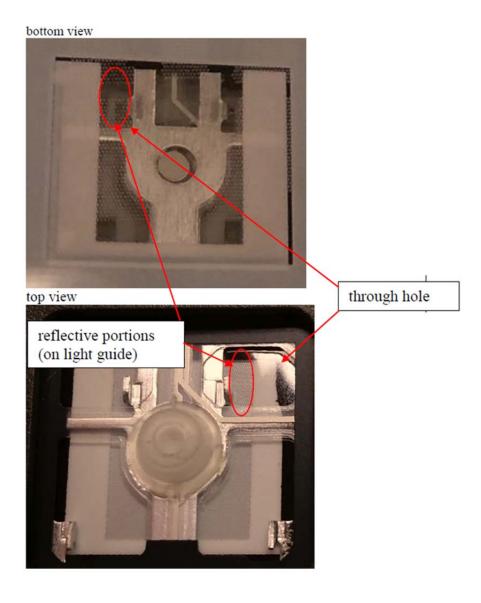


137. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a backlight device disposed beneath the seat of the key switch to illuminate the key switch via the through hole:



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The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also has a plurality of reflective portions disposed underneath the cap and spaced apart from each other on the same plane:

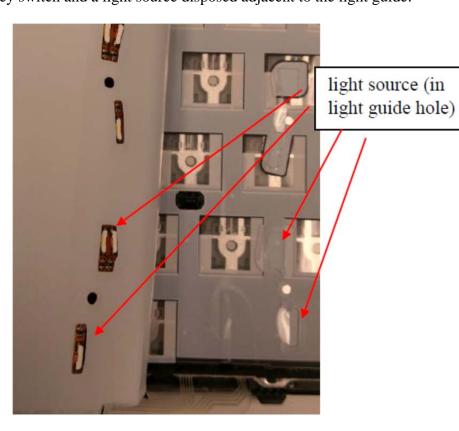


By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 5 139. of the '612 Patent because its membrane circuit board includes an elastic member:

elastic member

140. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 9 of the '612 Patent because it includes a light guide, including a plurality of reflective portions, disposed beneath the key switch and a light source disposed adjacent to the light guide:

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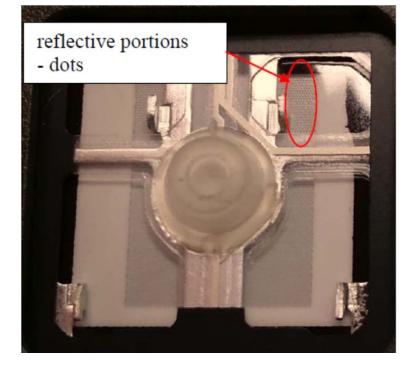
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141. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 11 of the '612 Patent because the plurality of reflective portions are integrally formed at a bottom of the light guide:

bottom view

reflective portions (at the bottom of light guide)

142. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim17 of the '612 Patent because the plurality of reflective portions are in the form of dots:



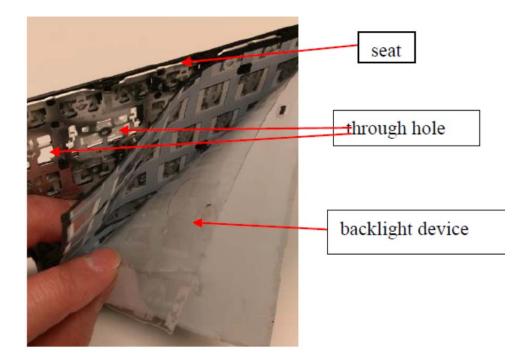
143. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 8 of the '612 Patent because it is an illuminated keyboard with a key switch including a seat, a membrane circuit board, and a cap, wherein the seat includes a through hole corresponding to the cap, the membrane circuit board is disposed between the seat and the cap, the cap is disposed on the seat by the connecting assembly in a manner such that the cap is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the seat:

through hole

connecting assembly

membrane circuit board

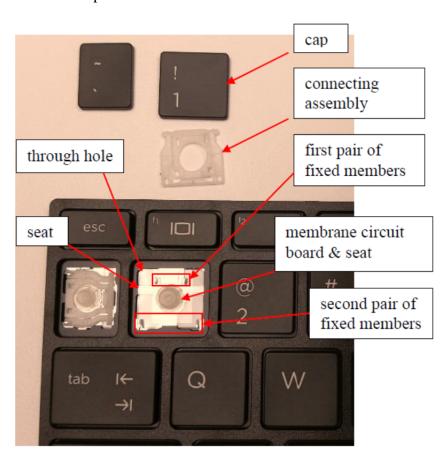
144. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard includes a backlight device disposed beneath the seat of the key switch to illuminate the key switch via the through hole:



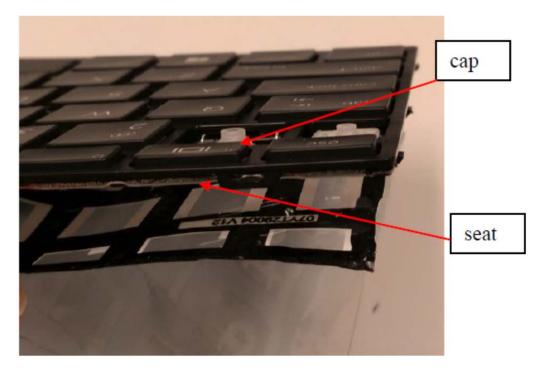
145. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's key switch also comprises a light source disposed on the membrane circuit board:

light source

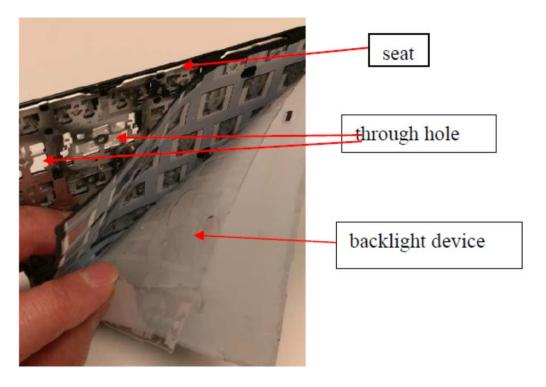
146. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 21 of the '612 Patent because it is an illuminated keyboard with a key switch including a seat, a first pair and a second pair of fixed members, a membrane circuit board, a connecting assembly, and a cap, wherein the seat includes a through hole corresponding to the cap, the first pair and second pair of fixed members are positioned directly on the seat, and the membrane circuit board is disposed between the seat and the cap:



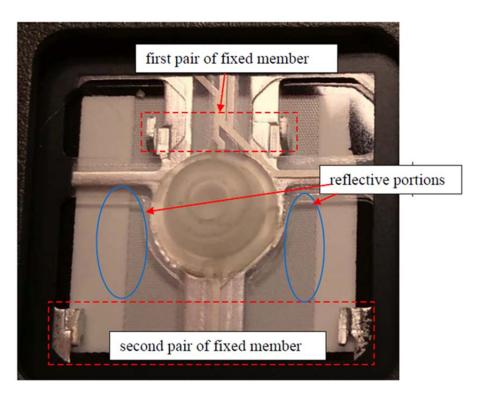
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's cap is disposed on the seat by the connecting 147. assembly in a manner such that the cap is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the seat:



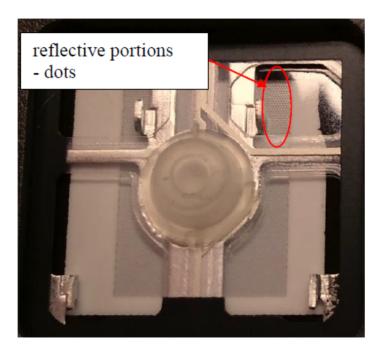
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard includes a backlight device disposed beneath the 148. seat of the key switch to illuminate the key switch via the through hole:



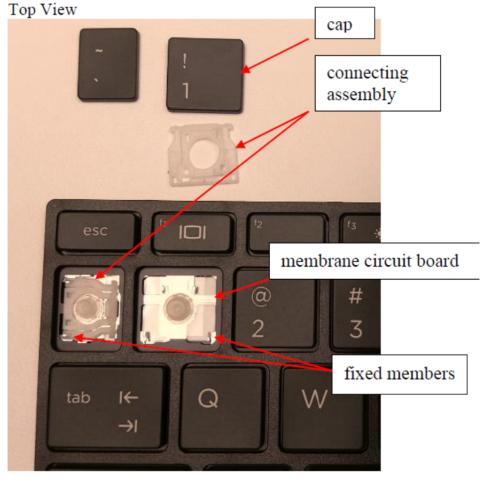
149. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's connecting assembly is connected to the first pair and second pair of fixed members, and a plurality of reflective portions are disposed between the first pair and second pair of fixed members and spaced apart from each other on the same plane:



150. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 22 of the '612 Patent because its plurality of reflective portions are in the form of dots:

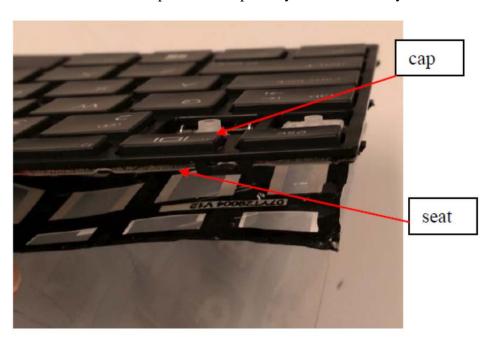


By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 29 of 151. the '612 Patent because it is an illuminated keyboard including a key switch including a seat, a fixed member, a membrane circuit board, a connecting assembly, and a cap, wherein the seat includes a through hole corresponding to the cap, the fixed member is positioned directly on the seat and connected to the connecting assembly, and the membrane circuit board is disposed between the seat and the cap:



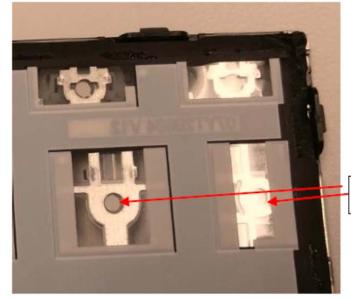
Bottom view through hole seat

The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard's cap is disposed on the seat by the connecting 152. assembly in such a manner that the cap is moved upwardly and downwardly relative to the seat:



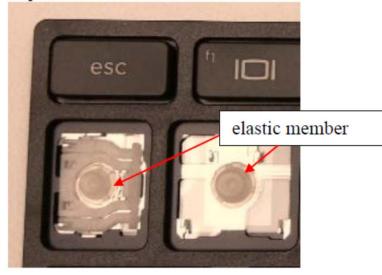
The HP ProBook 440 5G keyboard includes an elastic member disposed above the 153. membrane circuit board and overlaps with the through hole in the seat of the key switch:

Bottom view

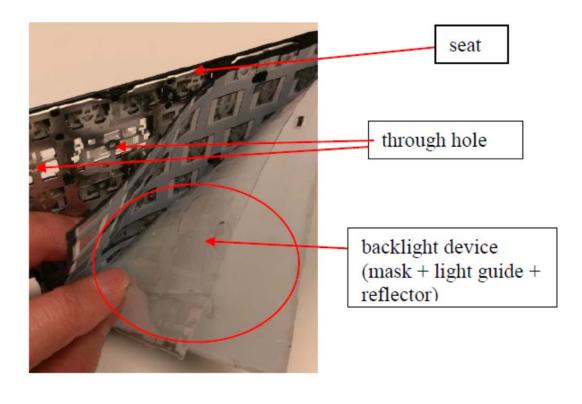


through hole

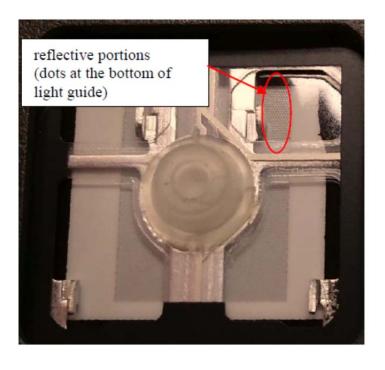
Top view



154. The HP ProBook 440 5G keyboard includes a backlight device disposed beneath the seat of the key switch to illuminate the key switch via the through hole:

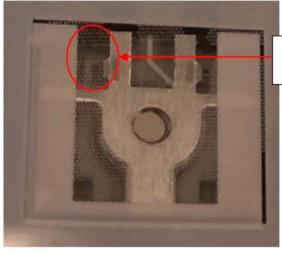


By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 5G keyboard also infringes Claim 155. 32 of the '612 Patent because its backlight device comprises a light guide disposed beneath the seat of the key switch, wherein the light guide includes a plurality of reflective portions disposed underneath the cap and spaced apart from each other at a surface of the light guide:



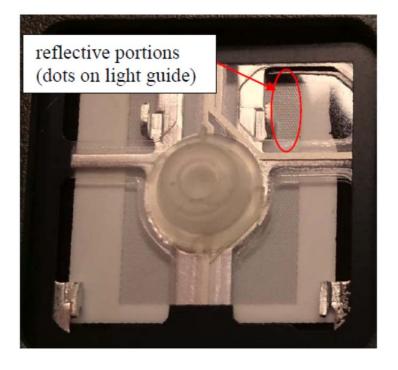
By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 5G keyboard also infringes Claim 156. 34 of the '612 Patent because its plurality of reflective portions are integrally formed at the bottom of the light guide:

bottom view



reflective portions (at the bottom of light guide)

By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 5G keyboard infringes Claim 35 of 157. the '612 Patent because its plurality of reflective portions are in the form of dots:



158. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '612 Accused Products that infringe the '612 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '612 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

159. In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '612 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 11, 17, 21, 22, 29, 32, 34, and 35, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., HP), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '612 Accused Products. The making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '612 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '612 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '612Accused Products; advertising the '612 Accused Products in the United States; and encouraging the sale and offer for sale of the '612 Accused Products by other entities (for example, https://us.liteon.com/englobal/Welcome/Landing\_page and https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as HP offer the '612 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party HP offers the HP ProBook 440 G5, including keyboard, for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:

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160. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '612 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '612 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '612 Patent and the infringement of the '612 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's July 16, 2012 letter, as described in Paragraph 28. At the very least, because Defendants have been and remain on notice of the '612 Patent and the accused infringement, they have been and remain willfully blind regarding the infringement they have induced and continue to induce. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35. U.S.C. § 271 by marking their products that practice the '612 Patent, either physically or through virtual marking, including at <a href="http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp">http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp</a>, thus providing notice to potential infringers.

