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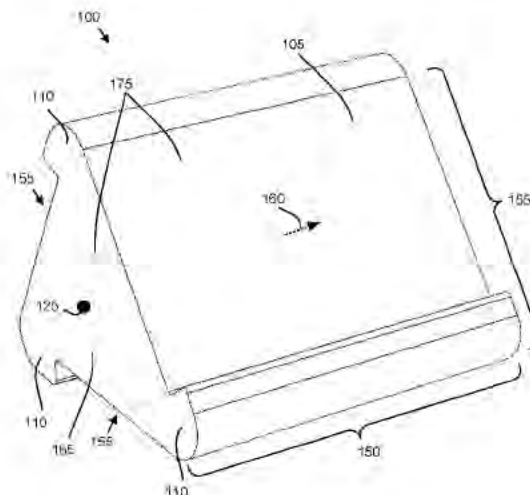
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

For multiple viewing angle media support, and apparatus includes three support sides. Each support side includes a back support and an edge support. A top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior. Each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

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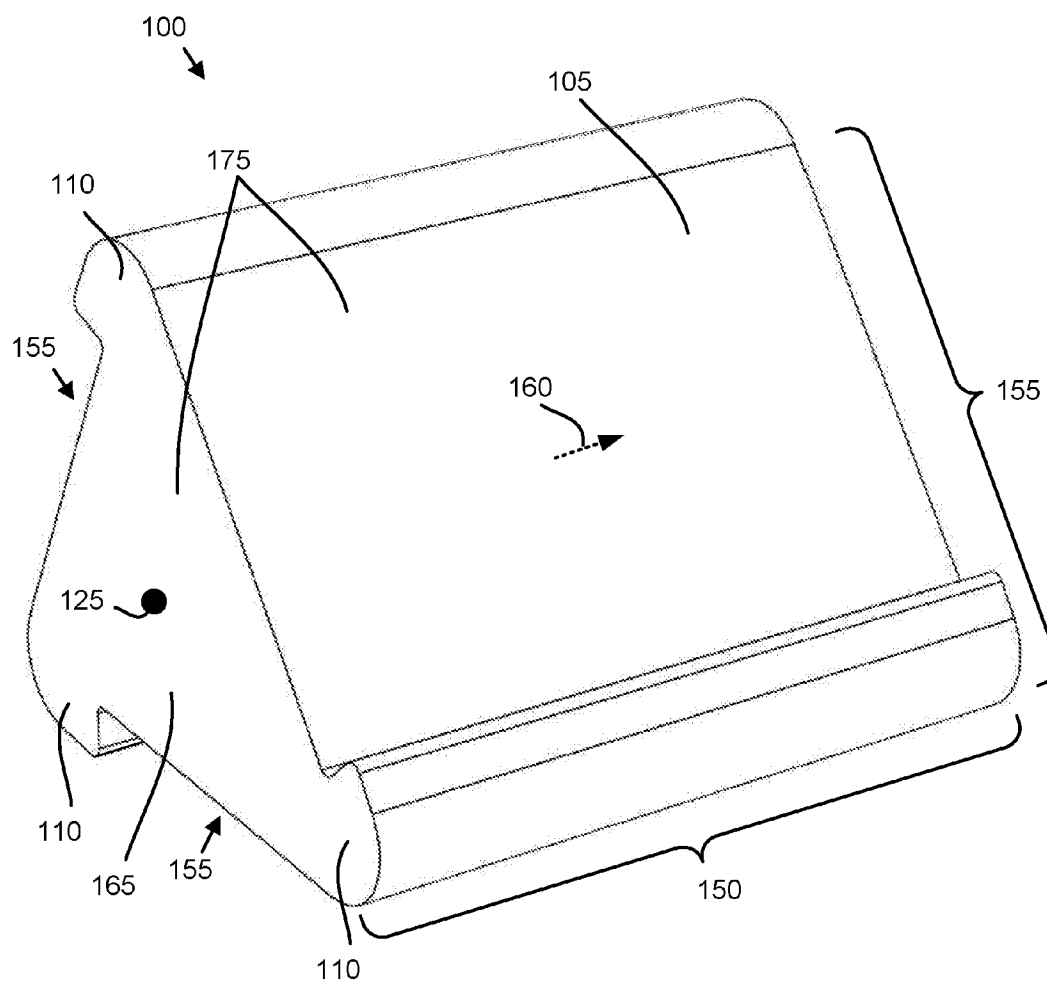
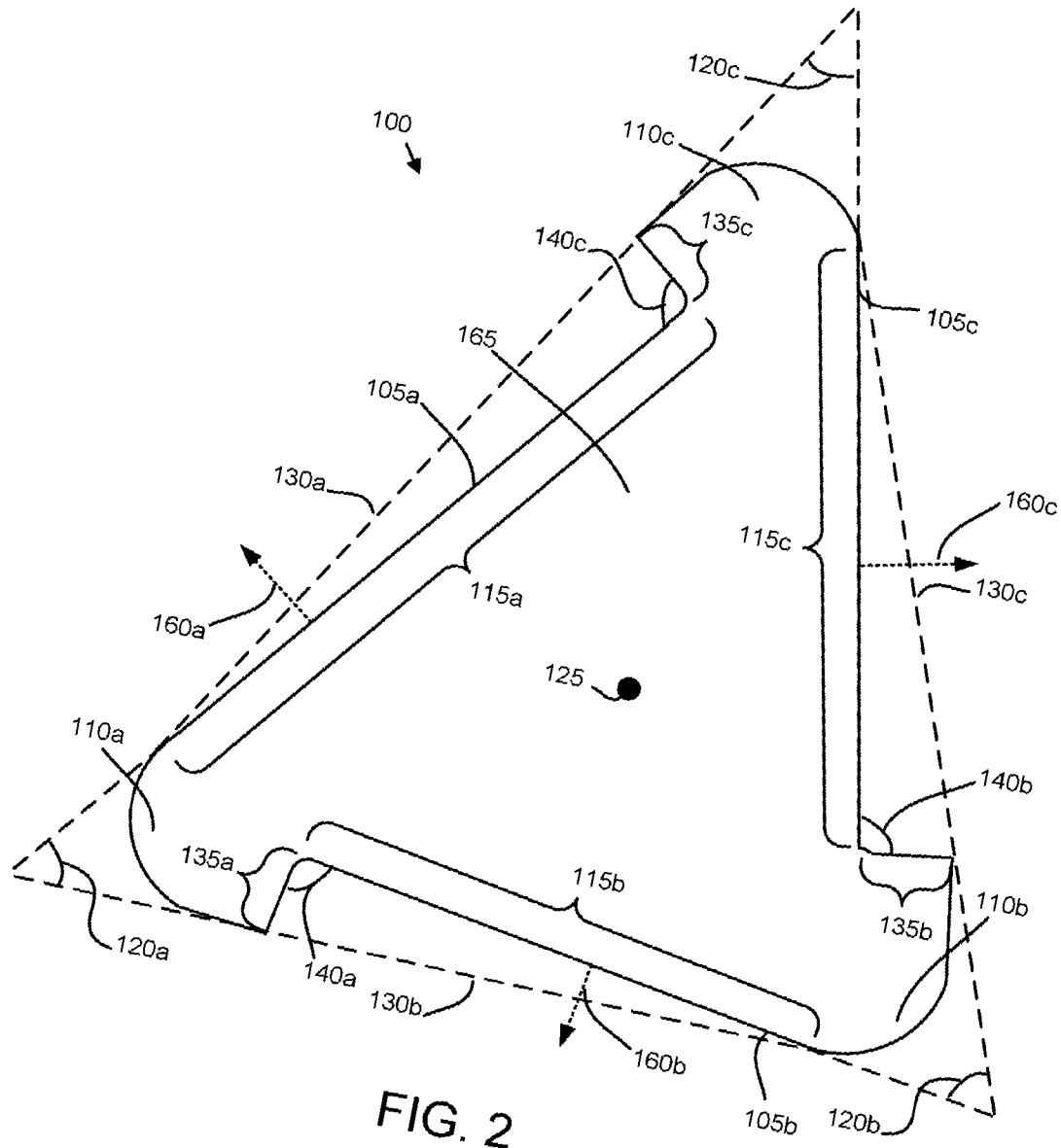


FIG. 1



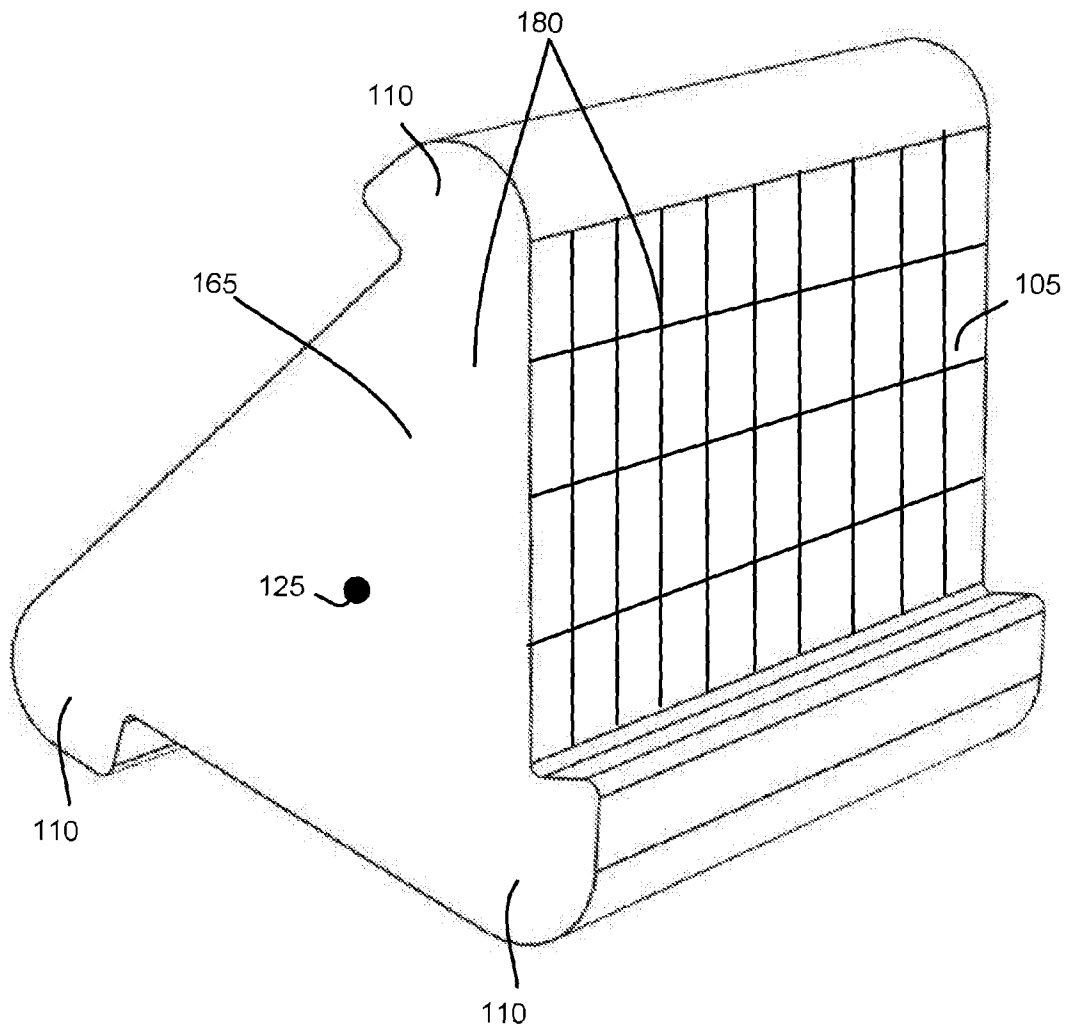


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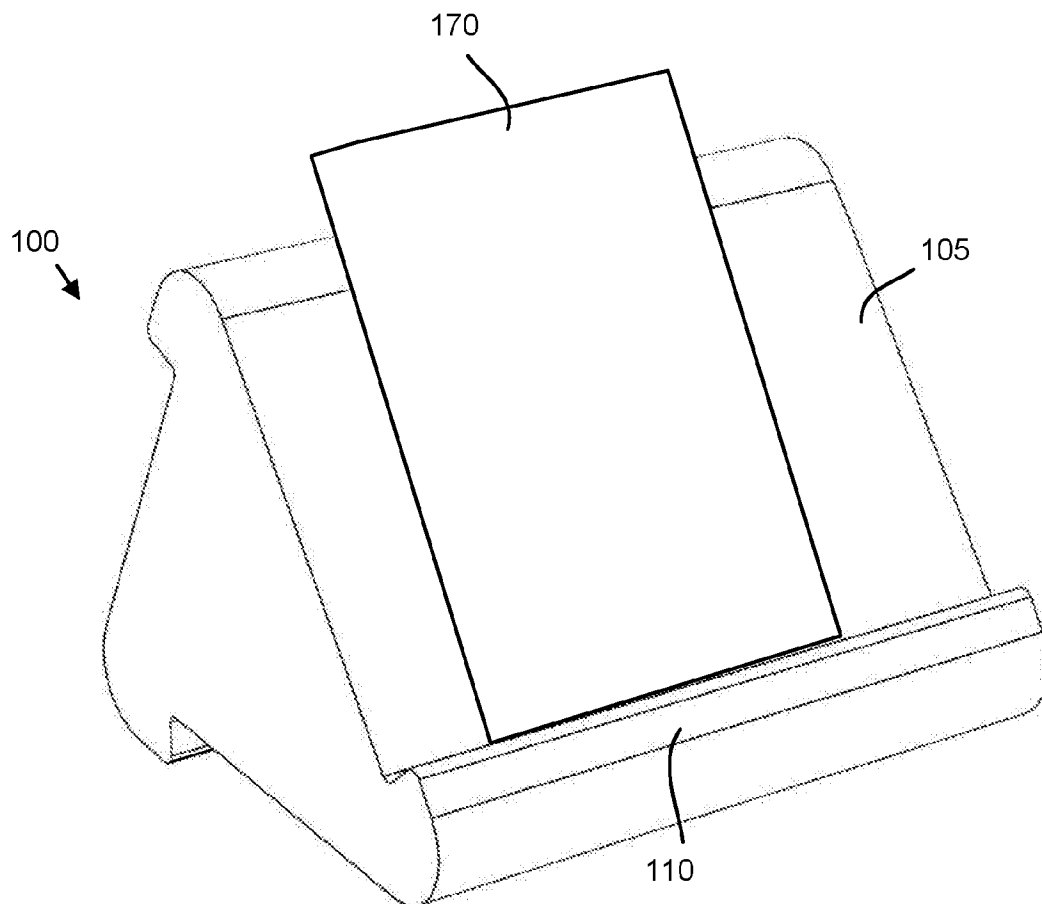


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MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORT

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/518,443 entitled "MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORT" and filed on Oct. 20, 2014 for Bruce Cannon, which is incorporated herein by reference. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/518,443 claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/896,540 entitled "FLIPY EREADER PILLOW" and filed on Oct. 28, 2013 for Bruce Cannon, which is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD

The subject matter disclosed herein relates to media support and more particularly relates to multiple viewing angle media support.

BACKGROUND

Description of the Related Art

It is often comfortable to support media such as electronic readers, tablet computers, magazines, and books while viewing the media.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A more particular description of the embodiments briefly described above will be rendered by reference to specific embodiments that are illustrated in the appended drawings. Understanding that these drawings depict only some embodiments and are not therefore to be considered to be limiting of scope, the embodiments will be described and explained with additional specificity and detail through the use of the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective drawing illustrating one embodiment of a media support;

FIG. 2 is a side view drawing illustrating one embodiment of a media support;

FIG. 3 is a perspective drawing illustrating one alternate embodiment of a media support; and

FIG. 4 is a perspective drawing illustrating one embodiment of media disposed on a media support.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reference throughout this specification to "one embodiment," "an embodiment," or similar language means that a particular feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment. Thus, appearances of the phrases "in one embodiment," "in an embodiment," and similar language throughout this specification may, but do not necessarily, all refer to the same embodiment, but mean "one or more but not all embodiments" unless expressly specified otherwise. The terms "including," "comprising," "having," and variations thereof mean "including but not limited to" unless expressly specified otherwise. An enumerated listing of items does not imply that any or all of the items are mutually exclusive and/or mutually inclusive, unless expressly specified otherwise. The terms "a," "an," and "the" also refer to "one or more" unless expressly specified otherwise.

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Furthermore, the described features, advantages, and characteristics of the embodiments may be combined in any suitable manner. One skilled in the relevant art will recognize that the embodiments may be practiced without one or more of the specific features or advantages of a particular embodiment. In other instances, additional features and advantages may be recognized in certain embodiments that may not be present in all embodiments.

The description of elements in each figure may refer to elements of preceding figures. Like numbers refer to like elements in all figures, including alternate embodiments of like elements.

FIG. 1 is a perspective drawing illustrating one embodiment of a media support **100**. The media support **100** may position media at one of three varied and carefully chosen angles for viewing by a user. The media may be handheld media. In addition, the media may be an electronic reader, a tablet computer, a video display, a magazine, a book, or the like. Because the media may be handheld, it is often viewed while the user is sitting at a table with the media on the table, while the user is sitting with the media disposed in the user's lap, or while the user is lying down.

During extended periods of viewing, it may be comfortable for the user to prop up the media to reduce hand and arm fatigue. Unfortunately, the use of traditional pillows may position the media at a less than advantageous angle. In addition, during extended viewing periods, the user may shift position, resulting in a need for a support with a different viewing angle. For example, a user may shift from reading while sitting on a couch to reading while lying on the couch.

The embodiments described herein provide support for multiple viewing angles. The angles are carefully chosen to support the media on a table for a sitting user, in the lap of a sitting user, and on a lying user. As a result, the media support **100** provides a comfortable support at an appropriate angle for the most common viewing positions.

In the depicted embodiment, the media support **100** includes three support sides **155**. Each support side **155** comprises a support back **105** and a support edge **110**. The support sides **155** may be disposed about a central axis **125**. The media support **100** may have a latitudinal length **150**. The latitudinal length **150** may be in the range of 6 to 50 centimeters (cm). In a certain embodiment, the latitudinal length **150** is in the range of 9 to 25 cm. In one embodiment, the latitudinal length **150** is 15 cm.

In one embodiment, the latitudinal length **150** of an edge support **110** may be different from the latitudinal length **150** of the corresponding side support **155**. The edge support latitudinal length **150** may be in the range of 2 to 10 cm. In a certain embodiment, the edge support latitudinal length **150** is in the range of 6 to 8 cm. In one embodiment, the edge support latitudinal length **150** is 7 cm.

The side supports **155** may be arranged to provide three different viewing angles **160** for three different user positions. Each viewing angle **160** is orthogonal to a support back **105**. The arrangement of the side supports **155** are disclosed in greater detail in FIG. 2.

