

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

**KARAMELION LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**EZLO INNOVATION, LLC,**

Defendant.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**PATENT CASE**

**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT  
AGAINST EZLO INNOVATION, LLC**

Plaintiff Karamelion LLC, files this Original Complaint for Patent Infringement against EZLO Innovation, LLC, and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

**I. THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Karamelion LLC (“Karamelion” or “Plaintiff”) is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business at 5570 FM 423, Suite 250 #2022, Frisco, TX 75034.

2. On information and belief, Defendant EZLO Innovation, LLC (“Defendant”) is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with a place of business at 1255 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013. Defendant has a registered agent at The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801.

**II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of such action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction, pursuant to due process and the Delaware Long-Arm Statute, due at least to its business in this forum, including at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein. Furthermore, Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction because Defendant is a Delaware limited liability company.

5. Without limitation, on information and belief, within this state, Defendant has used the patented inventions thereby committing, and continuing to commit, acts of patent infringement alleged herein. In addition, on information and belief, Defendant has derived revenues from its infringing acts occurring within Delaware. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's general jurisdiction, including from regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to persons or entities in Delaware. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction at least due to its sale of products and/or services within Delaware. Defendant has committed such purposeful acts and/or transactions in Delaware such that it reasonably should know and expect that it could be haled into this Court as a consequence of such activity.

6. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant was formed in Delaware. On information and belief, from and within this District Defendant has committed at least a portion of the infringements at issue in this case.

7. For these reasons, personal jurisdiction exists and venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b).

**III. COUNT I**  
**(PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 6,275,166)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

9. On August 14, 2001, United States Patent No. 6,275,166 (“the ‘166 Patent”) was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The application leading to the ‘166 patent was filed on January 19, 1999. (Ex. A at cover). The ‘166 Patent is titled “RF Remote Appliance Control/Monitoring System.” A true and correct copy of the ‘166 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

10. Plaintiff is the assignee of all right, title and interest in the ‘166 patent, including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the ‘166 Patent. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the ‘166 Patent by Defendant.

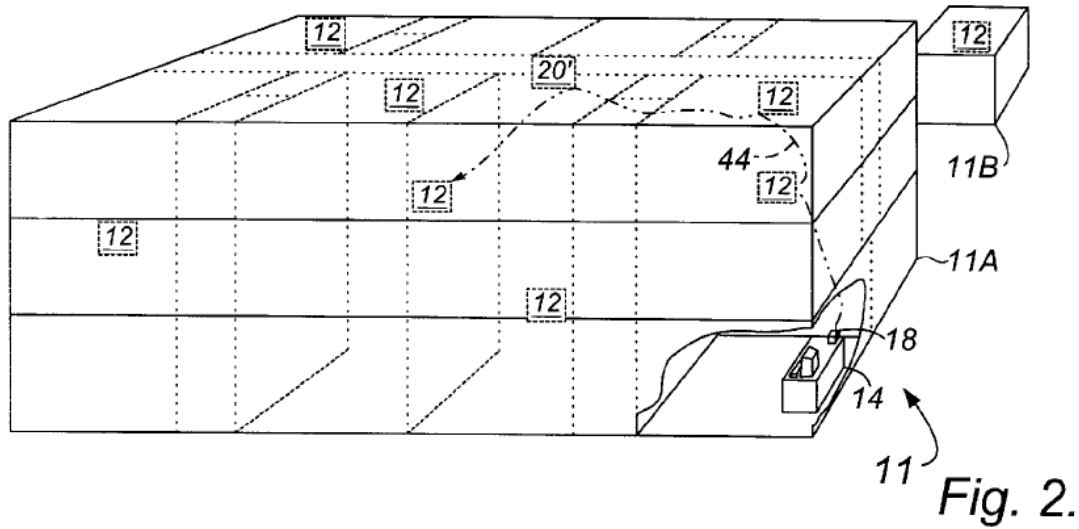
11. The invention in the ‘166 Patent relates to control and monitoring of distributed systems in buildings such as systems for controlling and monitoring heating, air conditioning, lighting, security, occupancy, and usage of distributed facilities. (Ex. A at col. 1:5-12). Control of such distributed systems in the prior art commonly used computer networks and business software. (*Id.* at col. 1:11-13). A major difficult with such systems was the expense of wiring inter-connections between elements of the system, particularly when there are additions or changes to be made in the system. (*Id.* at col. 1:14-18). Prior art attempts to reduce the expense of the systems included using efficient network products such as using a widely known Ethernet standard, using AC power wiring to transmit RF communications to remove controllers, and using a combination of wired and wireless communications. (*Id.* at col. 1:18-27).

12. However, these centralized wireless control systems for building appliances have not been widely used mainly because systems that have a sufficient communication ranges are normally subject to regulations and licensing requirements that are prohibitively expensive. (*Id.*

