

Exhibit 2008

P & F Brother Industrial Corporation Notice Letter to The Home Depot, Inc. and  
Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., dated November 2, 2022.



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CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT COMMUNICATION  
PURSUANT TO FRE 408

November 2, 2022

The Home Depot, Inc.  
Legal Department  
2455 Paces Ferry Rd SE  
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*Via USPS*

RE: Infringement of United States Patent No. 7,475,622  
Our ref: 22.13.23.INF

Gentlemen/Ladies:

We represent P & F Brother Industrial Corporation (“P&F”), a power tool design and manufacturing company, in connection with, *inter alia*, licensing and enforcement of its intellectual property rights. P&F is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 7,475,622 (the ‘622 Patent). It has come to our attention that your company is selling certain table saw products that include the patented technology of the ‘622 patent and thereby infringe claims of the ‘622 Patent. A copy of the ‘622 Patent is enclosed.

Your physical and online retail outlets are selling several models of table saws that contain devices claimed in the ‘622 Patent and thereby infringe claims of the ‘622 Patent in violation of Section 271 of the Patent Act. The Infringing Products (“Infringing Products”) are found for example in model numbers Rigid R4540, Rigid R4550, and Rigid R4560.

Under the patent statute 35 U.S.C. 271:

“(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, whoever without authority makes, uses, **offers to sell, or sells** any patented invention, within the United States **or imports** into the United States any patented invention during the term of the patent therefor, infringes the patent.

(b) Whoever actively induces infringement of a patent shall be liable as an infringer.”

For example, the attached Comparison Claim Chart illustrates how a sample product, representative of the Infringing Products present in certain models of your table saws, meets each limitation of claim 1 of the '622 Patent. The Comparison Claim Chart is in no way intended to be an exhaustive analysis of the extent of P&F's claims.

Our client has invested substantial resources in developing and patenting many of its innovative technologies, including the supporting devices for mounting a protective cover to shield a cutting blade of a cutting machine described and claimed in the '622 Patent. Patent infringement is a serious matter and P&F expects third parties to respect its patent rights. P&F is prepared to enforce its rights, including through legal action if necessary.

P&F prefers to resolve this legal matter amicably, without resorting to litigation, which diverts time and money away from more constructive pursuits. This letter and the attachments are provided in an effort to reach an agreeable resolution that may include granting a license under the '622 Patent allowing for P&F's technology to be embodied in the products at issue.

To that end, we request a reply *no later than two weeks upon receipt of this letter.* Absent a timely reply, my client will pursue all available legal remedies.

The above is not an exhaustive statement of all the relevant facts and law. P&F expressly reserves all of its legal and equitable rights and remedies, including the right to seek injunctive relief and recover monetary damages. We, therefore, hope you will voluntarily comply with the law and our proposal to open discussions on this issue without legal intervention.

Sincerely,



Tracy Michael Heims  
Lawyer



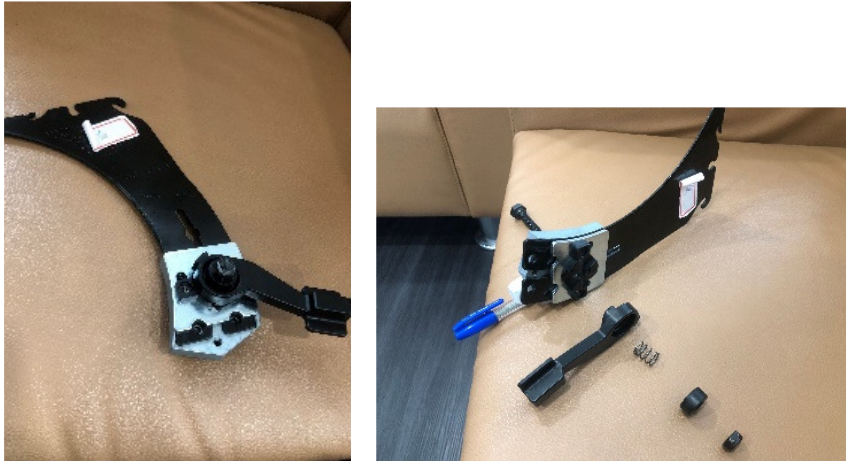
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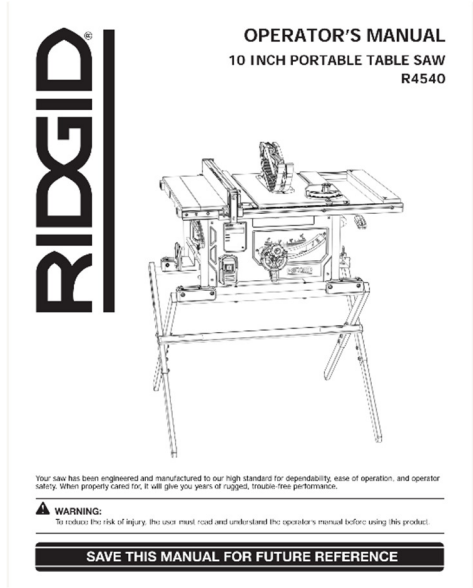
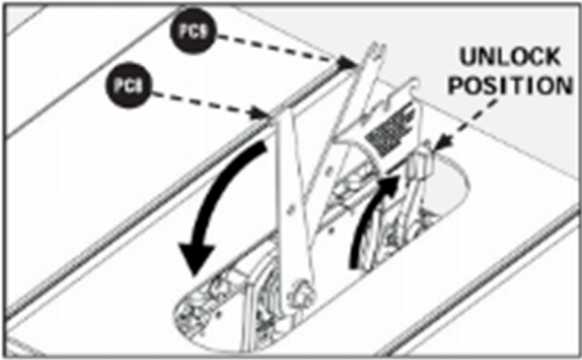
Enclosure:

1. United States Patent No. 7,475,622
2. Comparison Claim Chart

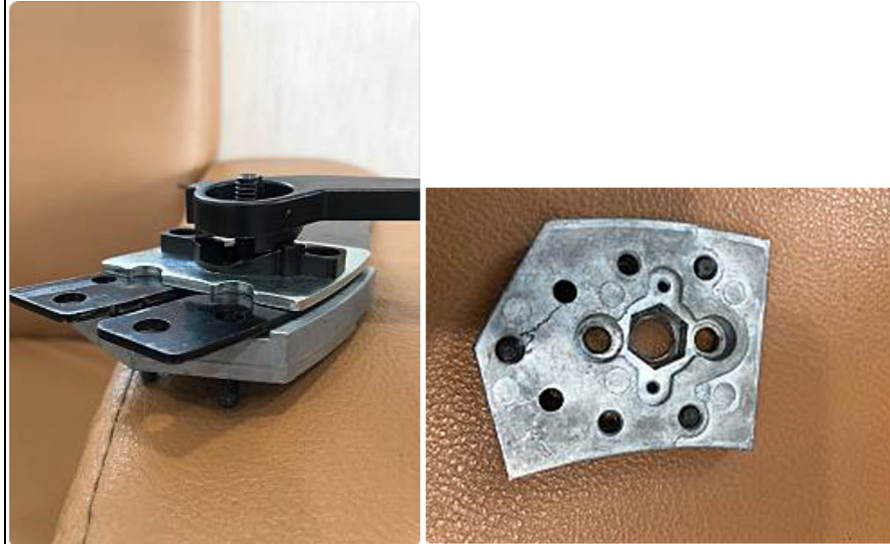
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# COMPARISON CLAIM CHART OF US 7,475,622 and Sample Infringing Product

| Claim of US 7,475,622                                                                                                                                                                            | Infringing Product - Sample 1 (IP1)<br>Present in The Home Depot model numbers Rigid R4540, Rigid R4550, and Rigid R4560.                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>1. A supporting device for mounting a protective cover to shield a cutting blade of a cutting machine which is driven to rotate about a rotating axis, said supporting device comprising:</p> | <div data-bbox="940 337 1780 795">  </div> <p>IP1 is a supporting device for mounting a protective cover to shield a cutting blade of a cutting machine which is driven to rotate about a rotating axis.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  <p><b>RIDGID</b></p> <p><b>OPERATOR'S MANUAL</b><br/>10 INCH PORTABLE TABLE SAW<br/>R4540</p> <p>Your saw has been engineered and manufactured to our high standards for dependability, ease of operation, and operator safety. When properly cared for, it will give you years of rugged, trouble-free performance.</p> <p><b>WARNING:</b><br/>To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read and understand the operator's manual before using this product.</p> <p><b>SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE</b></p> |
| <p>a mount unit which is adapted to be secured to the cutting machine, said mount unit including a major abutment wall which has a proximate tightening surface that has an axial hole extending therethrough along a tightening axis parallel to the rotating axis of the cutting blade;</p> | <p>Manuals illustrating implementations of IP1, such as in Rigid R4540, illustrate a riving knife adapted to be secured to the cutting machine.</p>  <p><b>FIGURE 7</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

IP1 includes a movable mount, which has a major abutment wall, as can be seen in the photos below.