In one embodiment, each back support **105** and each edge support **110** is a surface **175** of a solid. The solid media support **100** may have one or more ends **165**. Each back support **105** and each edge support **110** may be in physical communication with two ends **165** of a solid interior.

The solid media support **100** may be a pillow. The solid interior may be foam. The foam may have an Indentation Force Deflection (IFD) of in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation. In one embodiment, the surface **175** of the

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solid may be a fabric. Each back support **105**, each edge support **110**, and each end **165** may a surface **175** of the solid interior. The surface **175** of the solid interior may be a pillow is covered in fabric. In one embodiment, the fabric is ultra-suede.

A user may place the media support **100** on a table, in the user's lap, or on the user while lying down. The semi-rigid pillow feel of the media support **100** comfortably contacts the user while providing firm support for the media. The user may further rotate the media support **100** to select a back support **105** with a comfortable viewing angle **160**. The user may place media on the edge support **110**. The edge support **110** holds the media with the back of the media against the back support **105**. As a result, the media may be viewed at the viewing angle **160**.

FIG. 2 is a side view drawing illustrating one embodiment of a media support **100**. The support backs **105** and the support edges **110** of the three support sides **155** are shown about an end **165**. A top of each back support **105** is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support **110** about the central axis **125**. A plane of a first back support **105a** may be at a first plane angle **120a** in a range of 50 to 60 degrees to a second virtual plane **130b** between the top of a second back support **105b** counterclockwise to the first back support **105a** and an outer edge of a second edge support **110b** counterclockwise to the first back support **105a**. In addition, a plane of the second back support **105b** may be at a second plane angle **120b** in a range of 55 to 65 degrees to a third virtual plane **130c** between the top of a third back support **105c** counterclockwise to the second back support **105b** and an outer edge of a third edge support **110c** counterclockwise to the second back support **110b**. A plane of a third back support **105c** may be at a third plane angle **120c** in a range of 50 to 75 degrees to a first virtual plane **130a** between the top of the first back support **105a** counterclockwise to the third back support **105c** and an outer edge of the first edge support **110a** counterclockwise to the third back support **105c**.

In one embodiment, the first back support **105a** has a longitudinal length **115a** in the range of 12 to 26 cm, the second back support **105b** has a longitudinal length **115b** in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support **105c** has a longitudinal length **115c** in the range of 10 to 22 cm. In a certain embodiment, the first longitudinal length **115a** is 19 cm, the first plane angle **120a** is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length **115b** is 15 cm, the second plane angle **120b** is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length **115c** is 17 cm, and the third plane angle **120c** is 52 degrees.

The arrangement of the longitudinal lengths **115** and the plane angles **120** generate three distinct viewing angles **160**. In one embodiment, the first viewing angle **120a** may be 36 degrees, the second viewing angle **120b** may be 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle **120C** may be 49 degrees.

In one embodiment, each edge support **110** forms an edge angle **140** with an adjacent back support **105**. The edge angle **140** may be in the range of 85 to 120 degrees. The edge angle **140** may be 90 degrees. Each edge support **110** may have an edge support width **135**. The edge support width **135** may be in the range of 1 to 5 cm. In a certain embodiment, the edge support width **135** is 2 cm.

FIG. 3 is a perspective drawing illustrating one alternate embodiment of a media support **100**. In the depicted embodiment, each back support **105** and each edge support **110** is a surface **180** of a frame. Each end **165** may also be a surface **180** of a frame. The frame may include a molded mashed, a fabric mash, a wire mesh, or the like. In the

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depicted embodiment, the media support **100** includes ends **165**. Alternatively, there may be no ends **165** on the media support **100**.

FIG. 4 is a perspective drawing illustrating one embodiment of media **170** disposed on the media support **100**. A bottom edge of the media **170** is disposed in the edge support **110** while the back of the media **170** is disposed against a back support **105**.

The embodiments arrange three support sides **155** to generate three distinct viewing angles **160**. Each viewing angle **160** is chosen for a specific viewing orientation. The first viewing angle **160a** may be employed when the media support **100** and the media is disposed in the user's lap. The second viewing angle **160b** may be used when the media support **100** and the media is disposed on a table and the user is sitting upright. In addition, the 3rd viewing angle **160c** may be used when the user is lying down and the media support **100** is disposed on the user.

When the user changes position, the media support **100** may be quickly rotated to provide a different viewing angle **160**. As a result, the media support **100** is quickly deployed to provide the appropriate viewing angle **160**. In addition, the comfort of the user is greatly enhanced as the media may be viewed at the appropriate viewing angle **160** without the user holding the media.

The media support **100** has been marketed as the "Flippy Tablet Pillow" since 2013 at a retail price of \$49.98. Because of the media support's unique properties, it has enjoyed significant commercial success, with 800 units sold in 2013, 2,233 units in 2014, 925 units in 2015 and 997 units year-to-date in 2016.

Embodiments may be practiced in other specific forms. The described embodiments are to be considered in all respects only as illustrative and not restrictive. The scope of the invention is, therefore, indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description. All changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are to be embraced within their scope.

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:

three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid

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interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

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2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

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3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

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4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

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7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

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9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

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Title of the Invention	MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORT		
Attorney Docket Number	7300-0002	Small Entity Status Claimed	☒
Application Type	Nonprovisional		
Subject Matter	Utility		
Total Number of Drawing Sheets (if any)	4	Suggested Figure for Publication (if any)	1

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Prior Application Status	Patented		Remove		
Application Number	Continuity Type	Prior Application Number	Filing Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Patent Number	Issue Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
	reissued of	15192737	2016-06-24	9642454	2017-05-09
Prior Application Status	Abandoned		Remove		

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		Application Number	
Title of Invention	MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORT		
Application Number	Continuity Type	Prior Application Number	Filing Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
15192737	Continuation in part of	14518443	2014-10-20
Prior Application Status	Expired	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>	
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14518443	non provisional of	61896540	2013-10-28
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First Name	Scott A.	Last Name	Schaffer	Registration Number
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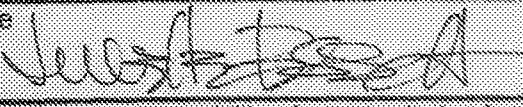
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REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE; STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT	Docket Number (Optional) 7300-0002
This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.	
Name of Patentee(s) Bruce Cannon, Juliette Fasset	
Patent Number 9,642,454 B2	Date Patent Issued May 9, 2017
Title of Invention MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORT	
1. ☒ Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 1.70(c), (Form PTO/AIA/06)	
2. ☐ Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s) and no assignment of the patent is in effect.	
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The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.	
The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u>Happy Products, Inc.</u> and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.	
Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) Happy Products, Inc.	
Signature 	Date 1/25/19
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned) JULIETTE FASSETT, CEO of Happy Products, Inc.	

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)Applicant/Patent Owner: Happy Products, Inc.Application No./Patent No.: 9,642,454Filed/Issue Date: 05/09/2017Titled: MULTIPLE VIEWING ANGLE MEDIA SUPPORTHappy Products, Inc., a corporation

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- ☐ There are unspecified percentages of ownership. The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title and interest are:

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3. ☐ The assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made). The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title, and interest are:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/scott a schaffer/

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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF: (Check applicable box) ☒ Utility Patent ☐ Design Patent ☐ Plant Patent		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173) </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 48%; padding-right: 10px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56) 2. ☒ Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 3. ☐ Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent. 4. ☒ Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate) 5. ☒ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate) 6. ☒ Reissue Oath/Declaration or Substitute Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/AIA/05, 06, or 07) 7. ☒ Application Data Sheet NOTE: Benefit claims under 37 CFR 1.78 and foreign priority claims under 37 CFR 1.55 MUST be set forth in an Application Data Sheet (ADS). 8. ☒ Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, check applicable box(es)) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> ☒ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/AIA/53) ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(c) Statement (PTO/AIA/96) </div> 9. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix) or large table ☐ Landscape Table on CD 10. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (If applicable, items a. – c. are required) <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> i. ☐ CD-ROM (2 copies) or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. ☐ Paper </div> c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies </div> </div> <div style="width: 48%; padding-left: 10px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. ☒ Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c). 12. ☒ Power of Attorney 13. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTOSB/08 or PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of citations attached 14. ☐ English translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (if applicable) 15. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP § 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 16. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (37 CFR 1.173; MPEP § 1453) 17. ☐ Other: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> ☐ This is a continuation reissue or divisional reissue application (i.e., a second or subsequent reissue application for the same issued patent). (Check box if applicable.) </div> </div> </div>		
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Name (Print/Type)	Scott A. Schaffer	Registration No.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REISSUE APPLICATION
FOR U.S. PAT. NO. 9,642,454

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in support of the Applicant's request for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 B2, issued May 9, 2017. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 6.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of ~~2 centimeters (cm)~~ with an edge angle of ~~90 degrees~~ to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of ~~60 degrees~~ to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of ~~80 degrees~~ to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of ~~40 degrees~~ to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, ~~the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric; and wherein~~ a first viewing angle of the first back support is ~~36 degrees~~, a second viewing angle of the second back support is ~~74 degrees~~, and a third viewing angle of the third back support form three different viewing angles is ~~49 degrees~~.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.
11. (New) An apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.
12. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

13. (New) A media support apparatus comprising:

a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back disposed about a central axis;

a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;

a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

wherein said media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim of 13, wherein the first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the body is a pillow having a solid interior.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the solid interior is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the pillow is covered in an ultra-suede fabric.

REMARKS

Applicant is filing the present broadening reissue application for U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 B2 within two years of issuance. A reissue oath/declaration is filed herewith.

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application 15/192,737, filed June 24, 2016—which itself claims benefit to and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 14/518,433 filed Oct. 20, 2014—is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. Section 120.

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement citing all of the references cited in the prosecution of Patent No. 9,642,454 B2. The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application.

Support for the claim amendments and new claims is found in the patent specification as follows:

CLAIM 1: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20)

CLAIMS 2-10: (original claims) (col. 3, lines 40-44) (col. 3, lines 44-49) (col. 2, lines 44-45) (col. 2, lines 45-46) (col. 2, lines 49-50) (col. 2, lines 52-53) (col. 3, lines 59-60) (col. 3, lines 56-57) (col. 3, lines 57-58)

CLAIM 11: (col. 3, lines 50-54)

CLAIM 12: (col. 2, lines 47-49)

CLAIM 13: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20) with claim numbered elements noted below

A media support apparatus (100) comprising:

a body having a first support back (105a), a second support back (105c), and a third support back (105b) disposed about a central axis (125);

a first support edge (110c) disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160a);

a second support edge (110b) disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160c);

a third support edge (110a) disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160b);

wherein said media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane (130c) between a top of the second support back (105c) and an outer edge of the second edge

support (110b), on a second virtual plane (130b) between a top of the third support back (105b) and an outer edge of the third edge support (110a), and on a third virtual plane (130a) between a top of the first support back (105a) and an outer edge of the first edge support (110c); and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle (160a) of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane (130c) and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle (160c) when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane (130b) and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle (160b) when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane (130a) and the media device is supported at the third support angle, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

CLAIM 14: (col. 3, lines 16-39)

CLAIM 15: (col. 3, lines 40-49)

CLAIM 16: (col. 3, lines 50-54)

CLAIM 17: (col. 3, lines 55-57)

CLAIM 18: (col. 2, lines 64-65)

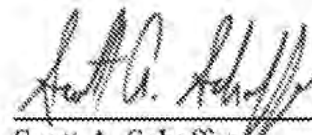
CLAIM 19: (col. 2, lines 65-67)

CLAIM 20: (col. 3, lines 3-5)

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present reissue application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to take the initiative and telephone the undersigned at (503) 970-5119 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Related Proceedings

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Status of Amendments

A preliminary amendment was filed on January 30, 2019. This amendment does not comply with the requirements for amendments for reissue applications. 37 CFR 1.173(b)-(g). Specifically, matter that is to be deleted must be enclosed in single brackets and matter to be added is to be underlined. New claims must be completely underlined. See below for the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.173(b)-(g).

For purposes of examination, the preliminary amendment has been entered and the status of the claims are as follows:

Amended original claims: 1

Original claims: 2 – 10

New claims: 11-20.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

MPEP 1414 states:

The "at least one error" which is relied upon to support the reissue application must be set forth in the oath/declaration. It is not necessary, however, to point out how (or when) the error arose or occurred. Further, it is not necessary to point out how (or when) the error was discovered. If an applicant chooses to point out these matters, the statements directed to these matters will not be reviewed by the examiner, and the applicant should be so informed in the next Office action. What is needed for the oath/declaration statement as to error is the identification of "at least one error" relied upon. For an application filed on or after September 16, 2012 that seeks to enlarge the scope of the claims of the patent, **the reissue oath or declaration must also identify a claim that the application seeks to broaden.** A general statement, e.g., that all claims are broadened, is not sufficient to satisfy this requirement. In identifying the error, it is sufficient that the reissue oath/declaration identify a single word, phrase, or expression in the specification or in an original claim, and how it renders the original patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid. Emphasis added.

In this case, the statement provided in the declaration does not identify a specific claim or claims that the application seeks to broaden.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 251

Declaration:

Claims 1-20 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

Recapture:

Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Greenliant Systems, Inc. et al v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 103 USPQ2d 1951 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *In re Shahram Mostafazadeh and Joseph O. Smith*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *North American Container, Inc. v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, 415 F.3d 1335, 75 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 2005); *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the original application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claimed subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. **The "original application" includes the patent family's entire prosecution history.** *MBO Laboratories, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co.*, 602 F.3d 1306, 94 USPQ2d 1598 (Fed. Cir. 2010). Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

MPEP 1412.02 II summarizes the three-step test for recapture:

Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468-70, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit set forth a three step test for recapture analysis. In *North American Container*, 415 F.3d at 1349, 75 USPQ2d at 1556, the court restated this test as follows:

We apply the recapture rule as a three-step process:

(1) first, we determine whether, and in what respect, the reissue claims are broader in scope than the original patent claims;

[NOTE: if the claims are not broader in scope than the original patent claims, there is no recapture; if the claims are broader in scope, then proceed to step (2).]

(2) next, we determine whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution. Step 2 includes two subsets:

1. The Two Sub-Steps:

(A) One must first determine whether applicant surrendered any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application that became the patent to be reissued.

If an original patent claim limitation now being omitted or broadened in the present reissue application was originally relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art, the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered by applicant. The reliance by applicant to define the original patent claims over the art can be by presentation of new/amended claims to define over the art, or an argument/statement by applicant that a limitation of the claim(s) defines over the art. To determine whether such reliance occurred, the examiner must review the prosecution history of the original application (of the patent to be reissued and any related application(s)) for surrender of claimed subject matter which may result in recapture. The prosecution history includes the rejections and applicant's arguments made therein.

With respect to whether applicant surrendered any subject matter, it is to be noted that a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims. *Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012). As pointed out by the court, "[i]t does not matter whether the examiner

or the Board adopted a certain argument for allowance; the sole question is whether the argument was made." *Id.*

If applicant did not surrender any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application, the analysis ends and there is no recapture.

(B) If applicant did surrender subject matter in the original application prosecution, the examiner must then determine whether any of the broadening of the reissue claims is in the area of the surrendered subject matter. The examiner must analyze all of the broadening aspects of the reissue claims to determine if any of the omitted/broadened limitation(s) are directed to limitations relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art. and

[NOTE: if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do not relate to surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do relate to surrendered subject matter, then proceed to step (3).]

(3) finally, we determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

[NOTE: if the reissue claims were materially narrowed in aspects related to the surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the claims were not materially narrowed in related aspects or were narrowed in unrelated aspects, there is recapture.]

In *North American Container*, the court cited *Pannu*, 258 F.3d at 1371, 59 USPQ2d at 1600; *Hester*, 142 F.3d at 1482-83, 46 USPQ2d at 1649-50; and *Clement*, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65 as cases that lead to, and explain the language in, the *North American Container* recapture test.

A review of the prosecution history of Application Nos. 15/192,737 and 14/518,443 reveals the following:

1. The '443 application was filed on October 20, 2014 with claims 1-14.
2. A non-final Office action was mailed on August 14, 2015. The Office action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Patti Halpin U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0001063 A1 (Halpin) in view Zvi Klepar U.S. Design Patent D703,216 S (Klepar).

3. In response to the Office action, Applicant amended claim 1 to add “wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.”

4. A Final Office Action was mailed on February 11, 2016 which included a rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112(a) because the amendment (the first viewing angle of the first back support to be 36 degrees and the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees) was not adequately supported by the original disclosure.

5. The ‘737 application claimed priority, as a continuation-in-part, to application number 14/518,443, which was filed on October 20, 2014. Application No. 15/192,737 was filed on June 24, 2016 with claims 1-10.

6. Claim 1 of the ‘737 application included the limitation “a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.”

7. A Notice of Allowability was mailed on January 6, 2017 and was accompanied by an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance that stated “[t]he prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device.”

8. The present reissue application was filed on January 30, 2017. Original independent claim 1 has been amended to remove the specific viewing angles (36, 74 and 49 degrees) and add the limitation that the viewing angles form three different viewing angles. The preliminary amendment included new

independent claim 13 which does not include the specific viewing angles set forth in original claim 1.

Three step analysis of current reissue:

Step 1. Are there reissue claims that are broader in scope than the original claims?

Amended independent claim 1 and new independent claim 13 do not include the specific viewing angles (36, 74 and 49 degrees). New claims 11 (dependent on claim 1) and 16 (dependent on claim 13) include these specific viewing angles.

Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17-20 are broader in scope than the original claims.

Step 3: Determine if the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Substep A: During the prosecution of the original application, 14/267,636, applicant argued: "Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements . .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . .wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees..." recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims." (14/267,636, Remarks, 11/13/15, pg. 10).

Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17-20 of the present application are broader than original patented claim 1 of the '454 patent because they do not include the limitation ""wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third

viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.” This limitation is considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that this limitation was not taught by the prior art. Because the claims do not present any of the surrendered limitations, this constitutes an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter.

Subset B:

As shown above, claims 1-10, 12-15 and 17-20 do not include the surrendered limitations.

Step Three: Determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

MPEP 1412.02.II.C states:

As pointed out above, this third step of the recapture determination, as set forth in *North American Container*, considers the significance of the claim limitations that were added and deleted, during prosecution of the patent (to be reissued) to determine whether the reissue claims should be barred under the recapture doctrine.

In the decision of *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011), the Federal Circuit stated that to avoid the recapture rule “the claims must be materially narrowed relative to the surrendered subject matter such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured.” *Id.* at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. Under this third step, it must be determined if there is entire or substantial recapture of the surrendered subject matter because there is no or insufficient material narrowing to avoid the recapture rule.