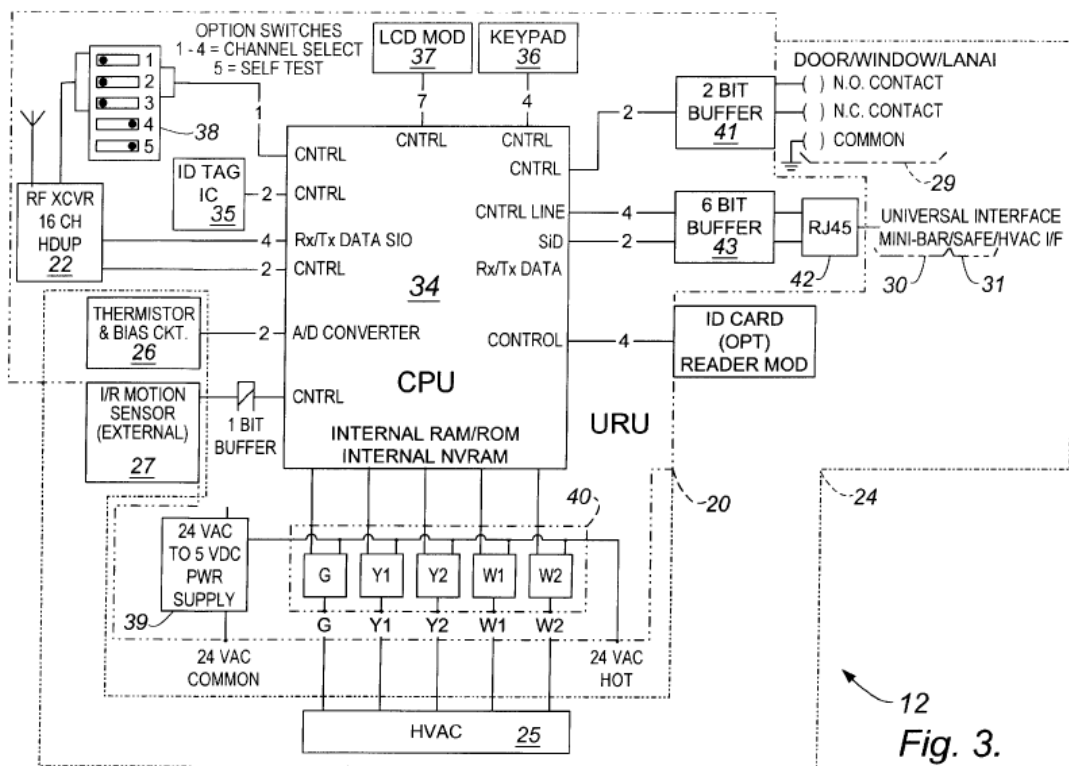
at col. 1:28-32). Also, systems that are powerful enough to be used in widely distributed installations are unnecessarily expensive to be used in smaller installations. (*Id.* at col. 1:32-34). With respect to wireless communication, there is limited availability of RF carrier frequencies, and potential interference with other nearby systems that might be operating in similar frequencies. (*Id.* at col. 1:34-37). Because of the continued deficiencies of the prior art solutions, there was a need for a wireless appliance control system that overcomes the disadvantages of the prior art solutions. (*Id.* at col. 1:38-39).

13. The inventors developed an invention that “meets this need by providing a wireless configuration that uses a distributed array of low power (short range) wireless controllers that are also functional as relay units for communicating with a headend control computer at long range.” (*Id.* at col. 1:42-46).

14. The ‘166 patent discloses exemplary embodiments of the claimed invention. The claimed invention is typically implemented in a building or location that has an appliance control/monitoring system. (*Id.* at col. 3:64 – col. 4:7). For example, the following figure is of a building (11) having a distributed array of appliance management stations (12) that wirelessly communicate with a headend control station (14) (*Id.* at col. 3:66 – col. 4:4):



The typical appliances connected to the appliance control/monitoring system are heating, ventilation and air conditioning units (HVAC), temperature sensors, motion detectors, and audio/video devices. (*Id.* at col. 1:5-9, col. 4:54-61). The appliances are interfaced with relay units that have appliance interface/controllers to communicate with the appliance and satellite radio transceivers. (*Id.* at col. 4:62-66). The satellite radio transceivers of the relay units are operable at low power and have a limited wireless communications range that reaches only a portion of the building or location. (*Id.* at col. 4:62-66). In order to for the relay units to communicate beyond their limited wireless range, they communicate by relaying transmissions using intermediate relay units to the intended destination. (*Id.* at col. 4:66 – col. 5:1). An exemplary simplified circuit block diagram of the appliance controller portion of the relay unit, including a satellite radio transceiver, is shown in Figure 3 of the ‘166 patent:



12  
Fig. 3.

(Ex. A). The microprocessor (34) is connected between a satellite transceiver (22) and the appliance device (24). (*Id.* at col. 5:13-15).

15. The '188 patent includes a diagram of an exemplary command protocol (Fig. 4) and exemplary return protocol (Fig. 5):

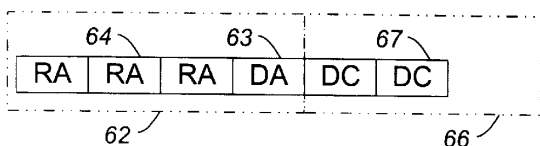


Fig. 4. 60

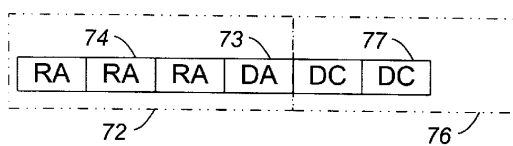
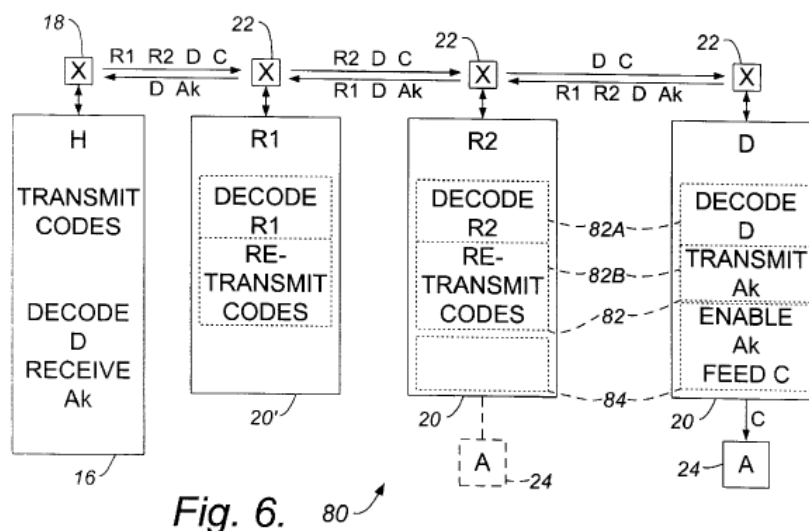


Fig. 5. 70

(Ex. A). The exemplary command protocol includes an address section (62) that includes a destination address (63) and may include relay addresses (64) so that the message may be relayed to another device. (*Id.* at col. 7:40-43). Following the address section is a command section (66) that includes device commands (67) that are directed to particular appliance devices at the destination relay unit. (*Id.* at col. 7:43-47). The exemplary return protocol includes a

counterpart of the address section (72) that includes a destination address (73) and relay addresses (74). (*Id.* at col. 7:48-51). Following the address section of the return protocol is a feedback section (76) that include feedback elements (77) that are responsive to the appliance devices at the destination relay unit. (*Id.* at col. 7:51-55).

