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	Evergreen Telemetry LLC	Case No.:								
13	Plaintiff, v.	COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT								
	Fieldpiece Instruments, Inc.	Jury Trial Demanded								
15	Defendant.									
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17	Plaintiff Evergreen Telemetry I.I.C. b	y and through its attorneys, for its Complaint								
18	Plaintiff Evergreen Telemetry LLC, by and through its attorneys, for its Complaint									
19	against Defendant Fieldpiece Instruments, Inc., alleges as follows:									
20	INTROL	<u>DUCTION</u>								
20	1. Evergreen Telemetry LLC ("Evergreen") was founded by Russell P. ("Pete")									
22	Secor in 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona.									

- 2. Pete initially worked out of his Phoenix home, researching and developing new and improved instruments for the testing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems.
- 3. HVAC systems are employed to heat, cool, clean, and control the humidity of indoor environments ranging from homes to large commercial spaces.
- 4. Such HVAC systems may include a large number of components interconnected through what is often a maze-like network of ducts configured to carry and distribute the air throughout a building.
- 5. Since HVAC components are interdependent, changing the air-flow speed or other characteristics at one point in the system will generally change the behavior of the rest of the system—making it difficult for HVAC testing systems to effectively monitor and "balance" the temperature and airflow in a building.





Left: Co-Founder Russell P. (Peter) Secor; Right: Evergreen Telemetry Team (evergreentelemetry.com/about)

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- 6. After sales of less than \$10,000 in 2011, Evergreen grew quickly, and reached critical mass in 2012, with sales exceeding \$150,000.
- 7. In 2011, Evergreen moved its operation into a small facility in Tempe, Arizona.
- 8. During its early years of low sales revenues and high development and marketing expenses, Evergreen incurred more than \$1 million in losses.
- 9. In 2016, however, Evergreen's sales reached \$1.18 million, and Evergreen finally earned its first profit of \$53,000.
- 10. In 2022, Evergreen moved into its current Mesa, AZ location, and the sales of its HVAC testing system have increased steadily since that time.
- 11. Evergreen spent significant time and money to develop its various products, including its wireless HVAC testing system and has been awarded multiple U.S. Patents directed to that technology. *See* http://evergreentelemetry.com/patents (listing, as of this date, nine issued U.S. Patents.)



Examples of Evergreen products, including the Wrist ReporterTM and wireless sensors

- 12. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, seeking damages and other relief under 35 U.S.C. § 281, *et seq*. More particularly, this is an action under 35 U.S.C. § 271 for patent infringement of three United States patents owned by Evergreen relating to heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) tools and systems, namely:
 - (a) U.S. Patent No. 9,605,857, entitled "WIRELESS SENSORS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME," issued March 28, 2017 (the "'857 Patent"), having a priority date of August 11, 2010;
 - (b) U.S. Patent No. 10,830,466, entitled "WIRELESS SENSORS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME," issued November 10, 2020 (the "'466 Patent"), which is a continuation of the '857 Patent; and
 - (c) U.S. Patent No. 11,441,798, entitled "WIRELESS SENSORS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME," issued September 13, 2022 (the "'798 Patent"), which is a continuation of the '466 Patent.
- 13. True and correct copies of the '857 Patent, the '466 Patent, and the '798 Patent (collectively, the "Asserted Patents") are attached hereto as **Exhibits A**, **B**, and **C**, respectively, and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 14. The Asserted Patents are directed to improved electronic systems for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems. The claims of the Asserted Patents recite specific systems and methods that solve specific technical problems found in prior electronic systems for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems.

15. 1 Prior systems for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems suffered 2 from several drawbacks, including: i) limited access and temporal delays to desired data 3 relating to pressure, temperature, humidity, and airflow as a result of the union of sensor 4 and meter in the system for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems; ii) lack of 5 communication system integration, resulting in data isolation as between different 6 sensors and as between sensors and remote devices; iii) inability to display concurrent 7 measurements made at different locations; iv) inability to contemporaneously display 8 remote effects of adjustments made to the HVAC controller; v) unwieldy and 9 unmanageable tool design including the size, shape, attachment mechanisms, and 10 methods of using various instruments to take measurements; and, vi) lack of sensor, 11 meter, and/or controller automation. '857 Patent, 1:5-3:47.

