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HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC., Plaintiff, vs. CHAMPION POWER EQUIPMENT, INC., Defendant.	Case No. 2:24-cv-08722-SVW-AS **PLAINTIFF HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC.'S PRELIMINARY PROPOSED CLAIM CONSTRUCTIONS** Hon. Stephen V. Wilson Hon. Alka Sagar

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In accordance with the minutes of the Court's March 21, 2025 Trial Setting Conference (ECF No. 56), setting a Markman Hearing for September 30, 2025, Plaintiff Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. ("Harbor Freight") hereby provides its Proposed Claim Constructions. Harbor Freight makes this disclosure based on information presently known to it, without the benefit of full discovery. Harbor Freight reserves the right to supplement or amend the information contained herein based on arguments, allegations, or evidence presented by Defendant Champion Power Equipment, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Champion"); information discovered or confirmed during fact discovery; information discovered, confirmed or provided by a party's consultant or expert after the party's contentions have been served; the launch of new products; Defendants accusing new products; amendments made to the pleadings; information learned from or positions taken by another party during the exchange of contentions or the constructions process; rulings made by the Court; amendments made to infringement or validity contentions; or as otherwise permitted or required under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, and the Court's orders.

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extent it is appropriate to construe terms, phrases, and/or clauses listed herein in the context of additional claim language, such additional language is deemed part of this disclosure.

I. U.S. PATENT NO. 10,598,101

'101 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'101 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"selector switch"	1, 2, 8-9, 17-19	a movable component whose positioning enables subsequent user selection of only one fuel source
"valve assembly"	1, 2, 8-10, 16-19	at least one fuel valve and corresponding valve handle, separate from the selector switch

Extrinsic Evidence:

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II. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,306,667

'667 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'667 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"selector switch"	1-18	a movable component whose positioning enables subsequent user selection of only one fuel source
"valve assembly"	1-18	at least one fuel valve and corresponding valve handle, separate from the selector switch

Extrinsic Evidence:

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III. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,761,390

'390 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'390 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"selector switch"	1-3, 5-10	a movable component whose positioning enables subsequent user selection of only one fuel source
"valve assembly"	3, 5-8	at least one fuel valve and corresponding valve handle,

’390 Patent Claim Term(s)	’390 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
		separate from the selector switch
“carburetor shutoff solenoid”	9	a solenoid valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor

Extrinsic Evidence:

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IV. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,905,896

'896 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'896 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"selector switch"	30-32, 34-36	a movable component whose positioning enables subsequent user selection of only one fuel source
"valve assembly"	30-32, 34-36	at least one fuel valve and corresponding valve handle, separate from the selector switch
"carburetor solenoid switch"	36	a device that opens and closes a circuit that controls a carburetor solenoid valve
"an associated carburetor solenoid"	36	a solenoid valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor

Extrinsic Evidence:

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V. U.S. PATENT NO. 10,221,780

’780 Patent Claim Term(s)	’780 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“a mechanical fuel valve”	1, 6, 8, 15	a single mechanical fuel valve
“coupling” / “to couple”	1, 6, 8, 15	attaching / to attach
“fuel lockout apparatus”	1, 6, 8, 15	This term should be construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112(f) as a means-plus-function limitation. The recited function is to “prevent the second fuel source from coupling to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position;” and “permit the second fuel source to couple to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the second position.” The corresponding structure is Items 58, 61 in Figs. 2, 3, 4A, 4B, as described at ’780

’780 Patent Claim Term(s)	’780 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
		patent, col. 5:37-64; 6:10-31; 6:42-7:17; 7:54-67; 8:49-64, and equivalents thereof.
“communicate” / “communication”	1, 6, 8, 15	allow fuel flow / fuel flow
“prevent[s] actuation of”	8, 15	prevent[s] the mechanical fuel valve from moving
“simultaneously”	6	concurrently
“second fuel line”	1, 6, 8, 15	path for gaseous fuel within a generator leading to the engine, having a first end furthest from the engine to which a gaseous fuel source can be attached