The following discussion addresses analyzing the reissue claims that have eliminated or modified a surrender generating limitation, as determined under step 2 analysis. In any broadening reissue application, the examiner will determine, under steps 1 and 2 of the recapture analysis on a claim-by-claim basis, whether the broadening relates to subject matter that was surrendered during the examination of the patent for which reissue is requested. Under step 3, it must be determined if such reissue claims are materially narrowed so as to escape the effects of the recapture doctrine. Note, examiners should consider any relevant preliminary applicant arguments of record as part of the recapture determination. See subsection VII., below, “REBUTTAL BY THE REISSUE APPLICANT,” which points out how the recapture finding of the Office can be rebutted by applicant, in some limited instances, by showing that material narrowing is present in the claims.

The modification of a surrender generating limitation is broken down into two possibilities that will be addressed below.

1) If a surrender generating limitation (SGL) has been entirely eliminated from a claim present in the reissue application, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 may be proper. For example, if a claim limitation present in the original patent that was added to overcome a rejection or that was argued by applicant to distinguish over the prior art is entirely eliminated

from a claim in the reissue application and not replaced by a new SGL-related limitation, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 is proper and must be made for that claim.

Such an omission in a reissue claim, even if it is accompanied by other limitations making the reissue claim narrower than the patent claim in other unrelated aspects, is impermissible recapture. *Pannu*, 258 F.3d at 1371-72, 59 USPQ2d at 1600. But note that even if the SGL limitation in the patent claims was entirely eliminated, the reissue applicant may have added a new limitation that relates to surrendered subject matter. See the last paragraph of this subsection below.

2) If the SGL has not been entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application (i.e., the amendment narrowing the claim or the argued limitation has not been entirely eliminated from the claim in the reissue application), but rather it has been made less restrictive in the reissue application claim (such that the claim is broadened), the analysis (based on *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011) and *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPQ2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012)) is as follows:

It must be determined what portion of the amendment or argued limitation has been retained, and whether the retained portion materially narrows the original claims to avoid recapture.

See *Youman*, 679 F.3d at 1346 n.4, 102 USPQ2d at 1870 n.4 ("original claims' are defined as 'the claims before surrender'"). "[I]f the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue." *Id.* at 1347, 102 USPQ2d at 1870. On the other hand, if the retained portion of the modified limitation is "well known in the prior art," impermissible recapture has not been avoided. See *Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. It is to be noted that if the retained portion of the modified limitation is well known in the prior art, then impermissible recapture exists, even in a case where a further limitation which is not related to the surrendered subject matter (i.e., a limitation that does not materially narrow the claims) has been added to define the claims over the art. *Id.* (Emphasis added).

Claim 1 was amended to include the limitation first, second and third viewing angles are different. New claim 13 also includes this limitation. Therefore, the surrender generating limitation has not been entirely eliminated because it is broader yet is materially narrowed relative to the original claim (claim 1 of the '443 application). However, the limitation that the viewing angles are different is well known in the prior art, as demonstrated by the patent to Barcalo 1,928,806 (discussed below). Accordingly, impermissible recapture exists.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Barcalo (1,928,806) in view of Halpin (2003/0001063). Barcalo discloses an apparatus comprising three support sides, each comprising a back support 13, 14 or 15 and an edge support 21 in physical communication with two ends 12 of the interior. The edge support widths are at an edge angle to the adjacent back support and the face of each edge support is oriented clockwise of the central axis. Figs. 5 and 6. Barcalo states "[t]he edges of the triangular ends are preferably nearly, but not equal in length, and all the angles of the triangle also are preferably unequal, so that when the pillow is supported upon different side faces, the other side faces will have different inclinations to the supporting surface." Page 1, lines 86-91. Accordingly, the back supports form different viewing angles. Barcalo does not disclose that the edge supports are surfaces of the solid, one-piece interior. Halpin discloses an apparatus comprising a support side comprising a back support 12A, an edge support 12C and two ends 12R, 12L of a solid interior. The edge support extends at an angle to the back support. Halpin teaches that the foam construction allows for low manufacturing costs, ease of production and shipping, and lighter overall weight. It would have been obvious to form the apparatus of Barcalo of a one piece block such that the back supports, the edge supports and the ends are integral, in view of the teachings of Halpin, in order to lower costs and ease production (by not having to form separate edge supports). Regarding claim 2-12, 14-17, Barcalo discloses that the back supports have different lengths. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to form the back support of Barcalo with the specified dimensions, since such a modification would have

involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

Regarding claim 18, the apparatus of Barcalo comprises a pillow having a solid interior.

Regarding claim 19, Barcalo teaches that the fill of the pillow is made of a “soft, loose, yielding or elastic filling . . . more or less pliable or resilient.” Page 1, lines 69-73. Regarding claim 20, Barcalo discloses that the pillow may be covered by a “flexible sheet material, such as textile fabric or leather.” Pg. 1, lines 67-69. Ultra-suede is a leather material.

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dimensions, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955). Regarding claim 18, the apparatus of Barcalo comprises a pillow having a solid interior. Regarding claim 19, Halpin discloses that the body may be formed of a pliable material to allow a user to partially depress a book. Para. [0052]. Barcalo teaches that the fill of the pillow is made of a "soft, loose, yielding or elastic filling . . . more or less pliable or resilient." Page 1, lines 69-73. Regarding claim 20, Barcalo discloses that the pillow may be covered by a "flexible sheet material, such as textile fabric or leather." Pg. 1, lines 67-69. Ultra-suede is a leather material.

Amendments in Reissue Applications

Applicant is notified that any subsequent amendment to the specification, claims and drawings must comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b)-(g).

Specification

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1), (d), (f) and (g) govern amendments to the specification (other than the claims) in reissue applications. The following guidance is provided as to the procedure for amending the specification:

a) All amendments which include deletions or additions must be made by submission of the entire text of each added or rewritten paragraph **containing the bracketing and/or underlining required by 37 CFR 1.173(d)**.

b) An entire paragraph of specification text may be deleted by a statement deleting the paragraph without presentation of the text of the paragraph.

c) Applicant must indicate the precise point where each amendment is made.

d) ***All bracketing and underlining is made in comparison to the original patent, not in comparison to any prior amendment in the reissue application.*** Thus, all paragraphs which are newly added to the specification of the original patent must be submitted as completely underlined each time they are re-submitted in the reissue application.

- (1) **The matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets;** and
- (2) **The matter to be added by reissue must be underlined,** except for amendments submitted on compact discs (§§ 1.96 and 1.821(c)).

Claims

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2), (c)-(e) and (g) govern amendments to the claims in reissue applications. The following guidance is provided as to the procedure for amending the claims:

- a) For each claim that is being amended, the entire text of the claim must be presented with the **bracketing and/or underlining** required by 37 CFR 1.173(d). [(1) **The matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets;** and (2) **The matter to be added by reissue must be underlined.**]
- b) **For each new claim added to the reissue, the entire text of the added claim must be presented completely underlined.**
- c) A patent claim should be canceled by a direction to cancel that claim. There is no need to present the patent claim surrounded by brackets.
- d) A new claim (previously added in the reissue) should be canceled by a direction to cancel that claim.
- e) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2), each claim that is amended or added should include the appropriate status indicator following the claim number, e.g., “(amended)”, “(twice amended)”, “(new)”, and “(canceled)”.
- f) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), each amendment submitted must set forth the status of all patent claims and all added claims as of the date of the submission. The status to be set forth is whether the claim is pending or canceled.
- g) Also pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), each claim amendment must be accompanied by an explanation of the support in the patent’s disclosure for all changes made in the claim(s), whether insertions or deletions.
- h) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(e), original patent claims are never to be renumbered. A patent claim retains its number even if it is canceled in the reissue proceeding, and the numbering of any added claims must begin after the last original patent claim.
- i) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(g), all bracketing and underlining is made in comparison to the original patent, not in comparison to any prior amendment in the reissue application.

Drawings

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.173(b)(3) govern amendments to the drawings in reissue applications. The following guidance is provided as to the procedure for amending drawings:

b) Where a change to the drawings is desired, applicant must submit a replacement sheet for each sheet of drawings containing a figure to be revised. Any replacement sheet must comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and include all of the figures appearing on the original version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. **Each figure that is amended must be identified by placing the word “Amended” at the bottom of that figure.** Any added figure must be identified as “New”. In the event that a figure is canceled, the figure must be identified as “Canceled” and also surrounded by brackets.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARY E WEHNER whose telephone number is (571)272-4715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am to 5 pm.

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AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION
APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF U.S. PAT. NO. 9,642,454

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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This communication is responsive to the non-Final Office Action, dated October 18, 2019, in connection with Applicants' request for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 B2. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 8.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The claim amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.173(b)(2), (c), (e); M.P.E.P. §§ 1453(V)(B)-(D).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

Cancel claims 11-20

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

22. (New) A media support apparatus comprising:
a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back disposed about a central axis;

a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;

a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body includes three solid corners, with each of the corners interposed between two adjacent support backs and including a respective edge support.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

30. (New) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends,

wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an adjacent back support,

wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,

wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,

wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,

wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and

wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the interior.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are different from one another.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are the original, now unamended claims of the '454 patent. All previously amendments to original patent claims 1-10 have been reversed in the amendments above.

Previously added claims 12-20 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

New claims 21-39 are sought to be added and are all directed to a previously unclaimed embodiment of the original disclosure.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and following remarks.

JANUARY 21, 2020 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Wehner for the WebEx interview conducted on January 21, 2020 in which was discussed many of the arguments and distinguishing features of the claims. The Examiner appeared to acknowledge during the interview that the arrangement of structures in the claims, and particularly the arrangement of the three back supports with the three edge supports, allowed the device to be rotated on an axis to reach each of the display positions in sequential clockwise or counterclockwise rotations, and that this functionality is not possible under the newly cited Barcalo reference. These and other arguments for patentability are described in further detail below.

SUBSTITUTE REISSUE OATH/DECLARATION

The newly submitted reissue oath/declaration filed herewith provides “at least one error” which is relied upon to support the reissue application. And because Applicants seek to enlarge the scope of the claims of the patent, the reissue oath/declaration also identifies a claim (e.g. claim 1) that the application seeks to broaden. The substitute oath/declaration furthermore makes reference to claims (e.g. claim 22) relating to overlooked aspects of the application that were never covered by a claim at any point during prosecution of the original application. Finally, the substitute oath/declaration states as an additional reason for error the attorney’s failure to appreciate the full scope of the embodiments, which qualifies as an error under section 251 and that is correctable by reissue. See, e.g. *In re Wilder*, 736 F.2d 1516, 1519, 22 USPQ 369, 370-71 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

RECAPTURE RULE

The Examiner has rejected originally submitted reissue claims 1-20 on the grounds that the reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is allegedly defective under the Recapture Rule. That is, the Examiner believes that Applicants seek to now “recapture” subject matter surrendered during prosecution of the original patent and amendment of the claims, and that this is not an “error” within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251 correctable through reissue.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have reversed the claim amendments to the original claims made in the preliminary amendment, rendering the recapture rejection moot.

Additionally, Applicants seek to enter new claims 21-39 that are directed to previously unclaimed subject matter. Claims 21-39 are directed to the specific relationship of the three support backs of the media support body with the three support edges so as to create three different support “virtual planes” to provide three different respective viewing angles. The structure and limitations of independent claim 21 (and its dependents) were not covered by a claim—e.g. a generic claim—at any point during prosecution of either the ‘737 application or the ‘433 continuation-in-part upon which the issued ‘454 patent is based. Furthermore, the features provide a material narrowing of the claims as originally presented, and that these features effect materially significant operational improvements (discussed below) that were not available in the prior art.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious in view of the combination: Barcalo (U.S. Patent No. 1,928,806) in view of Halpin (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0001063). Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 11-20 have been cancelled rendering their rejection moot. Additionally, without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1-10 to place them back into their originally issued form. Applicants argue, however, that this rejection is in error because the references cannot and would not be properly combined and, either separately or in combination, do not teach or suggest all elements of the claims. It would therefore be inappropriate without more to reject the claims under §103.

It would not be obvious to simply include multiple support bars in the Barcalo device so that the bars are permanently attached to each of the three support sides. For one, none of the multiple embodiments of the Barcalo pillow show multiple support bars. Thus, the Examiner's reasoning is either hindsight or speculation. Second, the specification goes to great pains to describe removeable structures (e.g. feet 22 that are removably received within pockets 20) and does not indicate that these support bars are to be permanently affixed within the pockets. Thus, the Examiner's theory would result in a change of principle of operation. Third, it is clear from the shape of the Barcalo support bar 21 that it is not intended to be used as a support on a downward facing side. Instead, the narrowness of the described support bar edge would be extremely uncomfortable when bearing against a user's lap.

Judicial decisions do not support the inference that it would be obvious to merely modify Barcalo to include edge supports 21 for all of the support sides 13, 14, and 15. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has held that the precedents do not establish any per se rules of obviousness, and that reliance on per se rules of obviousness is legally incorrect without required legal analysis of the applicability of the case to the current facts. *In re Ochiai*, 37 USPQ2d 1127, 1133 (Fed. Cir. 1995). The holding of *In re Ochiai* is entirely consistent with *KSR v. Teleflex* in which the Supreme Court cautioned against the use of rigid and mandatory formulas, and that obviousness requires a articulated reasoning with rational underpinning. See, *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 82 USPQ2d 1385, 1398 (U.S. 2007).

Instead, 35 U.S.C. §103 requires a fact-intensive comparison of the claims as a whole, with the teachings of the references. As explained above, independent claims 22 and 30 are directed to a media support apparatus configured with three support edges to display a media device at different viewing angles from each of the three sides. Barcalo is the only reference used to show a three-sided display pillow; but it is configured with only a single, detachable support edge that is NOT shown, described, suggested, or even intended to be attached to a downwardly-facing expanse of the pillow. To impute the inclusion of additional support edges on Barcalo, especially when doing so would cause a support edge on a downwardly-facing edge of the pillow to be unstable and/or uncomfortable, is either speculation or an impermissible use of hindsight analysis.

The Federal Circuit has been consistent in reversing the PTO when a rejection is made on the basis of hindsight, that is when an Examiner rejects the application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) grounds as obvious under a combination of two or more patents without any specific suggestion within the patents to combine the features. *Plantronics v. Aliph, Inc.*, 724 F.3d 1343, 1354 (Fed. Cir. 2013) (citation omitted) (“Where, as here, the necessary reasoning is absent, we cannot simply assume that ‘an ordinary artisan would be awakened to modify prior art in such a way as to lead to an obviousness rejection.’ It is in such circumstances, moreover, that it is especially important to guard against the dangers of hindsight bias.”); *In re Rouffett*, 47 USPQ2d 1453 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (the Federal Circuit refused to uphold an obviousness rejection, even where skill in the art is high, absent the specific identification of principal, known to one of ordinary skill in the art that suggests the claimed combination.)

The Federal Circuit reemphasized the care to be taken when combining references in obviousness findings in *Ecolchem v. Southern Cal. Edison*, 56 USPQ2d 1065 (Fed. Cir. 2000), stating that such absence of evidence to combine references “is defective as hindsight analysis.” The Federal Circuit held similarly in *In re Kotzab*, 55 USPQ2d 1313 (Fed. Cir. 2000), reversing the PTO and stating that, “[i]dentification of prior art statements that, in abstract, appear to suggest claimed limitation does not establish prima facie case of obviousness without finding as to specific understanding or principal within knowledge of skilled artisan that would have motivated one with no knowledge of the invention to make the combination in the manner claimed.”

Finally, the Federal Circuit has reaffirmed their view that the PTO used improper hindsight analysis to reject patent claims under §103(a) in the recent case of *In re Lee*, 277 F.3d 1338 (Fed. Cir. 2002), stating that a specific suggestion in the references is required and not a simple citation to “common knowledge and common sense.”

Lee includes a tour-de-force of case law directed to the issue of combining references including those as follows:

- “The factual inquiry whether to combine references must be thorough and searching. . . . It must be based on objective evidence of record. This precedent has been reinforced in myriad decisions, and cannot be dispensed with.” (*Lee*, 277 F.3d at 1343)
- “A showing of a suggestion, teaching, or motivation to combine the prior art

references is an essential component of an obviousness holding.” (*quoting Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. Philip Morris, Inc.*, 229 F.3d 1120, 1124-25 (Fed. Cir. 2000))

- “Our case law makes clear that the best defense against the subtle but powerful attraction of a hindsight-based obviousness analysis is rigorous application of the requirement for a showing of the teaching or motivation to combine prior art references.” (*quoting C.R. Bard, Inc. v. M3 Systems, Inc.*, 157 F.3d 1340, 1352 (Fed. Cir. 1998))
- “There must be some motivation, suggestion, or teaching of the desirability of making the specific combination that was made by the applicant.” (*quoting In re Dance*, 160 F.3d 1339, 1343 (Fed. Cir. 1998))
- “Teachings of references can be combined *only* if there is some suggestion or incentive to do so.” (*quoting In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 1075 (Fed. Cir. 1988) (emphasis in original))

In the end, the Patent Office has failed to display the rigor required by the Federal Circuit holdings in demonstrating a suggestion within the art that the applied references should be combined.