- 161. Darfon has suffered and continues to suffer damages and irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '612 Patent.
- 162. Defendants' infringement of the '612 Patent has been and continues to be willful, deliberate, and in disregard of Darfon's patent rights. The Defendants had knowledge of the '612 Patent and the infringement of the '612 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's July 16, 2012 letter, as described in Paragraph 28, and have proceeded to infringe the '612 Patent with full

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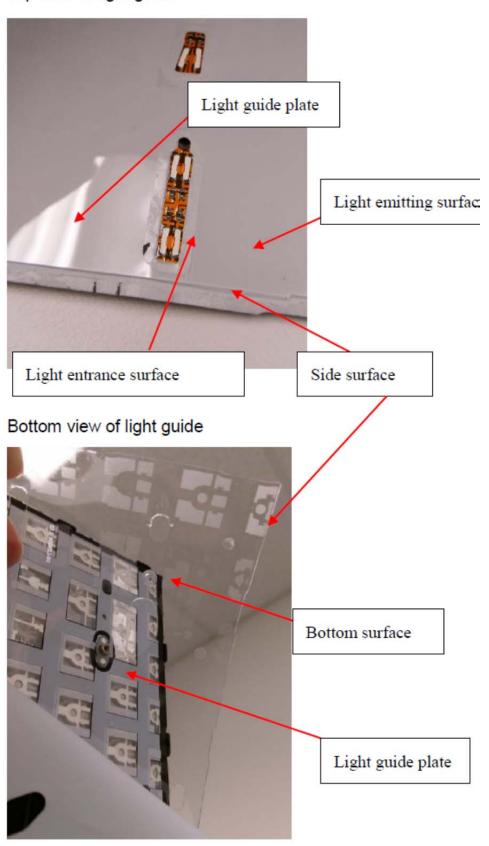
knowledge of that patent and its applicability to Defendants' products. Defendants' intentional, knowing, egregious, culpable, willful, wanton, malicious, bad faith, deliberate, consciously wrongful, and/or flagrant infringement entitles Darfon to increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

### **COUNT V**

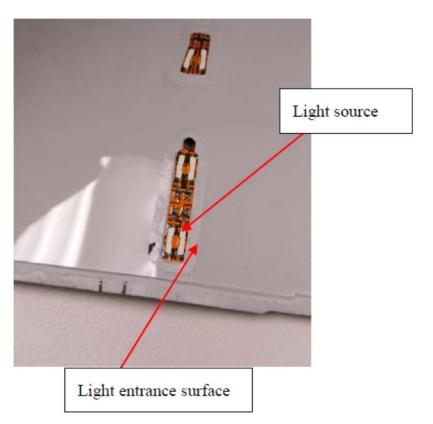
## **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,253,598**

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth 163. herein.
- 164. Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '598 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 18 and 20 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard (SG-87710-XUA) ("HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard"), which, on information and belief, Defendants manufacture for HP, and any other similar products that infringe at least one claim of the '598 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '598 Accused Products."
- 165. The '598 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '598 Patent, including at least Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 18 and 20, because they contain each element of those claims.
- 166. By way of example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 1 of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a light entrance surface, a light-emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that the light emitting surface is arranged opposite to the bottom surface, and the light entrance surface and the side surface are arranged respectively next and connecting to the light emitting surfaced and the bottom surface while being sandwiched therebetween:

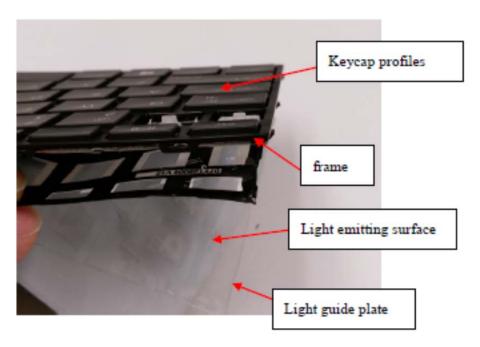
# Top view of light guide



The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the 167. light entrance surface of the light guide plate:

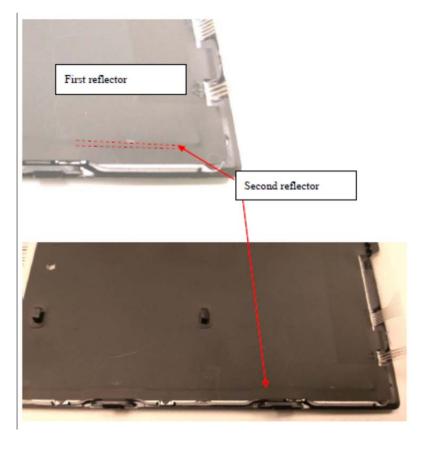


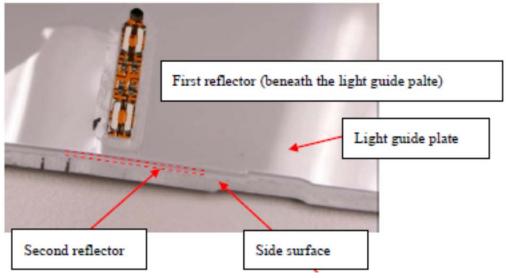
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame comprising keycap profiles 168. defined on the frame, the frame being disposed on the light emitting surface of the light guide plate:



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169. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the light guide plate:

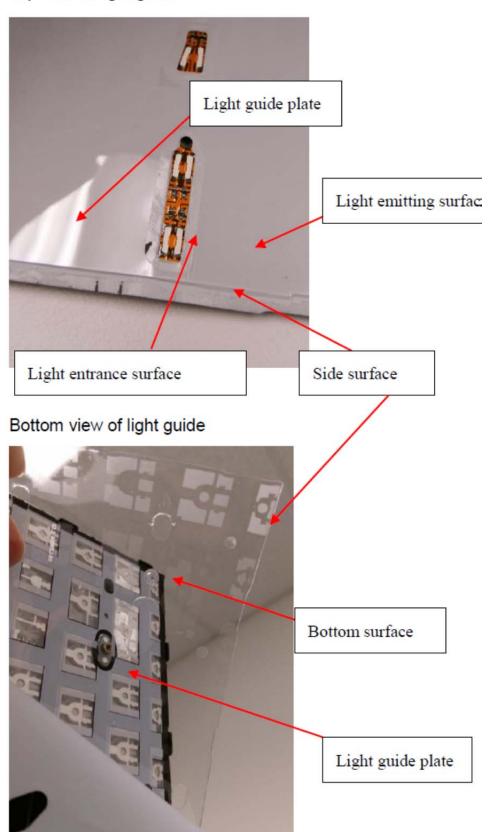




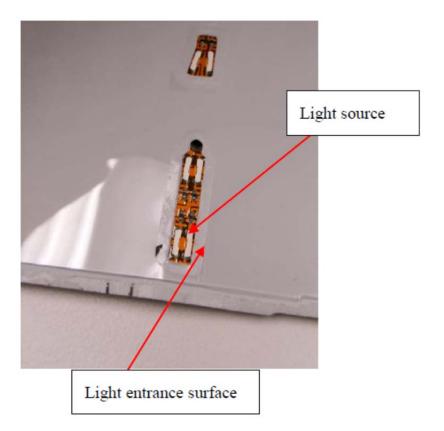
1	170. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 9			
2	of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a			
3	light entrance surface, a light emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that			
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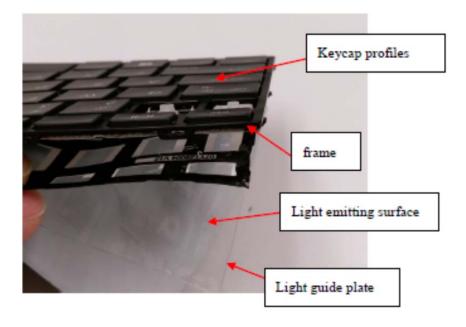
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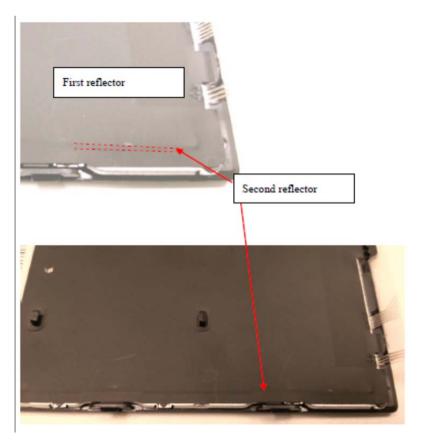
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the 171. light entrance surface of the light guide plate:



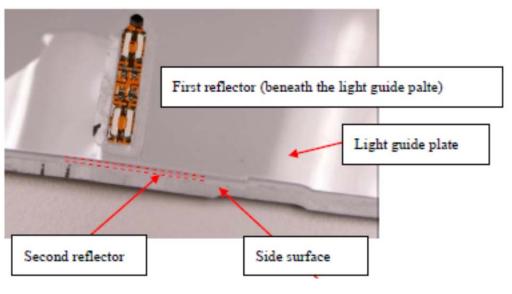
172. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame disposed on the light emitting surface of the light guide plate:

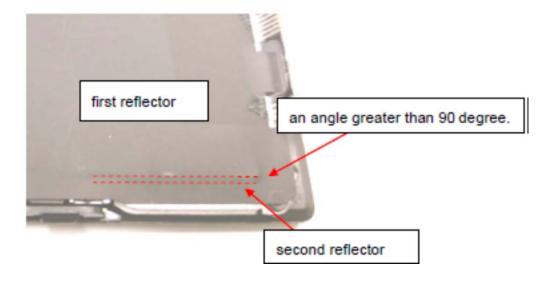


The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the 173. bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the light guide plate:



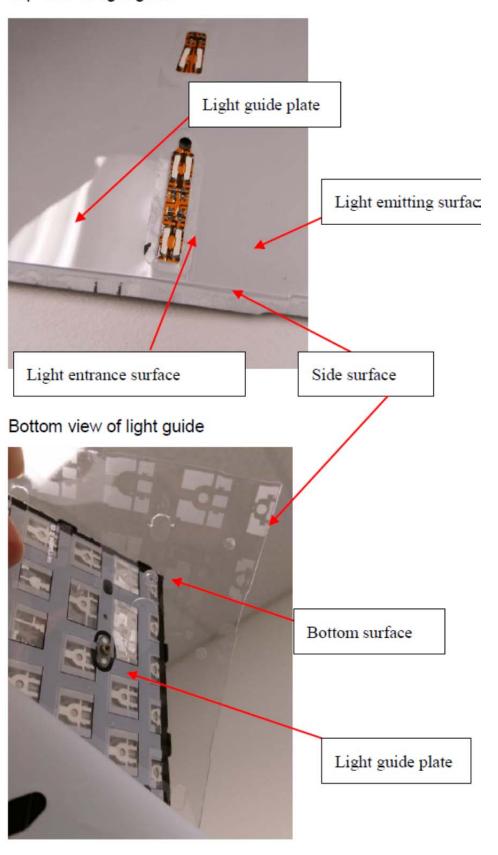
174. The first and second reflectors of the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard are formed at an angle greater than 90 degrees:





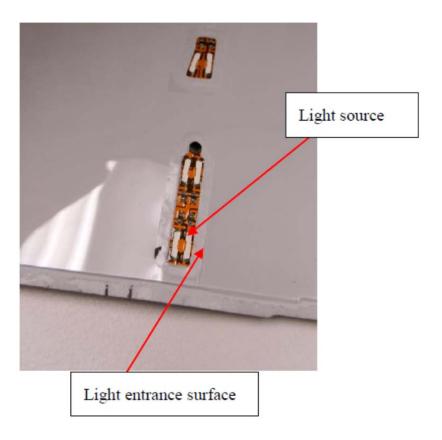
175. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 10 of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a light entrance surface, a light emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that the light emitting surface is arranged opposite to the bottom surface, and the light emitting surface and the side surface are arranged respectively next and connecting to the light emitting surfaced and the bottom surface while being sandwiched therebetween:

# Top view of light guide

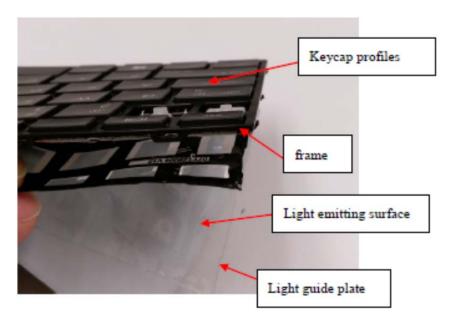


The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the light entrance surface of the light guide plate:

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The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame disposed on the light 177. emitting surface of the light guide plate:



bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the

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light guide plate:

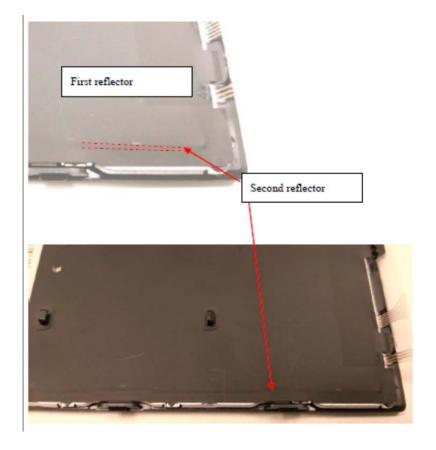
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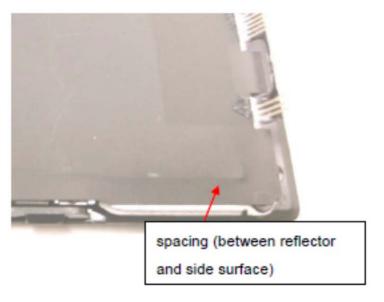
Second reflector