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- 16. The claims of the Asserted Patents are directed to devices, systems, and methods which mitigate or eliminate the problems with prior systems for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems discussed above. The Asserted Patents contemplate systems and methods for collecting specific environmental measurements from sensors in different locations within a building's infrastructure, transmitting the measurements wirelessly, and displaying the measurement data at remote locations in real-time. '857 Patent, 8:12-25.
- 17. Defendant Fieldpiece Instruments, Inc. ("Fieldpiece") markets and sells a wireless HVAC testing system it refers to as the "Job Link System." Fieldpiece Instruments, *Job Link System*, http://fieldpiece.com/product-category/job-link-system, accessed October 11, 2024.



Example of the Fieldpiece Job Link System, id.

- 18. Fieldpiece's Job Link System features a variety of tools (including various HVAC testing tools, such as pressure sensors) that communicate wirelessly with a central controller (in the form of a smartphone or other device running a Job Link application provided by Fieldpiece) configured to "receive multiple measurements from varying locations in real-time and make adjustments on the spot." *Id*.
- 19. The accused products in this case include, but are not limited to, the Job Link System marketed and sold by Fieldpiece, including its various wireless tools (such as its manometers, psychrometers, and pressure probes) in combination with one or more of its controllers configured to interface with such wireless tools (e.g., its Job Link software application running on a smartphone or other computing device) (collectively, the "Accused Products").
- 20. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece has been making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, and/or importing into the United States

- 21. Evergreen has, during the relevant timeframe, marked its products and/or packaging in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).
- 22. Evergreen maintains a virtual patent marking page at http://evergreentelemetry.com/patents, which as of this date lists nine issued U.S. Patents, including the Asserted Patents.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece has known of the existence of the Asserted Patents since at least June 2022, and its acts of infringement have therefore been willful and in disregard for the Asserted Patents, without any reasonable basis for believing that it had a right to engage in the infringing conduct, since at least that time.
- 24. Fieldpiece was provided with written notice of the '857 and '466 Patents as early as June 1, 2022. A letter from Messner Reeves LLP to Mr. Cameron Rouns of Fieldpiece Instruments, Inc. was sent on or about June 1, 2022. The June 1, 2022, letter included an infringement claim chart of the '857 Patent and copies of the '857 and '466 Patents.

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25. Fieldpiece was provided with notice of the '798 Patent as early as March 8, 2023. A letter was sent from Messner Reeves LLP to Mr. Cameron Rouns of Fieldpiece and Paul Backofen of the Law Office of Paul Backofen on or about March 8, 2023. The March 8, 2023, letter included an example infringement claim chart of the '798 Patent and copies of each of the Asserted Patents.

- 26. On April 20, 2023, Fieldpiece, through Mr. Backofen, responded to Evergreen, attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. In its letter, Fieldpiece argued that Fieldpiece's Job Link system did not infringe independent claims 1, 9 or 15 of the '798 Patent. See Exhibit D. With respect to claim 1 of the '798 Patent, Fieldpiece identified only one limitation that it argued was not practiced by the Job Link System, namely, the limitation requiring: wherein the two or more wireless sensor modules are configured to simultaneously obtain air pressure measurements at the two or more locations using the two or more wireless sensor modules. See Exhibit D at 1.
- 27. On January 4, 2024, Evergreen, through its counsel, responded to Fieldpiece's April 20th letter, attached hereto as Exhibit E. Among other things, Evergreen pointed out that "Fieldpiece's own technical literature [] asserts that two Job Link manometers will '[m]easure real-time inlet and manifold pressures *simultaneously*" Exhibit E at 2. The technical literature referenced by Evergreen was the *Fieldpiece* Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN. Version 17 (2022) of the JL3MN Operator's Manual is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.
- 28. On April 8, 2024, Fieldpiece's counsel responded by email with a letter attachment styled as its "FInal [sic] Response," attached hereto as **Exhibit G**. In its letter,

Fieldpiece argued that its own documentation "incorrectly claims to provide simultaneous measurements from separate sensors. We have scoured the Fieldpiece marketing and training literature and the instance you identified was the only one. It has been corrected and no longer asserts simultaneous measurements." Exhibit G at 2-3.

29. Fieldpiece's updated version of the JL3MN Operator's Manual (version 17.5) is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**. As shown below, a side-by-side comparison of versions 17 and 17.5 of the JL3MN Operator's Manual show that Fieldpiece removed the word "simultaneously" from the technical description of its product.

Description

The JL3MN Job Link® System Manometer Probe sends static pressure or gas pressure measurements directly to the Fieldpiece Job Link app up to 1000 feet (305 meters) away.

Use two JL3MN probes to do even more. Because they are untethered, you don't need long hoses to measure differential pressures. Measure and view real-time return static, supply static, and total external static pressure all at once. Use your static pressure tip with short tubing for accurate static pressure measurements. Measure real-time inlet and manifold pressures simultaneously with 2 Job Link manometers.