The major abutment wall has a proximate tightening surface (top surface in picture above) that has an axial hole extending therethrough along a tightening axis parallel to the rotating axis of the cutting blade. A bolt goes through axial hole major abutment wall.



In implementations, the tightening axis of the mount unit is parallel to the rotating axis of the cutting blade, as shown in the manual of Rigid R4540.

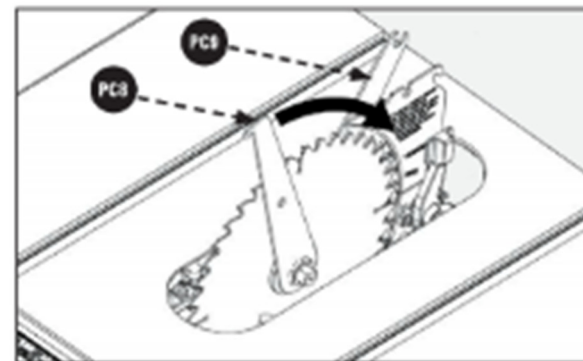


FIGURE 9

a tightening bolt having a shank which is configured to pass through said axial hole, and which has front and rear ends opposite to each other in the tightening axis, and an intermediate segment interposed between said front and rear ends;

IP1 includes a tightening bolt as shown in the photos below.



The shank of the bolt is configured to pass through the axial hole of the proximate tightening surface of the major abutment wall of the mount unit.



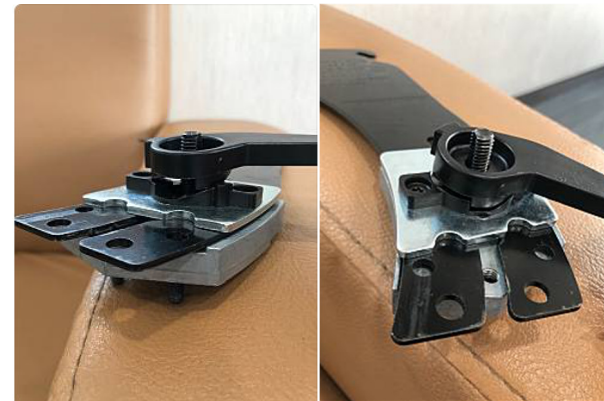
The bolt shown in the photos has a front end and rear end opposite to each other in the tightening axis, and an intermediate segment interposed between the front and rear ends.

a supporting frame which has upper and lower ends opposite to each other, and a middle segment interposed between said upper and lower ends, said upper end being adapted to hold the protective cover, said middle segment having proximate and distal tightened major surfaces opposite to each other along the tightening axis, and a guiding slot which extends through said proximate and distal tightened major surfaces and which permits passage of said shank therethrough, said guiding slot permitting said middle segment to be movable between a position of use where said shank is remote from said upper end, and a retreat position where said shank is closer to said upper end;

IP1 has a supporting frame which has an upper end and a lower end opposite to each other, and a middle segment interposed between upper and lower ends.



The middle segment of the supporting frame has proximate and distal tightened major surfaces opposite to each other along the tightening axis, and a guiding slot which extends through proximate and distal tightened major surfaces, permitting passage of the shank therethrough. The shank passes through the guiding slot.



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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>The guiding slot permits the middle segment to be movable between a position of use where the shank is remote from the upper end, and a retreat position where shank is closer to upper end. The locked state of IP1 corresponds to the position of use whereby the shank is in a position remote from the upper end of the supporting frame. In a retreat position, the shank is closer to the upper end.</p> <p>The guiding slot permits the middle segment to move between positions of use/retreat having the shank position as recited.</p>                                                                                                                              |
| <p>a movable tightening member which is sleeved on said shank, and which has a thrust major wall to which the tightening axis is normal, said thrust major wall having a distal tightening surface which confronts and which is to be brought to press said distal tightened major surface so as to force said proximate tightened major surface to abut against said proximate tightening surface, and a cam follower surface which is opposite to said distal tightening surface along the tightening axis, and which has first and second pressed areas that are angularly displaced from each other about the tightening axis, and that are respectively proximate to and distal from said distal tightening surface along the tightening axis;</p> | <p>IP1 includes a movable tightening member which is sleeved on the shank of the bolt. The photos below show a movable tightening member consisting of two pieces: a black part that is mounted on a silver part. The black part has a cam follower surface and the silver part has a thrust major wall.</p>  <p>The movable tightening member has a thrust major wall to which the tightening axis is normal. The thrust major wall has a distal tightening surface which confronts and which is to be brought to press the distal tightened major surface so as to force the proximate</p> |

tightened major surface to abut against said proximate tightening surface. The device has a locked and unlocked state. A top view shows the supporting frame tightened between the distal tightening surface and a proximate tightening surface.



