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	18	Plaintiff,	No.									
	19	v.	COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL									
	20	Firman Power Equipment Inc,										
	21	Defendant.										
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	23	CHAMPION POWER EQUIPMENT	Γ, INC. ("Champion") by and through its									
	24	undersigned attorneys, Ziolkowski Patent Sol	utions Group, SC and Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.,									
	25	hereby files this complaint for patent	infringement against FIRMAN POWER									
	26	EQUIPMENT INC. ("Firman") and alleges a	s follows:									
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#### **THE PARTIES**

- 1. Champion is a duly organized and operating Nevada corporation whose principal place of business is located at 12039 Smith Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670. Champion designs and sells single-fuel and multi-fuel generators, power stations, log splitters, chipper shredders, leaf blowers, tillers, chainsaws, cultivators, lawn edgers, augers, string trimmers, pressure washers, water pumps, snow blowers, winches, hoists, accessories, and other equipment.
- 2. Champion goes to great lengths in protecting its proprietary intellectual property and expends considerable resources in obtaining patents in the United States and other foreign jurisdictions. Champion has filed over 70 patent applications and has been awarded 53 U.S. patents.
- 3. Firman is a duly organized and operating Arizona Corporation whose principal place of business is located at 8644 W Ludlow Dr., Peoria, Arizona 85381. Upon information and belief, Firman imports and sells single-fuel and multi-fuel generators, power stations, log splitters, and accessories that directly compete with Champion. Firman advertises its products for sale nationally and has advertised, marketed, and sold products infringing Champion's intellectual property rights within the State of Arizona, this district, and all other states and territories of the United States.
- 4. Firman hired a key Champion employee, Mr. Greg Montgomery ("Montgomery"), as its President in 2015 and shortly thereafter began importing and selling generators having Champion technology incorporated therein. Montgomery worked at Champion from 2005 until December 12, 2014. Montgomery was the Vice President of Sales for Champion and a key employee who had intimate and confidential knowledge of Champion's product development, designs, operation, componentry, goals, testing, shipment timeframes, customer information, customer demands, and all relevant information regarding Champion's novel developments regarding dual-fuel and multi-fuel generators.

5. Montgomery attended strategic design meetings at Champion's worldwide
research and product development center in Waukesha, Wisconsin numerous times,
including a multi-day "Product Meeting" held on July 8-10, 2014 where he met with the
design team for the multi-fuel generators at the Champion research center, including the
Vice President of Engineering, Mark Sarder, the lead inventor on the Champion
dual/multi-fuel patents asserted herein.

- 6. Montgomery also attended a high-level, confidential Webex meeting that included Champion ownership, top management, and engineering for the 3100W Dual Fuel Generator on October, 30, 2014 to discuss "Sales Opportunities," "Product Structure," "Production Schedule," and "Development Challenges," that included the lead inventor and Vice President of Engineering, Mark Sarder.
- 7. On November 18, 2014, less than one month prior to Montgomery's departure from Champion, Montgomery accessed the "Dual Fuel Switch mock-up" via email.
- 8. During these meetings, along with many others and many other internal email communications, Montgomery acquired the technical information from Champion that allowed Firman to produce dual-fuel and multi-fuel generators and acquired from Mr. Sarder subject matter information of patents asserted herein. According to public records, Firman has not filed for a single patent application in the United States and has no issued patents.
- 9. In 2016, Firman changed its color scheme to mimic that of Champion's. Prior to 2016, Firman used a green and black color scheme and a red and black color scheme, then in early 2016, just one year after appointing Montgomery President of Firman, Firman changed its color scheme to yellow and black, essentially the same as Champion's color scheme.
- 10. Champion has sent Firman cease and desist demands. Firman has ignored those demands and continues to sell infringing generators.

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# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. This is an action for patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, et seq.
- This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this patent infringement 12. action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 13. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Firman because Firman has committed acts of patent infringement within the State of Arizona giving rise to this action. Firman's electronic commerce advertisements, offers for sale, and sales have established at least minimum contacts with the forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over it would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 14. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(a), 1391(b), 1391(c), and 1400(b) for at least the reasons that: (1) Firman resides in this district; and (2) Firman has committed acts within this district giving rise to this action and does business in this district, including sales, offers for sale, and providing service and/or support to its customers in this district.

# COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,221,780

- Paragraphs 1 through 14 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth 15. herein.
- U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 is titled "DUAL FUEL LOCKOUT SWITCH 16. FOR GENERATOR ENGINE." U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 was duly and legally issued on March 5, 2019. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 is attached as Exhibit A.
- 17. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 18. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:

- a. Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator;
- b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
- c. Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator;
- d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
- e. Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator;
- f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
- g. Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator;
- h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
- i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
- j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
- k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
- 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
- m. Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator;
- n. Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator;
- o. Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator;
- p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;
- q. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- r. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- s. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- t. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- u. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- v. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; and
  - w. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 19. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 8, and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models

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- Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; g. and
  - h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 21. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 18, it was determined that each of the foregoing

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Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 8, and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a mechanical fuel lockout switch that communicates a first fuel source to a dual fuel engine and prevents communication between a second fuel source and the dual fuel engine when a mechanical fuel valve is in a first position and that communicates the second fuel source to the dual fuel engine and interrupts the first fuel source communication with the dual fuel engine when in a second position and also include a fuel lockout apparatus that prevents actuation of the mechanical fuel valve to the first position when the second fuel source communicates with the dual fuel engine and that is configured to prevent the second fuel source from coupling to a second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position and permit the second fuel source to couple to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the second position, as called for in claims 1, 8, and/or 15 of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 8, and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780.

- 22. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780.
- 24. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

# COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,393,034

- 25. Paragraphs 1 through 24 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 is titled "FUEL SYSTEM FOR A MULTI-FUEL INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE." U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 was duly and legally issued on August 27, 2019. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 is attached as Exhibit B.

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- 27. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models 28. that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator; g.
  - h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator; m.
  - Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator; n.
  - Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator; o.
  - Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator; p.
  - Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; q.
  - Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; r.
  - Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; s.
  - Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; t.
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- Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; v. and
  - Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator. w.
- 29. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 11, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a liquid or carburetor cutoff solenoid coupled to a carburetor to open and close a liquid fuel path to an engine downstream from a float bowl of the carburetor and selectively engage engine operation on liquid fuel; a gaseous cutoff or fuel valve coupled to open and close a gaseous fuel source to the engine, to control fuel flow through a gaseous fuel line, and to selectively engage engine operation on gaseous fuel; a switch selectively coupling a power source to the liquid cutoff solenoid to open and close the liquid fuel path; and an electro-mechanical valve system coupled to the engine and operated by an electrical switch powered by one of an alternator, a battery, and a magneto that controls fuel flow to the engine from a liquid fuel source and a pressurized fuel source, as called for in claims 1, 11, and/or 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 11, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator; b.
  - Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;

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- g. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 31. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 28, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 11, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a liquid or carburetor cutoff solenoid coupled to a carburetor to open and close a liquid fuel path to an engine downstream from a float bowl of the carburetor and selectively engage engine operation on liquid fuel; a gaseous cutoff or fuel valve coupled to open and close a gaseous fuel source to the engine, to control fuel flow through a gaseous fuel line, and to selectively engage engine operation on gaseous fuel; a switch selectively coupling a power source to the liquid cutoff solenoid to open and close the liquid fuel path; and an electro-mechanical valve system coupled to the engine and operated by an electrical switch powered by one of an alternator, a battery, and a magneto that controls fuel flow to the engine from a liquid fuel source and a pressurized fuel source, as called for in claims 1, 11, and/or 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 11, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034.
- 32. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034.
- 33. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034.
- 34. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

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#### COUNT III: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,598,101

