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SUBJECT COVERAGE

Litigation pertaining to U.S. patents and trademarks.

SOURCES

- Trademarks
- Patents
- Court Cases

FILE DATA

- 1973 to present (05/08): 80,308 records
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Action Taken	/ACT	S AGREEMENT/ACT	ACT
Accession Number	/AN	S T2004-01-01/AN S P2004-01-01/AN	AN
Cross Reference	/CR (/XR)	S T1973-07-49/CR	CR
Court Location 2)	/CTL	S "MD, BALTIMORE"/CTL	CTL
Defendent 2)	/DF	S DELAWARE/DF	DF
Document Type (code and text)	/DT (/TC)	S TRADEMARK/DT S P/DT	DT
Entry Date 3)	/ED	S ED=15 MAR 2004	ED
Field Availability	/FA	S RTM/FA	FA
Filing Date 3)	/FID	S JUN 2002/FID	FID
Filing Year 3)	/FIY	S FIY>2001	FID, FIY
Inventor 2)	/IN (/AU)	S MANDEL?/IN	IN
Inventor Address, City	/IN.CTY	S BALTIMORE/IN.CTY	IN, INA
Inventor Address, State	/IN.ST (/IN.CNY)	S OH/IN.ST	IN, INA
Judgement Date 3)	/JD	S MAR 2003-APRIL 2003/JD	JD
Judgement Year 3)	/JY	S 2001/JY	JD, JY
Language (code and text)	/LA	S ENGLISH/LA	LA
Legal Status (Trademark)	/LS	S RENEWED?/LS	LA
US Patent Classification Code	/NCL	S 100088000/NCL	NCL
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Patent Country	/PC	S US/PC	PI
Publication Date 3)	/PD	S PD=25 JUL 2000	PI
Plaintiff 2)	/PF	S OPTICS CORPORATION/PF	PF
Patent Information Publication Type	/PIT	S DESIGN/PIT S REISSUE/PIT	PI
Patent Kind Code 4)	/PK	S USE/PK	PI
Patent Number	/PN (/PATS)	S US300764/PN S US-----300764/PN	PI

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Search Field Name	Search Code	Search Examples	Display Code
Publication Year	3) /PY	S L1 AND 2003/PY	PI
Registration Date	3) /RD	S FEB, 2 1999/RD	TMN
Related Patent Number	/RLPN	S US1317284/RLPN	RLI
Related Trademark	/RTM	S 2000937/RTM	TMN
Registration Year	3) /RY	S RY<1999	RY
Title	/TI	S OPTICAL DISK/TI	TI
Trademark Name	/TM	S PRINCIPAL/TM	TM
Trademark Class Code	/TMCC	S 34/TMCC	TMCC
Trademark Class Text	2) /TMCT	S GAMES TOYS/TMCT	TMCT
Trademark Number	/TMN	S 1001820/TMN	TMN
Update Date	3) /UP	S UP=APRIL 2004	UP

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Format	Definition	Examples
ACT	Action Taken	D ACT
AN	Accession Number	D AN
CR (XR)	Cross Reference	D CR
CTL	Court Location	D CTL
DF	Defendent	D DF
DT (TC)	Document Type	D DT
ED	Entry Date	D ED
FA	1) Field Availability	D FA
FID	Filing Date	D FID
FIY	1) Filing Year	D FIY
IN (AU)	Inventor	D IN
INA	1) Inventor Address	D INA
JD	Judgement Date	D JD
JY	1) Judgement Year	D JY
LA	Language	D LA
NCL	US Patent Classification Code	D NCL
NCLT	US Patent Classification Titles	D NCLT
NTE	Note	D NTE
NUM	Docket No.	D NUM
OW	Owner	D OW
OWA	1) Owner Address	D OWA
PA (CS)	Patent Assignee	D PA
PAA	Patent Assignee Address	D PAA

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PATS PF PI (PN) 2) PIT RLI RTM RY TI TM TMCC TMCT TMN UP	Patent Number Group Plaintiff Patent Information Patent Information Publication Type Related Patent Information Related Trademark Registration Year Title Trademark Name Trademark Class Code Trademark Class Text Trademark Number (includes Legal Status) Update Date	D PATS D PF D PI D PIT D RLI D RTM D RY D TI D TM D TMCC D TMCT D TMN D UP
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Definition	Code	Analyze/ Select 1)	Sort
Action Taken	ACT	X	-
Accession Number	AN	X	A
Cross Reference	CR (XR)	X	A
Court Location	CTL	X	A
Defendent	DF	X	A
Document Type	DT (TC)	X	A

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Definition	Code	Analyze/ Select 1)	Sort
Entry Date	ED	X	N
Field Availability	FA	X	-
Filing Date	FID	X	N
Filing Year	FIY	X	N
Inventor	IN (AU)	X	A
Inventor Address, City	IN.CTY	X	-
Inventor Address, State	IN.ST (IN.CNY)	X	-
Judgement Date	JD	X	N
Judgement Year	JY	X	N
Language	LA	X	A
Legal Status (Trademark)	LS	X	-
US Patent Classification Code	NCL	X	A
US Patent Classification Title	NCLT	X	-
Note	NTE	X	-
Docket No	NUM	X	-
Occurrence Count of Hit Terms	OCC	-	N
Owner	OW	A	A
Owner Address City	OW.CTY	X	-
Owner Address State	OW.ST (OW.CNY)	X	-
Patent Assignee	PA (CS)	X	A
Patent Assignee Address, City	PA.CTY	X	-
Patent Assignee Address, State	PA.ST (PA.CNY)	X	-
Patent Number Group	PATS	X	-
Patent Country	PC	X	A
Publication Date	PD	X	N
Plaintiff	PF	X	A
Patent Information Publication Type	PIT	X	A
Patent Kind Code	PK	X	-
Patent Number	PN (PI)	X	A
Publication Year	PY	X	N
Registration Date	RD	X	N
Related Publication Country	RLC	X	-
Related Patent Number	RLPN (RLI)	X	-
Related Trademark	RTM	X	A
Registration Year	RY	X	N
Title	TI	X (default)	A
Trademark Name	TM	X	-
Trademark Class Code	TMCC	X	-
Trademark Class Text	TMCT	X	-
Trademark Number	TMN	X	-
Update Date	UP	X	N

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SAMPLE RECORDS

DISPLAY ALL (PATENT RECORD)

AN P2004-12-36 LITALERT
TI Variable color lighting system
IN Belliveau Richard S - Austin TX; Floyd Michael R - Austin TX; Tulk Steven
E - Austin TX
PA not available
PIT Utility
PI US 4962687 A 19901016
RLI none
RTM none
PF Super Vision International Incorporated
DF Color Kinetics Incorporated
CTL FL, Middle Dist.
NUM 6:04cv313-Orl-18JGG
FID 20040305
ACT A complaint was filed.
DT Patent
LA English
NTE none
CR none
FA ACT; CTL; DF; FID; IN; NCL; NCLT; NUM; PA; PF; PI; RLI; RTM; TI
NCL 084464000
NCLT Music

DISPLAY BIB (TRADEMARK RECORD)

AN T2004-12-32 LITALERT
TI Valvoline
OW Ashland Incorporated - Lexington KY
TMN 1601798 19900619 Renewed
RLI none
RTM 1955557
PF Valvoline
DF X-Press Oil
CTL MI, Eastern Dist.
NUM 04-70875
FID 20040308
ACT A complaint was filed.
DT Trademark
LA English
NTE none
CR none