*B. The applied references are **not** structured to allow the media display device to rest on a lower surface/“virtual plane” defined by BOTH the back support and edge support*

All pending claims in the reissue application require that the media support device include virtual support resting surfaces created by both the back support and edge support surfaces:

- CLAIMS 1 and 30 – e.g. “a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support”
- CLAIM 22 – “the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support”

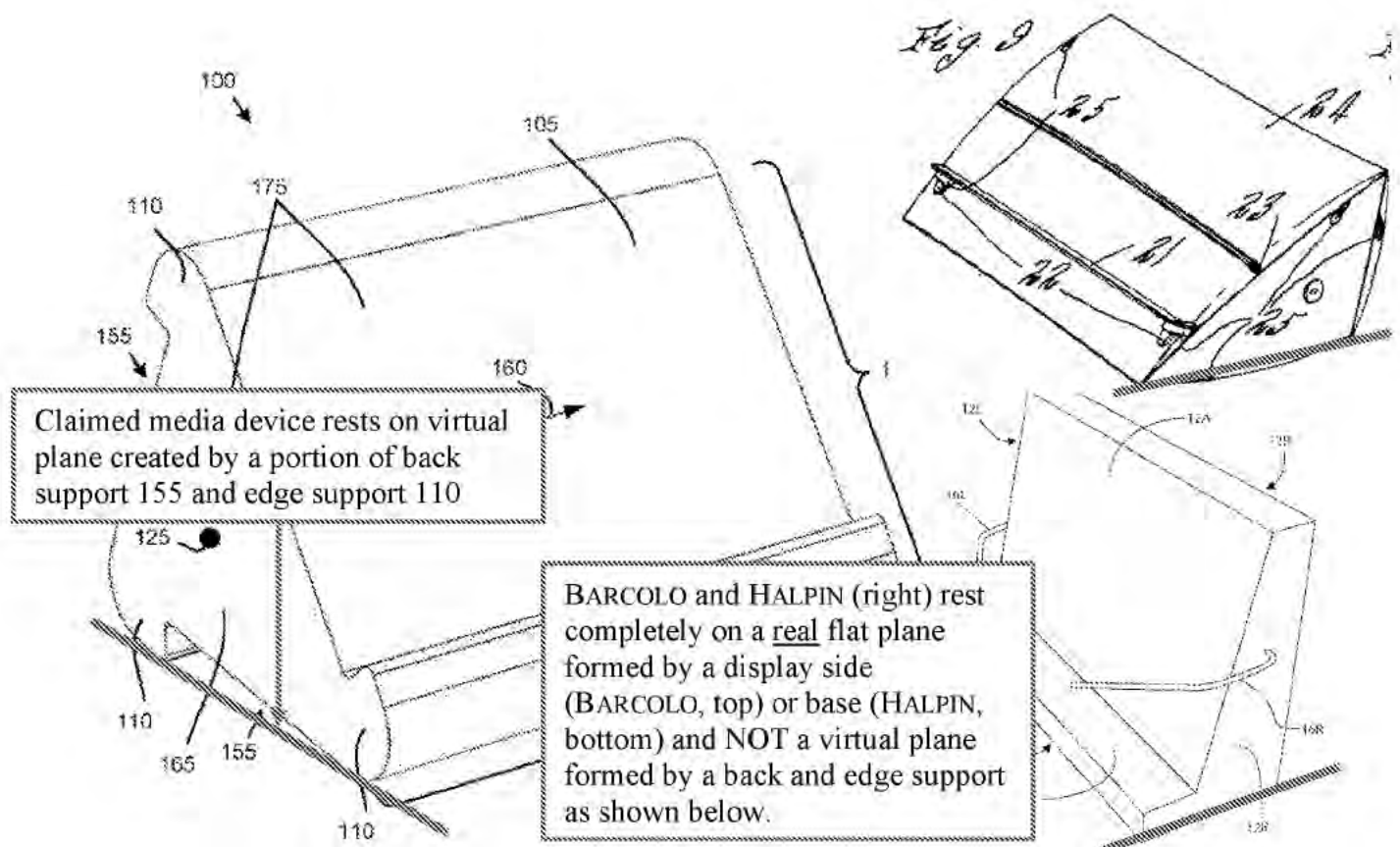


FIG. 1

The Barcolo reference dictates that this single support bar 21 “*should be removed*” (Barcolo, 2, line 52) from one side before attaching it to another. The support bar 21 is thus never used as a resting support on a downward-facing side of the pillow. Instead, and as shown in all embodiments of the Barcolo pillow, only the rectangular faces 13, 14, 15 serve to support the pillow on the ground; the support bar 21 never does. Barcolo FIG. 9 above shows the support bar 21 with angular feet 22 at each end. To use the detached support bar 21, the angular feet 22 are inserted into a pair of pockets 20 on the display face (e.g. any one of face 13, 14, or 15) of the pillow. FIG. 9 shows the feet 22 inserted within the pockets 20 of face 13. To use with face 15, the bar 21 is removed from the pockets 20, the pillow rotated counterclockwise, and the bar inserted within pocket 20a on face 15. To use with face 14, the bar 21 is removed from pockets 20a and the pillow rotated about a horizontal plane and then inserted into pocket 20a. (see below)

inventor chooses to be his own lexicographer in the specification.” *Lantech, Inc. v. Keip Mach. Co.*, 32 F.3d 542, 547, 31 USPQ2d 1666, 1670 (Fed. Cir. 1994). “In examining a patent claim, the PTO must apply the broadest reasonable meaning to the claim language, taking into account any definitions presented in the specification.” *In re Yamamoto*, 740 F.2d 1569, 1571, 222 USPQ 934, 936 (Fed. Cir. 1984). The Federal Circuit cautions, however, that the PTO is not to erroneously construe the claims (as was the case in *Baker Hughes*) where such construction was “beyond that which was reasonable in light of the totality of the written description.” *In re Baker Hughes, Inc.*, 215 F.3d 1297, 55 USPQ2d 1149 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

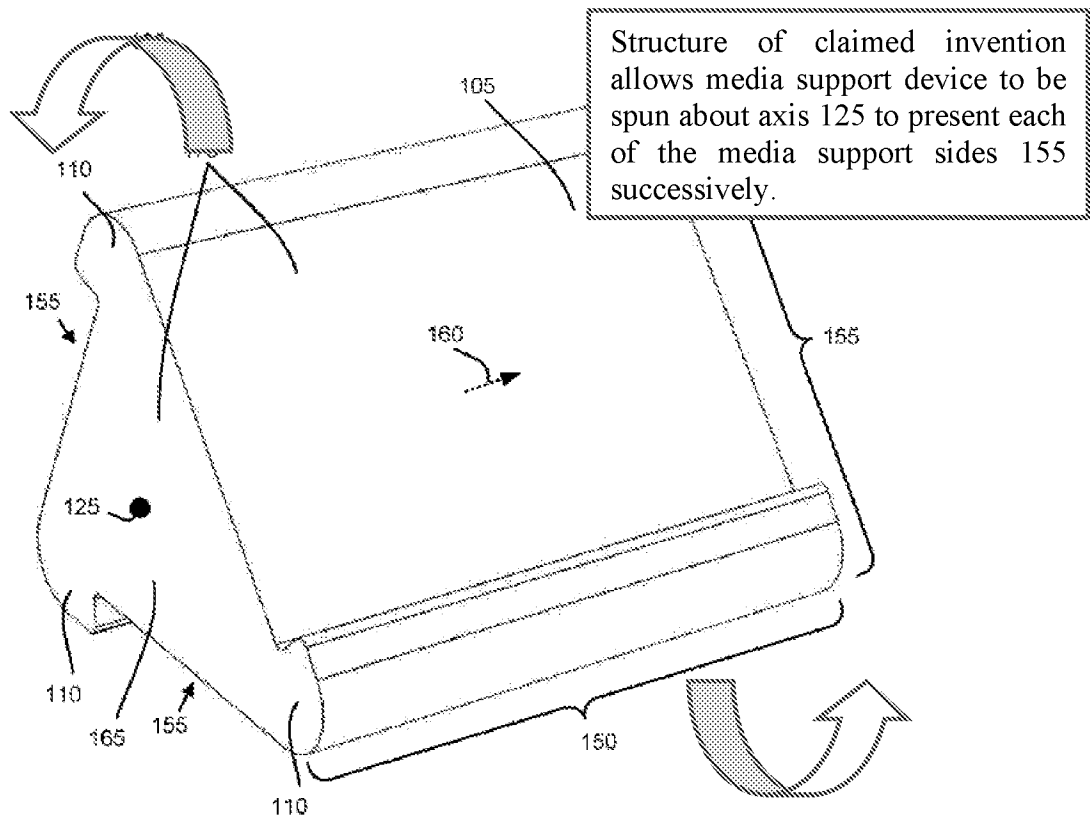
If Barcalo intended the pockets 20a to be “edge supports” for the purpose of supporting media devices (or books, or papers), then there would be no need to include the support bar 21. Instead, it is clear that the pockets are extraordinarily shallow and incapable of providing a usable edge support surface for anything meaningful. Papers would simply slide off or fold under their own weight. And books or anything thicker would simply fall off. Since the pockets are unusable as “edge supports,” and because such structures could not reasonably operate as edge supports for anything useful, then it would be error to read Barcalo as including edge supports on each of the three sides simply due to the pockets 20a.

C. BARCALO and HALPIN do not allow rotation about a central axis in a single direction to present each of the display sides as with the claims

All claims in the reissue application require that the media support be configured (properly position the edge support with respect to the back support) so that the media device need simply be rotated about a central axis to present the next, differently angled, display side:

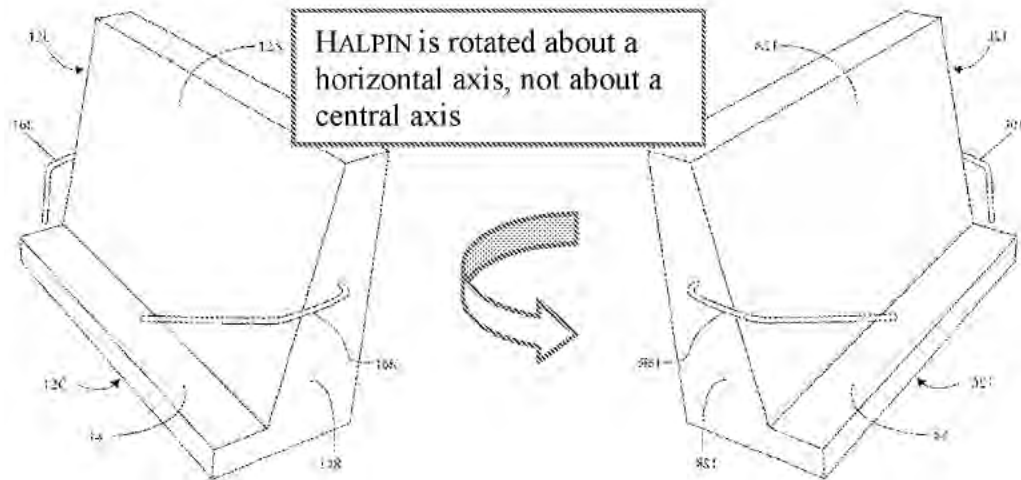
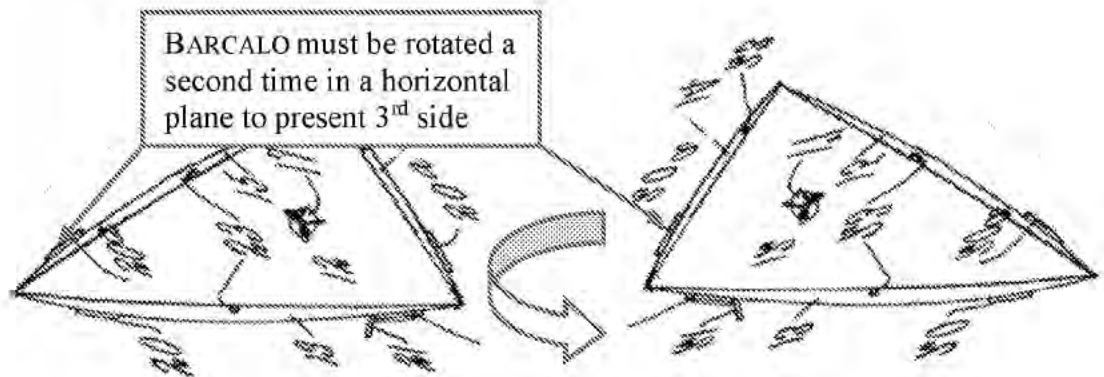
- CLAIMS 1 and 30 – “each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis”
- CLAIM 22 – “configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions”

One ease-of-use innovation of the pending claims is that the structure allows the display pillow to be spun about its central axis 125 to present a new display side at the proper orientation, e.g. with the support edge 110 down so that the media device can be supported and displayed at a proper angle.



The specification makes clear that an advantage of the structure shown and described above is that the user may place the media support 100 on a table, in the user's lap, or on the user while lying down. (col. 3, lines 6-15). The user may further *rotate* the media support to a new side to select a back support 105 with a comfortable viewing angle 160. Rotations occur in the same direction to present each of the sides sequentially, either clockwise or counterclockwise. This makes it easier to find a side a display angle that best works for the user.

In contrast, the Barcalo device like the Halpin device (and the previously cited Klepar device D703,216) must be spun about a horizontal plane in order to properly display at least one of its sides. Halpin has only one display side. Klepar has two. And while Barcalo does in fact describe three display sides, not all of them can be accessed in the proper configuration as shown in the previous section, e.g. with the support edge on a lower portion of the display side.



D. BARCALO support edge(s) are not structured as required in claim 22 and thus cannot anticipate the structure of the claims sufficient to support a §103 rejection

Claim 22 includes the following structure:

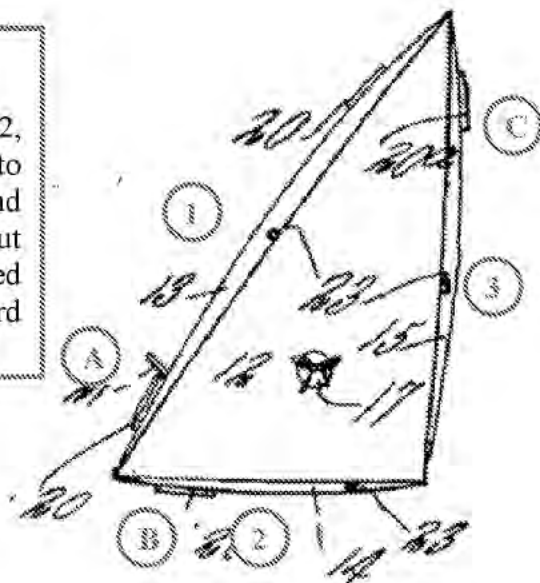
- a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;
- a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;
- a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

It is clear from even an expansive reading of the Barcalo structure that it does NOT and cannot fulfill each and every one of these structural limitations.

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To fulfill structure of claim 22, first support edge A would need to be between first and second support backs 1 and 2 (it is); but second support edge B would need to be between second and third support backs 2 and 3 (it isn't).



The structural differences of the Barcalo device—e.g. where the second support edge B is NOT between the second 2 and third 3 support back—results in a user not being able to rotate the Barcalo display pillow around a central axis as with the claims to present each side sequentially. There is no suggestion within the Barcalo patent that it should be structured otherwise, and thus it would be improper to impute a variation in the Barcalo design to anticipate the claims, particularly as laid out in claim 22.

E. The Examiner has committed error by reading features in the applied references that are not in fact there

The Office Action erroneously finds three features in the Barcalo reference that are not, in fact, part of the structure or fairly suggested by the disclosure. These errors are:

- (1) **ERROR #1:** “Barcalo discloses an apparatus comprising three support sides, each comprising a back support 13, 14 or 15 and an edge support...” (OA, p. 11.) This finding is in error. While Barcalo discloses an apparatus comprising three support sides, it does not disclose an embodiment where each of the support sides includes an edge support (i.e. there are not three edge supports). Instead, Barcalo only shows use of a single edge support 21 that is removably reused for the designed support side.
- (2) **ERROR #2:** “Barcalo discloses . . . an edge support 21 in physical communication with two ends 12 of the interior.” (OA, p. 11.) This finding is also in error. The

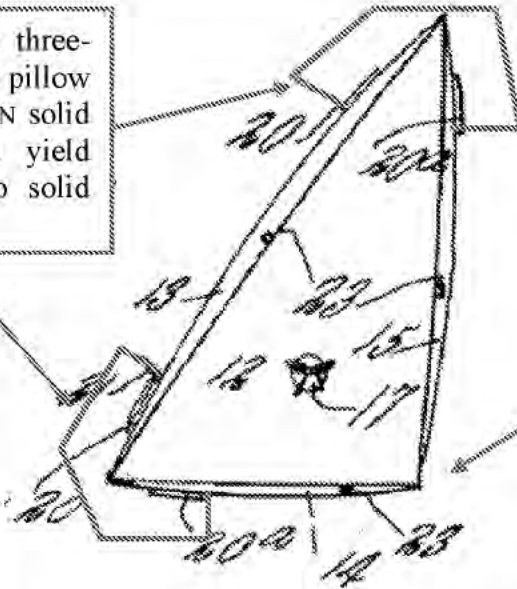
Barcalo edge support is not in “physical communication with two ends of the interior.” Instead, the edge support 21 is only in physical communication with a single support side. When that edge support is removed from side 14, as shown in the figure in the previous page, the Barcalo device rests facedown solely on side 14. This in contrast with the structure of the claims where the edge support, e.g. edge support 110, extends to the corner of the device and contacts both of adjacent display sides 160, 155.

- (3) **ERROR #3:** “The . . . face of each edge support is oriented clockwise of the central axis.” (OA, p. 11.) As there is only a single edge support in Barcalo, it cannot be oriented clockwise of itself. Even if it were suggested to insert additional edge supports in the Barcalo device—and there is no suggestion or advantage to do so—then the faces of the Barcalo edge supports, if placed in the pockets 20a shown in FIGs. 5-6 would not be oriented clockwise of the central axis. Instead, and as shown in the figure above on page 18 of this Response, while the Barcalo pocket for side 15 is oriented counter-clockwise of the central axis with respect to the pocket for side 13, the pocket for side 14 is oriented with a rotation about a vertical axis with respect to the pocket 13. In other words, *the Barcalo media support pillow cannot be rotated in the same clockwise direction to present each of the three properly oriented support edges as with the claims.*
- (4) **ERROR #4:** “It would have been obvious to form the apparatus of Barcalo of a one piece block such that the back supports, the edge supports and the ends are integral, in view of the teachings of Halpin.” (OA, p. 11.)

There is no suggestion in either Barcalo or Halpin that these structures should be combined. But even if they were, the solid edge support of Halpin would be placed in the stead of the pockets 20 capable of holding the support edge 21 of Barcalo (see drawing on next page). This would result in the structure shown above, where only two corners of the triangular pillow have support edges and not the third side. Not all structures of the claimed device would therefore be shown by even a combination of Barcalo and Halpin.

It would NOT be obvious to form BARCALO of a one piece block as with HALPIN, and even if you did it would not result in the structure set forth in the claims.

Combining the three-sided BARCALO pillow with the HALPIN solid corners would yield only these two solid corners.



There is no pocket adjacent this corner, and thus no incentive to create a solid support edge here.

In view of these highlighted structural differences with the applied references, Applicants respectfully request removal of the rejections and passage of the claims to allowance.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR NEW CLAIMS – 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(C)

CLAIM 21: (col. 2, lines 47-49)

CLAIM 22: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20) with claim numbered elements noted below

A media support apparatus (100) comprising:

a body having a first support back (105a), a second support back (105c), and a third support back (105b) disposed about a central axis (125);

a first support edge (110c) disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160a);

a second support edge (110b) disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160c);

a third support edge (110a) disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160b);

wherein said media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three

positions including on a first virtual plane (130c) between a top of the second support back (105c) and an outer edge of the second edge support (110b), on a second virtual plane (130b) between a top of the third support back (105b) and an outer edge of the third edge support (110a), and on a third virtual plane (130a) between a top of the first support back (105a) and an outer edge of the first edge support (110c); and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle (160a) of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane (130c) and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle (160c) when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane (130b) and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle (160b) when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane (130a) and the media device is supported at the third support angle, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

CLAIM 23: (col. 3, lines 16-39)

CLAIM 24: (col. 3, lines 40-49)

CLAIM 25: (col. 3, lines 50-54)

CLAIM 26: (col. 3, lines 55-57)

CLAIM 27: (col. 2, lines 64-65)

CLAIM 28: (col. 2, lines 65-67)

CLAIM 29: (col. 3, lines 3-5)

CLAIM 30: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20)

CLAIMS 31-39: (original claims) (col. 3, lines 40-44) (col. 3, lines 44-49) (col. 2, lines 44-45) (col. 2, lines 45-46) (col. 2, lines 49-50) (col. 2, lines 52-53) (col. 3, lines 59-60) (col. 3, lines 56-57) (col. 3, lines 57-58)

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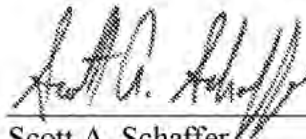
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Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present reissue application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to take the initiative and telephone the undersigned at (503) 970-5119 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on Jan. 30, 2019 as reissue application number 16/262,797and was amended on January 23, 2019
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. This application was made or was authorized to be made by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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Furthermore, applicant believes an error was made in not pursuing overlooked aspects of the invention. Such overlooked aspects have never been covered by a claim at any point during prosecution of the original application.