16. A pictorial diagram showing an exemplary process for using a portion of the system is shown in Figure 6 of the '166 patent:



(Ex. A). A transmitter in the headend computer (H) signals the addresses of relay units (20), with one of the addresses being the destination address (D), and the other addresses include a first and second relay address (R1, R2), and a control signal (C) for appliance (A) being interfaced to the destination relay unit (D). (*Id.* at col. 7:56-65). The first relay unit decodes the first relay address, and transmits the control signal, the second relay address and the destination address from the first relay unit; the same steps occur at the second relay unit but with respect to decoding the second relay address. (*Id.* at col. 7:65 – col. 8:1). The destination relay unit decodes the destination address and feeds the control signal to the appliance; then the destination unit transmits the destination address, the first and second relay addresses, and an acknowledgement signal (Ak). (*Id.* at col. 8:2-6). The second relay unit decodes the second

relay address, and then transmits the acknowledgement signal (Ak), the first relay address, and the destination address; the same steps occur at the first relay unit but with respect to decoding the first relay address. (*Id.* at col. 8:6-9). The headend computer decodes the destination address and receives the acknowledgement signal (Ak). (*Id.* at col. 8:9-11). The decoding and transmitting in the relay units are implemented by first and second instruction portions (82A, 82B), respectively, of the relay program (82). (*Id.* at col. 8:11-14). The feeding of the control signal by the relay unit to the appliance and generating the acknowledgement signal occurs in the appliance program (84). (*Id.* at col. 8:14-16). Both the relay program and appliance program are in the microcomputer memory of each relay unit. (*Id.* at col. 8:16-18).

17. As explained during the prosecution history, the prior art did not teach a relay unit being an appliance controller that communicated with a headend computer using at least two other relay units. The invention therefore overcame the prior art, which were excessively expensive, had insufficient bandwidth, were ineffective in serving multiple devices, were unreliable, and were difficult to use. (Ex. B at col. 1:43-51).

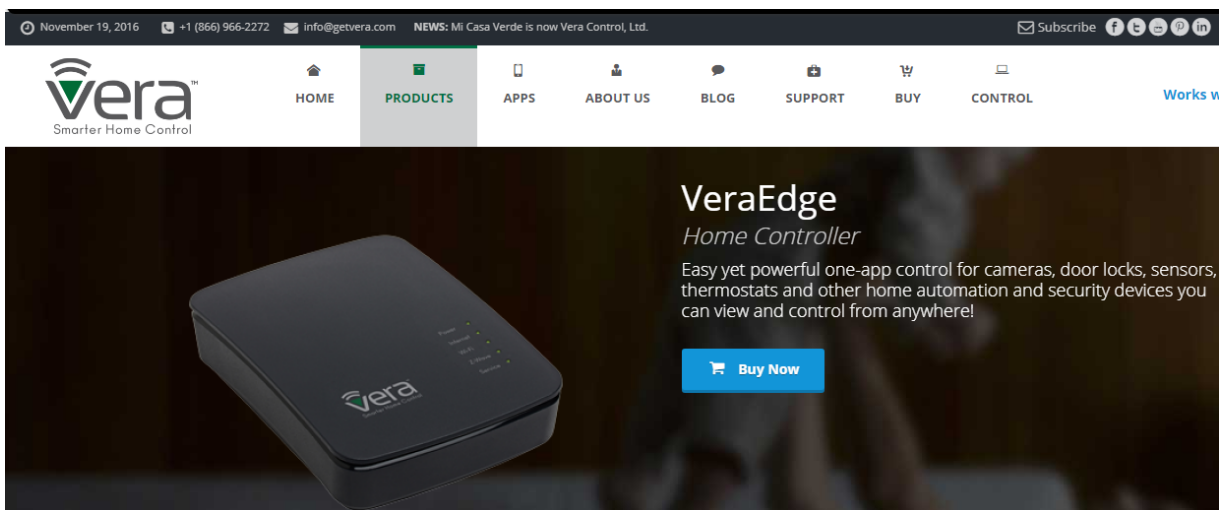
18. **Direct Infringement.** Upon information and belief, Defendant has been directly infringing at least claim 1 of the '166 patent in Delaware, and elsewhere in the United States, by performing actions comprising making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale an appliance controller for a distributed appliance system having a headend computer, a multiplicity of appliances, and a plurality of relay units that satisfies the limitations of at least claim 1, including without limitation the Z-Wave Nano Switch, Z-Wave Plug-In Dimmer, Z-wave Smart Thermostat (“Accused Instrumentality”).

19. Accused Instrumentality provides an appliance controller (*e.g.*, a Z-Wave Nano Switch, Z-Wave Plug-In Dimmer, Z-wave Smart Thermostat) for a distributed appliance system



(e.g., Z-Wave network) having a headend computer (e.g., primary controller, in this case VeraEdge), a multiplicity of appliances (e.g., appliances such as lights, outlets, etc.), and a plurality of relay units (e.g., repeaters), one of the relay units being the appliance controller (e.g., Z-Wave node).