Extrinsic Evidence:

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Harbor Freight may present expert testimony that the term "fuel lockout apparatus" as it is used in this patent and claims does not connote a specific structure to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

VI. U.S. PATENT NO. 10,697,398

'398 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'398 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"switch . . . to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel"	1, 3-8, 10, 19, 22, 57, 58	a device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit that causes a change in operation
"liquid fuel cut-off"	1, 3-8, 10, 19, 22. 57, 58	a valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor
"liquid fuel valve"	1, 3-8, 10, 19, 22	a valve having open and closed positions that controls liquid fuel flow to the engine and is separate from the liquid fuel cut-off
"incorporated into the carburetor"	1, 3-8, 10, 19, 22	part of the carburetor

Extrinsic Evidence:

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VII. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,143,145

'145 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'145 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"switch to change operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel"	1-8, 10	a device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit that causes a change in operation
"liquid fuel cut-off solenoid"	1-8, 10	a solenoid valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor

’145 Patent Claim Term(s)	’145 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“liquid fuel valve”	2-4	a valve having open and closed positions that controls liquid fuel flow to the engine and is separate from the liquid fuel cut-off solenoid
“fuel shutoff”	11, 13, 14	a valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor
“rotating mechanical valve”	14	a valve that actuates in a rotative motion free from linear motion
“in the carburetor”	11, 13, 14	part of the carburetor
“first end in the carburetor that actuates to selectively allow or block a flow of fuel through the carburetor”	11, 13, 14	part of the carburetor that physically moves to allow or block fuel flow
“second end external to the carburetor to actuate the first end”	11, 13, 14	Plain and ordinary meaning

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VIII. U.S. PATENT NO. 10,393,034

’034 Patent Claim Term(s)	’034 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“liquid cutoff solenoid”	1-3, 5-9	a solenoid valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor
“downstream from the float bowl”	1-3, 5-9	located on the fuel path between the float bowl and the engine intake
“gaseous cutoff”	1-3, 5-9	indefinite
“coupled to [verb]”	1-3, 5-9, 18-20, 22	indefinite
“gaseous cutoff solenoid”	2	indefinite
“switch . . . to [enable changing/change] operation of the engine between gaseous fuel and liquid fuel”	3, 20, 22	a device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit that causes a change in operation
“pressure regulator”	11-14	a device that reduces and controls the pressure of gaseous fuel
“liquid fuel valve”	9	a valve having open and closed positions that controls

’034 Patent Claim Term(s)	’034 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
		liquid fuel flow to the engine and is separate from the liquid cut-off solenoid
“electro-mechanical valve system”	11-14	One or more solenoid valves
“simultaneous” / “simultaneously”	3, 6, 13, 22	Concurrent / concurrently
“carburetor cutoff solenoid”	14, 18-20, 22	a solenoid valve attached to the carburetor that interrupts liquid fuel flow to the carburetor
“gaseous fuel cutoff solenoid”	14, 19, 22	a solenoid valve that controls gaseous fuel flow

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Harbor Freight may present expert testimony whether the term "coupled to" and "carburetor cutoff" as they are used in this patent provides reasonable certainty to a person of ordinary skill in the art as to the scope of the claim.

IX. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,143,120

'120 Patent Claim Term(s)	**Claim**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"pressure regulator"	12-15	a device that reduces and controls the pressure of gaseous fuel
"electro-mechanical valve system"	13-15	One or more solenoid valves
"simultaneous"	15	concurrent

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X. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,530,654

'654 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'654 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"a mechanical fuel valve"	6, 7	a single mechanical fuel valve
"from coupling" / "to couple"	6, 7	from attaching / to attach
"fuel lockout apparatus"	6, 7	This term should be construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112(f) as a means-plus-function limitation. The recited function is to "prevent the second fuel source from coupling to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position;" and "permit the second fuel source to couple to the second fuel line while the

