COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Allstar Tire & Wheel, Inc. ("ATW") by way of its complaints alleges the following against Defendants:

PARTIES

- ATW is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the 1. state California, and having its principal place of business at 1403 N. Batavia, Suite 107, Orange, CA 92867.
- On information and belief, Defendant Wheel Pros, Inc. is a 2. corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware doing business all over the United States, including the state of California, and having its headquarters at 44 Union Blvd, Suite 620 S, Lakewood, CO 80228.
- On information and belief, Defendant Wheel Pros, Inc. regularly conducts business in this state and District, and has purposely directed its activities towards residents in California, and this District, particularly having multiple distributors physically located in this District, and more specifically, having multiple distributors in Santa Ana, California; multiple distributors in Anaheim, California; multiple distributors in Costa Mesa, California; multiple distributors in Garden Grove, California; multiple distributors in Irvine, California; and several other distributors throughout the entire Central District of California.
- 4. Furthermore, Wheel Pros, Inc. maintains a state-local Agent for Service of Process, and may be served with process by serving its registered agent, CT Corporation System, located at 818 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.
- 5. The true names and capacities of the Defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 10, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, are unknown to ATW, who therefore sues said Defendants by said fictitious names. ATW is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants

designated herein as DOE is legally responsible for the events and happenings hereinafter alleged and legally caused injury and damages proximately thereby to ATW as herein alleged. ATW will seek to leave to amend the Complaint when the true names and capacities of said DOE Defendants have been ascertained. Wheel Pros, Inc. and DOES Defendants are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants."

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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6. This action, as hereinafter more fully appears, arises under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, specifically Title 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq.,

11 12 being for patent infringement.

7. This court has subject matter jurisdiction based upon 28 U.S.C §§ 1331, and 1338(a).

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8. On information and belief, this court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants since Defendants engage in a business in California and in this District, and have purposely availed himself (or themselves) of the privileges of doing business in the State of California and in this District, both generally and specifically, by directing its activities at the residents of California and in this District by marketing, using, selling, importing, distributing, and/ or offering for sale a number of different products that infringe the claim of ATW's Patent No. D503,369 ("the '369 Patent") throughout the State of California, including conducting business at multiple locations in Santa Ana, California and many other

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9. On information and belief, Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C §§ 1391(b) and (c), and 1400(b), in part due to Defendant's conducting its business in this state and marketing, offering for sale, and selling his wheel products in several locations throughout this state and in this District.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

- 10. On March 29, 2005, United States Letters of Patent No. D503,369 entitled "Decorative Vehicular Wheel Lip" was duly and legally issued to Joey K. Kato. All rights, title and interests in the '369 Patent were assigned to ATW, which remains the sole owner. See Exhibit A. Such rights, title and interests include, without limitation, the right to sue for infringement of the '369 Patent.
- 11. On or about June 11, 2007 ATW attempted communication with Wheel Pros, Inc. ("Defendants") informing them of their infringing products and to cease and desist marketing, using, offering for sale, selling, distributing, and/or importing a number of different products that infringe the claim of the '369 Patent.
- 12. Although some communication was established with Defendants in mid 2007, on or about October 2007, after numerous attempts to contact Defendant's council, ATW's communications to Defendants ceased and have since been ignored.
- 13. On information and belief, Defendants continue to market, advertise, offer for sale, sell, distribute, and/or import numerous infringing products, and have continued to expand their line of infringing products, at least since ATW's first communication with Defendants in 2007.
- 14. Defendants continue to update their website www.wheelpros.com, wherein multiple infringing products are continuously marketed, advertised and offered for sale throughout the entire United States; said website providing customers with distributor information including their numbers and addresses to their physical business locations in this state, which include a great number of dealers located in this state and particularly in this District.
- 15. ATW is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the Defendants participated in some manner responsible for the acts described in this Complaint and any damages resulting therefrom.