Finally, applicant submits that the original attorney in the case may have committed error by

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Filer:	Scott Alexander Schaffer			
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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I									
		(Column 1)	(Column 2)						
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<i>Applicant-Initiated Interview Summary</i>	Application No. 16/262,797	Applicant(s) Cannon et al.	
	Examiner CARY E WEHNER	Art Unit 3993	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

All participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel):

(1) CARY E. WEHNER. (3) Scott Schaffer, Jason Eisenberg (attys).

(2) Catherine Williams, Glenn Dawson. (4) Juliette Fassett (applicant).

Date of Interview: 21 January 2020.

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Video Conference
 ☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: The media support was shown.

Issues Discussed ☐101 ☐112 ☐102 ☒103 ☐Others
 (For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: Barcalo, Halpin, Klepar.

Substance of Interview
 (For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

Mr. Schaffer showed the subject invention and demonstrated how the orientations of edge supports relative to the back supports prevents the back supports from resting on the support surface (i.e. lap, table, etc.). Applicant's representative argued that the prior art does not teach the edge supports are in locations such that that the top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support. Mr. Schaffer pointed out that Barcalo does not teach that the top of each back support is in communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis. The edge supports are located such that the device cannot be simply rotated clockwise or counterclockwise about the axis of the body of the pillow, to bring each back support to the proper viewing position. Discussed the recapture rejection. Applicant's representative argued that the recapture rejection could be overcome when the 103 rejection is overcome. No agreement was made.

Applicant recordation instructions: The formal written reply to the last Office action must include the substance of the interview. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, applicant is given a non-extendable period of the longer of one month or thirty days from this interview date, or the mailing date of this interview summary form, whichever is later, to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

Examiner recordation instructions: Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

☐ Attachment

/CARY E WEHNER/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3993	/CSW/ /GKD/
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Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiners responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicants correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
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- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
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- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,-
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicants record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiners version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, Interview Record OK on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiners initials.



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REISSUE APPLICATIONS

DETAILED ACTION

AIA - Reissue Applications

For reissue applications filed on or after September 16, 2012, all references to 35 U.S.C. 251 and 37 CFR 1.172, 1.175, and 3.73 are to the current provisions.

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Related Proceedings

Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No. 9,642,454 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

Applicant is further reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56, to timely apprise the Office of any information which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application.

These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

Status of Amendments

A preliminary amendment was filed on January 23, 2020 and has been entered. The status of the claims is:

Original claims: 1-10.

New claims: 21-39.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

MPEP 1414 states:

The "at least one error" which is relied upon to support the reissue application must be set forth in the oath/declaration. It is not necessary, however, to point out how (or when) the error arose or occurred. Further, it is not necessary to point out how (or when) the error was discovered. If an applicant chooses to point out these matters, the statements directed to these matters will not be reviewed by the examiner, and the applicant should be so informed in the next Office action. What is needed for the oath/declaration statement as to error is the identification of "at least one error" relied upon. For an application filed on or after September 16, 2012 that seeks to enlarge the scope of the claims of the patent, **the reissue oath or declaration must also identify a claim that the application seeks to broaden.** A general statement, e.g., that all claims are broadened, is not sufficient to satisfy this requirement. In identifying the error, it is sufficient that the reissue oath/declaration **identify a single word, phrase, or expression in the specification or in an original claim**, and how it renders the original patent wholly or partly inoperative or invalid. Emphasis added.

In this case, the declaration does not identify **both** the claim to be broadened and the word(s), phrase(s) or expression(s) and how it renders the original patent wholly or partially inoperative or invalid. Also, applicant has check two of the boxes ("by reason of the patentee..." and "by reason of other errors". Since it appears that only errors in the claims are being corrected, the only the box "by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent" should be checked.

Furthermore, the error statement appears to be incomplete because the last line is not a complete sentence.

Assignment

The examiner has noticed that the mailing address for the inventors has been changed to what appears to be a company address which is different than the assignee designated on the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(c), Happy Products Inc. Applicant is reminded that the Office

must be apprised of any assignment changes and that any change would require the submission of a new 3.73(c) statement and a new Consent of Assignee.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 251

Declaration:

Claims 1-10 and 21-39 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

Recapture:

Claims 22-24 and 26-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Greenliant Systems, Inc. et al v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 103 USPQ2d 1951 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *In re Shahram Mostafazadeh and Joseph O. Smith*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *North American Container, Inc. v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, 415 F.3d 1335, 75 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 2005); *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the original application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claimed subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. **The "original application" includes the patent family's entire prosecution history.** *MBO Laboratories, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co.*, 602 F.3d 1306, 94 USPQ2d 1598 (Fed. Cir. 2010). Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader

scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

MPEP 1412.02 II summarizes the three-step test for recapture:

Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468-70, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit set forth a three step test for recapture analysis. In *North American Container*, 415 F.3d at 1349, 75 USPQ2d at 1556, the court restated this test as follows:

We apply the recapture rule as a three-step process:

(1) first, we determine whether, and in what respect, the reissue claims are broader in scope than the original patent claims;

[NOTE: if the claims are not broader in scope than the original patent claims, there is no recapture; if the claims are broader in scope, then proceed to step (2).]

(2) next, we determine whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution. Step 2 includes two subsets:

1. The Two Sub-Steps:

(A) One must first determine whether applicant surrendered any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application that became the patent to be reissued.

If an original patent claim limitation now being omitted or broadened in the present reissue application was originally relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art, the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered by applicant. The reliance by applicant to define the original patent claims over the art can be by presentation of new/amended claims to define over the art, or an argument/statement by applicant that a limitation of the claim(s) defines over the art. To determine whether such reliance occurred, the examiner must review the prosecution history of the original application (of the patent to be reissued and any related application(s)) for surrender of claimed subject matter which may result in

recapture. The prosecution history includes the rejections and applicant's arguments made therein.

With respect to whether applicant surrendered any subject matter, it is to be noted that a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims. *Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012). As pointed out by the court, "[i]t does not matter whether the examiner or the Board adopted a certain argument for allowance; the sole question is whether the argument was made." *Id.*

If applicant did not surrender any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application, the analysis ends and there is no recapture.

(B) If applicant did surrender subject matter in the original application prosecution, the examiner must then determine whether any of the broadening of the reissue claims is in the area of the surrendered subject matter. The examiner must analyze all of the broadening aspects of the reissue claims to determine if any of the omitted/broadened limitation(s) are directed to limitations relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art. and

[NOTE: if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do not relate to surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do relate to surrendered subject matter, then proceed to step (3).]

(3) finally, we determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

[NOTE: if the reissue claims were materially narrowed in aspects related to the surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the claims were not materially narrowed in related aspects or were narrowed in unrelated aspects, there is recapture.]

In *North American Container*, the court cited *Pannu*, 258 F.3d at 1371, 59 USPQ2d at 1600; *Hester*, 142 F.3d at 1482-83, 46 USPQ2d at 1649-50; and *Clement*, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45

USPQ2d at 1164-65 as cases that lead to, and explain the language in, the North American Container recapture test.

A review of the prosecution history of Application Nos. 15/192,737 and 14/518,443 reveals the following:

1. The '443 application was filed on October 20, 2014 with claims 1-14.
2. A non-final Office action was mailed on August 14, 2015. The Office action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patti Halpin U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0001063 A1 (Halpin) in view Zvi Klepar U.S. Design Patent D703,216 S (Klepar).
3. In response to the Office action, Applicant amended claim 1 to add "wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees."
4. A Final Office Action was mailed on February 11, 2016 which included a rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112(a) because the amendment (the first viewing angle of the first back support to be 36 degrees and the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees) was not adequately supported by the original disclosure.
5. The '737 application claimed priority, as a continuation-in-part, to application number 14/518,443, which was filed on October 20, 2014. Application No. 15/192,737 was filed on June 24, 2016 with claims 1-10.
6. Claim 1 of the '737 application included the limitation "a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees."

7. A Notice of Allowability was mailed on January 6, 2017 and was accompanied by an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance that stated "[t]he prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device."

8. The present reissue application was filed on January 30, 2017. New claim 22-24 and 26-39 been presented without the specific viewing angles (36, 74 and 49 degrees).

Three step analysis of current reissue:

Step 1. Are there reissue claims that are broader in scope than the original claims?

New independent claims 22-24 and 26-39 do not include the specific viewing angles (36, 74 and 49 degrees). New claim 25 (dependent on claim 22 include these specific viewing angles. Accordingly, claims 22-24 and 27-39 are broader in scope than the original claims.

Step 3: Determine if the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Substep A: During the prosecution of the original application, 14/267,636, applicant argued: "Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements . . each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . . wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees..." recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims." (14/267,636, Remarks, 11/13/15, pg. 10).

Claims 22-24 and 26-39 of the present application are broader than original patented claim 1 of the '454 patent because they do not include the limitation ""wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees." This limitation is considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that this limitation was not taught by the prior art. Because the claims do not present any of the surrendered limitations, this constitutes an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter.

Subset B:

As shown above, claims 22-24 and 26-39 do not include the surrendered limitations.

Step Three: Determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

MPEP 1412.02.II.C states:

As pointed out above, this third step of the recapture determination, as set forth in *North American Container*, considers the significance of the claim limitations that were added and deleted, during prosecution of the patent (to be reissued) to determine whether the reissue claims should be barred under the recapture doctrine.

In the decision of *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011), the Federal Circuit stated that to avoid the recapture rule "the claims must be materially narrowed relative to the surrendered subject matter such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured." *Id.* at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. Under this third step, it must be determined if there is entire or substantial recapture of the surrendered subject matter because there is no or insufficient material narrowing to avoid the recapture rule.

The following discussion addresses analyzing the reissue claims that have eliminated or modified a surrender generating limitation, as determined under step 2 analysis. In any broadening reissue application, the examiner will determine, under steps 1 and 2 of the recapture analysis on a claim-by-claim basis, whether the broadening relates to subject matter that was surrendered during the examination of the patent for which reissue is requested. Under step 3, it must be determined if such reissue claims are materially narrowed so as to escape the effects of the recapture doctrine. Note, examiners should consider any relevant preliminary applicant arguments of record as part of the recapture determination. See subsection VII., below, "REBUTTAL BY THE REISSUE APPLICANT," which points out how the recapture finding of the Office can be rebutted by applicant, in some limited instances, by showing that material narrowing is present in the claims.

The modification of a surrender generating limitation is broken down into two possibilities that will be addressed below.

1) If a surrender generating limitation (SGL) has been entirely eliminated from a claim present in the reissue application, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 may be proper. For example, if a claim limitation present in the original patent that was added to overcome a rejection or that was argued by applicant to distinguish over the prior art is entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application and not replaced by a new SGL-related limitation, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 is proper and must be made for that claim.

Such an omission in a reissue claim, even if it is accompanied by other limitations making the reissue claim narrower than the patent claim in other unrelated aspects, is **impermissible recapture**. Pannu, 258 F.3d at 1371-72, 59 USPQ2d at 1600. But note that even if the SGL limitation in the patent claims was entirely eliminated, the reissue applicant may have added a new limitation that relates to surrendered subject matter. See the last paragraph of this subsection below.

2) If the SGL has not been entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application (i.e., the amendment narrowing the claim or the argued limitation has not been entirely eliminated from the claim in the reissue application), but rather it has been made less restrictive in the reissue application claim (such that the claim is broadened), the analysis (based on In re Mostafazadeh, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011) and In re Youman, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPQ2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012)) is as follows:

It must be determined what portion of the amendment or argued limitation has been retained, and whether the retained portion materially narrows the original claims to avoid recapture.

See Youman, 679 F.3d at 1346 n.4, 102 USPQ2d at 1870 n.4 ("original claims' are defined as 'the claims before surrender'"). "[I]f the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue." Id. at 1347, 102 USPQ2d at 1870. On the other hand, if the retained portion of the modified limitation is "well known in the prior art," impermissible recapture has not been avoided. See Mostafazadeh, 643 F.3d at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. It is to be noted that if the retained portion of the modified limitation is well known in the prior art, then impermissible recapture exists, even in a case where a further limitation which is not related to the surrendered subject matter (i.e., a limitation that does not materially narrow the claims) has been added to define the claims over the art. Id. (Emphasis added).

Claim 1 was amended to include the limitation first, second and third viewing angles are different. New claims 22, 23, 26-28, 30, 31, 33-38 do not include this limitation or the specific viewing angles, identified above as a surrender generating limitation, therefore impermissible recapture exists. Claims 29 and 39 include it as a broader limitation so the surrender generating limitation has not been entirely eliminated because it is broader yet is materially narrowed relative to the original claim (claim 1 of the '443 application). However, the limitation that the viewing angles are different is well known in the prior art, as demonstrated by the patent to Barcalo 1,928,806 (discussed below). Accordingly, impermissible recapture exists.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(b):

(b) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 30-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(b) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor, or for pre-AIA the applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 30 recites the limitation "the interior" in the last line. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed January 23, 2020 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. **Recapture:** Applicant argues that recapture has been avoided in the new claims because they are directed to overlooked aspects. Applicant assert that new claim 22 is directed to "the specific relationship of the three supports backs . . . with the three support edges so as to create three different support 'virtual planes' to provide three different respective viewing angles." (Remarks, pg. 9). MPEP 1412.01(II) allows claims to separate inventions/embodiments/species that were disclosed but never claimed and are considered to as claims to overlooked aspects. Claim 22 is not considered to be drawn to a separate invention, embodiment or species because back supports, support edges and virtual planes are already present in original claims 1-10. The only disclosure of a separate invention/embodiment/species is Fig. 3 which includes a frame rather than a solid form. In all the embodiments, the relative angles, planes and lengths are the same. Claim 22 is only an

alternate expression to what is already claim in original claim 1. It is noted that there is no limitation in claim 22 that limits the viewing angles as “different” than each other.

Applicant does not identify the limitations in new claim 30 that are considered overlooked aspects. Review of claim 30 reveals that it is merely a broader recitation of original claim 1 – all of the limitations in claim 30 are present in claim 1. Therefore, claim 30 cannot be considered to be directed to overlooked aspects.

Applicant’s arguments, see Remarks, filed January 23, 2020, with respect to the prior art rejections have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections under 35 USC 103 of claims 1-10 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARY E WEHNER whose telephone number is (571)272-4715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am to 5 pm.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated March 30, 2020, in connection with Applicants' request for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 B2. In order to place the application in better condition for Appeal, should it be necessary, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 8.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The claim amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.173(b)(2), (c), (e); M.P.E.P. §§ 1453(V)(B)-(D).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original Patented Claim) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

2. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

4. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

7. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

9. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

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21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

22. (New) A media support apparatus comprising:
a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back disposed about a central axis;

a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;

a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body includes three solid corners, with each of the corners interposed between two adjacent support backs and including a respective edge support.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

30. (New, amended) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends,

wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an adjacent back support,

wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,

wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,

wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,

wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support,

wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are different from one another; and

wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of an interior.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

Cancel claim 39.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are the original, unamended claims of the '454 patent.

New claims 21-38 are sought to be added and are all directed to a previously unclaimed embodiment of the original disclosure.

The examiner has withdrawn all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 and has confirmed that the claims are patentable over the prior art.

Remaining issues include:

- a defective reissue oath/declaration—corrected by the new Declaration filed herewith;
- an antecedent basis rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112(b)—now corrected by amendment; and
- a rejection of claims 22-24 and 26-39 under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter—Applicant's arguments against this rejection are stated further below.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS: Applicant has amended claim 30—now referring to “an interior” in place of “the interior”—to address the antecedent basis issue noted by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Claim 30 has also been amended to incorporate limitations from previously presented new claim 39 (now cancelled) so that independent claim 30 now recites that all three plane angles, as measured from back supports to respective virtual planes, are different from one another. No further changes have been made to the claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and following remarks.

SUBSTITUTE REISSUE OATH/DECLARATION

The Substitute Declaration filed in connection with Applicant's Response to Office Action dated January 28, 2020 has been alleged to be defective. Applicant's representative conducted a short telephone conference with Examiner Wehner and confirmed that a technical glitch prevented the Examiner from accessing the entirety of the “error statement” within the Declaration. The error statement within the prepared, executed, and submitted Jan. 28, 2020

Declaration included more text than could be displayed within electronic PDF document “error statement” field, which triggered a scrolling function within the document. The text scrolling within the electronic PDF document was submitted in PAIR, but was cut-off in the document received by the USPTO. Examiner Wehner confirmed that this is a known problem and recommended the abbreviated language included in the Declaration submitted with this Amendment-After-Final response.

To confirm and complete the record, the text of the error statement from that rejected Declaration is included herein. The substitute Declaration filed on January 23, 2020 with Applicants’ Response to Office Action stated as follows:

Applicant believes the original patent to be partially inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than patentee had a right to claim. Among other actions, therefore, applicant seeks to broaden issued claim 1.

Furthermore, applicant believes an error was made in not pursuing overlooked aspects of the invention. Such overlooked aspects have never been covered by a claim at any point during prosecution of the original application.

Finally, applicant submits that the original attorney in the case may have committed error by failure to fully appreciate the scope of the invention. The application for patent disclosed an apparatus with three support sides disposed about a central axis with the support sides generating three distinct and "different" viewing angles for a supported object such as a book or iPad. (col. 4, lines 9-25) These "different" viewing angles are with respect to "virtual planes," and effect a general advantage in the art that extends beyond the specific angles limitations in the issued claims.