20. Each Accused Instrumentality is an appliance controller comprising a low power satellite radio transceiver (e.g., radio frequency transceivers within the various Z-Wave devices) having a range being less than a distance to at least some of the appliances.



<http://web.archive.org/web/20161119052302/http://getvera.com/controllers/veraedge>).<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> Red boxes and lines are added unless otherwise noted.

## TOTAL CONTROL IN ONE SIMPLE SOLUTION

### VERAEDGE: THE CONTROLLER FOR TODAY'S EXPANDING SMART HOME UNIVERSE

If you are shopping for a controller and comparing specs, you'll find VeraEdge is so far ahead of competitors, it excels in every department. Simply put, you can't go wrong with VeraEdge!

- VeraEdge is compatible with a wider universe of devices than any competitor (including over 1200 Z-Wave devices).
- Control over 220 devices in your home or small business.
- WPS easy push button pairing for Wi-Fi devices.
- Multi camera viewer dashboard, and camera hot zone motion detection.
- Easy interview style setup procedure.
- Use mobile apps to set up and remote control your system from any iOS or Android smartphone or tablet, or use your computer (Mac or Windows).
- Easy, intuitive interface is the same across all platforms.
- View and control your system from anywhere in the world (where there's Internet.). Or enjoy local control in your home or office, without any issues of latency, even when the Internet is down.
- Geofencing—the system can know who is arriving/leaving based on cell phone location, so for example, your thermostat can change automatically as you drive close to home.
- Advanced occupancy sensing, push notifications, and creation of custom automation scenes where one device triggers another—or use time of day, sunrise/sunset, or other triggers to control lights, door locks, thermostats, etc.
- Receive notifications when kids come home, employees arrive or leave, when water is detected in the basement, when the smoke detector triggers, or when anything else happens with your VeraEdge system.
- Integrated help is available at every step of installation and operation, with contextual help based on the activity, plus detailed documentation on our support site.

(Id.).

---

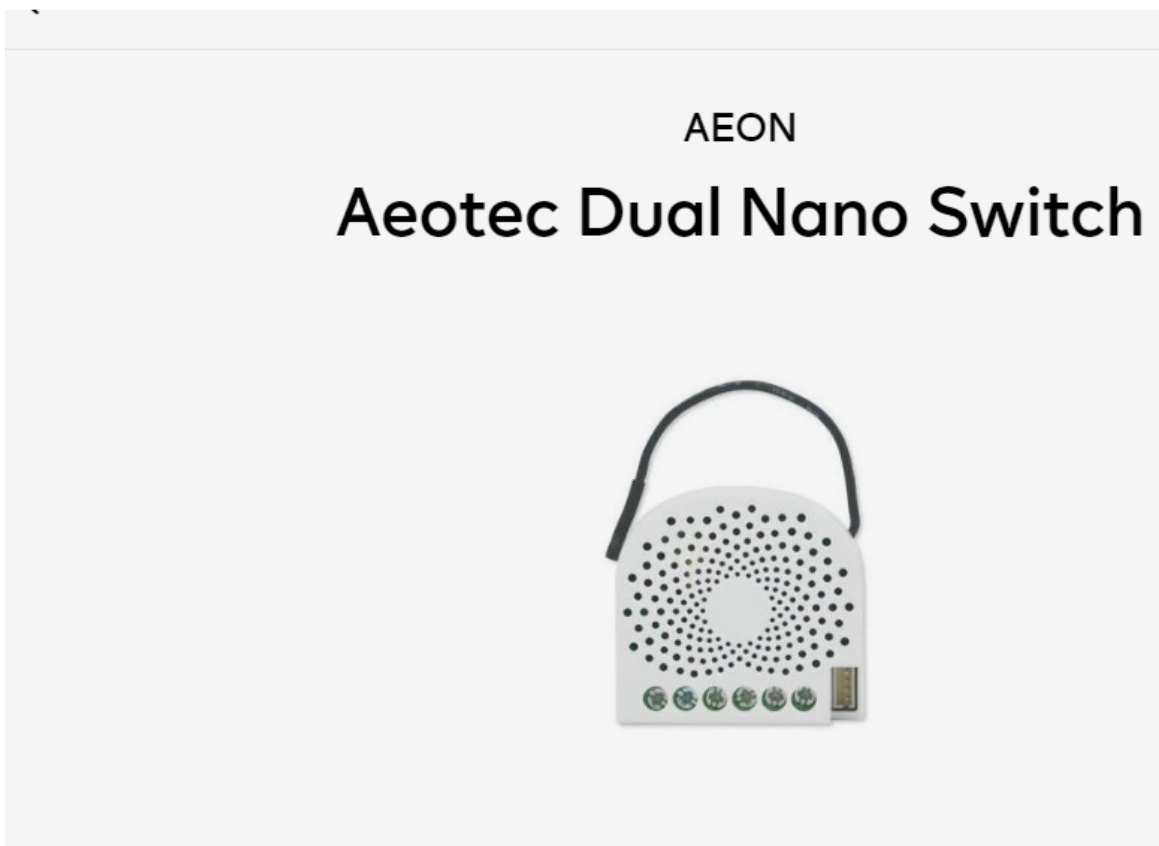
### What is the range of my Vera Controller, and can I extend it? ^

Keep in mind that Vera uses at least two wireless communication systems: Wi-Fi for cameras and Z-Wave for most other devices. Your Wi-Fi cameras should work wherever in your home or office you can use your mobile device. When needed, you can add a Wi-Fi range extender. Z-Wave and Zigbee devices automatically create mesh networks, so for best results you should ensure that at least one device is within 25 feet of your controller, and the next device within at least 25 feet of that one, and so on.

(Id.).



Products Services Apps Support Why Vera? Become a dealer



<https://getvera.com/products/aeotec-dual-nano-switch>.