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 36. U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 is titled "DUAL FUEL SELECTOR SWITCH." U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 was duly and legally issued on March 24, 2020. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 is attached as Exhibit C.
- 37. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 38. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - c. Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - e. Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - g. Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - m. Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - n. Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - o. Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;

q. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; and

- r. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 39. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, two fuel outputs supplying fuel from only one of the first fuel source or the second fuel source, a first fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control the first fuel flow to the engine, and a second fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control the second fuel flow to the engine, as called for in claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101. Therefore, each of the following Firman generator models infringes at least claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101.
- 40. Champion has also acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - b. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - c. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - d. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - e. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 41. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 17 and 18 of U.S. Patent

No. 10,598,101. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a
selector switch having a first fuel mode in which a solenoid switch and a fuel solenoid are
in closed positions and a second fuel mode in which the solenoid switch and the fuel
solenoid are in open positions, wherein the selector switch triggers the solenoid switch when
changed from the second fuel mode to the first fuel mode, so as to cause the solenoid switch
and the fuel solenoid to operate in the closed positions, and wherein positioning of the
selector switch in the first fuel mode and the second fuel mode enables a selection of one
of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source
respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 17 of U.S. Patent
No. 10,598,101. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically
includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select
one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel
source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a
first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second
fuel source, two fuel outputs supplying fuel from only one of the first fuel source or the
second fuel source, a first fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control
the first fuel flow to the engine, and a second fuel valve having open and closed positions
to selectively control the second fuel flow to the engine, as called for in claim 18 of U.S.
Patent No. 10,598,101. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes
at least claims 17 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101.

- 42. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator; and d.
  - Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator. e.

43. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the
foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and
electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman
generator models listed in Paragraphs 38 and 40, it was determined that each of the
foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 18 of U.S.
Patent No. 10,598,101 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models
includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select
one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel
source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a
first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second
fuel source, two fuel outputs supplying fuel from only one of the first fuel source or the
second fuel source, a first fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control
the first fuel flow to the engine, and a second fuel valve having open and closed positions
to selectively control the second fuel flow to the engine, as called for in claim 18 of U.S.
Patent No. 10,598,101. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes
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- 44. Upon information and belief, Firman also has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - a. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- b. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - c. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 45. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraphs 38 and 40, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 17 and 18

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of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a selector switch having a first fuel mode in which a solenoid switch and a fuel solenoid are in closed positions and a second fuel mode in which the solenoid switch and the fuel solenoid are in open positions, wherein the selector switch triggers the solenoid switch when changed from the second fuel mode to the first fuel mode, so as to cause the solenoid switch and the fuel solenoid to operate in the closed positions, and wherein positioning of the selector switch in the first fuel mode and the second fuel mode enables a selection of one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 17 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, two fuel outputs supplying fuel from only one of the first fuel source or the second fuel source, a first fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control the first fuel flow to the engine, and a second fuel valve having open and closed positions to selectively control the second fuel flow to the engine, as called for in claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 17 and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101.

- 46. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101.
- 48. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

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### COUNT IV: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,697,398

- 49. Paragraphs 1 through 48 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 50. U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398 is titled "BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF." U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398 was duly and legally issued on June 30, 2020. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398 is attached as Exhibit D.
- 51. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models 52. that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator; g.
  - h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
  - Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator; 1.
  - Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator; m.
    - Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator; n.
    - Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator; 0.

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- p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;
- q. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- r. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- s. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- t. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- u. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- v. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; and
  - w. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 53. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1 and 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a switch to change operation of an engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling a liquid fuel source to a carburetor, a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling a gaseous fuel source to the carburetor, and a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models was assembled by specifically coupling a switch to an engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to a carburetor to close a fuel passage extending from a float bowl of the carburetor to a throat to the carburetor to provide liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1 and 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398.
- 54. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:

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- a. Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator;
- b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
- c. Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator;
- d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator;
- e. Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator;
- f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- g. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 55. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 52, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1 and 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a switch to change operation of an engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel, a liquid fuel valve positioned along a liquid fuel line coupling a liquid fuel source to a carburetor, a gaseous fuel valve positioned along a gaseous fuel line coupling a gaseous fuel source to the carburetor, and a liquid fuel cut-off incorporated into the carburetor to interrupt liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models was assembled by specifically coupling a switch to an engine to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel and attaching a liquid fuel cut-off to a carburetor to close a fuel passage extending from a float bowl of the carburetor to a throat to the carburetor to provide liquid fuel upon actuation of the switch from liquid to gaseous fuel, as called for in claim 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1 and 57 of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398.