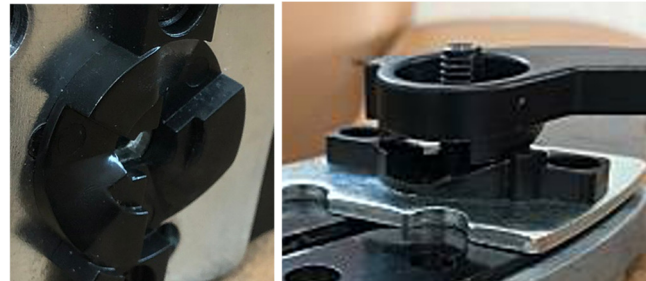
The photo below shows a movable mount.



IP1 further has a cam follower surface.



The cam follower surface is opposite to the distal tightening surface along the tightening axis. The cam follower surface has first and second pressed areas that are angularly displaced from each other about the tightening axis, and that are respectively proximate to and distal from distal tightening surface along the tightening axis. From the photo below it can be seen that the pressed areas are present. The pressed areas are proximate and distal to the distal tightening surface.



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| <p>a cam actuating member including</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>IP1 has a cam actuating member.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>an actuating body which is sleeved on said shank, and which has a cam surface and an outmost major surface opposite to each other in the tightening axis, said cam surface having first and second pressing spots which are angularly displaced from each other about the tightening axis such that, said first and second pressing spots are brought into contact with said first and second pressed areas respectively when said cam surface is brought to mate with said cam follower surface in a loosened position, and such that, when said actuating body is turned about the tightening axis to a tightening position, said first pressing spot is displaced to contact said second pressed area with an axial frictional force so as to move said distal tightening surface to press said distal tightened major surface, thereby forcing said proximate tightened major surface to abut against said proximate tightening surface, and</p> | <p>The cam actuating member has an actuating body sleeved on the shank of the bolt and has a cam surface and outmost major surface opposite to each other in the tightening axis.</p>  <p>The cam surface has first and second pressing spots which are angularly displaced from each other about the tightening axis.</p> |

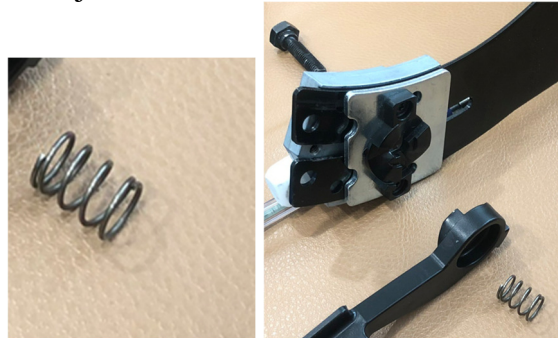


The first and second pressing spots can be brought into contact with the first and second pressed areas respectively when the cam surface is brought to mate with the cam follower surface in a loosened position, and such that, when the actuating body is turned about the tightening axis to a tightening position, the first pressing spot is displaced to contact the second pressed area with an axial frictional force so as to move distal tightening surface to press the distal tightened major surface, thereby forcing the proximate tightened major surface to abut against the proximate tightening surface of movable mount.

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <div data-bbox="1167 120 1671 626" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="961 662 1812 808">When the device is unlocked, the pressing spots and pressed areas are engaged. When the device is locked/tightened, the pressing spots and pressed areas displaced in the locked/tightening position.</p> |
| <p data-bbox="331 849 905 1027">a handgrip disposed to extend from said actuating body radially so as to turn said actuating body about the tightening axis between the loosened and tightening positions; and</p> | <p data-bbox="940 849 1812 954">IP1 has a handgrip which extends from actuating body radially so as to turn the actuating body about the tightening axis between the loosened and tightening positions.</p> <div data-bbox="1180 990 1577 1291" data-label="Image"> </div>                              |

a biasing member disposed on said shank adjacent to said rear end of said shank such that, as a result of displacement of said actuating body to the tightening position, said biasing member acquires an increment of a biasing force which biases said front end of said shank towards said supporting frame so as to counteract the axial frictional force to thereby keep said actuating body in the tightening position.

IP1 has a biasing member in the form of a spring disposed on shank adjacent to rear end of the shank.



When the device is locked/tightened, the biasing member acquires a biasing force to counteract the axial frictional force.