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- 16. ATW is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the Defendants has acted in concert and participation with each other concerning each of the claims in this Complaint.
- 17. ATW is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that each of the Defendants were empowered to act as the agent, servant and/or employee of each of the other Defendants, and that all the acts alleged to have been done by each of them were authorized, approved, and/or ratified by each of the other Defendants.
- 18. On information and belief, Defendants' foregoing acts of infringement were willful and deliberate from the time which it first received notice of its infringement as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) and continue to be willful and deliberate.
- 19. On information and belief, Defendants have been and are infringing the '369 Patent, within this District and elsewhere in the United States, by making, selling, importing, distributing and/or offering for sale products that infringe the claim of the '369 Patent.
- 20. ATW has been damaged by the foregoing acts of infringement of its patent by Defendants and asks the court for enforcement of the '369 Patent and will continue to be damaged by such infringement unless Defendants are enjoined by the Court.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Patent Infringement of U.S. Patent No. D503,369)

- 21. ATW repeats and incorporates by reference each of the forgoing paragraphs of its Complaint.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendants are now, and have been infringing the '369 Patent under 35 U.S.C. §271, et seq. by, without permission or authority from ATW, importing into the United States and selling, offering to sell,

and/or using within the United States, including this District, automobile wheels covered by this patent. Examples of such infringing automobile wheels include the following wheel models: KMC 127 Dime; KMC 131; AF129; V57; V56; WL11; and other products as yet unidentified. See Exhibit B.

- 23. Defendants have notice of its infringement as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).
- 24. On information and belief, Defendants' foregoing acts of infringement were willful and deliberate from the time which it first received notice of its infringement as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) and continue to be willful and deliberate.
- 25. ATW has been damaged by the foregoing acts of infringement of its patent by Defendants and will continue to be damaged by such infringement unless enjoined by the Court.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, ATW respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. That the '369 Patent is, during all relevant periods, valid and enforceable;
 - B. That the '369 Patent has been infringed by Defendants;
- C. An injunction against further infringement of the '369 Patent by Defendants;
- D. An award of damages in the amount of all of Defendants' profits from sales of products infringing ATW's patent, or, in the alternative, an award of damages sufficient to compensate ATW for patent infringement that has occurred, together with pre-judgment interest and costs;
- E. An award of all other damages permitted by 35 U.S.C. § 284, including increased damages up to three times the amount of compensatory damages found;

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1	F. That this is an exception	nal case and an award to ATW of its costs and
2	reasonable attorney's fees incurred i	in this action as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285;
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4	G. Such other relief that the	nis Court deems just and proper.
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8	DATED: May 15, 2008	Respectfully submitted,
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL Plaintiff Allstar Tire & Wheel, Inc. hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims and defenses that are or may be asserted as to which a right to a jury trial attaches. Respectfully submitted, DATED: May 15, 2008 JAFARI LAW GROUP David V. Jafari Attorneys for Plaintiff, Allstar Tire & Wheel, Inc.

EXHIBIT A



(12) United States Design Patent (10) Patent No.:

(45) Date of Patent:

US D503,369 S ** Mar. 29, 2005

(54)	DECORATIVE VEHICULAR WHEEL LIP		
(76)	Inventor:	Joey K. Kato, 27560 Glenwood Dr., Mission Viejo, CA (US) 92692	
(**)	Term:	14 Years	
(21)	Appl. No.	: 29/176,867	
(22)	Filed:	Feb. 28, 2003	
(51)	LOC (7)	Cl 12-16	
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D490,167	S	*	5/2004	Eichner et al	D25/119

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Primary Examiner—Charles Radomaker
Assistant Examiner—Maurice Stevens
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(57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a decorative vehicular wheel lip, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

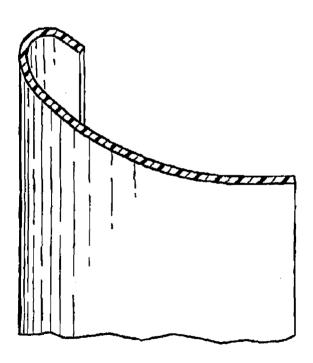
FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of the decorative vehicular wheel lip of the present invention showing my new design with the phantom lines depicting solely environmental structure and forming no part of the claimed design;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof with the phantom lines depicting solely environmental structure and forming no part of the claimed design;

FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

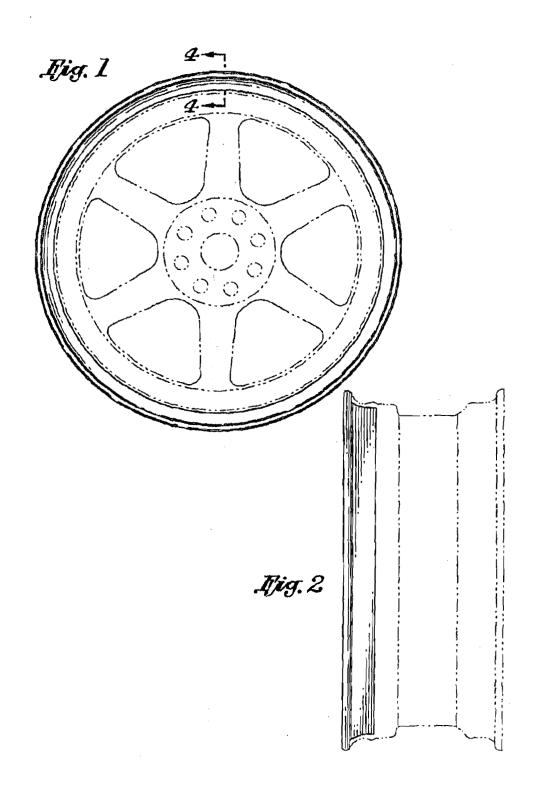
FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken about lines 4—4 of FIG. 1