Products Services Apps Support Why Vera? Become a dealer



## Overview

Aeotec Dual Nano Switch is a low-cost Z-Wave Switch specifically used to enable Z-Wave command and control (on/off) of any wall switches. It can report immediate wattage consumption or kWh energy usage over a period of time. In the event of power failure, non-volatile memory retains all programmed information relating to the unit's operating status.

(Id.).

### 💡 IN WALL DIMMER (1000 WATT)



The LRM1000 is a Z-Wave enabled 1000 watt in-wall dimmer switch. The light supports ON/OFF capabilities and dimming. Once installed in your home, it can be included into your Vera Z-Wave network for convenient home control capabilities.

Our Price: \$89.95

Stock Status: In Stock  
Product Code: EV-LRM-1000-W

Qty:

**ADD TO CART ▶**

ADD TO WISHLIST

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20150401104407/https://shop.getvera.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=EV%2DLRM%2D1000%2DW>).

As part of a Z-Wave network, the LRM-1000 will also act as a wireless repeater to ensure that commands intended for another device in the network are received. This is useful when the device would otherwise be out of the radio range of the wireless controller.

(<http://www.skywalker.com/Catalog/Information%20Sheets/EVO207W.pdf>).

### 💡 PLUG IN DIMMABLE LAMP MODULE



The Dimmable Lamp Module is a Z-Wave lamp module that supports ON/OFF and dimming. It includes load sensing feature and pass through outlet for incandescent lights. If the attached lamp is turned on manually, the module will detect the load change and turn itself on. This allows lamps to be operated manually or via Vera.

Our Price: \$49.95

Stock Status: In Stock  
Product Code: JSC-45602WB

Qty:

**ADD TO CART ▶**

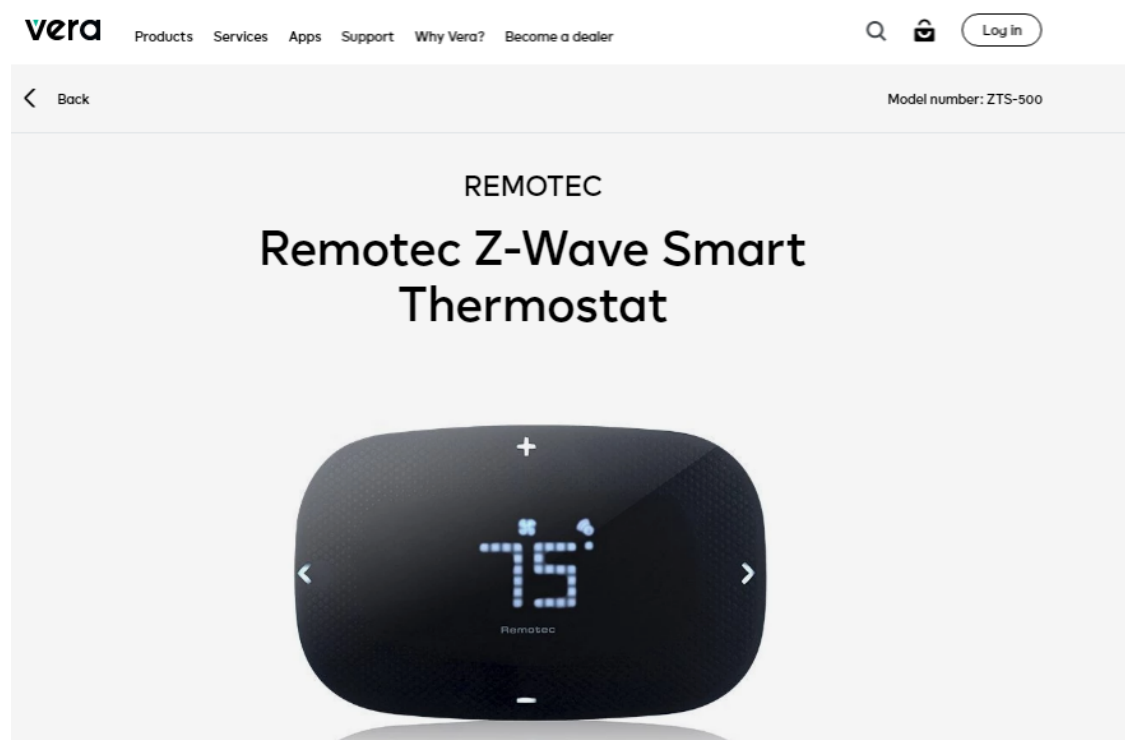
ADD TO WISHLIST

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20150315044357/http://shop.getvera.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=JSC%2D45602WB>).

**Description**   **Technical Specs**   **Support & Warranty**

- Incandescent: 300 watt max
- Includes a 3 prong pass through outlet (not Z-Wave enabled)
- Lamp outlet is 2 prong (Z-Wave enabled)
- Supports load sensing
- 120v/60hz
- Signal (Frequency): - 908.42 MHz
- Range: - Up to 100 feet line of sight between the Wireless Controller and /or the closest Z-Wave device.
- Z-Wave Version 4.52
- Network Inclusion
- Scene - Command Class
- Security Compatible

(Id.)

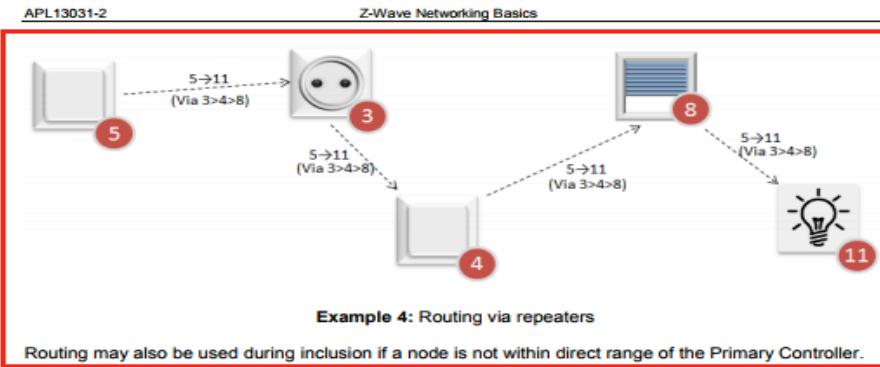


(<https://getvera.com/products/remotec-z-wave-smart-thermostat>).

