

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc.  
Petitioner,

v.

Neapco Components, LLC,  
Patent Owner

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IPR2025-00090  
U.S. Patent 11,434,958

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**PETITIONER’S UPDATED POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.10(b), American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. (“American Axle” or “Petitioner”), hereby appoints the following practitioners associated with PTO Customer Number 53065, as Petitioner’s attorneys to prosecute the aforementioned proceedings, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith any *inter partes* review, covered business review, post grant review, and other review proceeding before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the above captioned patent: 11,434,958:

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