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Left: Excerpt from JL3MN Operator's Manual (v. 17) (annotated in yellow); Right: Excerpt from JL3MN Operator's Manual (v. 17.5)

30. After several months of publishing version 17.5 of the JL3MN Operator's Manual on its website, Fieldpiece once again revised the JL3MN Operator's Manual, this time reinserting the word "simultaneously" back into the technical description of its product (shown below). Version 18 of the JL3MN Operator's Manual is attached hereto as **Exhibit I.**

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Excerpt from JL3MN Operator's Manual (v. 18) (annotated in yellow)

- 31. As shown through the factual example above, Fieldpiece lacks a reasonable basis for non-infringement. Fieldpiece's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and deliberate and intentional acts of infringement constitute willful infringement.
- 32. Fieldpiece's misrepresentations demonstrate the level of wanton, malicious and/or bad-faith conduct warranting enhanced damages.

THE PARTIES

- 33. Plaintiff Evergreen Telemetry LLC is a Delaware limited liability company (DE Entity File No. 4604376, AZ Entity ID R15799411) having its principal place of business at 33 South Sycamore, Suites 4-8, Mesa, AZ 85202.
- 34. Russell P. Secor is the sole inventor for each of the Asserted Patents. He is the founder and Managing Member of Evergreen Telemetry LLC, and is a resident of Phoenix, Arizona.

Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece Instruments, Inc. is a Delaware corporation (DE Entity File No. 3418576) with multiple locations throughout the United States, including a place of business at 1636 West Collins Ave., Orange, CA 92867, and a Territory Manager office in the Greater Phoenix Area for a Sales Representative whose sales territory includes Arizona.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

36. This action arises under the Patent Act of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq*. Therefore, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (federal question) and 1338(a) (any Act of Congress relating to patents or trademarks).

PERSONAL JURISDICTION

- 37. Personal jurisdiction over Fieldpiece is proper in this District because Fieldpiece: maintains a presence in Arizona; avails itself of the rights and benefits of the laws of Arizona of its presence in this state; derives substantial revenue from the sales of the Accused Products in Arizona; and, has systematic and continuous business contacts within Arizona.
- 38. Fieldpiece has committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 and places infringing products in the stream of commerce, with the knowledge or understanding that such products are offered for sale, sold, and used in this District.
 - 39. The acts by Fieldpiece cause injury to Evergreen within this District.

- 40. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece derives substantial revenue from the sale of infringing products within this District, expects its actions to have consequences within this District, and derives substantial revenue from interstate and international commerce.
- 41. Fieldpiece maintains a website it uses to market the Accused Products. Fieldpiece Instruments, *Job Link System*, http://fieldpiece.com/product-category/joblink-system, accessed October 11, 2024.
- 42. In the "Where to Buy/Representatives" section of its website, Fieldpiece lists a "Fieldpiece Sales Representative" located in the State of Arizona (a Mr. Christian Fornear) (the "AZ Sales Representative"), and states that "[b]esides their sales job, they [Fieldpiece's Sales Representatives] perform a variety of functions in the field like counter days, technician training, contractor training and take part in industry and community events on behalf of Fieldpiece." Fieldpiece Instruments, *Where to Buy/Representatives* (US/AZ), https://www.fieldpiece.com/representatives, accessed October 11, 2024, the relevant portion of which is reproduced for convenience in **Exhibit J**.
- 43. Upon information and belief, the AZ Sales Representative maintains a home-based office in this District, stores Fieldpiece-related materials in their home-based office in this District (for distribution in this District), regularly conducts business in this District, including without limitation accepting orders, making business decisions, soliciting customers in this District, engaging in technician training in this District, and taking part in industry and community events on behalf of Fieldpiece in this District.

- 45. Fieldpiece distributors, upon registration with the Fieldpiece Distributor portal, are able to "[g]ain access to images, logos, training, merchandising, and more." Fieldpiece Instruments, *Distributor Login*, https://www.fieldpiece.com/distributor-login, accessed October 11, 2024.
- 46. Upon information and belief, both the AZ Sales Representative and at least a portion of the Fieldpiece Distributors use, sell and offer to sell the Accused Products in Arizona.
- 47. Through its own activities, as well as the activities of its AZ Sales Representative and its numerous distributors located in Arizona, Fieldpiece continues to purposely direct its actions into this District and is otherwise availing itself of the privileges and protections of the laws of the State of Arizona.
- 48. Fieldpiece has sufficient minimum contacts within this District such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Fieldpiece by this Court does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

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49. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Fieldpiece Instruments consistent with the principles of Due Process as embodied in the Fourteenth Amendment and the Arizona long-arm statute, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure 4.2.