RECAPTURE RULE

The Examiner has rejected new reissue claims 22-24 and 26-39 on the grounds that the reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is allegedly defective under the Recapture Rule. That is, the Examiner believes that Applicant seeks to now “recapture” subject matter surrendered during prosecution of the original patent (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 – herein referred to as *the ’454 patent*), including prosecution of the parent application (i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/518,443 – herein referred to as *the ’443 application*) and the related child application (i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 15/192,737 – herein referred to as *the ’737 application*).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that currently pending claims 22-24 and 26-38 are attempting to recapture material surrendered during the prosecution of '454 patent for at least five reasons. **First**, claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to a previously unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiment that captures aspects of the invention in a much different way than the patented claims, e.g., relying on disclosure found only in the original '443 patent application. These claims are directed to the specific relationship of the three support backs of the media support body with the three support edges so as to create three different support “virtual planes” to provide three (e.g. different) respective viewing angles. The structure and limitations of independent claim 22 (and its dependents) were not covered by a claim—e.g. a generic claim—at any point during prosecution of either the '443 application or the '737 continuation-in-part upon which the issued '454 patent is based. Applicant has added this new embodiment to the claims in view of the *disclosure-dedication doctrine*. **Second**, recapture does not apply in the absence of evidence that the Applicant's amendments were an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable. **Third**, recapture does not apply in the absence of evidence that Applicant intentionally or deliberately surrendered any subject matter during the original prosecution. **Fourth**, the Examiner's reasons for allowance of the '454 patent cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection of the claims. **Finally**, and perhaps most clearly, recapture does not apply when the claims have been materially narrowed relative to the originally filed claims (i.e. originally filed claim 1 of the '443 application). Claim 29 and amended claim 30, for instance, include a feature that the examiner has already held to be a “material narrowing relative to the original claim.” This material narrowing—i.e. that all three plane angles as measured from back supports to respective *virtual planes* are different from one another—is not well-known and confers materially significant operational improvements (discussed below) that were not available in the prior art.

For at least these reasons, and under the law, recapture is not available as a ground of rejection and Applicant therefore respectfully traverses.

A. At least claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to a previously unclaimed aspect of the invention in view of the disclosure-dedication rule and thus not subject to rejection under the recapture rule

At least claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to the specific relationship of the three support backs of the media support body with the three support edges so as to create three

different support “virtual planes” to provide three (e.g. different) respective viewing angles. The structure and limitations of independent claim 22 (and its dependents) were not covered by a claim—e.g. a generic claim—at any point during prosecution of either the ‘443 application or the ‘737 continuation-in-part upon which the issued ‘454 patent is based.

Reissue claims directed to unclaimed aspects are not subject to a rejection for recapture because the claims are, by definition, unrelated to subject matter that was alleged by the Examiner to be surrendered during prosecution of the original application. *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPTO2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (“Whereas the recapture rule applies when surrendered subject matter is being reclaimed, overlooked aspects by definition were never claimed and thus never surrendered”).

By way of example, claim 22 specifies that the first support edge is disposed between first and second support backs, that the second support edge is disposed between the second and third support back, and that the third support edge is disposed between the third and first support back. Further, claim 22 specifies that the media support device is configured to be rotated about a central axis so that the body can rest on either first, second, or third virtual planes (between stated support edges and support backs) to provide first, second, or third viewing angles, respectively. These are aspects that are not specified within the claims of the ‘454 patent, and further provide aspects disclosed within the original ‘443 application that were unappreciated and unclaimed during original prosecution.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s analysis that claim 22 is not considered to be drawn to a separate invention, embodiment or species because (as the examiner states) back supports, support edges and virtual planes are already present in original claims 1-10. Instead, the examiner is directed to the very specific relationship of first, second, and third support backs to respective first, second, and third support edges **and** to the previously unclaimed fact that the media support device is configured to rest on a horizontal support created by the virtual planes to provide first, second, and third viewing angles. These are aspects of the structure and function of the invention that were never presented in a claim or argued during prosecution. And as noted in Section E below, this structural configuration allows the creation of three viewing angles that, collectively, **can but are not required to** equal a total of 180 degrees, thus providing an advantage over purely triangular devices such as the Barcalo reference which **do** required a total of 180 degrees.

Pending independent claim 22 does not attempt to recapture any claim limitations *deliberately* surrendered (see Section C below) during prosecution of the related applications. Rather, claim 22 claim recites only unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiments of the '443 application that include the three backed design of a media support apparatus that allows for the support *on virtual planes* of a media device at three (e.g. different) viewing angles. Applicant has never disputed that this feature is part of what makes the claimed subject matter unique. For example, in differentiating between the two primary references cited against the claims during prosecution of the '443 application, Applicant in its November 13, 2015 Amendment and Response stated:

[T]he claimed invention provides *three distinct viewing angles In contrast, Halpin and Klepar only support one and two distinct viewing angles respectively as they lack all the multiple support edges oriented clockwise around a central axis*. These advantages have resulted in significant commercial success, with 5000 units of media support based on the claimed invention sold to date. [emphases added].

Thus, pending independent claim 22, by containing a three-backed design, merely reiterate limitations that Applicant has always maintained make its invention unique. As a result, the lack of recitation of the specific viewing angles in claim 22 is not a disqualifying feature of the claims because the previously allowed claims, reciting the specific viewing angles, are merely an embodiment, but a separate embodiment, of the three-backed design that is at the heart of the uniqueness of the reissue claims. Applicant has never conceded this point during the prosecution of any of the related applications. Thus, there has never been a surrender of this previously unclaimed subject matter. And by adding this previously unclaimed embodiment, Applicant is not exposed to the disclosure-dedication doctrine.

B. The Final Office Action fails to demonstrate that the original prosecution amendments were an admission of unpatentability over the prior art or that they were made in view of Examiner action

The recapture rule does not apply in the absence of evidence that the applicant's amendment was "an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable," *Seattle Box Co. v. Industrial Crating & Packing, Inc.*, 731 F.2d 818, 826 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Although deliberately canceling or amending a claim in an effort to overcome a reference strongly suggests that the applicant admits that the scope of the claim before the cancellation or amendment is unpatentable, it is not dispositive because other evidence in the prosecution history may indicate the contrary. See *Mentor Corp. v. Colorplast, Inc.*, 998 F.2d 992, 995-96 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *Ball*

Corp. v. U.S., 729 F.2d 1429, 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1984); *Seattle Box Co.*, 731 F.2d at 826, (declining to apply the recapture rule in the absence of evidence that the applicant's "amendment ... was in any sense an admission that the scope of [the] claim was not patentable"); *Haliczer v. United States*, 356 F.2d 541, 545 (Ct. Cl. 1966); *In re Willingham*, 282 F.2d 353, 354, 357 (CCPA 1960) (no intent to surrender where the applicant canceled and replaced a claim without an intervening action by the examiner).

The *Seattle Box Co.* case is particularly instructive as it includes many of the same type of amendments as the present case. In *Seattle Box Co.*, the patent attorney narrowed claim 1 during the application's prosecution so as to specify that the spacer block used in a claimed shipping bundle had a height "*greater than* the diameter of the pipe." Soon after the attorney made this narrowing amendment, although not necessarily because of it, the patent examiner allowed each of the application's claims. *Seattle Box* later filed an application to have the patent reissued with broader claims that specified that the spacer block be not only greater than the diameter of the pipe, but also "*substantially equal to* the thickness of the tier of pipe length." The Federal Circuit held that the recapture rule did not apply here even though the broadening was to a limitation specifically added to the claim during prosecution because "there is no evidence that *Seattle Box*'s amendment of its originally filed claims was in any sense an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable."

In the present case, the '737 CIP application that resulted in issuance of the issued '454 patent was **a first action allowance** in which the claims were allowed as originally presented. The parent patent application to the '737 CIP application—the '443 application—had but a single Response to Office Action in which the Applicant specifically disavowed that the amendments were made to make an unpatentable claim patentable. Instead, Applicant stated as follows:

Applicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations *are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution*. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

(Response to Office Action dated Nov. 13, 2015; p.7) [emphasis added]

Applicants were only interested in "facilitating expeditious prosecution" and continued to argue patentability of the broader concept underlying the claims. This situation is thus distinguishable over cases such as *Clement* cited by the Examiner, where the applicant in that case explicitly

admitted during prosecution that the amendments to the claims were “in order to distinguish over the prior art.”

It should be noted that claims in the ’443 application were never allowed, and in fact all claims in that ’443 application (including those that included the overly-specific display angles) were rejected in view of cited art. As no patent issued, there was thus no “acquiescence in the rejection and acceptance of a patent whose claims include the limitation added by the applicant to distinguish the claims from the prior art.” *Haliczer*, 356 F.2d at 545. Nevertheless, during prosecution of the ’443 application, Applicants pointed out the differences with the prior art, namely that the Halpin and Klepar references “only support one and two distinct viewing angles respectively” while the claimed invention “provides three distinct viewing angles.” (Nov. 13, 2015 Response, p.10)

Accordingly, just like *Seattle Box*, the recapture rule should not apply to the reissue claims herein since there is no evidence that Applicant did not think the originally prosecuted claims patentable over the prior art. On the contrary, Applicant pointed out the distinctions with the prior art.

Applicant thus believes that the original attorney prosecuting the application may have committed error correctable by reissue by arguing this distinction without explicitly including the “different viewing angles” limitation within the claims—a distinction that is now corrected with the new reissue claim set and particularly within claims 29 and 30.

*C. As there was NO intentional or deliberate surrender of subject matter, and NO admission that the scope of the claim was unpatentable, recapture does **not** apply*

To invoke recapture, it must be shown that applicant is attempting to regain, through reissue, subject matter that was *surrendered* during prosecution to overcome prior art references. *See Medtronic, Inc. v. Guidant Corp.*, 465 F.3d 1360, 1373 (Fed. Cir. 2006). The law is clear that this surrender must be *intentional or deliberate and for the express purpose to overcome a prior art rejection*. *Id.* at 1372-73 (“Under the ‘recapture’ rule, the *deliberate* surrender of a claim to certain subject matter during the original prosecution of the application for a patent ‘made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection’ is not such ‘error’ as will allow the patentee to recapture that subject matter in a reissue”) (emphasis added). Thus, there can be no recapture under law or policy if: (1) there is no showing that Applicant intentionally or deliberately

surrendered subject matter during prosecution to overcome prior art references, and (2) there is no admission that the scope of the claims were unpatentable under the prior art.

As an initial matter, Applicant respectfully submits that Examiner has not shown that Applicant has ever deliberately surrendered any subject matter to overcome the references asserted during the prosecution of the related applications. As a result, the threshold requirement to invoke recapture is not met.

Applicant respectfully submits that a comparison of the originally filed claims of U.S. Appl. No. 14/518,443 (the “’443 application”); the subsequent amendments to those claims during prosecution of the ’443 application; and the further amendment to those claims as a part of claims filed in U.S. Appl. No. 15/192,737 (the “’737 application”), which is a continuation in part of the ’443 application, and which ultimately resulted in allowance and issuance of U.S. Pat. No. 9,642,454 (the “’454 patent”), indicates that ***no subject matter was ever deliberately surrendered by Applicant to overcome the references previously asserted against the claims.***

Rather, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in the previous applications were amended to narrow the scope of the claimed subject matter, and to add limitations to encompass certain embodiments of the disclosure *for expediency to allowance*. These features included adding specific angles and further specifying the geometry of the viewing angles and support edges. As clearly stated by Applicant in its responses to the Office Actions, the reason for adding these limitations was to obtain prompt allowance of the claimed subject matter rather than go through a lengthy and expensive prosecution. Explicit statements by Applicant during prosecution of the ’443 application, specifically statements in the November 13, 2015 Response to Office Action (the “Nov. 13 Response”) make this clear. In the November 13 Response, (p.7), Applicant stated:

Applicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are ***only for facilitating expeditious prosecution***. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.” [emphasis added].

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the record clearly indicates that any amendments made to the previous applications was not for the deliberate purpose of surrendering subject matter Applicant believed was in any of the references. Rather, they were made to expedite allowance of the claims. As a result, the threshold requirement for recapture has not been met. Compare *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 1471 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (holding that recapture

did apply based on patentees admissions on the record that the added limitations during the prosecution history of the patent were made to distinguish over the prior art).

D. The Examiner's reasons for allowance for the '454 patent cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection

The March 30, 2020 Final Office Action point #7 (FOA, p.7) is properly cited but wrongly interpreted. The examiner's Notice of Allowability for the '454 patent states that "the prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device." In this context, the word "distinct" does not refer to the raw numbers—e.g. 36, 74, and 49 degrees—but that the angles are DIFFERENT. This is supported by applicant's use of the word "distinct" in the original '443 application (paragraphs [0023] and [0027]) as well as the common definition of the word as "recognizably different" or "readily distinguishable." The synonym "different" is also used throughout the issued patent—e.g. col. 2, lines 29 and 55; and col. 4, line 20. As such, the claims presented in the reissue application use the word "different" as a synonym to "distinct" in order to refer to the fact that the three distinct viewing angles of the media support pillow are different from one another.

As explained in Section C above, the examiner of the original '737 application rejected claims with the specific angles 36, 74, and 49 degrees *in view of the references*. The reissue examiner cannot now argue on one hand that these original patent claim's specific angles were the reason for allowance of the '737 application, and on the other hand use this to reject the reissue application under the recapture rule.

The March 30, 2020 Final Office Action point #4 (FOA, p.6)—referring to a rejection of claim 1 under §112(a) on the grounds that the specific angles within the claims is not support by the original disclosure—is significantly incomplete. Claim 1 was also rejected in view of the references. Since no prior art was overcome by inclusion of the exact 36, 74, 48 degree viewing angles during prosecution of the '454 patent and its parent case, such limitations are unnecessarily restrictive and may be broadened during reissue without running afoul of the restriction against recapture. The Federal Circuit addressed a similar situation in *In re Peters* [723 F.2d 891 (Fed. Cir. 1983)] where the original claims required, among other things, a metal tip having a tapered shape. *Id.* at 892. The patent owner filed a reissue application seeking to broaden the claims to cover both tapered and non-tapered tips. *Id.* The Board held that the

broadened claims sought by the reissue application were not supported by the original disclosure because the only tips disclosed were tapered. *Id.* at 893. The Federal Circuit overturned, however, holding that “[t]he broadened claims merely omit an unnecessary limitation that had restricted one element of the invention to the exact and non-critical shape disclosed in the original patent.” *Id.* The Federal Circuit reasoned that the disclosed tip configuration was not critical because no prior art was overcome based on the tip shape and “one skilled in the art would readily understand that in practicing the invention it is unimportant whether the tips are tapered.” *Id.*

Similarly, and with particular respect to claims 29 and (now-amended) claim 30, it is not the exact angles but rather the fact that the three display side angles *with respect to virtual planes* are distinct/different that can provide comfortable viewing of the media in any one of a variety of different viewing positions, e.g. in a reader’s lap while sitting up, when laying down, or when positioned on a table or desk when reading upright. Applicants can provide evidence of success of recent products without these exact angles to show that such angles are non-critical; it is only important that these angles be different. Like *Peters*, the broadened claims in the reissue merely omit an unnecessary limitation, e.g. the extraordinarily specific viewing angles subject to any expansion under the Doctrine of Equivalents, that had restricted one element of the invention to the exact and non-critical shape disclosed in the original patent.

In summary, therefore, Applicants dispute that the recapture rule is applicable in this case for the following notable reasons:

1. The claims in the CIP, allowed by first action allowance, do not match any claim within the parent application;
2. The limitations added to the claims during prosecution of the patent application were never allowed over the prior art; and
3. The reason for allowance cited by the examiner in allowing the ‘454 patent claims in a first action allowance does not mention the 36, 74, 48 degree viewing angles of the three sides. Instead, the reasons only make mention that each side allows for three distinct (e.g. different) display angles for the media device.

The prosecution history of the issued patent is also distinguishable from the legal citations noted by the examiner. The present situation does not significantly fall within the fact patterns of these cases, but is more akin to the *Seattle Box Co.* and *In re Peters* cases where recapture was not applicable.

*E. The reissue claims are **materially** narrowed relative to the original claim (e.g. claim 1 of the '443 application), but still broader than the patented claims, such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured*

“[I]f the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue.” *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 1347 (Fed. Cir. 2012). Here, claims 22-24 and 26-38 are materially narrowed compared to the originally filed claim 1 of the '443 application, reciting an embodiment distinguished from the 36, 74, 49 degree angles added to patented claim 1 of the '454 patent. For example, the reissue claims recite support edges and support backs to create virtual planes that allow much greater freedom to vary the viewing angles. Additionally, claim 29 and (now-amended) independent claim 30 further recite support or plane angles “different from one another,” which is a material narrowing of the original claim 1 of the parent '443 application as these claim are (i) related to the overly specific viewing angles removed from the new claims, and (ii) not a well-known feature of the prior art when such angles are measured in connection with the virtual planes. The Examiner already appears to agree with this position since the Barcalo rejection was withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner cannot now allege that the viewing angles being different *with respect to virtual planes* is both allowable over Barcalo **and** well known in the prior art. This logic is in conflict with and ignores the fact that the claimed viewing angles are not simply between three viewing angle sides as in Barcalo (which, by having a purely triangular cross-section, would add up to 180 degrees), but instead are in relation to support sides on “virtual planes” that do not require the cumulative support angles of the sides to equal 180 degrees. For instance, the very specific support sides listed in claim 1 of the '454 patent are 36 degrees, 74 degrees, and 49 degrees, which combine to equal a total of 159 degrees. The very fact that the reissue claims include features added to the original claim scope and that now change a claim that had been previously unpatentable over the prior art (claim 1 in the '443 application) to claims that are patentable over the prior art such as Barcalo should by its very definition make it “material narrower” than the originally presented '443 patent original claim 1. Moreover, the Examiner has explicitly stated that claims 29 and 39 (now incorporated into independent claim 30) include *materially* narrowing limitations.

The image below, used by Applicant in the previous Response to Office Action to overcome rejections under the prior art, illustrates how the Barcalo device rests directly on a support side to

prop up an adjacent support side at a predetermined angle. A fundamental principal of geometry is that triangular shapes such as the Barcalo device have interior angles that combine for a total of 180 degrees. This in contrast to the claimed media support device, which rests on virtual planes and allows the support sides (105) to be tilted at a more custom-controlled angle as by enlarging or reducing the size of the downward-facing edge support [i.e. edge support (110) on bottom-left]. The resulting structure allows the three display angles to be more custom tailored and is not restricted to having a total combined 180 degrees as with Barcalo.

