

INVENTION DISCLOSURE REPORT¹

This form is intended to gather information about your invention to assist your patent attorney. This information is required in order to determine if patent protection is available, conduct a proper patentability search and form a basis for a patent application, if appropriate.

Please complete each section as best you can. If you have questions, they can be discussed with your attorney. Please attach additional sheets and drawings as necessary to assist others in understanding the invention.

Title: _____
Insert title that you have used when referring to your invention. The patent attorney will determine the proper title for a patent application, if appropriate.

I. Problem Or Need Satisfied By The Invention

What is the problem, and how has it been addressed previously? The reason for attacking the particular problem may be due to failures or defects of earlier proposed solutions known to you or reported in the literature or in patents. The description of the background of the problem should assist a person with no background in the specific field of the invention to become familiar with the subject of the discovery or invention. This information will assist the patent attorney in emphasizing the advance that you have made. Attach drawings if helpful.

II. What Is The Proposed Solution To The Problem, And Why Is It Better Than Prior Solutions?

Virtually every invention is an improvement over some existing product or method, and will have advantages in its manufacture or use that the prior product or method did not have. Describe how the new solution (the invention) to a particular problem differs either in structure or in method of operation from what has been done before. Identify competitive activity in the area. This Disclosure should contain each of these advantages, which will need to be incorporated into the patent application. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

¹NOTE: When completed, this statement represents proprietary and confidential trade secret information. The information also represents an attorney-client communication for the purpose of obtaining legal advice, and is protected by the attorney-client privilege. This statement should be shared within the company only on a need-to-know basis and should not be revealed outside the company without first consulting legal counsel.

III. What Is The Best Way To Practice The Invention?

Set forth the best way known for carrying out the invention. What are the particular sizes, shapes or dimensions of a new product, if applicable? What specific composition, circuit or other components contribute to optimal performance? Identify successful tests of the invention. What products (list product numbers or SKUs) will contain or be produced by the invention? Operative examples of a new process, the best way of making a new product, and a complete set of drawings, in paper form and electronic form (.vsd, .cdr, .dwf, .dxf, or .dwg format, if available), of the invention should be included and/or attached.

IV. Are There Other Ways To Practice The Invention?

Usually it is possible to vary the operation, structure, composition, etc., of the invention without losing the advantages of the invention. What are the minimum amount of components necessary to practice the invention, and with what other components can they be combined to create an alternative embodiment? Identify methods or techniques that others may employ to attempt to “design around” your invention, that you still would consider infringing upon the main idea or concept of your invention.

V. Who Contributed To The Invention, And When?

We must establish the dates of evolution of the invention, as well as the identity of the inventor(s). The patent attorney will make the ultimate recommendation regarding the persons that should be listed as inventors on the patent application. In order to make such a decision, please list all facts pertaining to development of and contributors to the invention.

A. Initial Conception Of Invention.

Insert full name (including full middle name), address (including county of residence), and citizenship of those who contributed to the initial concept. Attach additional pages if necessary.

1. _____ Citizen of _____
(Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
(County)

(Employer)

2. _____ Citizen of _____
(Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
(County)

(Employer)

3. _____ Citizen of _____
(Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
(County)

(Employer)

B. Development.

Full name, address (including county of residence), and citizenship of those, if any, who

contributed to subsequent development that led to a reduction of the invention to practice:

1. _____ Citizen of _____
 (Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)
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 (Address)
- _____
 (City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
 (County)
- _____
 (Employer)
2. _____ Citizen of _____
 (Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)
- _____
 (Address)
- _____
 (City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
 (County)
- _____
 (Employer)
3. _____ Citizen of _____
 (Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)
- _____
 (Address)
- _____
 (City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
 (County)
- _____
 (Employer)

C. Testing.

Full name, address (including county of residence), and citizenship of those, if any, who contributed to subsequent testing that led to a reduction of the invention to practice:

1. _____ Citizen of _____
 (Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)
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 (Address)
- _____
 (City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
 (County)
- _____
 (Employer)
2. _____ Citizen of _____
 (Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)
- _____
 (Address)
- _____
 (City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
 (County)
- _____
 (Employer)

3. _____ Citizen of _____
(Full Name) (Country of Citizenship)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code) County of _____
(County)

(Employer)

D. Development Of Invention

Date when the solution to the problem was first conceived: _____

Date when the solution was first written down so that one skilled in the area could build and practice the invention without undue experimentation: _____

E. First Reduction to Practice and Successful Test Or Operation

Date when invention was successfully demonstrated: _____

Who conducted the test? _____

Where are the records of the test? _____

VI. Prior Public Use, Publication, Or Sale Of The Invention

Public use, publication or sale of the invention any time before filing a patent application in the United States should be avoided, if possible. Although the United States permits a one-year grace period for the inventor's own publication or commercial use or offer to sale, many other countries deny a patent to anyone who has publicly disclosed or sold their invention prior to filing a patent application in the United States. In these countries, *any* public use, publication or sale of the invention before filing may forfeit rights to foreign patent protection.

Please list below the applicable dates, attaching supporting documentation if available.

A. *If Commercialization Of Invention Has Taken Or Will Take Place:*

Earliest Date Invention Was Offered For Sale or Sold: _____

Describe circumstances: party(ies) to whom offer/sale made; price quoted/paid, quantities; date of delivery; nature of sale (sampling/production quantities); etc.

B. Disclosure Of Invention With Or Without A Non-Disclosure Agreement In Place:

Earliest Date Invention Will Be/Has Been Disclosed Outside Of Company on Non-Confidential Basis: _____

Describe circumstances surrounding disclosure: person making disclosure; party to whom disclosure was made; format of disclosure, e.g., published article, trade show demonstration, Designer's Handbook publication, etc. If disclosure was in writing, attach a copy to this form.

If a disclosure has occurred/will occur pursuant to a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), state date(s) of disclosure, party to whom disclosure made and manner in which disclosure occurred. Attach a copy of NDA to this form.

VII. Prior Literature Known Or Consulted

Those who contribute to an invention generally are familiar with prior literature concerning the problem on which they have been working. A comprehensive analysis of the prior art of interest may have been prepared for research purposes. List below the pertinent publications, patents, products or public uses of which you or other contributors are aware. Your failure to disclose relevant publications or other's solutions to the problem could render any resulting patent invalid.

VIII. Statement By Person Completing This Form

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and accurate, and I have not withheld any important information from this Disclosure.

Date

Signature

Phone/Cell

Name (printed)

E-Mail Address

Address

Address