VENUE

- 50. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b) because Fieldpiece has committed acts of infringement in this District and has a regular and established place of business in this District.
- 51. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece makes, uses, sells and/or offers for sale infringing products in Arizona, either alone or in concert with one or more additional entities as may be determined through discovery.
- In the "Where to Buy/Representatives" section of its website, Fieldpiece lists 52. a "Fieldpiece Sales Representative" located in the State of Arizona (a Mr. Christian Fornear), and states that "[b]esides their sales job, they [the Fieldpiece Sales Representatives] perform a variety of functions in the field like counter days, technician training, contractor training and take part in industry and community events on behalf of Fieldpiece." Fieldpiece Instruments, Where to Buy/Representatives (US/AZ), https://www.fieldpiece.com/representatives, accessed October 11, 2024, Exhibit J.
- 53. Upon information and belief, the AZ Fieldpiece Sales representative maintains a home-based office in this District, stores Fieldpiece-related materials in their home-based office in this District (for distribution in this District), regularly conducts business in this District, including without limitation accepting orders, making business decisions, soliciting customers in this District, engages in technician training in this

- 54. Furthermore, in the "Where to Buy" section of its website, Fieldpiece lists approximately 100 locations designated as "Fieldpiece Distributors" in the State of Arizona. *Where to Buy* (selecting "US/AZ" as "Your location," selecting "500 mi" as the "Search radius," and selecting "100" as the "Results") https://www.fieldpiece.com/where-to-buy, accessed October 11, 2024, Exhibit K.
- 55. Fieldpiece Distributors, upon registration with the Fieldpiece Distributor portal, are able to "[g]ain access to images, logos, training, merchandising, and more." Fieldpiece Instruments, *Distributor Login*, https://www.fieldpiece.com/distributor-login, accessed October 11, 2024.
- 56. Fieldpiece has a regular and established place of business in this District because, upon information and belief, Fieldpiece's Arizona distributors and/or its Arizona Sales Representative constitute in-district agents of Fieldpiece over which Fieldpiece exercises the level of control necessary to establish Venue in this District. That is, Fieldpiece provides day-to-day control over the Arizona Fieldpiece Distributors and/or its Arizona Sales Representative with respect to the manner of carrying out the specific actions for which the agency relationship exists, and those actions include infringement of the Asserted Patents.
 - 57. Evergreen has its principal place of business in this District.
 - 58. The sole inventor of the Asserted Patents resides in this District.

59. Evergreen's products, designs, development records, intellectual property, and related documents are located in this District.

BACKGROUND

- 60. Evergreen has its principal place of business in Mesa, Arizona, and has been operating in the State of Arizona since 2008.
- 61. Evergreen has spent significant time and money to develop its various products, including its wireless HVAC testing system.

The Asserted Patents

- 62. The '857 Patent, entitled "WIRELESS SENSORS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME," was duly issued on March 28, 2017, and has a priority date of August 11, 2010. Plaintiff Evergreen owns the '857 by virtue of a patent assignment recorded by the USPTO on February 1, 2016, at reel/frame 037635/0158 and as corrected (pending recordation). True and accurate copies of these assignments are attached hereto as **Exhibit L.** The '857 Patent is valid, enforceable, and is currently in full force and effect.
- 63. The '466 Patent, entitled "WIRELESS SENSORS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME," was duly issued on November 10, 2020, and is a continuation of the '857 Patent. Plaintiff Evergreen owns the '466 Patent by virtue of a patent assignment recorded by the USPTO on March 28, 2017, at reel/frame 041771/0760 and a true and accurate copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit M**. The '466 Patent is valid, enforceable, and is currently in full force and effect.

65. The claims of the Asserted Patents are directed to specific improvements in systems for testing, adjusting, and balancing HVAC systems, including, without limitation: separating the meter display from the sensors; integrating communications systems that reduce delay in test and balance operations and improve access to test and balance data; providing for displaying concurrent measurements made at different locations and for the contemporaneous display of the remote effects of adjustments made to the HVAC controller; increasing tool portability via the elimination of unwieldy and unmanageable excess tubes and wires; and, incorporating attachment mechanisms to probes.

Fieldpiece's Infringing Job Link Products

- 66. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece has and continues to infringe the Asserted Patents by making, using, selling, and offering for sale the Job Link System in the United States.
- 67. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece has been, and is, inducing infringement of the Asserted Patents by actively and knowingly inducing others to make, use, sell, offer for sale, and/or import the Job Link System.

