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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ZEVON MCCARTER

Plaintiff,

-vs

MILKMEN DESIGN, LLC. Defendants.

Civil Action No.:

8:25 cv 402 TPB - AEP

TRIAL BY JUDGE DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

For its complaint against Defendants Milkmen Design, LLC ("Milkmen"), Plaintiff Zevon

McCarte ("Inventor") alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a civil action for patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 United States Code and any other applicable U.S.C. Codes this Court or future Counsel deems necessary.

2. Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe, in an illegal and unauthorized manner, U.S. Utility Patent No. 10,604,054 ("the '054 Patent"), attached as Exhibit A.

The patent is referred to as the "Patent" or the "Patent-in-Suit" or "the Patent '054."

3. Defendants have used the following Accused Product to infringe and continue to infringe, in an illegal and unauthorized manner.

4. Innovative seeks to recover injunctive relief, damages, attorney's fees, and costs pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §271.



THE PARTIES

5. Zevon McCarter is a Inventor with the principal place of business at 5470 E. Busch Blvd Ste 134, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617.

6. Milkmen is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio with its principal place business at 13694 York Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44115.

7. Upon information and belief, the Defendants directly and/or indirectly imports, designs, manufactures, distributes, markets, offers to sell and/or sells infringing products in the United States, including in the Middle District of Florida, and otherwise purposefully directs infringing activities to this judicial district.

8. Upon information and belief, the Defendants falsely asserts that said Accused Product has a Patent covered within <https://www.saucemoto.com/pages/patents> (SAUCEMOTO CONDIMENT HOLDER Covered by: US Patent No. 10,967,776; US Patent No. 11,518,287; US Patent No. D899,196; US Patent No. D960,653; US Patent No. D960,654; US Patent No. D1,043,260 (by willfully and/or continues to knowingly falsify information of "product propriety status" and "window/door pane usage" and directly and/or indirectly imports, designs, manufactures, distributes, markets, offers to sell and/or sells same infringing products in the United States, including in the Middle District of Florida, and otherwise purposefully directs infringing activities to this judicial district. designs, manufactures, distributes, markets, offers to sell and/or sells infringing products in the United States, including in the Middle District of Florida, and otherwise purposefully directs infringing activities to this judicial district.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This is an action for patent infringement in violation of the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.

10. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 1332 and 1338 (a).

11. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because the Defendant have infringed the Patent-in-Suit in this District by, among other things, engaging in infringing conduct within and directed at this District, because of their systematic and continuous business within this District, because of the injury to Inventor in this District, and because the causes of action have arisen in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

12. On March 31, 2020, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (the "USPTO") duly issued the '054 Patent, entitled "Portable condiment holder system and device for use in a vehicle," after a full and fair examination.

13. The '054 Patent discloses a condiment holder for supporting a condiment container and a method for using the same (Window/Door Pane Application).

14. Inventor is presently the owner of the Patent-in-Suit, having received all rights, title, and interest in the Patent-in-Suit.

15. The Patent-in-Suit have been in full force and effect since it issued.

16. Inventor owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Patent-in-Suit, including the right to seek damages for past, current and future infringement. The '054 Patent discloses a portable condiment system.

17. The '054 Patent discloses a length-adjustable holder arm with a downward bent outer end, such that the outer part of the holder arm can be attached to a gap between an inner door casing and a windowpane of a door of a vehicle, such that the condiment container is stably positioned with convenient access to the condiment.

18. Defendant offers for sale, sells, and distributes a Window Adapter which incorporates the design, structure, and/or function of the Patent-in-Suit. The infringing Window Adapter will be referred to as the "Accused Product."

19. Upon information and belief, Defendant is still selling the Accused Product. Prior to initiating this lawsuit, on February 17, 2025, Inventor advised Defendant of the Patent-in-Suit and advised the Defendant that the Accused Product infringes the Patent-in-Suit.

20. Upon information and belief, since being advised of the Patent-in-Suit, Defendant has refused to discontinue sale of the Accused Product.

21. Upon information and belief, Defendant is still selling the Accused Product, the Window Adapter.

COUNT I

22. Inventor incorporates by reference every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

23. Defendant has offered and, upon information and belief, continues to offer for sale the Accused Product that enables the performance of at least one independent claim of the '054' Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.