The Z-Wave Protocol handles transmissions to destinations all over the network. If necessary, other nodes are used as repeaters. This is called routing.

During bootstrapping, the Primary Controller asks the new node to discover its neighbors. Thanks to the neighbor nodes information, the Primary Controller builds a network map and knows the different possible routes to reach a node.

When using repeaters, the Sending node includes the route information in the frame. Each repeater parses the routing information and forwards the frame accordingly.



(<http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2-%20-%20Z-Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf>).



Z-Wave Alliance Recommendation ZAD12837-1

Z-Wave Transceivers – Specification of Spectrum Related Components

(2014)

**Scope**

This Recommendation provides guidelines pertaining to spectrum usage of the short range narrowband digital radiocommunication transceivers complying with ITU-T Recommendation G.9959. ITU-T Recommendation G.9959 contains the system architecture, physical layer (PHY) and medium access control layer (MAC) specifications for G.9959 compliant transceivers.

**References**

[1] Recommendation ITU-T G.9959, *Short range narrowband digital radiocommunication transceivers – PHY & MAC layer specifications*

**Definitions**

This Recommendation uses the following definitions:

**Channel:** a transmission path between nodes. One channel is considered to be one transmission path. Logically a channel is an instance of the communications medium used for the purpose of passing data between two or more nodes.

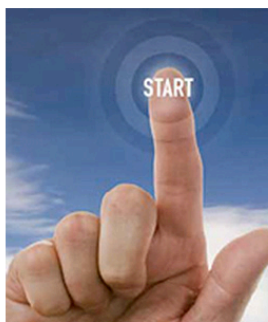
**Node:** any network device that contains a G.9959 transceiver. In the context of this Recommendation, use of the term 'node' without a qualifier means 'G.9959 node'.

<https://z-wavealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/ZAD12837-1.pdf>).

21. Each Accused Instrumentality has an appliance interface for communicating with the at least one local appliance (*e.g.*, an interface which connects and makes possible the transmission of a signal to the actual electrical appliance like a light or socket). For example, the dimmer communicated with the light to dim the light, and outlet communicates with the plugged-in appliance to power the appliance. (*Supra* ¶20).

22. Each Accused Instrumentality has a microcomputer connected between the satellite radio transceiver (*e.g.*, Z-Wave transceiver) and the appliance interface and having first program instructions for controlling the satellite transceiver (*e.g.*, the microcontroller controls the transmission of signals from the transceiver to the other Z-Wave nodes in the network), and second program instructions for directing communication between the satellite transceiver and

the appliance interface (e.g., the microcontroller within the Z-Wave device enables the command received from the primary controller by the Z-Wave transceiver to be communicated to the appliance interface of the device so that the intended action can be executed such as switch on/off a light or plugged in device, control temperature, turn on a light). (*Supra* ¶20; <https://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.15.4-2011.pdf>).



Z-Wave's physical and media access layers (PHY/MAC) have been ratified by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as the international standard (G.9959). The Z-Wave Standard is administered by the Z-Wave Alliance which serves as the Standards Development Organization (SDO) for Z-Wave.

Together, Sigma Designs, the Z-Wave Alliance and the over 450 international companies that use Z-Wave technology in their products and services present the largest ecosystem of interoperable wireless control products in the world. The Z-Wave mesh communication protocol stack is embedded in the available chips and modules, and is accessed through a complete set of APIs. Z-Wave chips and modules provide Flash or OTP memory options for the manufacturer or OEM's application software.

For many products, the Z-Wave chip or module, with its on-board micro-controller, is all that is needed for a complete Z-Wave solution. For companies that choose chip-based over module-based solutions, a range of blueprints of the PCB

circuitry surrounding the Z-Wave Single Chip is offered, including antenna circuitry and filters. Sigma Designs also licenses reference designs, stack software and APIs to chip manufacturers that are interested in entering the wireless control space, providing Z-Wave porting services that assure quality and accelerate product development. Z-Wave's industry-leading device specifications are available royalty free, based on a RAND model. The Z-Wave certification program ensures interoperability between all products.

(<https://Z-Wavealliance.org/Z-Wave-oems-developers/>).

The Version Command Class, version 2 is extended to report the version of various firmware images such as a host processor firmware, etc. in addition to the firmware image running in the Z-Wave chip.

As an example, one may construct a product comprising a Z-Wave chip and a secondary host processor that maintains a security certificate. With Firmware Update Meta Data Command Class, version 3 the Z-Wave chip, the host processor and the security certificate may all be updated via individual firmware IDs. Version 2 of the Version Command Class (this Command Class) allows a controlling node to request the corresponding version information for each firmware ID.

Commands not mentioned here remain the same as specified for Version Command Class, version 1.

#### 4.20.1 Version Report Command

This command is used to report the library type, protocol version and application version from a node.

Version 2 of this command renames the fields Application Version and Application Sub Version to Firmware 0 Version and Firmware 0 Sub Version. The use remains the same.

A node MUST advertise the version of all firmware images which can be updated via the Firmware Update Command Class.

A one-chip system MUST comply with the following:

- The Firmware 0 Version MUST reflect the complete firmware implementing the Z-Wave protocol stack as well as the Z-Wave application.

A multi-processor system MUST comply with the following:

- The Firmware 0 Version MUST reflect the firmware implementing the Z-Wave protocol stack and the inter-chip interface module that enables the Z-Wave application to run in the host processor. Another firmware number (e.g. Firmware 1) version MUST reflect the Z-Wave application that runs in the host processor. Any firmware number larger than 0 MAY be used for this purpose.