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- Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, 57. deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398.
- 58. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

# COUNT V: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,143,120

- 59. Paragraphs 1 through 58 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 60. U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 is titled "FUEL SYSTEM FOR A MULTI-FUEL INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE." U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 was duly and legally issued on October 12, 2021. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 is attached as Exhibit E.
- 61. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 62. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator; g.
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- i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
- j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
- k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
- 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
- m. Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator;
- n. Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator;
- o. Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator;
- p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;
- q. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- r. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- s. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- t. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- u. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- v. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator;
- w. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 63. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a multi-fuel internal combustion engine configured to operate on a liquid fuel supplied from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source through a gaseous fuel line and includes a fuel regulator system having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source to regulate fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator to regulate fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator to a desired pressure for delivery through the gaseous fuel line to operate the engine, as called for in claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120. Therefore,

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each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120.

- 64. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator; d.
  - e. Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator;
  - f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; g.
    - h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 65. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 62, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a multi-fuel internal combustion engine configured to operate on a liquid fuel supplied from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source through a gaseous fuel line and includes a fuel regulator system having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source to regulate fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator to regulate fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator to a desired pressure for delivery through the gaseous fuel line to operate the engine, as called for in claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120. Therefore,

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each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120.

- 66. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120.
- 67. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120.
- 68. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### COUNT VI: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,143,145

- 69. Paragraphs 1 through 68 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 70. U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 is titled "BATTERYLESS DUAL FUEL ENGINE WITH LIQUID FUEL CUT-OFF." U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 was duly and legally issued on October 12, 2021. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 is attached as Exhibit F.
- 71. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 72. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;

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- g. Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator;
  h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
  i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
- j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
- k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
- 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
- n. Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator;

Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator;

- o. Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator;
- p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;
- q. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- r. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- s. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- t. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- u. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- v. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; and
  - w. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 73. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a switch to change operation of an engine between gaseous and liquid fuel, a liquid fuel cut-off solenoid to interrupt liquid fuel flow to the engine upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, and a voltage regulator coupled to a charging coil of an electrical power generator to receive power therefrom and that operates to provide a regulated voltage to the liquid fuel cut-off solenoid, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145.

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Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145.

- 74. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - a. Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - c. Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - e. Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator;
  - f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - g. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
    - h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 75. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 72, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a switch to change operation of an engine between gaseous and liquid fuel, a liquid fuel cut-off solenoid to interrupt liquid fuel flow to the engine upon actuation of the switch from liquid fuel to gaseous fuel, and a voltage regulator coupled to a charging coil of an electrical power generator to receive power therefrom and that operates to provide a regulated voltage to the liquid fuel cut-off solenoid, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145.

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- 77. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145.
- 78. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

# COUNT VII: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,306,667

- 79. Paragraphs 1 through 78 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 is titled "DUAL FUEL SELECTOR SWITCH." U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 was duly and legally issued on April 19, 2022. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 is attached as Exhibit G.
- 81. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 82. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator; c.
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator; g.
  - Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator; h.
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- k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
- 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
- Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator; m.
- Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator; n.
- Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator; o.
- Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator; p.
- Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator; q. and
  - r. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.
- 83. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, and two fuel outputs for selectively supplying fuel to an engine from the first fuel source or the second fuel source, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.
- 84. Champion has also acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; a.
  - Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; b.
  - Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; c.

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- d. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
- e. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 85. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, and two fuel outputs for selectively supplying fuel to an engine from the first fuel source or the second fuel source, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a selector switch having a first fuel mode in which a solenoid switch and a fuel solenoid are in closed positions and a second fuel mode in which the solenoid switch and the fuel solenoid are in open positions, wherein positioning of the selector switch in the first fuel mode and the second fuel mode enables a selection of one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.
- 86. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - a. Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - c. Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator; and

87. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraphs 82 and 84, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, and two fuel outputs for selectively supplying fuel to an engine from the first fuel source or the second fuel source, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.