- 68. Upon information and belief, Fieldpiece has been and is continuing to contributorily infringe the Asserted Patents by selling or offering to sell the Job Link System, knowing it to be specially made or specially adapted for practicing the invention of the Asserted Patents and which is not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.
- 69. Fieldpiece uses, markets and sells a wireless HVAC testing system it refers to as the "Job Link System" and the "Job Link Family of Tools." Fieldpiece Instruments, *Job Link System*, http://fieldpiece.com/product-category/job-link-system, accessed October 11, 2024.
- 70. Exemplary claim charts for each of the Asserted Patents are attached hereto as **Exhibits O, P, and Q** (corresponding to the '857 Patent, the '466 Patent, and the '798 Patent, respectively) and collectively show that the Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 4, and 6 of the '857 Patent; at least claims 1, 2, and 5 of the '466 Patent; and at least claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 20 of the '798 Patent (collectively the "Asserted Claims").
- 71. For the purposes of illustration, and without limiting the foregoing, a comparison of the Accused Products (e.g., the Fieldpiece Job Link System) with independent claim 1 of the '798 will now be provided. As a preliminary matter, any infringement analysis provided for the preamble should not be construed as an admission that such preamble is limiting.
- 72. Claim 1 of the '798 patent begins with the preamble "[a] test and balance data gathering system."

73. Fieldpiece, in its online marketing, states that "[Job Link] has been praised 1 for helping technicians . . . view measurements with ease and even gather real-time 2 3 diagnostics across the entire jobsite." Fieldpiece Instruments, Fieldpiece Instruments 4 Introduces *All-New* the Job Link System (March 29, 2022), App5 https://www.fieldpiece.com/news-articles/fieldpiece-instruments-introduces-the-all-6 new-job-link-system-app/. "[The update will] allow users to streamline their in-field 7 testing" Id. (emphasis added). Fieldpiece further states that "Balancing static 8 pressure is one of the most important factors in HVAC systems design." Fieldpiece 9 Instruments, How Manometers Help HVACR Professionals Diagnose and Balance 10 Furnace and A/C Systems, https://www.fieldpiece.com/news-articles/how-manometers-11 help-hvacr-professionals-diagnose-and-balance-furnace-and-a-c-systems/, accessed 12 October 11, 2024 (emphasis added). 13 74.

- Accordingly, the preamble of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in Fieldpiece's product.
- 75. Element 1a of the '798 Patent recites "two or more wireless sensor modules removably coupled to two or more locations of a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system." These elements are clearly shown in the relevant Operator's Manual for Fieldpiece's JL3MN Job Link System Manometer Probe [pressure sensor], as shown below.

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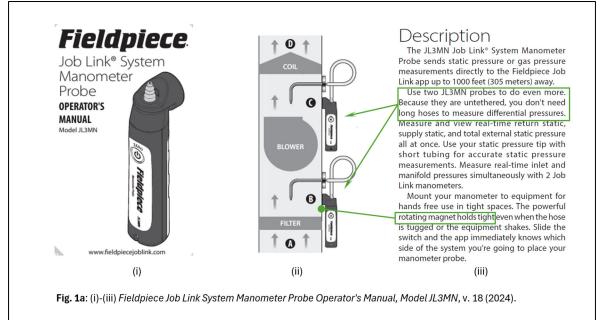
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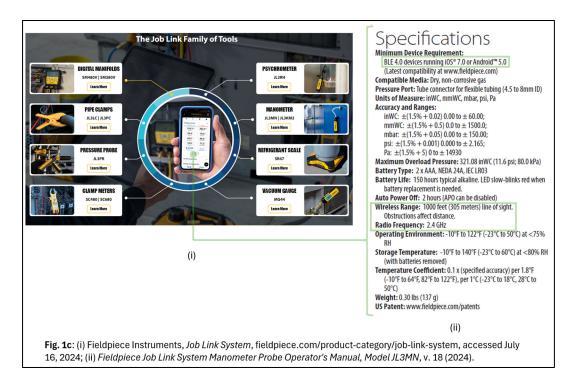
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- 76. Accordingly, element 1a of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in the Accused Products.
- 77. Element 1b of the '798 Patent recites that "the two or more locations [are] remote from the user."
- 78. The Operator's Manual cited above states that "The JL3MN Job Link System Manometer Probe sends static pressure or gas pressure measurements directly to the Fieldpiece Job Link app up to **1000 feet (305 meters) away**." *Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN*, v. 18 (2024) (emphasis added), Exhibit I.
- 79. Accordingly, element 1b of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in Fieldpiece's product.