[http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf)).

23. Each Accused Instrumentality provides first program instructions including detecting communications directed by the headend computer (*e.g.*, primary controller, in this case VeraEdge Home Controller) relative to the same appliance controller (*e.g.*, targeted Z-Wave node), signaling receipt of the directed communications (*e.g.*, sending acknowledgement signal through the Z-Wave transceiver), and directing communications to the headend computer relative to the same appliance controller (*e.g.*, sending status of an appliance or signal from a connected sensor). For example, VeraEdge Home Controller can send/receive messages to program various connected Z-Wave devices; the Dimmable Lap Module and InWall Dimmer can receive communications to turn on or off appliances or can communicate regarding the status of the appliance; the InWall Dimmer can receive communications to program connected lighting. (*Supra* ¶20; <https://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.15.4-2011.pdf>).

24. Each Accused Instrumentality has a second program instructions including detecting relay communications directed between the headend computer and a different relay unit, transmitting the relay communications, detecting a reply communication from the different relay unit, and transmitting the reply communication to the headend computer, wherein at least some of the relay units communicate with the headend computer by relay communications using at least two others of the relay units (*e.g.*, a Z-Wave node detects messages from primary controller and checks whether message is intended for itself, if not, then acting as a repeater, transmits it to next intended device in the route; the Z-Wave node detects messages from another Z-Wave node and forwards it to primary controller). The Accused Instrumentality work on Z-Wave technology which uses mesh network and would communicate with the headend computer

by relay communications using at least two others of the relay units (e.g., repeaters). (*Supra* ¶20;

<https://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.15.4-2011.pdf>;

<https://www.zwaveproducts.com/learn/ask-an-expert/glossary/mesh-network>;

<http://docslide.us/documents/Z-Wave-technical-basics-small.html>;

<http://www.zwaveproducts.com/learn/Z-Wave>).

---

Each frame carries a checksum. A Receiving node can verify the frame integrity thanks to this checksum. Invalid frames are discarded.

A Receiving node returns an Ack message in order to confirm that the frame has been received. If no Ack is received by the Sending node, it must assume that the transmission failed. The Sending node will then retransmit the same message until it gets feedback from the Receiving node. After three unsuccessful transmissions, the Sending node will consider the link to be down.

Ack messages are sent to confirm the frame integrity and do not imply that the Receiving node has understood or executed the command.

Local differences in wireless link quality may cause a Z-Wave network analyzer (known as a Ziffer) not to see the same transmissions as nodes participating in a transmission.



Example 3: Network analysis issues

(<http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2%20-%20Z-Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf>).

This command is used to set the network route to use when sending commands to the specified NodeID.

The use of this command is NOT RECOMMENDED.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
COMMAND_CLASS = NETWORK_MANAGEMENT_INSTALLATION_MAINTENANCE							
COMMAND = PRIORITY_ROUTE_SET							
NodeID							
Repeater 1 [First repeater]							
Repeater 2							
Repeater 3							
Repeater 4 [Last repeater]							
Speed							

**NodeID (1 byte)**

This field is used to specify the destination NodeID for which a last working route MUST be set.

**Repeater (4 bytes)**

This field is used to specify repeaters for the route. Each byte represents a NodeID and the first field (Repeater 1) is the first repeater of the route.

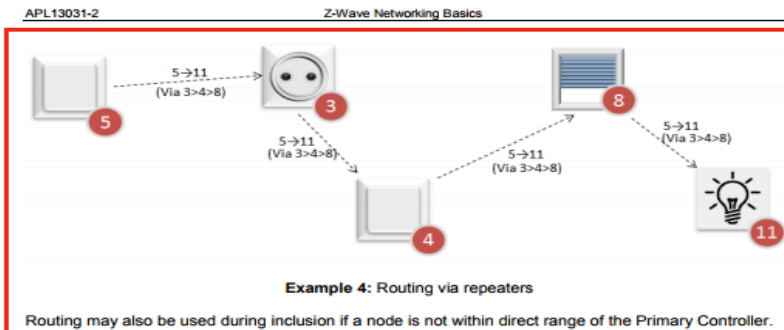
The value 0x00 MUST indicate that the byte does not represent a repeater. If the route is shorter than four repeaters, unused repeaters fields MUST be set to 0x00. If Repeater 1 is set to 0x00, it means that the Last Working Route is direct (nodes are within direct reach).

[http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf)

The Z-Wave Protocol handles transmissions to destinations all over the network. If necessary, other nodes are used as repeaters. This is called routing.

During bootstrapping, the Primary Controller asks the new node to discover its neighbors. Thanks to the neighbor nodes information, the Primary Controller builds a network map and knows the different possible routes to reach a node.

When using repeaters, the Sending node includes the route information in the frame. Each repeater parses the routing information and forwards the frame accordingly.



<http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2%20-%20Z->

[Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf](#)).

**III. COUNT II**  
**(PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 6,873,245)**

25. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

26. On March 29, 2005, United States Patent No. 6,873,245 (“the ‘245 Patent”) was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The application leading to the ‘245 patent was filed on August 14, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of the application leading to the ‘166 Patent. (Ex. B at cover). The ‘245 Patent is titled “RF Remote Appliance Control/Monitoring System.” A true and correct copy of the ‘245 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

27. Plaintiff is the assignee of all right, title and interest in the ‘245 patent, including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the ‘245 Patent. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the ‘245 Patent by Defendant.

28. Because the ‘245 patent is a continuation in part of the application leading to the ‘166 patent, the ‘245 patent has a substantially overlapping specification and the background regarding the ‘166 patent is equally applicable and is incorporated by reference with respect to the ‘245 patent. (*Supra* ¶¶11-17).

