

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION  
INNOVATIONS LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIDGESTONE RETAIL OPERATIONS,  
LLC d/b/a FIRESTONE COMPLETE  
AUTO CARE,

Defendant.

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Case No: 3:20-cv-03628

PATENT CASE

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Geographic Location Innovations LLC (“Plaintiff” or “GLI”) files this Complaint against Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC d/b/a Firestone Complete Auto Care (“Defendant” or “Firestone”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (hereinafter “the ‘285 Patent”).

**PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with a virtual office located at 1801 NE 123rd Street, Suite 314, North Miami, FL 33161.

4. On information and belief, Defendant is a Delaware limited liability company

with a place of business located at 200 4th Ave. S., Ste. 100, Nashville, TN 37201-2256. On information and belief, Defendant may be served with process through its registered agent, United Agent Group Inc., 205 Powell Pl., Brentwood, TN 37027-7522.

5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.

6. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

### **VENUE**

7. On information and belief, venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because acts of infringement are occurring in this District and Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this District at, for example, 4370 Lovers Ln., Dallas, TX 75225.

### **COUNT I** **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,917,285)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 7 herein by reference.

9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '285 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '044 Patent and sue infringers.

11. A copy of the '285 Patent, titled "Device, System and Method for Remotely Entering, Storing and Sharing Addresses for a Positional Information Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. The '285 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 13, of the '285 Patent by making, using (at least by having its employees, or someone under Defendant's control, test the System), importing, selling, and/or offering for sale a mobile website with associated hardware and software embodied, for example, in its store locator system (the "System") covered by at least Claim 13 of the '285 Patent. The System is used, for example, in connection with Defendant's website (e.g., <https://local.firestonecompleteautocare.com/#start-geolocate>). Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '285 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

14. The System includes the website and associated hardware. These tools provide a route planner application. This application provides for remote entry of location information, such as destination into a positional information device such as, for example, a tablet or smart phone in which users can find dealers. The website automatically loads available routes onto the positional information device based on the user's location. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

A screenshot of a web form for finding a Firestone store. It consists of a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter Zip Code or City, State" and a red "FIND A STORE" button. Below the input field, there is a red error message: "Please enter a valid zip code or city, state". The entire form is enclosed in a red rectangular border.

Source: <https://www.firestonecompleteautocare.com/locate/display-map/>

15. The System includes one or more servers that receive a request for an address such as destination (i.e., an address of a location not stored within the positional device, such as a smartphone). The server determines the address of the destination (i.e., address of the at least one location) and transmits the determined address to the positional information device. The user can see (on the positional information device) a visual indication of the destination in a map. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

FIND A STORE

Please enter a valid zip code or city, state

**1** Store #**22489**  
**Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
 70 State Hwy Rt 139  
 Jersey City, NJ 07306-3527

201.918.3214

**Hours:**  
 MON-FRI 7:00am-7:00pm  
 SAT 7:00am-6:00pm  
 SUN 9:00am-5:00pm

SET AS MY STORE

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

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**2** Store #**24147**  
**Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
 2 Anderson Ave  
 Fairview, NJ 07022-2102

201.654.4050

**Hours:**  
 MON-FRI 7:00am-7:00pm  
 SAT 7:00am-6:00pm  
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16. The server(s) determine the address(es) and transmits the determined address to the positional information device (e.g., smartphone). For example, the server(s) transmits to the positional information device a visual indication of the location on a map. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

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Store #22489

Firestone Complete Auto Care

70 State Hwy Rt 139

Jersey City, NJ 07306-3527

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SET AS MY STORE

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

Get Directions

Store Details & Offers

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM:

Address

City

State:

New Jersey

ZIP Code

07306-3527

GET DIRECTIONS

TO STORE LOCATION:

Store

#22489

70 State Hwy Rt 139

Jersey City, NJ 07306-3527

201.918.3214

Change Location

Print Directions

Hours:

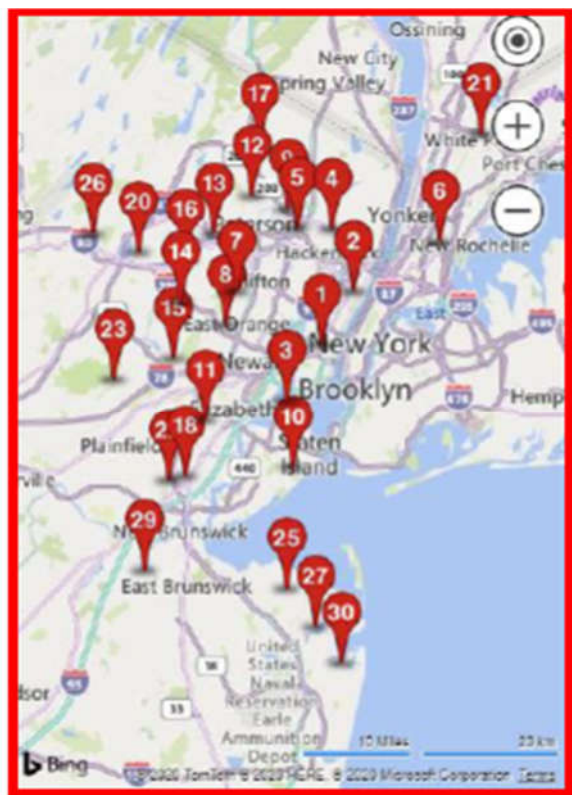
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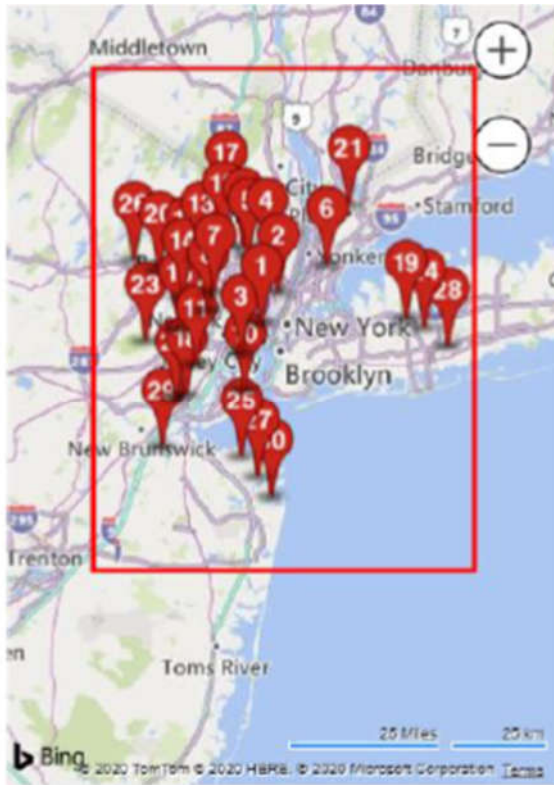
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LLC d/b/a FIRESTONE COMPLETE AUTOCARE

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17. The Product includes a locational information module for determining the location information of the positional information device. For example, the system installed on the smartphone (i.e., positional information device) is able to utilize the GPS location (i.e., location information module) to determine the location of the smartphone (i.e., positional information device). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



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18. The user's device (i.e. position information device) uses the cellular network communication transceiver (i.e., communication module) through which the smartphone (i.e., the positional information device) receives the address of the destination (i.e., location address). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



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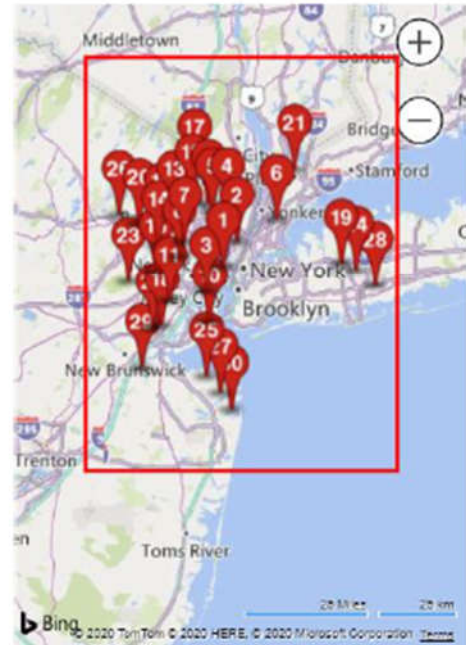
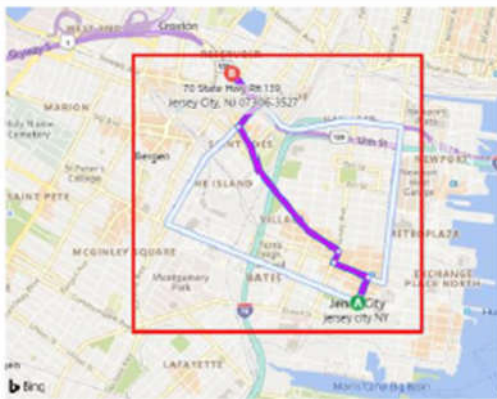
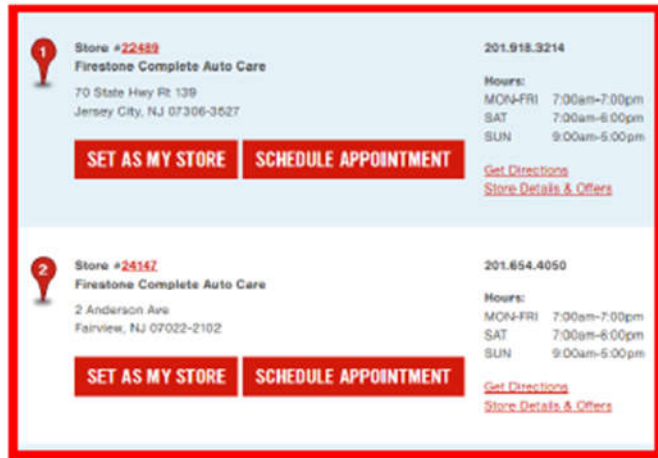
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19. The System includes a processing module (e.g., mapping software and the mobile website), which receives the determined address(es) from the communication module. The processing module determines route guidance based on the location of the positional information device and the determined address(es). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