- 80. Element 1c of the '798 Patent recites "a control module wirelessly coupled to the two or more wireless sensor modules through a wireless radio electronic portion comprised in the two or more wireless sensor modules."
- 81. The Accused Products utilize a smartphone and corresponding app (iPhone or Android) to fill the role of a "control module," as shown below. Fieldpiece, at least when using the Accused Products, practices "a control module wirelessly coupled to the two or more wireless sensor modules through a wireless radio electronic portion comprised in the two or more wireless sensor modules."
- 82. Fieldpiece's various Job Link user manuals, technical documents, support services, and its website actively encourage its users to download the Job Link software onto their mobile devices to thereby operate the Job Link sensors in combination with the Job Link software (*see* e.g., Fieldpiece Operator's Manuals Exhibits L and M instructing to "Install the Fieldpiece Job Link System app on your mobile device") and Fieldpiece knows that such acts constitute induced patent infringement and result in direct patent infringement of the Asserted Patents by Fieldpiece, Fieldpiece technicians and Fieldpiece customers.
- 83. Neither the Job Link sensors nor the Job Link software, taken alone, have substantial non-infringing uses: the Job Link sensors (including, without limitation, the JL3MN manometer) do not include an integrated display that can be viewed by an operator, and the Job Link software requires the connection of a Job Link sensor to provide the desired functionality.



- 84. Accordingly, element 1c of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in Fieldpiece's product.
- 85. Element 1d of the '798 Patent recites that "each of the two or more wireless sensor modules comprise an air pressure sensor and a sensing probe coupled to the air pressure sensor."
- 86. Upon information and belief, the Job Link JL3MN Manometer includes a Unisense US-9111-006S Semiconductor Pressure Sensor coupled to a sensing probe, as shown below.

US9111 Semiconductor Pressure Sensor

Features

High Output

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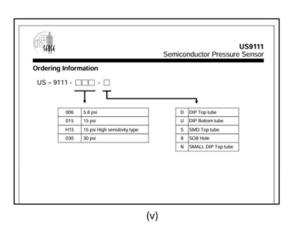
Pressure Gauge Industrial Sensor Home Appliances

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87. Accordingly, element 1d of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in Fieldpiece's product.

Fig. 1d: (i)-(iii) photos of JL3MN disassembled by Evergreen, revealing device marked as "Unisense US-9111-006S";

https://kaimte.com/upload/attach/20201201/48c0fd16aea569894b64c8781cfab00c_n.pdf, accessed July 16,

(iv)-(v) Unisense US-9111 Semiconductor Pressure Sensor, data sheet version 2.0, SP-015, p. 2,

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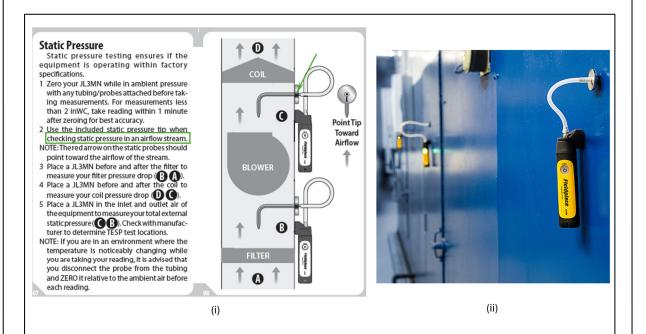
88. Claim 1e of the '798 Patent recites that "each sensing probe [is] configured to be inserted through a duct wall of the HVAC system and used in obtaining a pressure

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89. Fieldpiece's JL3MN Operator Manual and its online marketing clearly show multiple probes inserted at various locations along a duct wall:

accessed July 16, 2024.



90. Accordingly, element 1e of Claim 1 of the '798 patent is embodied in Fieldpiece's product.

Instruments, JL3MN-Manometer-Single Port Wireless, https://www.fieldpiece.com/product/jl3mn-job-link-system-manometer/,

Fig. 1e: (i) Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN, v. 18 (2024); (ii) Fieldpiece

91. Element 1f of the '798 Patent recites "wherein the two or more wireless sensor modules are removably coupled to the two or more locations of the HVAC system through two or more attachment mechanisms, each attachment mechanism comprising one of a clip, magnet, hook and loop fasteners, or adhesive dot." Similarly, element 1g of the '798 Patent recites that "the one of the clip, magnet, hook and loop fasteners, or adhesive dot is configured to directly couple to the HVAC system when the two or more

wireless sensor modules are removably coupled to the two or more locations of the HVAC system."