’654 Patent Claim Term(s)	’654 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
		mechanical fuel valve is in the second position.” The corresponding structure is Items 58, 61 in Figs. 2, 3, 4A, 4B, as described at ’780 patent, col. 5:37-64; 6:10-31; 6:42-7:17; 7:54-67; 8:49-64, and equivalents thereof.
“pressure regulator”	6, 7, 10	a device that reduces and controls the pressure of gaseous fuel
“located off-board the generator”	6, 7, 10	located remotely from generator
“gaseous fuel line”	6, 7, 10	path for gaseous fuel within a generator leading to the engine, having a first end furthest from the engine to which a gaseous fuel source can be attached
“regulated down”	10	reduced

’654 Patent Claim Term(s)	’654 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“free of any pressure regulator”	10	without a pressure regulator within or attached to the generator housing

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XI. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,492,985

’985 Patent Claim Term(s)	’985 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“pressure regulator”	1, 4, 5, 7, 16-17	a device that reduces and controls the pressure of gaseous fuel
“regulated down ~~to a desired pressure”/ “regulated down to a second reduced pressure”/ “regulate … down~~”	1, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14-17	reduced
“~~a generator~~ free of any pressure regulator”	1, 4, 5, 7	without a pressure regulator within or attached to the generator housing
“a mechanical fuel valve”	5, 15	a single mechanical fuel valve
“a quick-connect hose coupling”	7	a coupling that permits a hose to be quickly attached or detached from a fuel inlet
“located off-board the generator”	1, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14-17	located remotely from generator
“integral components of”	17	included as a part of

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XII. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,840,970

'970 Patent Claim Term(s)	**'970 Patent Claims**	**HFT's Proposed Construction**
"a mechanical fuel valve"	1, 2, 12-14, 20, 21, 34, 44, 45, 48	a single mechanical fuel valve
"pressure regulator"	1, 2, 12-14, 20, 21, 34, 44, 45, 48	a device that reduces and controls the pressure of gaseous fuel

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’970 Patent Claim Term(s)	’970 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“located off board the dual fuel generator”	1, 2, 12-14, 20, 21, 34	located remotely from the dual fuel generator
“free of any pressure regulator”/ “free from any gaseous fuel pressure regulator”	12-14, 44, 45, 48	without a pressure regulator within or attached to the generator housing / without a gaseous fuel pressure regulator within or attached to the generator housing
“liquid fuel valve”	48	a valve having open and closed positions that controls liquid fuel flow to the engine
“regulated down”	12-14	reduced
“disconnected from the dual fuel generator”	21	Not connected to the dual fuel generator

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XIII. U.S. PATENT NO. 11,905,895

’895 Patent Claim Term(s)	’895 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
“a mechanical fuel valve”	1, 6-8, 12, 13	a single mechanical fuel valve
“coupling” / “to couple”	1, 6-8, 12, 13	attaching / to attach
“fuel lockout apparatus”	1, 6-8, 12, 13	This term should be construed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112(f) as a means-plus-function limitation. The recited function is to “prevent the second fuel source from coupling to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the first position;” and “permit the second fuel source to couple to the second fuel line while the mechanical fuel valve is in the second position.” The corresponding structure is Items 58, 61 in Figs. 2, 3, 4A, 4B, as described at ’780

’895 Patent Claim Term(s)	’895 Patent Claims	HFT’s Proposed Construction
		patent, col. 5:37-64; 6:10-31; 6:42-7:17; 7:54-67; 8:49-64, and equivalents thereof.
“second fuel line”	1, 6-8, 12, 13	path for gaseous fuel within a generator leading to the engine, having a first end furthest from the engine to which a gaseous fuel source can be attached
“communicate” / “communication”	1, 6-8, 12, 13	allow fuel flow / fuel flow
“simultaneously”	6, 7, 12-13	concurrently

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