- 88. Upon information and belief, Firman also has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - a. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- b. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - c. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 89. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraphs 82 and 84, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically

one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, the valve assembly including a first fuel input connected to the first fuel source, a second fuel input connected to the second fuel source, and two fuel outputs for selectively supplying fuel to an engine from the first fuel source or the second fuel source, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a selector switch having a first fuel mode in which a solenoid switch and a fuel solenoid are in closed positions and a second fuel mode in which the solenoid switch and the fuel solenoid are in open positions, wherein positioning of the selector switch in the first fuel mode and the second fuel mode enables a selection of one of a first fuel flow and a second fuel flow from a first fuel source and a second fuel source, respectively, to an engine of a dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.

includes a selector switch positioned on a valve assembly to allow a user to manually select

- 90. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.
- 91. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667.
- 92. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

# COUNT VIII: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,492,985

- 93. Paragraphs 1 through 92 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 94. U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985 is titled "OFF-BOARD FUEL REGULATOR FOR GENERATOR ENGINE." U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985 was duly and legally issued

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on November 8, 2022. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985 is attached as Exhibit H.

- 95. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 96. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - b. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - c. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - d. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - e. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 97. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 11, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a generator free of any pressure regulator and a fuel regulator system located off-board the generator, having a first stage and a second stage, and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in the first stage down to a reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in the second stage down to a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off-board a generator, having a first stage and a second stage, and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in the first stage down to a reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in the second stage down to a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, wherein the fuel regulator system outputs gaseous

in claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Furthermore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator, wherein the fuel regulator system outputs gaseous fuel to the dual fuel generator for operation thereof at the second reduced pressure, as called for in claim 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 11, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985.

98. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using,

fuel to the generator for operation of an engine at the second reduced pressure, as called for

- 98. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - a. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- b. Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - c. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 99. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 96, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 11, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a generator free of any pressure regulator and a fuel regulator system located off-board the generator, having a first stage and a second stage, and configured to regulate

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a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in the first stage down to a reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in the second stage down to a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off-board a generator, having a first stage and a second stage, and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in the first stage down to a reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in the second stage down to a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, wherein the fuel regulator system outputs gaseous fuel to the generator for operation of an engine at the second reduced pressure, as called for in claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Furthermore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator, wherein the fuel regulator system outputs gaseous fuel to the dual fuel generator for operation thereof at the second reduced pressure, as called for in claim 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 11, and 16 of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985.

Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of 100. infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985.

Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985.

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Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause 102. Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### COUNT IX: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,530,654

- Paragraphs 1 through 102 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth 103. herein.
- U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654 is titled "OFF-BOARD FUEL REGULATOR FOR GENERATOR ENGINE." U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654 was duly and legally issued on December 20, 2022. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654 is attached as Exhibit I.
- 105. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 106. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; a.
  - Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; b.
  - Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; c.
  - d. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator; and
  - Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator. e.
- Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 6, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to

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regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator and a fuel lockout apparatus coupled to a mechanical fuel valve actuatable between a first position and a second position to selectively control fuel flow to the dual fuel generator from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and the pressurized fuel source through the gaseous fuel line, wherein when the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position, the fuel lockout apparatus communicates the liquid fuel source to the dual fuel generator and prevents the pressurized fuel source from coupling to the dual fuel generator, and actuation of the mechanical fuel valve to the second position causes the fuel lockout apparatus to permit the pressurized fuel source to couple to the dual fuel generator and interrupts the liquid fuel source communication with the dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator, a mechanical fuel valve actuatable between a first position and a second position to selectively control fuel flow to the dual fuel generator from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and the pressurized fuel source through the gaseous fuel line and that opens and closes the liquid fuel line to selectively control fuel flow from the liquid fuel source to the dual fuel generator, and a fuel lockout apparatus coupled to the mechanical fuel valve and configured to prevent the pressurized fuel source from coupling to the gaseous fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve opens the liquid fuel line and permit the pressurized fuel source to couple to the gaseous fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve closes the liquid fuel line, as called for in claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Furthermore, each of the

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foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a generator free of any pressure regulator and a fuel regulator system located off-board the generator and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in a first stage down to a reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in a second stage down to a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, as called for in claim 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 6, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654.