- 92. The JL3MN Operator's Manual instructs the operator to "[m]ount your manometer to equipment for hands free use in tight spaces. The powerful rotating magnet holds tight even when the hose is tugged or the equipment shakes." Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN, v. 18 (2024) (emphasis added). Accordingly, elements 1f and 1g are embodied in Fieldpiece's products.
- 93. Element 1h of the '798 Patent recites "wherein the two or more wireless sensor modules are configured to simultaneously obtain air pressure measurements at the two or more locations using the two or more wireless sensor modules."
- 94. Element 1h is clearly shown in the Job Link literature and website, reproduced below. In Fig. 1h(i), under the heading "Live Measurements," the graphic states "[r]eceive multiple measurements from varying locations in real-time and make adjustments on the spot."

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Description

The JL3MN Job Link® System Manometer Probe sends static pressure or gas pressure measurements directly to the Fieldpiece Job Link app up to 1000 feet (305 meters) away.

Use two JL3MN probes to do even more. Because they are untethered, you don't need long hoses to measure differential pressures. Measure and view real-time return static, supply static, and total external static pressure all at once. Use your static pressure tip with short tubing for accurate static pressure measurements. Measure real-time inlet and manifold pressures simultaneously with 2 Job Link manometers

Mount your manometer to equipment for hands free use in tight spaces. The powerful rotating magnet holds tight even when the hose is tugged or the equipment shakes. Slide the switch and the app immediately knows which side of the system you're going to place your manometer probe.

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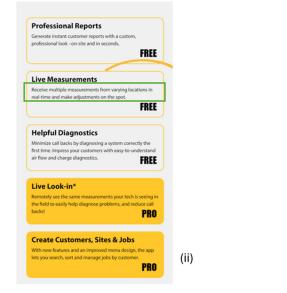


Fig. 1h: (i) Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN, v. 18 (2024); (ii) Fieldpiece Instruments, Job Link System, fieldpiece.com/product-category/job-link-system, accessed July 16, 2024.

- 95. Accordingly, claim element 1h is embodied Fieldpiece's product.
- Element 1i of the '798 Patent recites that "the two or more wireless sensor 96. modules are configured to transmit the air pressure measurements over a telecommunication channel to the control module."
- 97. The JL3MN Operator's Manual shows that the Job Link System utilizes Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) for wireless communication:

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- **Specifications** Minimum Device Requirement: BLE 4.0 devices running iOS® 7.0 or Android™ 5.0 (Latest compatibility at www.fieldpiece.com) Compatible Media: Dry, non-corrosive gas Pressure Port: Tube connector for flexible tubing (4.5 to 8mm ID) Units of Measure: inWC, mmWC, mbar, psi, Pa Accuracy and Ranges: inWC: ±(1.5% + 0.02) 0.00 to ± 60.00; mmWC: $\pm (1.5\% + 0.5) 0.0 \text{ to } \pm 1500.0;$ mbar: $\pm (1.5\% + 0.05) 0.00 \text{ to } \pm 150.00;$ psi: $\pm (1.5\% + 0.001) 0.000$ to ± 2.165 ; Pa: $\pm (1.5\% + 5) 0$ to ± 14930 Maximum Overload Pressure: 321.08 inWC (11.6 psi; 80.0 kPa)

 Battery Type: 2 x AAA, NEDA 24A, IEC LR03 Battery Life: 150 hours typical alkaline. LED slow-blinks red when battery replacement is needed. Auto Power Off: 2 hours (APO can be disabled Wireless Range: 1000 feet (305 meters) line of sight. Obstructions affect distance. Radio Frequency: 2.4 GHz
 Operating Environment: -10°F to 122°F (-23°C to 50°C) at <75% Storage Temperature: -10°F to 140°F (-23°C to 60°C) at <80% RH (with batteries removed)

 Temperature Coefficient: 0.1 x (specified accuracy) per 1.8°F (-10°F to 64°F, 82°F to 122°F), per 1°C (-23°C to 18°C, 28°C to Weight: 0.30 lbs (137 g)
 US Patent: www.fieldpiece.com/patents
- Fig. 1i: Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN, v. 18 (2024).
- 98. Accordingly, claim element 1i is embodied Fieldpiece's product.
- 99. Element 1j of the '798 Patent recites "wherein the control module is configured to simultaneously display the air pressure measurements from the two or more wireless sensor modules on a screen control module."
- application, to provide this simultaneous display, as illustrated below. In Fig. 1j(ii), under the heading "Live Measurements," the graphic states "[r]eceive multiple measurements from varying locations in real-time and make adjustments on the spot." Fieldpiece, at least when using the Accused Products, practices "wherein the control module is configured to simultaneously display the air pressure measurements from the two or more wireless sensor modules on a screen control module."