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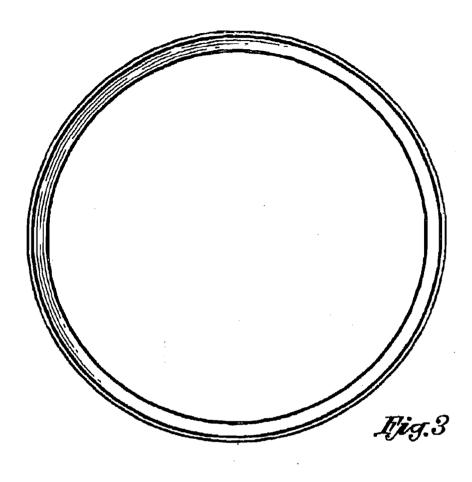
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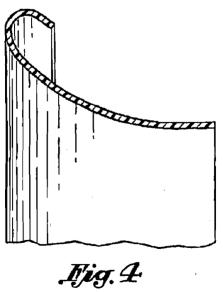


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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Joey K. Kato of Mission Viejo, California, Assignor, has invented a new and useful DECORATIVE VEHICULAR WHEEL LIP, for which United States Design Patent No. US D503,369 S was Issued to him on March 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Assignor believes himself to be the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the application for Design Patent filed on February 28, 2003 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and assigned Application No. 29/176,867; and

WHEREAS, Allstar Tire & Wheel, Inc., a California corporation, Assignee, desires to acquire by formal, recordable assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the application, United States Design Patent No. US D503,369 S, and any other Design Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and/or throughout the world, including any divisional and/or continuation and/or continuation-in-part;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of U.S. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to Assignee, the entire right, title, and interest, including the exclusive right to sue for any and all past infringement, in and to the invention, the application, United States Design Patent No. US D503,369 S, and any other Design Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and/or throughout the world, including any divisional and/or continuation and/or continuation-in-part, including any as-of-yet unexpired right to file foreign applications directly in the name of Assignee and to claim for any such foreign applications any priority rights to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise. Provided however that any pending patent infringement actions commenced by Kato, not including the action filed against Allstar Tire & Wheel, Jeff Meehan, and David Aynehchi, are expressly excluded from this provision.

Further, Assignor agrees that, upon request and without further compensation, but at no expense to Assignor, he and his legal representatives and assigns will perform all lawful acts, including the execution of papers and the giving of testimony, that might be necessary or desirable for obtaining, sustaining, reissuing, or enforcing the Design Patent in the United States and throughout the world for the invention, and for perfecting, recording, or maintaining the title of Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the invention, the application, United States Design Patent No. US D503,369 S, and any other Design Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and/or throughout the world, including any divisional and/or continuation and/or continuation-in-part.

Assignor represents and warrants that he has not granted and will not grant to others any rights inconsistent with the rights granted by this Assignment. Assignor further represents and warrants that he does not know of any improvements to the invention other than what has been disclosed in the application unless said improvement is disclosed to Assignee in writing prior to the execution of this Assignment.

Assignor authorizes and requests that the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and the corollary official of all foreign countries in which applications have been filed, to issue any Design Patent granted for the invention, whether on the application, or on any subsequently filed division, continuation, continuation-in-part, or reissue application, to Assignee, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire interest in the invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this Assignment.

