

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

BIRD BRAIN, INC.,)	
a Michigan corporation,)	
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and)	
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PARASOL, LLC,)	
A Colorado corporation)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 08-10503
)	
v.)	
)	Hon. Paul V. Gadola
TARGET CORPORATION,)	
a Minnesota corporation,)	
)	Mag. Judge Virginia Morgan
TARGET BRANDS, INC.,)	
a Minnesota corporation,)	
)	
SMITH & HAWKEN, LTD.,)	
A California corporation, and)	
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MATADOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)	
A Taiwanese company)	
)	
Defendants.)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

NOW COME Plaintiffs, BIRD BRAIN, INC. and PARASOL, LLC, by and through their counsel, to complain against Defendants TARGET BRANDS, INC., TARGET CORPORATION, MATADOR INTERNATIONAL, INC., and SMITH & HAWKEN, LTD. (collectively "Defendants") as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff BIRD BRAIN, INC. (hereafter "BBI"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and having its principal place of business at 52 E. Cross Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48195.

2. Plaintiff PARASOL, LLC (hereafter "PARASOL"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado, and having its principal place of business at 303 S. Broadway, #B390, Denver, Colorado 80209.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant TARGET BRANDS, INC., hereafter referred to as "TARGET BRANDS," is a Minnesota corporation having its principal place of business at 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403. Upon information and belief, Defendant TARGET BRANDS is responsible for one or more of the manufacture/reproduction, importation into the United States, sale and/or offer for sale of a certain product designated by Defendant as the "Smith & Hawken Hummingbird Feeder Product 084021244" and shown in Exhibit A, attached (hereafter "the Accused Product"), which product is being actively sold in the United States, including within this judicial district.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant TARGET CORPORATION, hereafter referred to as "TARGET," is a Minnesota corporation having its principal place of business at 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403. Upon

information and belief, Defendant TARGET is responsible for one or more of the manufacture/reproduction, importation into the United States, sale and/or offer for sale of the Accused Product, which product is being actively sold in the United States, including within this judicial district.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendant SMITH & HAWKEN, LTD., hereafter referred to as "S&H," is a California corporation having its principal place of business at 4 Hamilton Landing, Suite 100, Novato, California 94949. Upon information and belief, Defendant S&H is responsible for one or more of the manufacture/reproduction, importation into the United States, sale and/or offer for sale of the Accused Product, which product is being actively sold in the United States, including within this judicial district.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant MATADOR INTERNATIONAL, INC., hereafter referred to as "MATADOR," is a Taiwanese corporation having a place of business at 5F, No. 225, Sec. 5, Nanking E. Road, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. Upon information and belief, Defendant MATADOR is responsible for one or more of the manufacture/reproduction, importation into the United States, sale and/or offer for sale of the Accused Product, which product is being actively sold in the United States, including within this judicial district.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This is an action for copyright infringement arising under the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 *et seq.*, and for patent infringement arising under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*

8. Jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. Sections 1331 and 1338, as this case arises under the federal Copyright and Patent Acts.

9. Venue in the Eastern District of Michigan is proper under 28 U.S.C. Sections 1391 and 1400, as Defendants “reside” in this judicial district.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

10. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 9 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

11. Plaintiff BBI is in the business of manufacturing and selling to retailers nationwide unique and original products for lawn, garden and home. Among the said products of BBI are certain glass hummingbird feeders which BBI designates as the “Charisma” (hereafter referred to as “the Charisma Product”).

12. The Charisma Product comprises a copyrighted work which is, pursuant to the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 *et seq.*, the subject of a copyright registration, Reg. No. VA 1-243-843, made with the United States Copyright Office and having an effective date of April 11, 2005 (hereafter the “Copyrighted Work”). A copy of this registration is attached as Exhibit B.

13. Plaintiff BBI is the owner of the Copyrighted Work.

14. Plaintiff BBI is the exclusive licensee of the invention claimed in United States Patent No. 6,672,249, entitled “Extended Hummingbird Feeder Tube” and issued January 6, 2004, in the name of Plaintiff Parasol, LLC, the present assignee (hereafter “the ‘249 patent”). A copy of the ‘249 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

15. The ‘249 patent is valid and subsisting.

16. Plaintiff BBI is the exclusive licensee of the invention claimed in United States Patent No. 6,499,430, entitled "Extended Hummingbird Feeder Tube" and issued December 31, 2002, in the name of Plaintiff Parasol, LLC, the present assignee (hereafter "the '430 patent). A copy of the '430 patent is attached as Exhibit D.

