

INVENTION DISCLOSURE RECORD

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Patents may be granted in the USA for machines, processes, chemical compositions, articles of manufacture, business methods and ornamental designs. There are a number of conditions for patentability under the United States Patent Laws, including but not limited to the following: (1) the patent application must be filed within one year of any (i) public use, (ii) offer for sale, or (iii) publication of the invention, and (2) the invention must be novel and not obvious to a person of *ordinary skill in the art* or field in view of the *prior* knowledge in the field. If appropriate, HOFBAUER PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION can assist you with a search of the records of the United States or Canada Patent Offices to investigate what is known in the field.

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Most countries, excluding the United States and Canada, require that a patent application be filed before any publication of the invention. However, filing in the United States or Canada preserves the filing date for filing foreign applications for one year. Therefore, you must file in the United States or Canada before any publication of your invention, if you desire foreign patent protection.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM

1. State your answers as simply as possible.
2. Make sure your answers are complete. Please err on the side of inclusion!
3. Please attach additional sheets, drawings or photographs, as available, to explain your answers.
4. Make sure you sign and date your Invention Disclosure before the disclosure is witnessed by someone who understands your invention.

NOTE: U.S., Canadian and foreign Patent Laws are complex, and the above is intended only as a brief introduction.

1. WHAT IS IT?

State the name or title of your invention.

2. WHAT DOES IT DO?

State the technical objective of your invention (i.e., the technical problem(s) it solves). Think of this as the “mission statement” of your invention.

3. WHY DID YOU CREATE IT?

Describe the technical background of your invention with reference to the closest prior art devices (or methods) within your knowledge. Include in this background any deficiencies or shortcomings the known prior art devices (or methods) exhibit in solving the technical problem(s) solved by your invention. Include details of how your invention differs from the prior art in solving these problems.

4. WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Describe in detail the parts and assembly of the invention, or the various steps involved, if a process. Include a numbered parts list, if possible. Include a sketch or attach drawings or photographs, if available, and label the key elements of your invention with the numbers from the parts list. Be careful to use the part numbers consistently throughout.

5. HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

State the overall function of the invention and provide a detailed description of how it works, preferably with reference to the numbered elements of the parts list.

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