Assignor

Date: 8/3/06

State of California}

County of Orange }

On 8-31-06 before me, Angi Morrow

personally appeared Joey K. Kato personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

ANGI MORROW Commission # 1576630 Notary Public - California Orange County Ny Comm. Expires Jun 4, 2009 May Molton Notary Public

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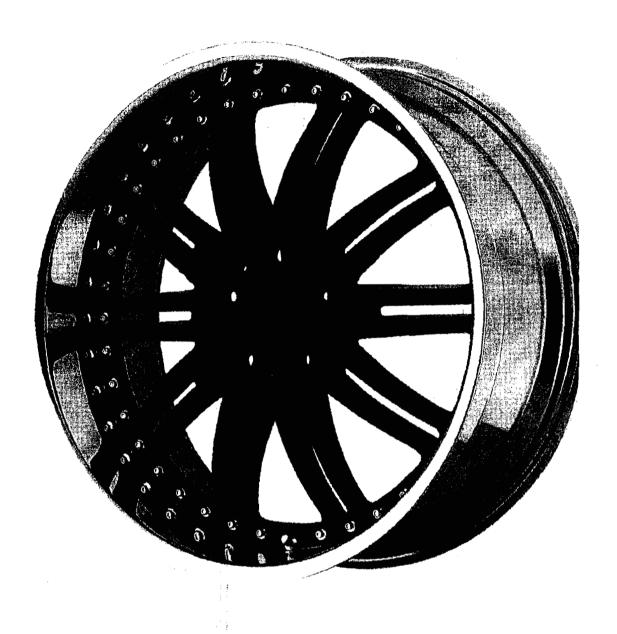
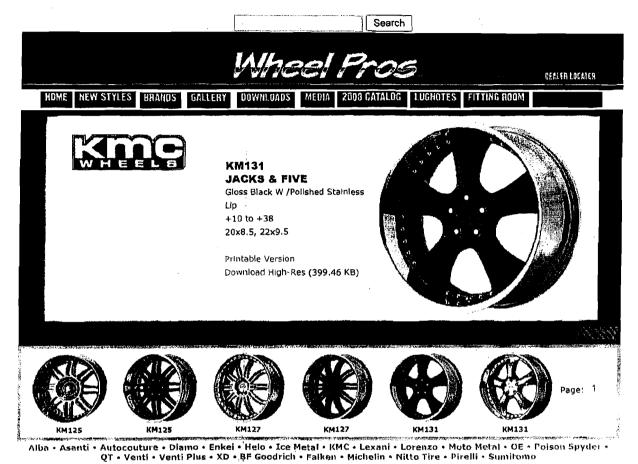


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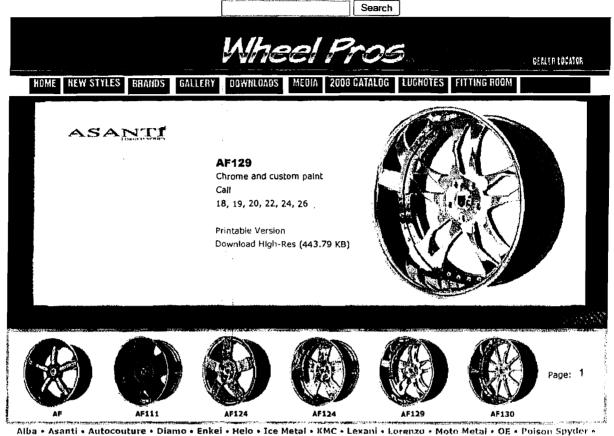
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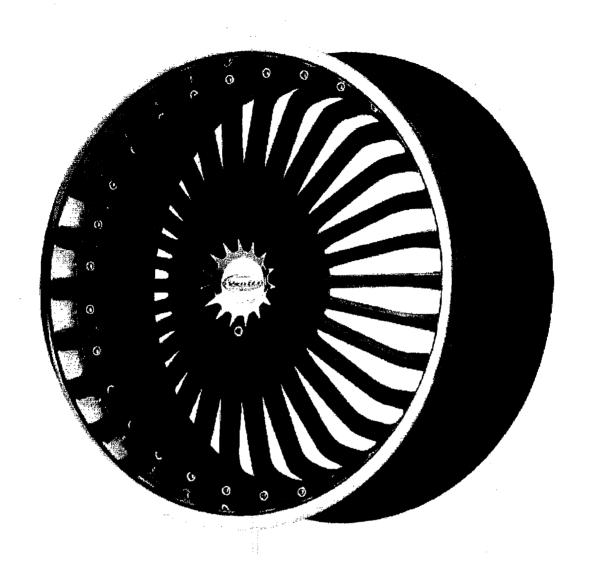


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Alicemarie H. Stotler and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Jennifer T. Lum.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (Except in U.S. Plaintiff Cases Orange County, CA	s): County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (In U.S. Plaintiff Casty Only): Jefferson County, CO							
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are represe yourself, provide same.) JAFARI LAW GROUP 80 I N. Parkcenter Drive, Suite 220 Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 542-2265	Ruy M. Garcia-Zamor , Esq. 12960 Linden Church Road Clarksville, MD 21029							
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	862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)			

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All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))

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