24. Upon information and belief, Defendant has imported for sale the Accused Product that enables the performance of at least one independent claim of the '054 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.

25. Defendant has infringed and, upon information and belief continues to infringe at least one independent claim of the '054 Patent and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

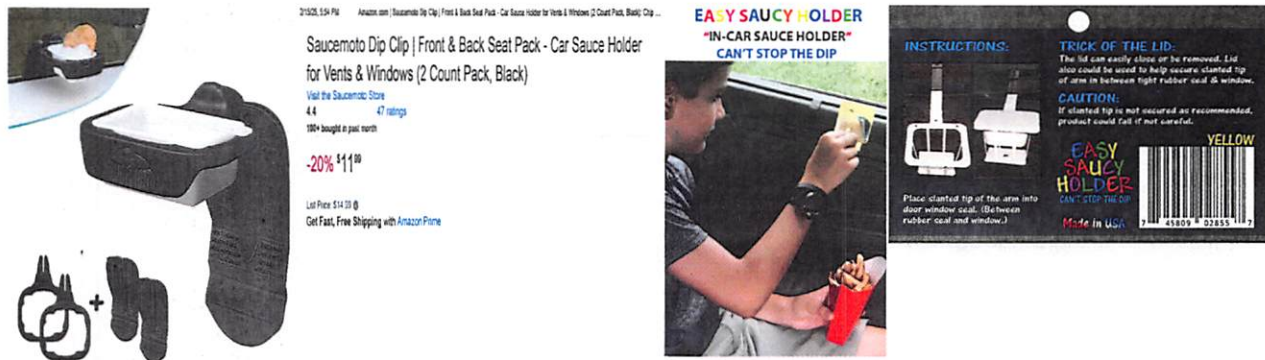
26. Upon information and belief, Defendant sells Window Adapter for Condiment Holder.

27. Upon information and belief, Defendant has provided false information regarding the Patent Status).

28. Upon information and belief, Defendant has failed to file for Patent for the Window Adapter because the method for using the Accused Product *would not* warrant the Grant of Patent (Air Vent/Window/Door Pane Application).

29. Upon information and belief, Defendant has failed to file for Patent for the Window Adapter because the method for using the Accused Product would make the '054' Patent *related art*.

The following is a depiction of the Accused Product and the Patent '054' being applied, juxtaposed. This Accused Product is being sold on Amazon website and perhaps in various unknown retailers.



30. Defendant has committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization from Inventor.

31. As a direct, indirect and proximate result of Defendant's infringement of at least one independent claim of the '054 Patent, Inventor has been and continues to be damaged.

32. As a direct, indirect and proximate result of Defendant's direct/indirect infringement of the '054 Patent, Inventor has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary award of damages in an amount adequate to compensate Innovative for Defendant's past and continuing infringement of the '054 Patent.



33. As a direct/indirect and proximate result of Defendant's direct/indirect infringement of the '054 Patent, Innovative has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary award of damages in an amount adequate to compensate Innovative for Defendant's past and continuing infringement of the '054 Patent.

DEMAND-FOR-JUDGE-TRIAL

34. Plaintiff demands a trial by judge of all causes of action.

PRAYER-FOR-RELIEF

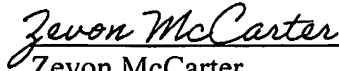
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief.

- a. That Defendant be adjudged to have directly infringed the '054 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents or any other doctrine of relevancy, to the pro se litigant allegations (by nature and/or reference);
- b. That Defendant be adjudged to have directly infringed the '054 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents or any other doctrine of relevancy, to the pro se litigant allegations (by nature and/or reference);
- c. That Defendant, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, affiliates, divisions, branches, partners, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, be permanently restrained and enjoined from directly infringing the Patent-in-Suit;
- d. An accounting of all infringing sales and damages including, but not limited to, those sales and damages not presented at trial;
- e. An award of damages pursuant to 35 U.C.C. §284 sufficient to compensate Innovative for the Defendant's past infringement, including compensatory damages;
- f. An assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs against Defendant, together with an award of such interest and costs, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §284;
- g. That Defendant be directed to pay enhanced damages, including Innovative's attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this lawsuit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §285; and

h. That Inventor be granted such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: February 17, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



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