- 108. Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; a.
- Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; b. and
  - Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator. c.
- Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 106, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claims 1, 6, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator and a fuel lockout apparatus coupled to a mechanical fuel valve actuatable between a first position and a second position to selectively control fuel

flow to the dual fuel generator from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and the

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pressurized fuel source through the gaseous fuel line, wherein when the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position, the fuel lockout apparatus communicates the liquid fuel source to the dual fuel generator and prevents the pressurized fuel source from coupling to the dual fuel generator, and actuation of the mechanical fuel valve to the second position causes the fuel lockout apparatus to permit the pressurized fuel source to couple to the dual fuel generator and interrupts the liquid fuel source communication with the dual fuel generator, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Additionally, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a fuel regulator system located off board a dual fuel generator and having a primary pressure regulator coupled to a service valve of a pressurized fuel source and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from the pressurized fuel source to a first reduced pressure and a secondary pressure regulator coupled to the primary pressure regulator and configured to regulate the gaseous fuel supplied from the primary pressure regulator down from the first reduced pressure to a second reduced pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the dual fuel generator, a mechanical fuel valve actuatable between a first position and a second position to selectively control fuel flow to the dual fuel generator from a liquid fuel source through a liquid fuel line and the pressurized fuel source through the gaseous fuel line and that opens and closes the liquid fuel line to selectively control fuel flow from the liquid fuel source to the dual fuel generator, and a fuel lockout apparatus coupled to the mechanical fuel valve and configured to prevent the pressurized fuel source from coupling to the gaseous fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve opens the liquid fuel line and permit the pressurized fuel source to couple to the gaseous fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve closes the liquid fuel line, as called for in claim 6 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Furthermore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models specifically includes a generator free of any pressure regulator and a fuel regulator system located off-board the generator and configured to regulate a gaseous fuel supplied from a pressurized fuel source in a first stage down to a

reduced pressure and regulate the reduced pressure gaseous fuel in a second stage down to

a desired pressure for delivery through a gaseous fuel line to operate the generator, as called for in claim 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claims 1, 6, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654.

- 110. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654.
- 111. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654.
- 112. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### COUNT X: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,761,390

- 113. Paragraphs 1 through 112 are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 114. U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 is titled "DUAL FUEL SELECTOR SWITCH." U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 was duly and legally issued on September 19, 2023. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 is attached as Exhibit J.
- 115. Champion is the lawful assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 and possesses all rights of recovery under the patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringement.
- 116. Champion has acquired and inspected the following Firman generator models that Firman has been and is making, using, selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States:
  - a. Model H03651, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - b. Model H03652, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - c. Model H05751, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - d. Model H05752, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - e. Model H05753, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - f. Model H07552, a dual fuel portable generator;

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- g. Model H07553, a dual fuel portable generator;
- h. Model H08051, a dual fuel portable generator;
- i. Model H08053, a dual fuel portable generator;
- j. Model T04073, a tri fuel portable generator;
- k. Model T07571, a tri fuel portable generator;
- 1. Model T07573, a tri fuel portable generator;
- m. Model T08071, a tri fuel portable generator;
- n. Model T08072, a tri fuel portable generator;
- o. Model T09275, a tri fuel portable generator;
- p. Model T09371, a tri fuel portable generator;
- q. Model WH02942, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- r. Model WH03041, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- s. Model WH03042, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- t. Model WH03242, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- u. Model WH03344, a dual fuel inverter portable generator;
- v. Model WH03562OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator;

w. Model WH03662OF, a dual fuel open frame inverter portable generator.