29. **Direct Infringement.** Upon information and belief, Defendant has been directly infringing at least claim 1 of the ‘245 patent in Delaware, and elsewhere in the United States, by performing actions comprising making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale an appliance controller for a distributed appliance systems having a multiplicity of appliances, and a plurality of relay units, that satisfies the limitations of at least claim 1, including without limitation the as

Z-Wave Nano Switch, Z-Wave Plug-In Dimmable Lamp Module, Z-wave InWall Dimmer, Z-wave Smart Thermostat (“Accused Instrumentality”).

30. Each Accused Instrumentality provides an appliance controller (*e.g.*, as Z-Wave Nano Switch, Z-Wave Plug-In Dimmable Lamp Module, Z-wave InWall Dimmer, Z-wave Smart Thermostat) for a distributed appliance system (*e.g.*, Z-Wave network) having a multiplicity of appliances (*e.g.*, appliances such as lights, appliances, etc.), and a plurality of relay units (*e.g.*, repeaters), one of the relay units being the appliance controller (*e.g.*, a Z-Wave Controller). (*Supra* ¶20; [http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf); <http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2%20-%20Z-Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf>)

31. Each Accused Instrumentality has a low power satellite radio transceiver (*e.g.*, radio frequency transceivers within the various Z-Wave devices) having a range being less than a distance to at least some of the appliances. (*Supra* ¶20).

32. Each Accused Instrumentality has an appliance interface for communicating with the at least one local appliance (*e.g.*, an interface which connects and makes possible the transmission of signal to the actual electrical appliance like a light and plugged in appliances). (*Supra* ¶20).

33. Each Accused Instrumentality has a microcomputer (*e.g.*, microcontroller) connected between the satellite radio transceiver (*e.g.*, Z-Wave transceiver) and the appliance interface and having first program instructions for controlling the satellite transceiver (*e.g.*, the microcontroller controls the transmission of signals from the transceiver to the other Z-Wave nodes in the network) and second program instructions for directing communication between the

satellite transceiver and the appliance interface (e.g., the microcontroller within the Z-Wave device enables the command received from the appliance interface to be communicated to the local appliance by the Z-Wave transceiver so that the intended action can be executed such as switch on/off a light, control temperature, dim a light). (*Supra* ¶¶20, 22; <https://Z-Wavealliance.org/Z-Wave-oems-developers/>; [http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13782-4%20Z-Wave%20Management%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf); <http://www.rfwireless-world.com/Tutorials/Z-Wave-physical-layer.html>).

34. Each Accused Instrumentality has a first program instructions including detecting communications directed by another of the relay units (e.g., another Z-Wave node acting as a repeater) relative to the same appliance controller (e.g., targeted Z-Wave node), signaling receipt of the directed communications (sending acknowledgement signal through the Z-Wave transceiver), and directing communications to the other of the relay units relative to the same appliance controller (e.g., sending status of an appliance or signal from a connected sensor). For example, VeraEdge Home Controller can send/receive messages to program various connected Z-Wave devices; the Z-Wave outlet can receive communications to turn on or off appliances or can communicate regarding the status of the appliance; the Z-Wave switch can receive communications to program connected lighting sources or communicate regarding the status of the light. (*Supra* ¶¶20; <http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2%20-%20Z-Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf>; [http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf)).

35. Each Accused Instrumentality has a second program instructions including detecting relay communications directed between the another of the relay units and a different relay unit, transmitting the relay communications, detecting a reply communication from the different relay unit, and transmitting the reply communication to the other of the relay units, wherein at least some of the relay units communicate with others of the relay units by relay communications using at least two others of the relay units (*e.g.*, a Z-Wave node detects messages from primary controller and checks whether message is intended for itself, if not, then acting as a repeater, transmits it to next intended device in the route. Also, the Z-Wave node detects messages from another Z-Wave node and forwards it to primary controller. N number of nodes may be involved in the process acting as repeaters or relay units). The Accused Instrumentality works on Z-Wave technology which uses mesh network and would communicate with the other relay units by relay communications using at least two others of the relay units (*e.g.*, repeaters). (*Supra* ¶¶20, 24; <http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/APL13031-2%20-%20Z-Wave%20Networking%20Basics.pdf>; [http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command\\_class\\_specs\\_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf](http://zwavepublic.com/sites/default/files/command_class_specs_2017A/SDS13784-4%20Z-Wave%20Network-Protocol%20Command%20Class%20Specification.pdf); <https://www.zwaveproducts.com/learn/ask-an-expert/glossary/mesh-network>; <http://docslide.us/documents/Z-Wave-technical-basics-small.html>; <http://www.zwaveproducts.com/learn/Z-Wave>).

36. Plaintiff has been damaged because of Defendant's infringing conduct. Defendant is thus liable to Plaintiff for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for such Defendant's infringement of the '166 Patent and the '245 Patent, *i.e.*, in an amount that by law cannot be less than would constitute a reasonable royalty for the use of the

patented technology, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

37. On information and belief, Defendant had at least constructive notice of the ‘166 Patent and the ‘245 Patent by operation of law, and there are no marking requirements that have not been complied with.

**IV. JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

**V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendant, and that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief:

- a. Judgment that one or more claims of United States Patent No. 6,275,166 have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- b. Judgment that one or more claims of United States Patent No. 6,873,245 have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- c. Judgment that Defendant account for and pay to Plaintiff all damages to and costs incurred by Plaintiff because of Defendant’s infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein, and an accounting of all infringements and damages not presented at trial;
- d. That Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by Defendant’s infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- e. That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.



December 18, 2019

STAMOULIS & WEINBLATT LLC

OF COUNSEL:

David R. Bennett  
Direction IP Law  
P.O. Box 14184  
Chicago, IL 60614-0184  
(312) 291-1667  
dbennett@directionip.com

/s/ Stamatios Stamoulis  
Stamatios Stamoulis (#4606)  
800 N. West Street, Third Floor  
Wilmington, DE 19809  
(302) 999-1540  
stamoulis@swdelaw.com

**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
KARAMELION LLC**