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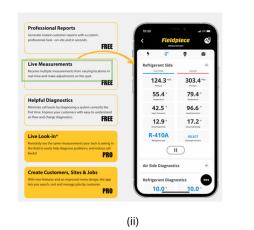


Fig. 1j: (i) Fieldpiece Job Link System Manometer Probe Operator's Manual, Model JL3MN, v. 18, (2024); (ii) Fieldpiece Instruments, Job Link System, fieldpiece.com/product-category/job-link-system, accessed July 16, 2024.

101. Fieldpiece's various Job Link user manuals, technical documents, support services, and its website actively encourage its users to download the Job Link software onto their mobile devices to thereby operate the Job Link sensors in combination with the Job Link software (*see* e.g., Fieldpiece Operator's Manuals Exhibits L and M instructing to "[u]se two JL3MN probes to do even more. ... Measure and view real-time return, static, supply static, and total external static pressure all at once.") and Fieldpiece knows that such acts constitute induced patent infringement and result in direct patent infringement of the Asserted Patents by Fieldpiece, Fieldpiece technicians and Fieldpiece customers.

- 102. Accordingly, claim element 1j is embodied Fieldpiece's product.
- 103. Each and every element of claim 1 of the '798 Patent is therefore found in the Accused Products. Non-limiting examples of infringement of the remaining Asserted Claims may be found in the attached Exemplary Claim Charts (Exhibits O, P, and Q).

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Infringement of the '857 Patent

- 104. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 103 of this Complaint.
- 105. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '857 Patent by making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, and/or importing into the United States without authorization, at least the Accused Products described above. For example, as shown in the attached claim chart (**Exhibit O**), the Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 4, and 6 of the '857 Patent.
- 106. Defendant's actions as described herein constitute direct, induced, and/or contributory infringement of the '857 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c).
- 107. Defendant's actions as described herein constitute infringement of the '857 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.
- 108. As a proximate result of Defendant's infringement of the '857 Patent, Plaintiff has been damaged and Defendant has unfairly profited in amounts to be proven at trial.
- 109. Defendant's infringement of the '857 Patent has been and continues to be willful, entitling Plaintiff to recover treble damages and/or attorney fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.

110. Defendant's knowing, intentional, and/or willful actions make this an exceptional case, entitling Plaintiff to an award of reasonable fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 385.

111. Defendant's direct, inducement, and/or contributory infringement of the '857 Patent has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff irreparable harm unless they are enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Infringement of the '466 Patent

- 112. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 103 of this Complaint.
- 113. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '466 Patent by making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, and/or importing into the United States without authorization, at least the Accused Products described above. For example, as shown in the attached claim chart (**Exhibit P**), the Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 2, and 5 of the '466 Patent.
- 114. Defendant's actions as described herein constitute direct, induced, and/or contributory infringement of the '466 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), and/or (c).
- 115. Defendant's actions as described herein constitute infringement of the '466 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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- 117. Defendant's infringement of the '466 Patent has been and continues to be willful, entitling Plaintiff to recover treble damages and/or attorney fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284.
- 118. Defendant's knowing, intentional, and/or willful actions make this an exceptional case, entitling Plaintiff to an award of reasonable fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 385.
- 119. Defendant's direct, inducement, and/or contributory infringement of the '466 Patent has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff irreparable harm unless they are enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF Infringement of the '798 Patent

- 120. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 103 of this Complaint.
- 121. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '798 Patent by making, using, selling and/or offering for sale in the United States, and/or importing into the United States without authorization, at least the Accused Products described above. For example, as shown in the attached claim chart (**Exhibit Q**), the Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, and 20 of the '798 Patent.

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contributorily infringed each of the Asserted Patents in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a),

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(b), and (c);

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues raised by this Complaint that are triable by jury.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF FILING 2 I hereby certify that, on 10/16/24, I electronically transmitted the foregoing 3 4 document to the Clerk's Office using the ECF System for filing. 5 6 7 Newman Jones PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 8 9 10 VERIFICATION OF PLAINTIFF Plaintiff Evergreen Telemetry LLC, by and through its Member Russell P. Secor, 11 hereby declares under penalty of perjury that it has reviewed the foregoing Complaint, 12 and the factual allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of its 13 knowledge, memory, information, and belief, and to those matters stated upon 14 information and belief, it believes them to be true. 15 16 Executed on: 16 october 2024 17 Evergreen Telemetry LLC 18 19 20 Its: Manager/Member, Russell P. Secor 21 22