17. The '430 patent is valid and subsisting.

COUNT I
Copyright Infringement

18. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 17 are incorporated into this count by reference as if set forth in full.

19. One or more of Defendants S&H, TARGET, MATADOR and TARGET BRANDS had access to the Charisma Product embodying the Copyrighted Work, including, without limitation, through Defendant TARGET, which sells the BBI Charisma Product at its TARGET® stores nationwide.

20. Subsequent to having seen and/or acquired the Charisma Product, one or more of Defendants TARGET, TARGET BRANDS, MATADOR and S&H made, or had made for it/them, the Accused Product (Exhibit A), one or more of Defendants TARGET, TARGET BRANDS, MATADOR and S&H imported the Accused Product into this country, and one or more of Defendants TARGET, TARGET BRANDS, MATADOR and S&H are actively displaying and selling the Accused Product nationwide at Defendant TARGET'S TARGET® stores.

21. The Accused Product was copied from BBI's Charisma Product by one or more of the Defendants, or at its/their direction, without Plaintiff BBI's consent

or authorization, and the Accused Product is now being reproduced, imported into, displayed and distributed in this country by one or more of Defendants TARGET, TARGET BRANDS, MATADOR and S&H, all in violation of Plaintiff BBI's exclusive rights in the Copyrighted Work.

22. Defendants' said infringement of Plaintiff BBI's exclusive rights in the Copyrighted Work was and is willful and deliberate, being undertaken with full notice of the copyright in the BBI Charisma Product.

23. The aforesaid infringement of Plaintiff BBI's exclusive rights in the Copyrighted Work has deprived Plaintiff BBI of sales of its own products, including the Charisma Product, has in other respects caused irreparable harm to Plaintiff, and will continue to cause Plaintiff BBI added injury and loss of profits unless said infringement is enjoined by this Court. The true extent of Plaintiff BBI's harm by reason of the complained-of infringement cannot be adequately determined without an accounting.

COUNT II

Patent Infringement

24. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 23 are incorporated into this count by reference as if set forth in full.

25. Defendants have infringed the '249 and/or '430 patents by engaging, collectively or individually, in one or more of the manufacture, importation into this country, offering for sale, and/or selling of the Accused Product (Exhibit A), which product infringes one or more claims of the '249 and/or '430 patents.

26. Defendants' said infringement of the '249 and/or '430 patents was and

is willful and deliberate, being undertaken with full notice of the '249 and/or '430 patents.

27. The aforesaid infringement of the '249 and/or '430 patents has deprived Plaintiffs of sales of their own products, including BBI's Charisma Product, has in other respects caused irreparable harm to Plaintiffs, and will continue to cause Plaintiffs added injury and loss of profits unless said infringement is enjoined by this Court. The true extent of Plaintiffs' harm by reason of the complained-of infringement cannot be adequately determined without an accounting.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendants TARGET, TARGET BRANDS, MATADOR and S&H, and request relief from the complained-of infringements as follows:

- A. That this Court adjudge the '249 and/or '430 patents, and the Copyrighted Work, to be infringed by the Accused Product;
- B. That Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, officers, subsidiaries and affiliates, and all persons and organizations in active concert or in participation with them, be preliminarily and/or permanently enjoined from infringing the Copyrighted Work, the '430 patent, and/or the '249 patent;
- C. That Defendants be required to deliver upon oath, to be impounded during the pendency of this action, and to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to judgment thereto, all copies of the Accused

Product made in violation of Plaintiff BBI's exclusive rights in the Copyrighted Work, as well as all molds, plates, matrices, masters, or other means by which such copies of the Accused Product are made;

- D. That Defendants be required to account for all gains, profits and advantages derived from their complained-of acts of infringement, to compensate Plaintiffs for such damages as they have sustained from the complained-of infringement, to pay damages to Plaintiffs caused by the infringement of the '249 and/or '430 patents as provided for in 35 U.S.C. Section 284, and to pay such other damages as to this Court shall appear proper in accordance with the law;
- E. That Defendants be directed to file with this Court and to serve upon counsel for Plaintiffs within thirty days after entry of any preliminary and/or permanent injunction a written report, under oath, setting forth in detail the manner in which Defendant has complied with the relief specified above;
- F. That Defendants pay to Plaintiffs the costs of this action, including attorneys' fees; and
- G. Such other relief as justice may require.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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