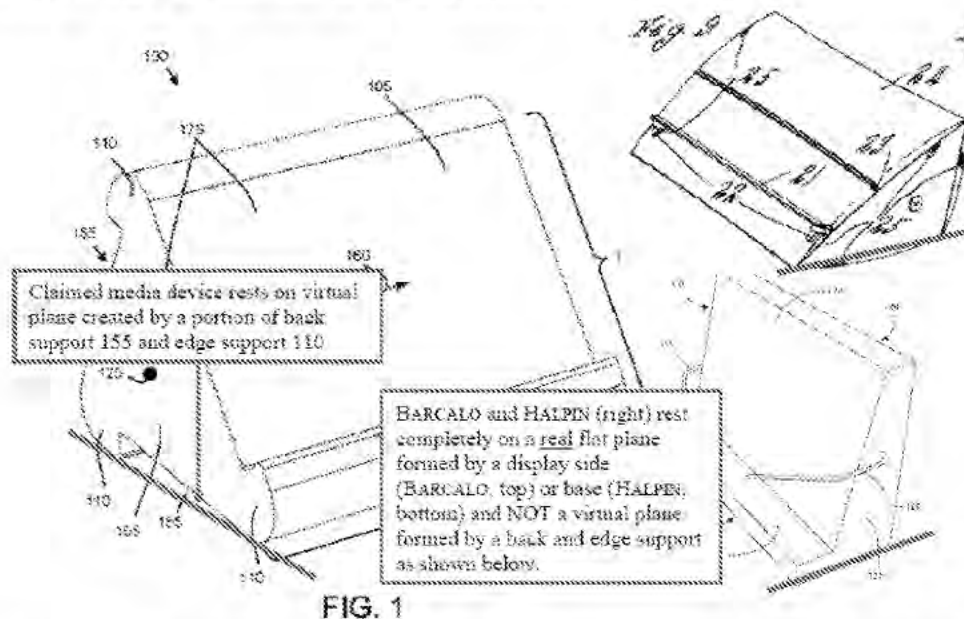


FIG. 1

Finally, it is important to keep in mind that the Barcalo reference was never cited as prior art during the original prosecution of the '454 patent. This is a clear difference with the Examiner's citation of *In re Mostafazadeh* [643 F.3d 1353 (Fed. Cir. 2011)] in which the added "attachment pads" limitation in the *Mostafazadeh* case were part of the background of the invention in the *Mostafazadeh* patent and "relied upon by the examiner in the original prosecution." (see *Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d at 1361 n.4) No such reliance on prior art showing different viewing angles *with respect to virtual planes* took place in the present case, and this limitation is not well known in the prior art. Unlike in *Mostafazadeh*, Applicant is not attempting to relitigate arguments made during prosecution of the original patent and is not trying to recapture any subject matter originally rejected in view of the Barcalo reference. Thus, impermissible recapture does not exist and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of this rejection.

The Recapture Rule does not apply in every instances where a limitation, even one added during prosecution of the application, is removed from a claim submitted for reissue. The claims submitted for reissue in the present case fall within the exceptions cited within *Seattle Box* and *In re Peters* because (a) the specific angles were not cited as a reason for allowance in distinguishing the prior art in the '454 patent—only that the angles were distinct [i.e. different] from one another, (b) the term “different” is simply being inserted in the reissue claims 29 and 30 to better match the examiner’s reason for allowance of the claim under a first action allowance of the '454 patent, and (c) certain claims, e.g. claims 22-29, are directed to an overlooked aspect of the invention due to error by the original attorney in the case and thus not subject to rejection under the recapture rule. For these reasons and those explained in more detail in the sections above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the rejection to Applicant’s Declaration and submitted reissue claims.

For the aforementioned reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner withdraw the rejection based on recapture and allow all claims.

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR NEW CLAIMS – 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(C)

CLAIM 21: (col. 2, lines 47-49)

CLAIM 22: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20) with claim numbered elements noted below

A media support apparatus (100) comprising:

a body having a first support back (105a), a second support back (105c), and a third support back (105b) disposed about a central axis (125);

a first support edge (110c) disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160a);

a second support edge (110b) disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160c);

a third support edge (110a) disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160b);

wherein said media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane (130c) between a top of the second support back (105c) and an outer edge of the second edge support (110b), on a second virtual plane (130b) between a top of the third support back (105b) and an outer edge of the third edge support (110a), and on a third virtual plane (130a) between a top of the first support back (105a) and an outer edge of the first edge support (110c); and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle (160a) of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane (130c) and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle (160c) when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane (130b) and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle (160b) when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane (130a) and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

CLAIM 23: (col. 3, lines 16-39)

CLAIM 24: (col. 3, lines 40-49)

CLAIM 25: (col. 3, lines 50-54)

CLAIM 26: (col. 3, lines 55-57)

CLAIM 27: (col. 2, lines 64-65)

CLAIM 28: (col. 2, lines 65-67)

CLAIM 29: (col. 3, lines 3-5)

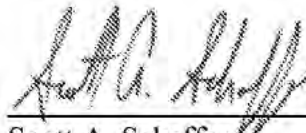
CLAIM 30: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20)

CLAIMS 31-38: (original claims) (col. 3, lines 40-44) (col. 3, lines 44-49) (col. 2, lines 44-45) (col. 2, lines 45-46) (col. 2, lines 49-50) (col. 2, lines 52-53) (col. 3, lines 59-60) (col. 3, lines 56-57) (col. 3, lines 57-58)

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present reissue application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to take the initiative and telephone the undersigned at (503) 970-5119 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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THE REPLY FILED 19 February 2020 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

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AMENDMENTS

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a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);

c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____ (See 37CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. ☒ Applicants reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See Continuation Sheet

6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

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11. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.

13. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement(s)*. (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____

14. ☐ Other: _____

STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: 1-10, 21 and 25.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: 11-24 and 26-38.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

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Continuation of AMENDMENTS 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): The rejection of all claims under 35 USC 251 based on a defective reissue declaration, and the rejection under 35 USC 112.

Continuation of REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER 12. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The recapture rejection of claims 22-24 and 26-38 is the only issue remaining in this prosecution. First applicant argues that claim 22 directed to unclaimed aspects. According to MPEP 1412.02, claims to overlooked aspects are "[c]laims to separate inventions/embodiments/species that were not claimed in the original application prosecution." MPEP.1412.01 states that "[t]he reissue claims must be for the same invention as that **disclosed** as being the invention as the original patent" and "[t]o satisfy the original patent requirement where a new invention is sought by reissue, '... the specification must clearly and unequivocally disclose the newly claimed invention is a separate invention.'" *Antares Pharma, Inc.* 771 F.3d at 1363, 112 USPQ2d [1865] at 1871. Therefore, claims drawn to an invention comprising a newly claimed combination of features that were only disclosed in the original patent as suggested alternatives (and not as a single combination) or only as part of the original invention and not an invention separate from the original invention would not satisfy the original patent requirement." In this case, there is nothing to indicate that the media support of claim 22 is a separate invention/embodiment/species from the media support set forth in claim 1. The original specification discloses only a single embodiment having all of the limitations set forth in the claims.

Applicant further argues that the final Office action does not provided any evidence that the applicant's amendment was an admission that the scope of the claim was not patentable. Applicant points to the statement made in the parent application on Nov. 13, 2015 that "[a]pplicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectively reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications." However, this boiler plate statement contradicts applicant's other statements in the same response. "Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements '...each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...' and '...wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees....'" "Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements '...each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...' and '... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...' recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims." Applicant asserts that because these claims were never allowed, there was no acquiescence in the rejection and acceptance of a patent whose claims include the limitations added by applicant to distinguish the claims over the prior art. It is noted, however, a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims. *Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012).

Applicant also argues that there is no evidence that applicant deliberately surrendered the subject matter in question. Attention is again directed to the response of Nov. 13, 2015 in the parent application that "[a]pplicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements '...each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise

about the central axis ..and . .wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees....” The Examiner notes that Klepar teaches a back support in physical communication with an adjacent edge support. OA, page 3, citing Klepar, fig. 7.....Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements “.. .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...” and “... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...” recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims.” This statement, along with others in the response, indicate a clear, deliberate surrender of the subject matter to distinguish over the prior art.

Applicant notes that an examiner's reasons for allowance cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection. The examiner agrees that the examiner's reasons for allowance cannot, by itself, provide the basis for establishing surrender and recapture. Ex parte Yamaguchi, 61 USPQ2d 1043 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 2001)(precedential). With regard to claim 30, applicant argues that "it is not the exact angles but rather the fact that the three display side angles with respect to virtual planes are distinct/different." Response, 5/19/20, pg. 17. Despite the fact that the reasons for allowance does not mention the specific angles set forth in original patented claim 1, the fact still remains that the applicant expressly stated that these specific angles were not taught by the prior art.

Applicant argues that the reissue claims are materially narrowed relative to the original claims but is still broader than the patented claim, such that the surrender generating limitation is not entirely or substantially recaptured. Applicant asserts that the reissue claim 22 recite support edges and backs to create virtual planes that allow greater freedom to vary the viewing angles. However, it is noted that claim 22 is broad enough to encompass viewing angles that are the same, thereby completely eliminating the distinct/different viewing angles limitation. While claim 30 includes the different viewing angle limitation, by claiming that the plane angles of the back supports are different, the examiner does not agree that the different viewing angle limitation is the surrender generating limitation because it is already taught by the prior art. Barcalo shows a media support device and discloses "[t]he edges of the triangular ends are preferably nearly, but not equal in length, and all the angles of the triangle also are preferably unequal, so that when the pillow is supported upon different inclinations to the supporting surface. Page 1, lines 86-91. The court found, in In re Mostafazadeh, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2.d 1639, "[r]etention of the attachment pad limitation is related to the surrendered subject matter, but is not materially narrowing because the use of an attachment pad was well known in the prior art." In this case, the different viewing angles limitation is well known in the prior art. Accordingly, recapture is not avoided. The fact that the prior art rejection has been withdrawn does not have any impact on the recapture issue. The prior art rejection was withdrawn because of applicant's arguments in the response of Jan. 23, 2020 which pointed out that Barcalo does not have three support edges (Barcalo discloses a single support bar that is repositioned to the side that is to hold the media). This feature has nothing to do with the specific viewing angles set forth in patent claim 1.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The claim amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.173(b)(2), (c), (e); M.P.E.P. §§ 1453(V)(B)-(D).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original Patented Claim) An apparatus comprising:
 three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

2. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

4. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

7. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

9. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

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21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

22. (New) A media support apparatus comprising:
a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back disposed about a central axis;

a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;

a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body includes three solid corners, with each of the corners interposed between two adjacent support backs and including a respective edge support.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

30. (New, amended) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends,

wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an adjacent back support,

wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,

wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,

wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,

wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support,

wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are different from one another; and

wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of an interior.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

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APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR §41.37

Appeal is taken from the examiner's Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2020, finally rejecting claims 22-24 and 26-38 in the instant application.

SUBSEQUENTLY FILED DOCUMENTS: Applicant submitted an Amendment After Final on May 19, 2020, which was entered by Advisory Action dated June 4, 2020 to overcome ancillary issues not on Appeal. Claims 1-10, 21, and 25 have been allowed. This Appeal Brief is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal mailed in this case on June 24, 2020.

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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST
37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(i)

Happy Products, Inc. of 5741 NE 87th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97220 is the assignee of the patent application from its inventors and is the real party in interest.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(ii)

There are no other prior and pending appeals, judicial proceedings or interferences known to the appellant which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(iii)

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 and 21-38 are in the case of which:

1. Claims allowed: 1-10, 21 and 25
2. Claim objected to: NONE
3. Claims rejected: 22-24 and 26-38
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration: NONE

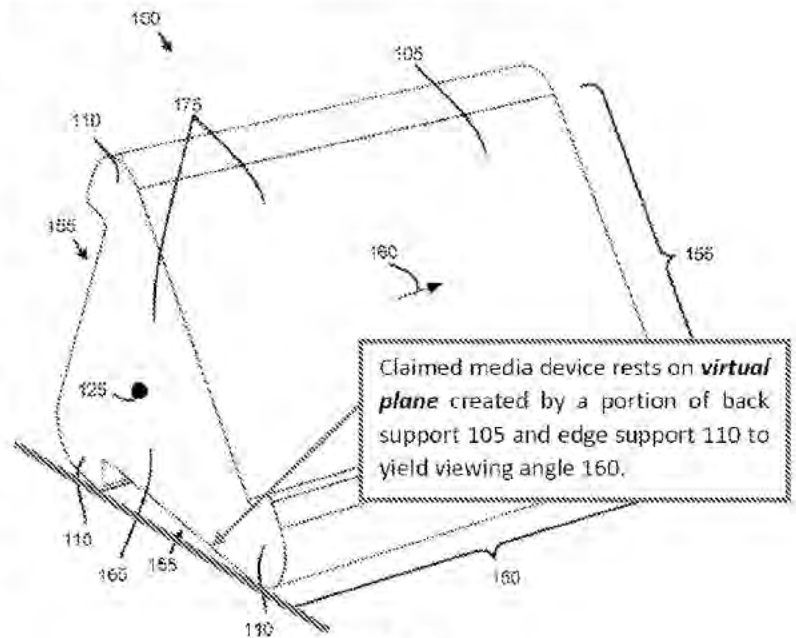
All the rejected claims, namely claims 22-24 and 26-38 are being appealed. The appealed claims are eligible for appeal, having been finally rejected.

B. Status of Amendments

Applicant submitted an Amendment After Final on May 19, 2020, which was entered by Advisory Action dated June 4, 2020 and overcame ancillary issues not on Appeal.

C. Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The claims on appeal are directed to a media support with three sets of back and edge supports arranged clockwise about a central axis of the media support body. The body (100) can then be rotated in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction about its central axis (125) to present one of the sets of back (105) and edge supports (110) so that a media device (e.g. iPad) can be rested on the supports to display the media device at an angle (160) to the viewer. Each of the sets of back and edge supports allows the media device to be displayed at a *different angle* so as to accommodate different positions that the user is reading from, e.g. a sitting user would read the media device at a first angle, a user that is laying on their back at a second angle, and a user laying on their front at a



third angle. This angle is in respect to a *virtual plane* created by the top of a downward-facing back support and respective edge support. To change the support side and thus the angle, the user can simply “flip” the device by rotating it around the central axis. The device can be continually flipped in the same direction until the proper side with the most comfortable viewing angle is presented.

FIG. 2 of the Reissue Application shows the three different angles (160a, 160b, 160c) created when the media support device rests on a virtual plane (130a, 130b, 130c). The display angle (160c) as shown is dictated by the angle of the resting virtual plane (130b) with the display side (105c). The media support apparatus can then be rotated clockwise to an adjacent virtual support plane (e.g. support plane 130c) so as to present an adjacent display angle (e.g. display angle 160a)

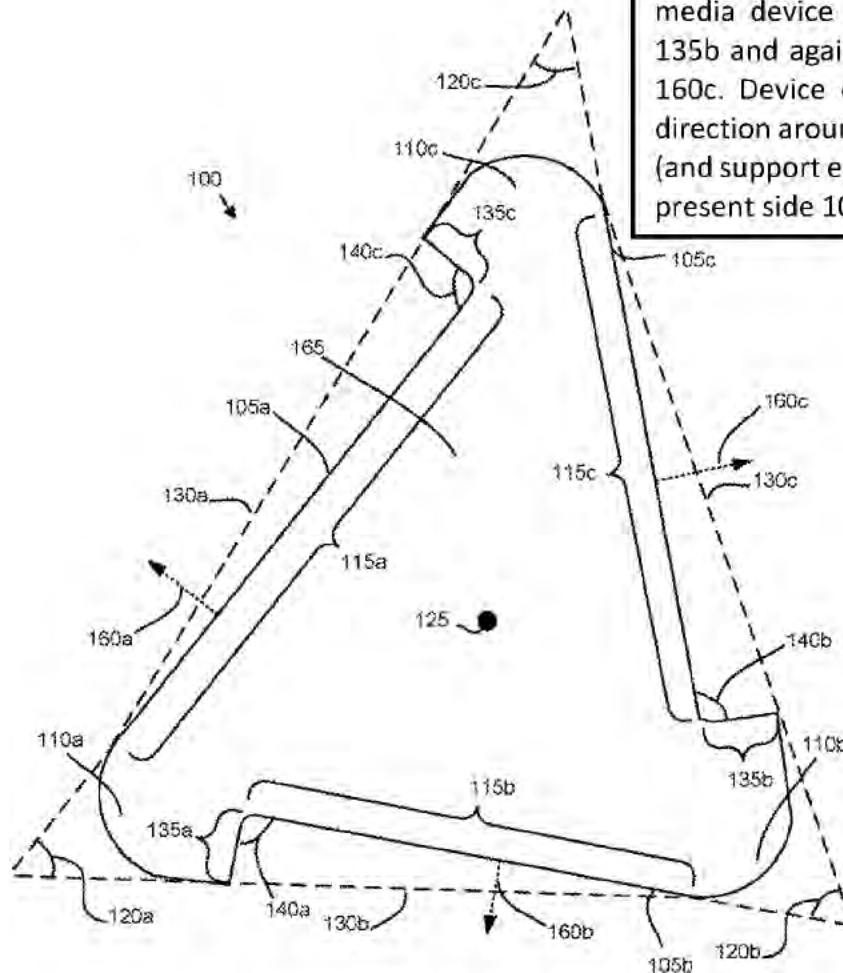


FIG. 2 illustrates where media support device 100 rests on virtual plane 130b to support media device (not shown) on support edge 135b and against back 105c at viewing angle 160c. Device can be rotated in a clockwise direction around axis 125 to present side 105a (and support edge 135c). And rotated again to present side 105b (and support edge 135a).

FIG. 2

D. Support for Claim Limitations

The following listing is intended to assist the Board to quickly determine where the claimed subject matter is described in the application:

- CLAIM 22: (FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20) with claim numbered elements noted below

Claim Term (claim 22) – claim elements are numbered

A media support apparatus (100) comprising:

a body having a first support back (105a), a second support back (105c), and a third support back (105b) disposed about a central axis (125);

a first support edge (110c) disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160a);

a second support edge (110b) disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160c);

a third support edge (110a) disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160b);

wherein said media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane (130c) between a top of the second support back (105c) and an outer edge of the second edge support (110b), on a second virtual plane (130b) between a top of the third support back (105b) and an outer edge of the third edge support (110a), and on a third virtual plane (130a) between a top of the first support back (105a) and an outer edge of the first edge support (110c); and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle (160a) of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane (130c) and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle (160c) when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane (130b) and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle (160b) when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane (130a) and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

- CLAIM 29

Claim Term (claim 29)

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The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle,

- FIGs. 1 and 2

and the third viewing angle are different from one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> col. 2, line 29; col. 2, lines 54-55 “The side supports 155 may be arranged to provide three different viewing angles 160 for three different user positions”; col. 4, lines 19-21
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- CLAIM 30: (col. 3, lines 40-44) (col. 3, lines 44-49) (col. 2, lines 44-45) (col. 2, lines 45-46) (col. 2, lines 49-50) (col. 2, lines 52-53) (col. 3, lines 59-60) (col. 3, lines 56-57) (col. 3, lines 57-58)

Claim Term (claim 30) – claim elements are numbered

An apparatus (100) comprising:

three support sides (155a, b, c—FIG. 1), each support side comprising a back support (105a, b, c) and an edge support (110a, b, c),

wherein a top of each back support (105) is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support (110) clockwise about a central axis (125) and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends (165),

wherein each edge support (110) comprises an edge support width (135—FIG. 2) with an edge angle (140) to an adjacent back support (105),

wherein a face of each edge support width (135) is oriented clockwise about the central axis (125),

wherein a plane (115a—FIG. 2) of a first back support (105a) is at a first plane angle (120a) to a second virtual plane (130b) between the top of a second back support (105b) counterclockwise to the first back support (105a) and an outer edge of a second edge support (135a) counterclockwise to the first back support,

wherein a plane (155b) of the second back support (105b) is at a second plane angle (120b) to a third virtual plane (130c) between the top of a third back support (105c) counterclockwise to the second back support (105b) and an outer edge of a third edge support (135c) counterclockwise to the second back support,

wherein a plane (155c) of a third back support (105c) is at a third plane angle (120c) to a first virtual plane (130a) between the top of the first back support (105a) counterclockwise to the third back support (105c) and an outer edge of the first edge support (135a) counterclockwise to the third back support,

wherein the first plane angle (120a), the second plane angle (120b), and the third plane angle (120c) are different from one another (col. 2, line 29; col. 2, lines 54-55 “The side supports 155 may be arranged to provide three different viewing angles 160 for three different user positions”; col. 4, lines 19-21); and

wherein each back support (105—FIG. 3), each edge support (110), and each end (165) is a surface (180) of an interior.