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20. The System includes a display module (e.g., screen on the positional information device) for displaying the route guidance. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) provided in connection with other allegations herein.


21. The System includes a communications network (e.g., cellular network and/or Internet) for coupling the positional information device to the server(s). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



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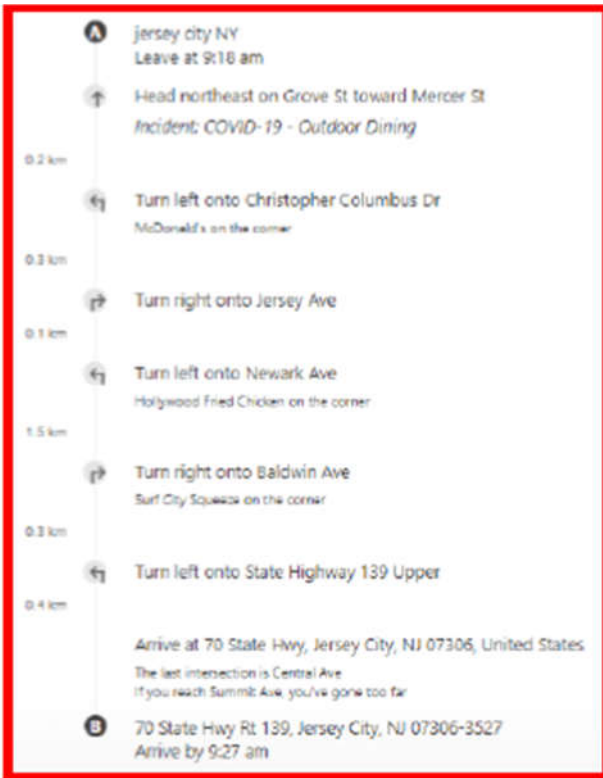
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**DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM:**  
Address  
  
City  
  
State:  
   
ZIP Code  
  
[GET DIRECTIONS](#)

**TO STORE LOCATION:**  
Store  
#22489  
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22. The server(s) receives a time and date (e.g., the time and date of the request for a location) associated with the requested location and transmits the associated time and date with the determined address (i.e., destination) by the help of maps (i.e., communication module) to the positional information device (i.e., smartphone) and the positional information device displays the determined address at the associated time and date. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM:

Address

jersey city

City

State:

New York

ZIP Code

GET DIRECTIONS

TO STORE LOCATION:

Store

22489

70 State Hwy Rt 139

Jersey City, NJ 07306-3527

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Hours:

MON-FRI: 7:00am-7:00pm

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jersey city NY

Leave at 9:18 am

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Head northeast on Grove St toward Mercer St

Incident: COVID-19 - Outdoor Dining

0.2 km

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Turn left onto Christopher Columbus Dr

McDonald's on the corner

0.3 km

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Turn right onto Jersey Ave

0.1 km

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Turn left onto Newark Ave

Hollywood Food Children on the corner

1.0 km

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Turn right onto Baldwin Ave

Dart City Squash on the corner

0.3 km

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Turn left onto State Highway 139 Upper

0.4 km

Arrive at 70 State Hwy, Jersey City, NJ 07306, United States

The last interaction is Center Ave

If you reach Summit Ave, you've gone too far

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70 State Hwy Rt 139, Jersey City, NJ 07306-3527

Arrive by 9:27 am

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23. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

24. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

25. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice

of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);

(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: December 11, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT A**