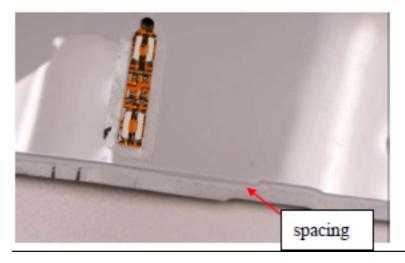
Side surface

The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the



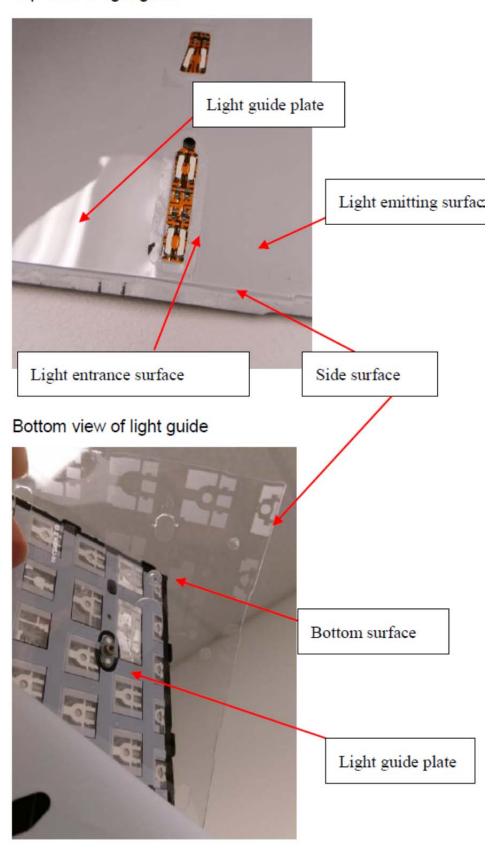
179. The second reflector of the HP ProBook 440 G5 is adjacent to the side surface, with spacing between them:





180. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 12 of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a light entrance surface, a light emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that the light emitting surface is arranged opposite to the bottom surface, and the light emitting surface and the side surface are arranged respectively next and connecting to the light emitting surfaced and the bottom surface while being sandwiched therebetween:

# Top view of light guide



The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the

light entrance surface of the light guide plate:

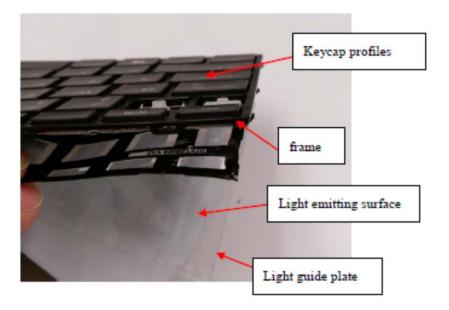
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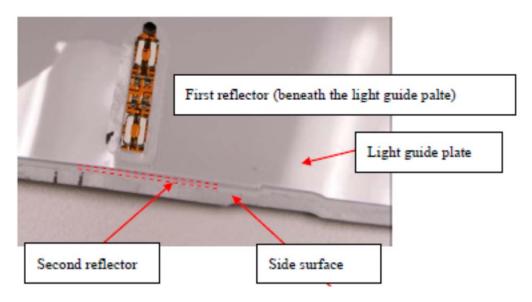
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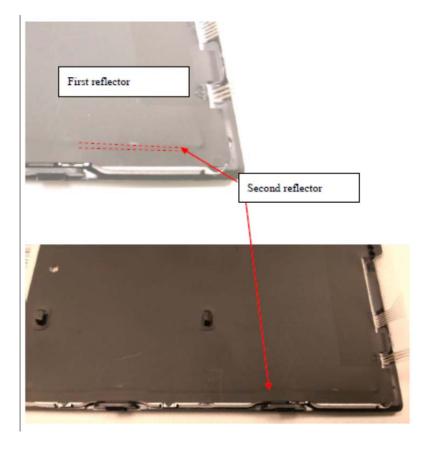
182. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame disposed on the light emitting surface of the light guide plate:

Light entrance surface

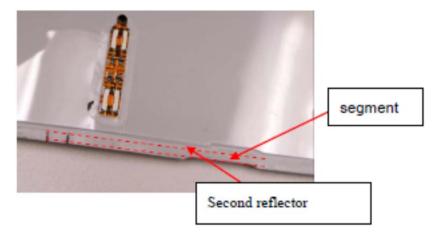


183. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the light guide plate:



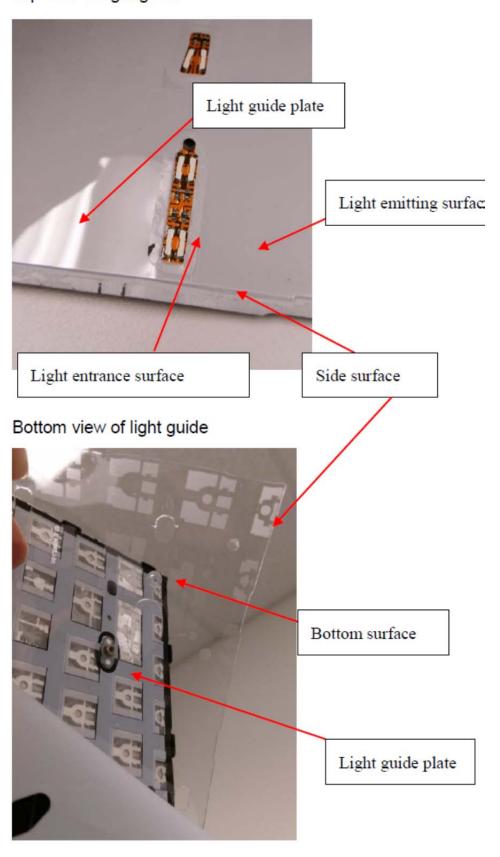


184. The HP ProBook 440 G5 also has a segment connected to the second reflector at one end of the second reflector:

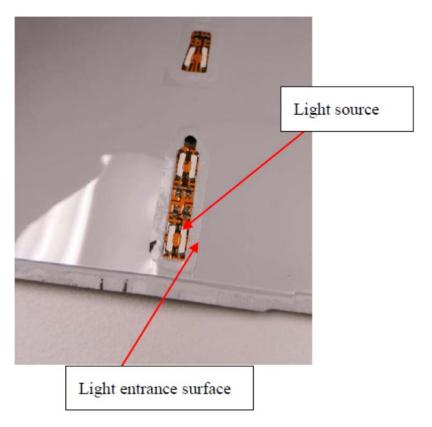


185. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 18 of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a light entrance surface, a light emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that the light emitting surface is arranged opposite to the bottom surface, and the light emitting surface and the side surface are arranged respectively next and connecting to the light emitting surfaced and the bottom surface while being sandwiched therebetween:

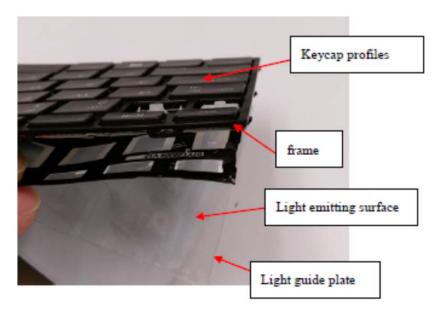
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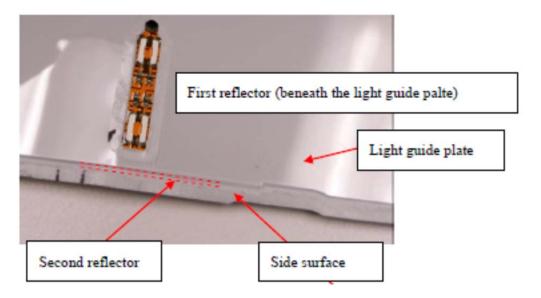
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the 186. light entrance surface of the light guide plate:

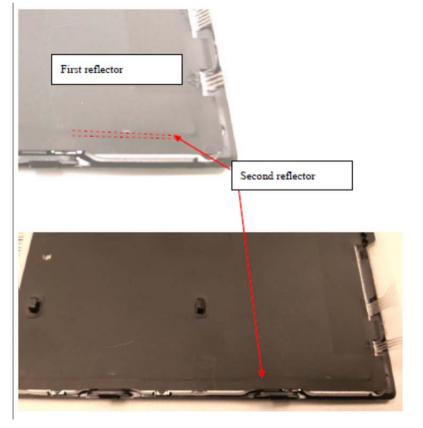


The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame disposed on the light 187. emitting surface of the light guide plate:

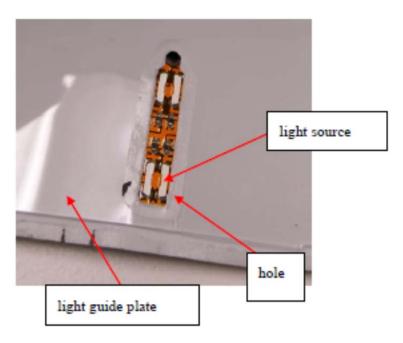


The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the 188. bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the light guide plate:



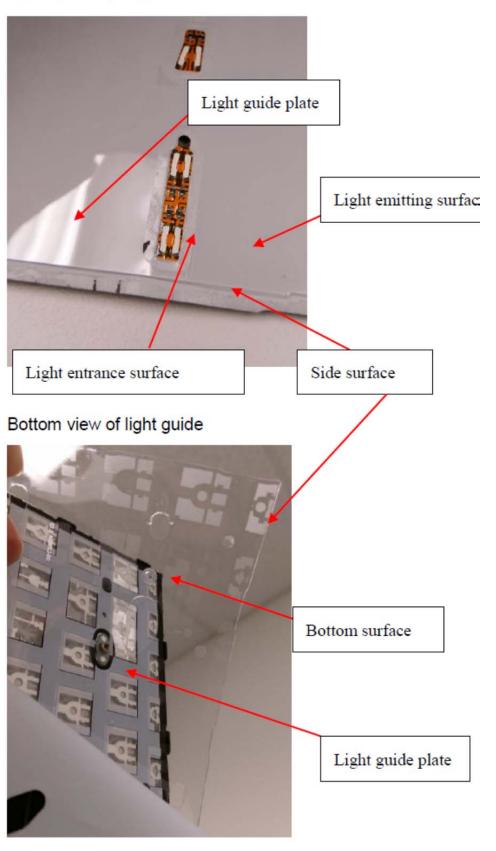


The HP ProBook 440 G5 light guide plate is configured with a hole having the light 189. source received therein:

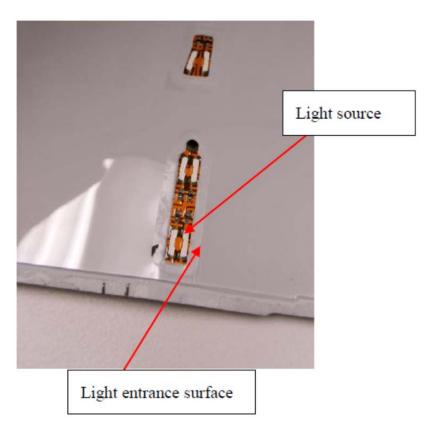


190. By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 20 of the '598 Patent because it is a light-emitting keyboard with a light guide plate, configured with a light entrance surface, a light emitting surface, a bottom surface and a side surface in a manner that the light emitting surface is arranged opposite to the bottom surface, and the light emitting surface and the side surface are arranged respectively next and connecting to the light emitting surfaced and the bottom surface while being sandwiched therebetween:

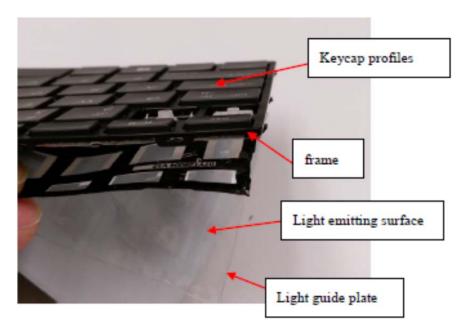
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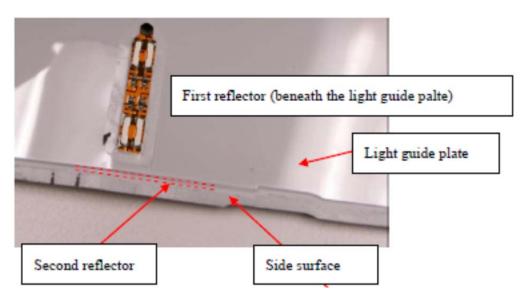
The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light source disposed next to the 191. light entrance surface of the light guide plate:

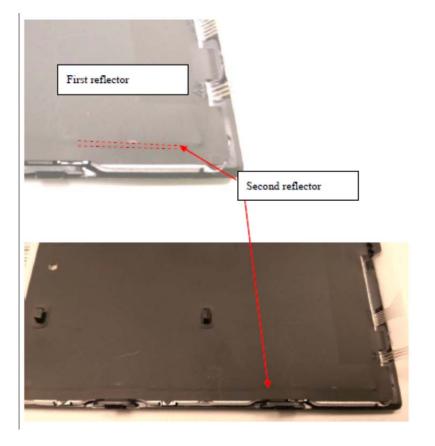


The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a frame disposed on the light 192. emitting surface of the light guide plate:

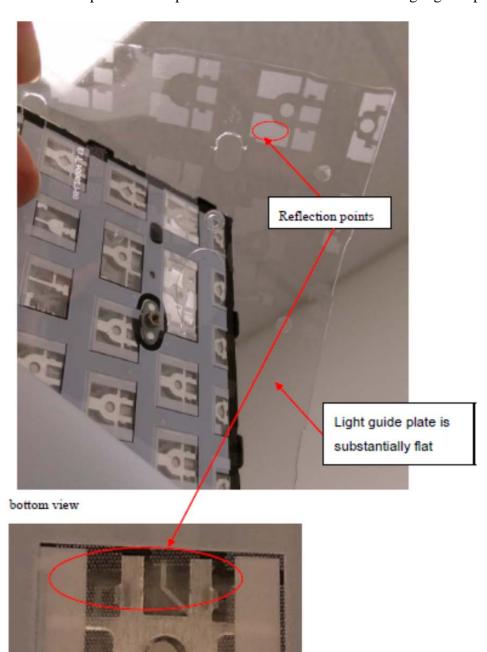


193. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a first reflector, disposed on the bottom surface of the light guide plate and a second reflector, disposed on the side surface of the light guide plate:





194. The bottom surface of the HP ProBook 440 G5 light guide plate is substantially flat and a plurality of reflection points are disposed on the bottom surface of the light guide plate:



195. Upon information and belief, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard is manufactured by Defendants. Upon information and belief, the serial numbers on the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard correspond to Defendants' part numbers:





196. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '598 Accused Products that infringe the '598 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '598 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

197. In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '598 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 18, and 20, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., HP), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or

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sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '598 Accused Products. The making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '598 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '598 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '598 Accused Products; advertising the '598 Accused Products in the United States and encouraging; the sale and offer for sale of the '598 Accused Products by other entities (for example, https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing\_page and https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as HP offer the '598 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party HP offers the HP ProBook 440 G5, including keyboard, for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:

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198. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '598 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '598 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '598 Patent and the infringement of the '598 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 3,

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and/or services that have infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '864 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1 and 3 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants' infringing products include, for example and without 25

ProBook 440 G5 keyboard (SG-87710-XUA) ("HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard"), which, on

information and belief, Defendants manufacture for HP, and any other similar products that infringe

2014 letter, as described in Paragraph 32. At the very least, because Defendants have been and remain on notice of the '598 Patent and the accused infringement, they have been and remain willfully blind regarding the infringement they have induced and continue to induce. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35. U.S.C. § 271 by marking their products that practice the '598 Patent, either physically or through virtual marking, including at http://www.darfon.com/English/patents.asp, thus providing notice to potential infringers.

- 199. Darfon has suffered and continues to suffer damages and irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '598 Patent.
- 200. Defendants' infringement of the '598 Patent has been and continues to be willful, deliberate, and in disregard of Darfon's patent rights. The Defendants had knowledge of the '598 Patent and the infringement of the '598 Patent no later than Lite-On's receipt of Darfon's October 3, 2014 letter, as described in Paragraph 32, and have proceeded to infringe the '598 Patent with full knowledge of that patent and its applicability to Defendants' products. Defendants' intentional, knowing, egregious, culpable, willful, wanton, malicious, bad faith, deliberate, consciously wrongful, and/or flagrant infringement entitles Darfon to increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

## **COUNT VI**

## INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,875,864

201. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 35 above as if fully set forth herein.

Defendants make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import in the United States products

limitation, all versions and variations, including predecessor and successor models, of the HP

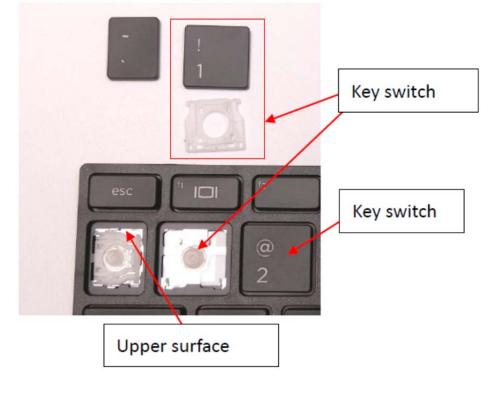
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at least one claim of the '864 Patent. Defendants' infringing products are collectively referred to hereinafter as "the '864 Accused Products."

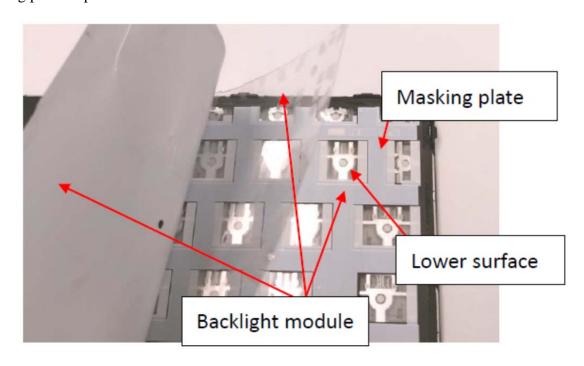
203. The '864 Accused Products are covered by one or more claims of the '864 Patent, including at least Claims 1 and 3, because they contain each element of those claims.

204. By way of example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard infringes Claim 1 of the '864 Patent because it includes a backlight module adapted to a keyboard, the keyboard comprising a base plate and a plurality of key switches, the base plate having an upper surface and a lower surface, and a plurality of keys being disposed on the upper surface:





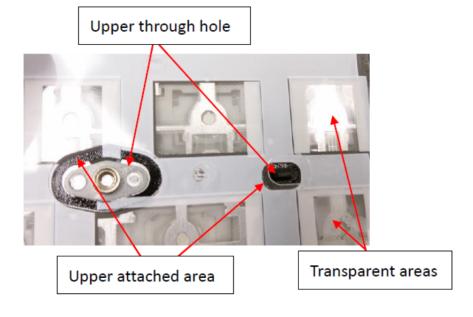
205. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also has a backlight module comprising a masking plate disposed on the lower surface:

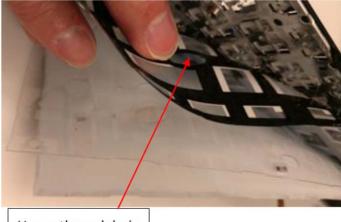


206. The backlight module of the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also comprises a plurality of upper through holes being formed in the masking plate, an upper attached area being defined by a

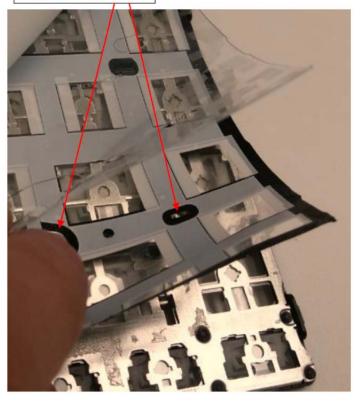
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periphery of each of the upper through holes, a plurality of transparent areas being formed on the masking plate:





Upper through hole

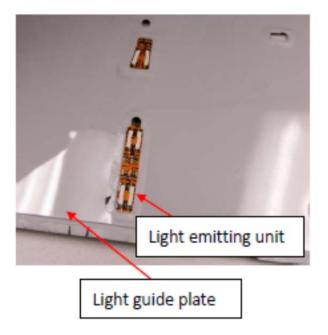


207. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light guiding plate disposed below the masking plate, a plurality of penetrating holes being formed in the light guiding plate and located corresponding to the plurality of upper through holes:

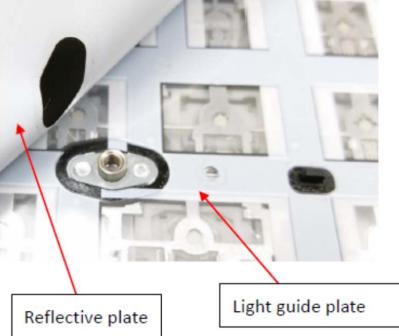
Upper through hole

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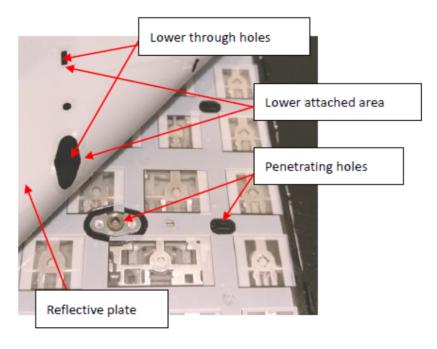
208. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a light emitting unit located on a lateral side of the light guiding plate and for emitting a light into the light guiding plate, the light guiding plate guiding part of the light to emit via the plurality of transparent areas:



209. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a reflective plate disposed below the light guiding plate and for reflecting the light guided toward the reflective plate by the light guiding plate:

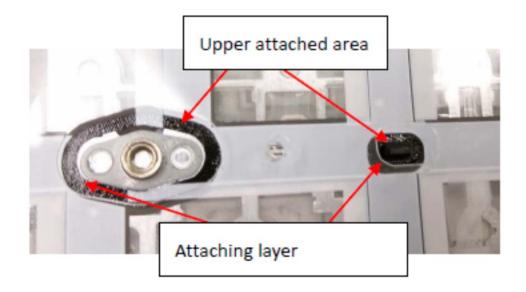


210. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes a plurality of through holes being formed in the reflective plate and located corresponding to the plurality of penetrating holes, a lower attached area being defined by a periphery of each of the lower through holes:





211. The HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also includes an attaching layer disposed between the upper attached area and the lower attached area:



212. In the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard, the sum over a thickness of the upper attached area, a thickness of the lower attached area, and a thickness of the attaching layer is smaller than the thickness of the light guiding plate:

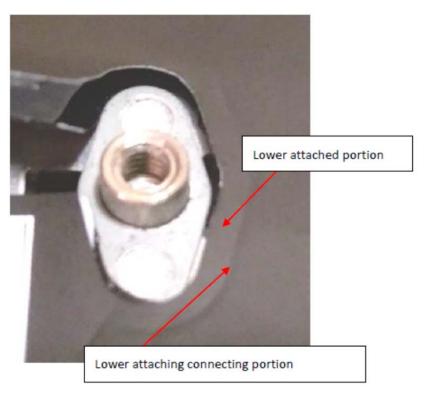


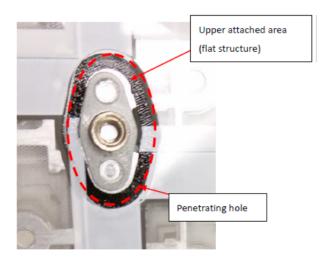
a sum over a thickness of the upper attached area, a thickness of the lower attached area and a thickness of the attaching layer



Thickness of Light guide plate

By way of further example, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard also infringes Claim 3 213. of the '864 Patent because its upper attached area is a flat structure and its lower attached area comprises a lower attached portion disposed in the penetrating hole, the attaching layer attaching the flat structure with the lower attached portion, and a lower attaching connecting portion connecting the lower attached portion and the reflective plate and being located in the penetrating hole:





214. Upon information and belief, the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard is manufactured by Defendants. Upon information and belief, the serial numbers on the HP ProBook 440 G5 keyboard correspond to Defendants' part numbers:





215. By making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing the '864 Accused Products that infringe the '864 Patent, Defendants are liable to Darfon for direct infringement of the '864 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

216. In addition, on information and belief, Defendants have induced and continue to induce infringement of one more claims of the '598 Patent, including but not limited to Claims 1 and 3, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by encouraging third parties such as users, customers (e.g., HP), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, importers, or sellers to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import into the United States without authorization the '864 Accused

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Products. The making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States constitutes direct infringement, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, of one or more claims of the '864 Patent by such third parties. Defendants' acts of inducement include: providing the '864 Accused Products or components thereof to third parties and intending them to make, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import the '864 Accused Products; advertising the '864 Accused Products in the United States and encouraging; the sale and offer for sale of the '864 Accused Products by other entities (for example, <a href="https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Welcome/Landing\_page">https://us.liteon.com/en-global/Info/Liteon\_trading</a>). Upon information and belief, Defendants are aware that third parties such as HP offer the '864 Accused Products for sale in the United States. For example, upon information and belief, third party HP offers the HP ProBook 440 G5, including keyboard, for sale in the United States at least through Amazon.com:

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217. Defendants proceeded in this manner despite knowledge of the '864 Patent and their knowledge that specific actions they actively induced and continue to actively induce on the part of third parties constitute infringement of the '864 Patent. The Defendants had knowledge of the '864 Patent and the infringement of the '864 Patent no later than service of this Complaint, as described in Paragraph 35. Darfon and its licensees have also complied with the marking provisions of 35.

1	L.	a judgment that Defendants have induced infringement and continue to induce
2		infringement of one or more claims of the '864 Patent;
3	M.	a judgment that Defendants have willfully infringed one or more claims of the '939
4		Patent;
5	N.	a judgment that Defendants have willfully infringed one or more claims of the '222
6		Patent;
7	O.	a judgment that Defendants have willfully infringed one or more claims of the '612
8		Patent;
9	P.	a judgment that Defendants have willfully infringed one or more claims of the '598
10		Patent;
11	Q.	a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from infringing the '222 Patent;
12	R.	a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from infringing the '012 Patent;
13	S.	a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from infringing the '612 Patent;
14	T.	a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from infringing the '598 Patent;
15	U.	a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants from infringing the '864 Patent;
16	V.	a judgment awarding Plaintiffs all damages adequate to compensate for Defendants'
17		infringement, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty for Defendants'
18		infringement, including all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate
19		allowed by law;
20	W.	a judgment awarding Plaintiffs treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 as a result of
21		Defendants' willful conduct;
22	X.	a judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35
23		U.S.C. § 285 and awarding Plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred
24		in connection with this action; and
25	Y.	for such additional and further relief in law and equity, as the Court may deem just and
26		proper.
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1	J	URY DEMAND	
2	Pursuant to Rule 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of this action.		
3	Tursuant to Rule 30(0), Trainent de	mands a trial by jury of this action.	
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5	Dated: June 15, 2018	Respectfully Submitted,	
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