

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Arizona



Champion Power Equipment, Inc.,

Plaintiff

v.

Firman Power Equipment Inc.,

Defendant

Civil Action No. 23-cv-02371-DWL

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS
OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION

To:

Generac Power Systems, Inc.

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☒ **Production: YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material: See Attachment A

Place: U.S. Legal Support
411 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1625
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Date and Time:

11/22/2024 10:00 am

☐ **Inspection of Premises: YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:

Date and Time:

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 11/08/2024

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party)

Defendant Firman Power Equipment Inc., who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Benjamin J. Byer; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; 920 Fifth Avenue, Ste 3300; Seattle, Washington 98104;

206-757-8105 ; ben.byer@dwt.com

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
on *(date)* _____.

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____

_____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____
_____.

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also
tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of
\$ _____.

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

ATTACHMENT A TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
TO GENERAC POWER SYSTEMS, INC.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To comply with this subpoena, please produce all documents in your possession, custody, or control.

2. If you withhold from production any document responsive to these requests based on a claim of attorney-client, work-product or any other privilege or immunity, please provide a privilege log identifying the document by date, author(s), addressee(s), other recipient(s), type (e.g., letter, memorandum), title if any, and general subject matter, and explain the basis of the privilege or other protection you are claiming. The privilege log should **include** documents which were created after the filing of the complaint in this Lawsuit.

3. Please produce responsive documents by no later than **November 22, 2024.**
You may produce the documents and/or information sought by this subpoena through *any* of the following methods, as you prefer:

By Email or Other
Electronic Transfer:

benbyer@dwt.com

By Mail or Delivery:

Benjamin J. Byer
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
920 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3300
Seattle, WA 98104-1610

In Person:

U.S. Legal Support
411 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1625
Milwaukee, WI 53202

4. These Document Requests are continuing in nature. To the extent you locate or become aware of additional responsive documents at any time up to and including the time of trial, please produce them promptly.

DEFINITIONS

- A. “**Action**” means *Champion Power Equipment, Inc., v. Firman Power Equipment Inc.*, Case No. CV-23-02371-PHX-DWL (D. Ariz.).
- B. “**Multi Fuel Component**” means any switch, dial, button, valve, solenoid, fuel line, part, or component involved in selecting a fuel type or allowing or preventing fuel to flow.
- C. “**Mutli Fuel Device**” means any device, such as a power generator, power inverter, or lawn mower, that includes a Mutli Fuel Engine.
- D. “**Mutli Fuel Engine**” means any engine that can operate with and switch between at least two separate fuel sources and includes dual fuel and tri fuel engines.
- E. “**Mutli Fuel Generator**” means any portable power generator that utilizes a Mutli Fuel Engine to generator electricity, including but not limited to inverter generators and open frame generators.
- F. “**You,**” “**Your,**” or “**Powermate**” means Powermate LLC and Generac Power Systems Inc. and includes their current or former officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, and all others authorized to act on their behalf.
- G. “**Champion**” means Champion Power Equipment, Inc. and includes its current or former officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, and all others authorized to act on their behalf.
- H. “**Generac Action**” means *Champion Power Equipment Inc v. Generac Power Systems Inc.*, Case No. 24-cv-01281-LA (E.D. Wis.)
- I. “**Asserted Patents**” means U.S. Patent Nos. 10,221,780; 10,393,034; 10,598,101; 10,697,398; 11,143,120; 11,143,145; 11,306,667; 11,492,985; 11,530,654; 11,761,390; 11,840,970; 11,905,895; 11,905,896.

DOCUMENT REQUESTS

1. Documents showing, referencing, describing, or evidencing the public use, sale, offer for sale, or other activity making available to the public before October 4, 2016, of any Multi Fuel Component, Multi Fuel Engine, Multi Fuel Generator, or other Multi Fuel Device.
2. Patents, patent applications, or printed publications that were filed or published before October 4, 2016, that, in whole or in part, disclose any Multi Fuel Component, Multi Fuel Engine, Multi Fuel Generator, or other Multi Fuel Device.
3. All Communications with Champion concerning the Asserted Patents, the Action, or the Generac Action.