117. Upon acquisition, disassembly as needed, review of owner's manuals and electrical schematics, and inspection, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a selector switch having a first fuel mode configured to enable a first fuel flow from a first fuel source to an engine of a dual fuel generator and a second fuel mode configured to enable a second fuel flow from a second fuel source to the engine of the dual fuel generator, a fuel solenoid having open and closed positions, and a solenoid switch having a closed position to activate the fuel solenoid and an open position, wherein, when the selector switch is in the first fuel mode, the fuel solenoid is in the closed position and, when the

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selector switch is in the second fuel mode, the solenoid switch is in the open position and the fuel solenoid is in the open position, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390.

- Upon information and belief, Firman has been and is now making, using, 118. selling, or offering for sale within the United States, or importing into the United States, the following additional generator models:
  - Model H03654, a dual fuel portable generator; a.
  - b. Model H05754, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - c. Model H07554, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - d. Model H08052, a dual fuel portable generator;
  - Model T07571F, a refurbished tri fuel portable generator; e.
  - f. Model WH02942F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator;
  - Model WH03242F, a refurbished dual fuel inverter portable generator; g.
    - h. Model WH03342, a dual fuel inverter portable generator.
- 119. Upon review of images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models and comparisons of the images, owner's manuals, and electrical schematics of the foregoing Firman generator models to those of the Firman generator models listed in Paragraph 116, it was determined that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes all of the elements of at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 and, specifically, that each of the foregoing Firman generator models includes a selector switch having a first fuel mode configured to enable a first fuel flow from a first fuel source to an engine of a dual fuel generator and a second fuel mode configured to enable a second fuel flow from a second fuel source to the engine of the dual fuel generator, a fuel solenoid having open and closed positions, and a solenoid switch having a closed position to activate the fuel solenoid and an open position, wherein, when the selector switch is in the first fuel mode, the fuel solenoid is in the closed position and, when the

selector switch is in the second fuel mode, the solenoid switch is in the open position and the fuel solenoid is in the open position, as called for in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390. Therefore, each of the foregoing Firman generator models infringes at least claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390.

- 120. Champion has no adequate remedy at law against Firman's acts of infringement and will suffer irreparable harm unless Firman is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from its infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390.
- 121. Upon information and belief, Firman's infringement has been willful, deliberate, and with knowledge of Champion's rights under U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390.
- 122. Firman, by way of its infringing activity, has caused and continues to cause Champion to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Champion prays for judgment against Firman, granting Champion the following relief:

- A. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- B. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- C. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- D. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;

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E.	That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120 is valid
and enforcea	ble against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the
patent;	

- F. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- G. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- Η. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- I. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- J. That this Court adjudge and decree that U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390 is valid and enforceable against Firman and that Firman has infringed and continues to infringe the patent;
- K. That this Court grant injunctions enjoining the aforesaid acts of infringement by Firman, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, subsidiaries, and attorneys, and those acting in concert with them, including related individuals and entities, customers, representatives, original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs"), dealers, and distributors;
- L. That this Court enter an award to Champion of such damages as it shall prove at trial against Firman that are adequate to compensate Champion for said infringement as permitted under the Patent Act;
- That this Court order an award to Champion of up to three times the amount M. of compensatory damages because of Firman's willful infringement and any enhanced damages as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 284;

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N.	That this Court render a finding that this case is "exceptional" and aware
Champion its	costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285;

- O. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,221,780;
- P. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,393,034;
- That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Q. Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,598,101;
- R. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 10,697,398;
- S. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,120;
- T. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,143,145;
- U. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,306,667;
- V. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,492,985;
- W. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,530,654;
- X. That this Court award Champion any profits that Champion lost due to Firman's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,761,390;
- Y. That this Court award Champion pre-judgment and post-judgment interests on damages to the maximum extent allowed under the law; and
- Z. That this Court grant to Champion such other, further, and different relief as may be just and proper.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Champion respectfully demands a trial by jury of any and all issues triable of right before a jury.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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