
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ZF NORTH AMERICA, INC., ZF ACTIVE SAFETY US INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

STONERIDGE CONTROL DEVICES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Inter Partes Review No. IPR2023-00273
Patent No. 7,021,415

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Board's Amended Scheduling Order dated September 5, 2023 (Paper 15), Patent Owner requests Oral Argument.

Location

The Oral Argument is currently set for March 6, 2024 at the USPTO Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, Colorado. See Paper 15 at pages 6, 11.

The parties have conferred on the matter and both sides request an in-person hearing at the Denver location.

Time for argument

The parties have conferred and agree that one hour per side, inclusive of rebuttal, is sufficient for the oral argument.

Patent Owner requests the opportunity to present a brief sur-rebuttal at the Oral Hearing. The parties have conferred on Patent Owner's request, and Petitioners have stated that they do not object to Patent Owner asking for a brief sur-rebuttal.

Issues to be argued

Patent Owner wishes to present argument on at least the following issues:

- Issues related to the instituted grounds, including, for example:
 - The patentability of claims 5, 7, 8, 14-19, 24, and 25 of the '415 Patent;

- Claim construction of the terms “sub-frame” and “actuator housing;”
- The teachings of Poertzgen, Boucheret, Weiler, and Drennen, and whether there is a proper motivation to combine;
- Any other relevant issues raised in papers filed in this proceeding, including issues raised in papers yet to be filed; and
- Any other issues that the Board deems necessary for issuing a Final Written Decision, including any questions or arguments that may arise during the oral argument.

Equipment

Patent Owner requests the ability to use audio-visual equipment at the hearing, including a laptop, projector, and screen to display demonstratives and exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petitioners have consented to electronic service.

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