VII. ARGUMENT
37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(vii)

A. Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal

As all claims have been found to be allowable over the prior art, there is only a single issue remaining that needs to be reviewed on Appeal: Whether rejected claims 11-24 and 26-38 of the reissue application impermissible recapture subject matter surrendered from the originally issued patent, i.e., whether Applicant seeks to now “recapture” subject matter surrendered during prosecution of the original patent (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 – herein referred to as the ’454 patent), including prosecution of the parent application (i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/518,443 – herein referred to as the ’443 application) and the related child application (i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 15/192,737 – herein referred to as the ’737 application).

This Appeal requests the Board’s reconsideration, *inter alia*, of whether the Recapture Rule applies to the material narrowing of the original claim on reissue, namely adding:

wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are ***different*** from one another (emphasis added)

in place of the limitation added to the patented claim during prosecution, namely:

a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees

For reasons noted below, Applicant argues that the Recapture Rule does not apply and that all claims should be in condition for reissue.

B. Recapture Rule is NOT violated since reissue claim is materially narrowed with respect to originally filed claim

The recapture rule is violated when a limitation added during prosecution is eliminated ***entirely***, even if other narrowing limitations are added to the claim. If the added limitation is modified but not eliminated (as is the case with the present reissue claims), the claims must be materially narrowed relative to the surrendered subject matter such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured. *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 1360 (Fed. Cir. 2011)

The examiner has already stated that the “different” angles limitation added within the reissue claims is both (a) related to the surrendered subject matter, and (b) is a “material

narrowing” relative to the original claim:

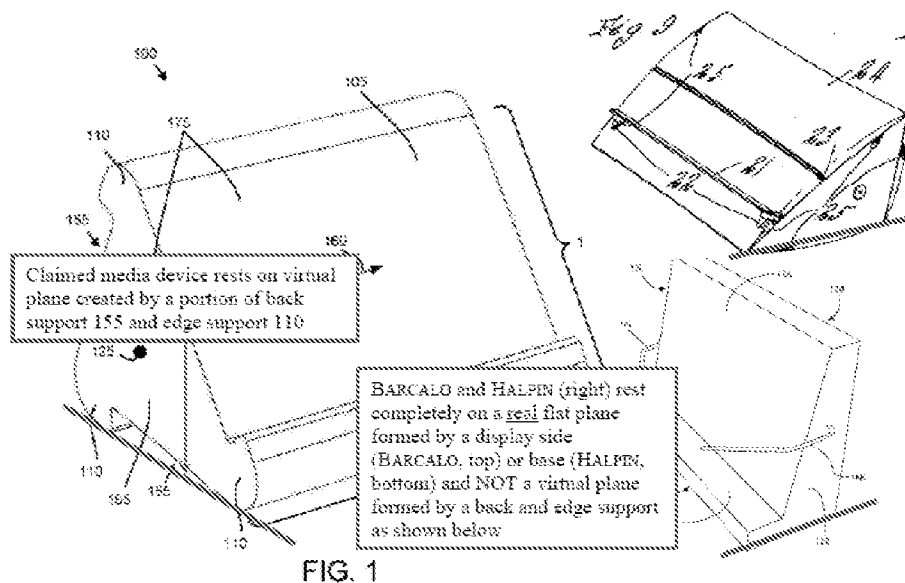
“Claim [30] was amended to include the limitation first, second and third viewing angles are different. New claim [22] also includes this limitation. Therefore, the **surrender generating limitation has not been entirely eliminated** because it is broader yet is **materially narrowed** relative to the original claim.” (*emphasis added*)

Office Action dated Oct. 18, 2019 (p.10)

The above definitive statement by the examiner should be the end of the matter. “If the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue.” *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 1347 (Fed. Cir. 2012).

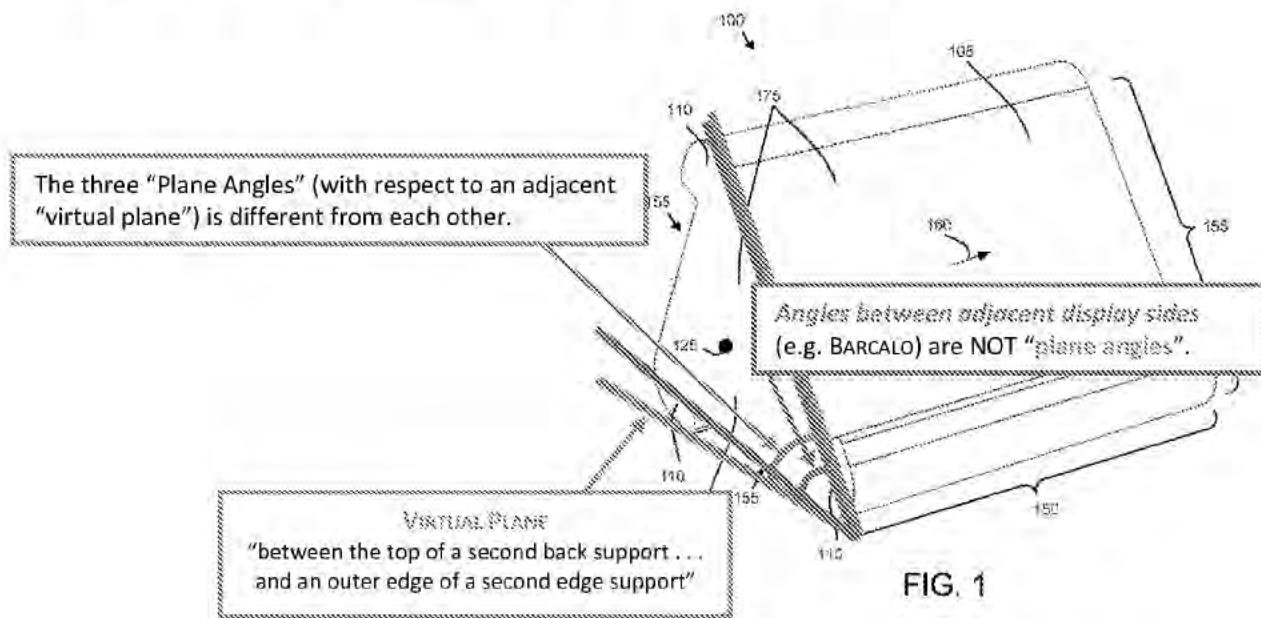
Although the examiner has already stated that the addition of the “different” angles limitation is a material narrowing, the examiner is in error that such a limitation is well known in the prior art, namely the circa 1932 Barcalo reference (U.S. Pat. No. 1,928,806). The claimed viewing angles are not simply between three viewing angle sides as in Barcalo (which, by having a purely triangular cross-section, would add up to 180 degrees). Instead, the plane angles dictating the viewing angles are between support sides on “virtual planes” and adjacent display sides, a relationship that does not require the cumulative support angles of the sides to equal 180 degrees. For instance, the very specific support angles listed in claim 1 of the ’454 patent are 36 degrees, 74 degrees, and 49 degrees, which combine to equal a total of 159 degrees.

The image right, used by Applicant in the previous Response to Office Action to overcome rejections under the prior art, illustrates how the Barcalo device rests directly on a support side to prop up an adjacent support side at a predetermined angle. A fundamental principal of geometry is that triangular shapes such as the



Barcalo device (top right) have interior angles that combine for a total of 180 degrees. This in contrast to the claimed media support device (left), which rests on virtual planes and allows the support sides (105) to be tilted at a more custom-controlled angle as by enlarging or reducing the size of the downward-facing edge support [i.e. edge support (110) on bottom-left]. The resulting structure allows the three display angles to be more custom tailored and is not restricted to having a total combined 180 degrees as with Barcalo.

The limitation “where the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are *different*” (claim 30) is NOT well known in the prior art.

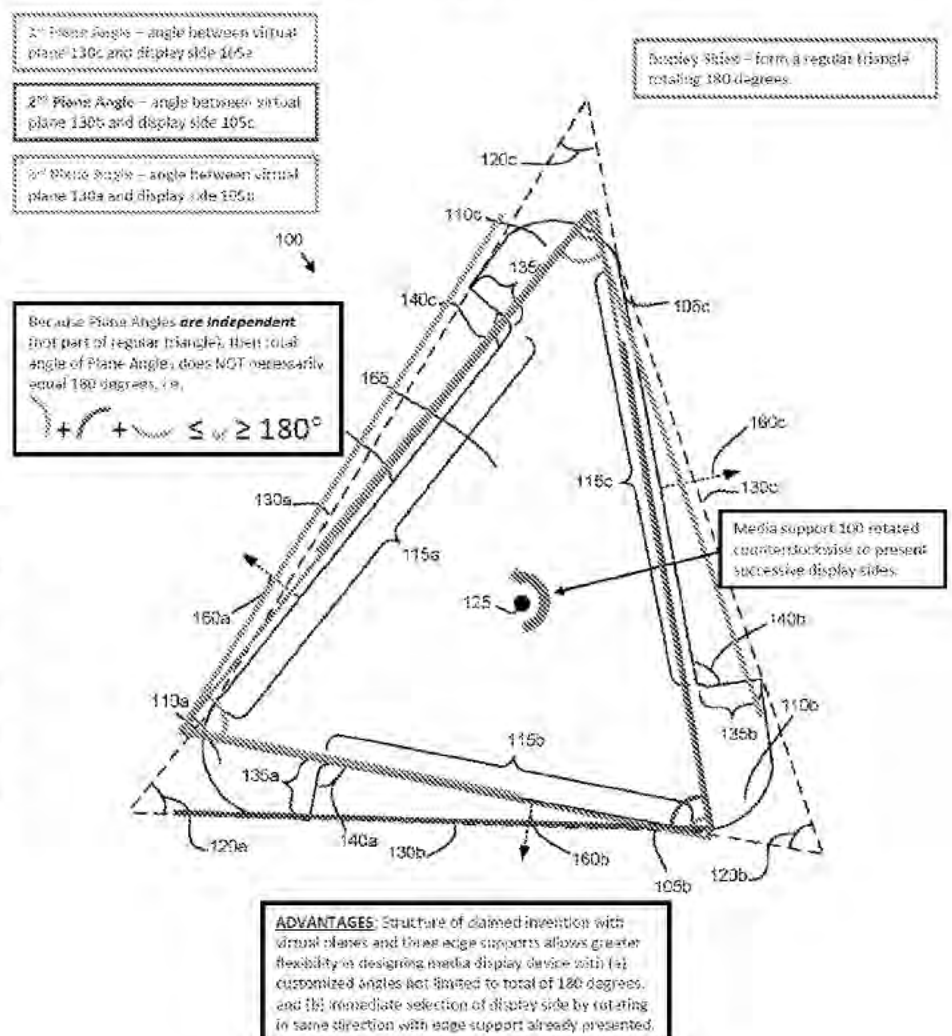


The image above illustrates that these plane angles are defined between the display plane and an adjacent *virtual* plane, NOT between adjacent display planes as with Barcalo. As explained above, this structure provides non-obvious advantages over the prior art and is thus—as the examiner has already stated—a material narrowing of the claim related to the surrendered subject matter.

The present situation is different from the narrow exception carved out by the *Mostafazadeh* case. The court in *Mostafazadeh* rejected the materiality of the added limitation on the grounds that the “solder pad” limitation added to the claim on reissue was so well known that it was fully described in the Background of Invention section of Applicant’s own patent application. Such is not the case here. In fact, none of the prior art cited during the

original prosecution of the application—namely, the Halpin (US2003/0001063) and Klepar (D703,216) references—even included all three display sides (Halpin had one, and Klepar had two). It was only five years later, during reissue, that a previously unknown reference—Barcalo (US1,928,806)—was cited, and even then *Barcalo does not disclose different angles between virtual sides and an adjacent display side*. It is clear then that no prior art, even the newly cited Barcalo reference, discloses the concept of virtual planes or that the angles between virtual planes and display sides are different from one another. Applicant’s added limitation in reissue related to the display angles or plane angles as being “different” is therefore NOT well known in the prior art and is a material narrowing of the original claim sufficient to avoid recapture.

In summary, therefore, while Applicant agrees with the examiner that the added “different” plane angles limitation is a *material narrowing* of the original claim, the examiner is incorrect that such a limitation is well known in the prior art since no reference actually discloses use of such virtual planes to prop up a display side. Accordingly, it should be clear that the Federal Circuit rule set forth in the *Youman* case controls, namely that the recapture rule does not bar reissue of claims 29-38 because Applicant modified the added limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim.



C. The USPTO has committed a critical error by not allowing the originally-filed claim 1, an error correctable in equity by issuance of the reissued claims

The only substantive difference between originally filed claim 1 of the parent ‘443 application (parent to Issued Patent 9,642,454) and claim 30 of the Reissue application is the clarification that the first, second, and third plane angles are “different from one another”.

As claim 30 (and claim 29) of the Reissue application is allowable over the prior art, the only inference that can be made apart from USPTO error in the original prosecution is that the “different angles” (with respect to virtual planes) is a material narrowing of the original claim sufficient to avoid recapture and is related to the reasons for overcoming the prior art.

The examiner of the Reissue application cited the “three support edges” limitation as the reason for withdrawing rejection of the claim under the prior art. But this limitation was in the original claim 1 as filed in the parent ‘443 application. (“three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support...”).

The USPTO has either committed a critical error in prosecution of the original parent application by not allowing claims with the “three support edges” limitation, and/or is mistaken as to the materiality of the narrowing of the original claim to specify “different angles.” Either way, granting of the Reissue is required under equity to give Applicant the patent that they were entitled to. *In re Weiler*, 790 F.2d 1576, 1579 (Fed. Cir. 1986) (the reissue statute “is remedial in nature, based on fundamental principles of equity and fairness.”)

The “different plane angles” limitation of claims 30-38 (or “different” viewing angles with respect to virtual planes in claim 29) is not well known in the prior art. Instead, the added reissue claims refer to different angles with respect to “virtual planes” on the media support apparatus. This distinguishes from the newly cited Barcalo reference where viewing angles are with respect to real sides of the apparatus. This difference yields very real results in that the combination of viewing angles in the present device need not equal 180 degrees (as with the purely triangular Barcalo) and are therefore much more configurable.

The narrow exception stated in *In re Mostafazadeh*—i.e. that the addition of “well-known” features of the prior art is not a material narrowing of the claim—therefore does **not** apply here. The *Mostafazadeh* court dealt with an added limitation (“attachment pad”) that was disclosed in the prior art section of the *Mostafazadeh* patent application and, in addition to it being obvious and admitted prior art, was “relied on by the examiner” during prosecution

of the case. Or as stated by the *Mostafazadeh* court:

As part of the "background of the invention," U.S. Patent Number 5,796,589 col. 1 ll. 39-44 (filed Dec. 20, 1995), which was relied on by the examiner in the original prosecution, discloses the use of "solder pads" (i.e., attachment pads).

Mostafazadeh at 1361.

It is important to keep in mind that the Barcalo reference was never cited as prior art during the original prosecution of the '454 patent. This is a clear difference with the examiner's citation of *In re Mostafazadeh* [643 F.3d 1353 (Fed. Cir. 2011)] in which the added "attachment pads" limitation in the *Mostafazadeh* case was part of the background of the invention in the *Mostafazadeh* patent and "relied upon by the examiner in the original prosecution." (see *Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d at 1361 n.4) No such reliance on prior art showing different viewing angles *with respect to virtual planes* took place in the present case, and this limitation is not well known in the prior art. Unlike in *Mostafazadeh*, Applicant is not attempting to relitigate arguments made during prosecution of the original patent and is not trying to recapture any subject matter originally rejected in view of the Barcalo reference. Also unlike in *Mostafazadeh*, *the Barcalo reference was not cited by the USPTO in the original prosecution* and could not therefore be relied upon by the examiner in the original prosecution, but instead was only found five years later by the current examiner after issuance of the original patent. But even if it were, Barcalo does not disclose or even suggest different angles with respect to virtual planes, which is a limitation that yields non-obvious advantages over the prior art as discussed in more detail in the section above. Thus, impermissible recapture does not exist and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of this rejection.

D. At least claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to a previously unclaimed aspect of the invention in view of the disclosure-dedication rule and thus not subject to rejection under the recapture rule

At least claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to the specific relationship of the three support backs of the media support body with the three support edges so as to create three different support "virtual planes" to provide three (e.g. different) respective viewing angles. The structure and limitations of independent claim 22 (and its dependents) were not covered

by a claim—e.g. a generic claim—at any point during prosecution of either the ‘443 application or the ‘737 continuation-in-part upon which the issued ‘454 patent is based.

Reissue claims directed to unclaimed aspects are not subject to a rejection for recapture because the claims are, by definition, unrelated to subject matter that was alleged by the examiner to be surrendered during prosecution of the original application. *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPTO2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (“Whereas the recapture rule applies when surrendered subject matter is being reclaimed, overlooked aspects by definition were never claimed and thus never surrendered”).

By way of example, claim 22 specifies that the first support edge is disposed between first and second support backs, that the second support edge is disposed between the second and third support back, and that the third support edge is disposed between the third and first support back. Further, claim 22 specifies that the media support device is configured to be rotated about a central axis so that the body can rest on either first, second, or third virtual planes (between stated support edges and support backs) to provide first, second, or third viewing angles, respectively. These are aspects that are not specified within the claims of the ‘454 patent, and further provide aspects disclosed within the original ‘443 application that were unappreciated and unclaimed during original prosecution.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner’s analysis that claim 22 is not considered to be drawn to a separate invention, embodiment or species because (as the examiner states) back supports, support edges and virtual planes are already present in original claims 1-10. Instead, the examiner is directed to the very specific relationship of first, second, and third support backs to respective first, second, and third support edges **and** to the previously unclaimed fact that the media support device is configured to rest on a horizontal support created by the virtual planes to provide first, second, and third viewing angles. These are aspects of the structure and function of the invention that were never presented in a claim or argued during prosecution. And as noted in Section E below, this structural configuration allows the creation of three viewing angles that, collectively, **can but are not required to** equal a total of 180 degrees, thus providing an advantage over purely triangular devices such as the Barcalo reference which **do** required a total of 180 degrees.

Pending independent claim 22 does not attempt to recapture any claim limitations *deliberately* surrendered (see Section C below) during prosecution of the related applications.

Rather, claim 22 claim recites only unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiments of the '443 application that include the three backed design of a media support apparatus that allows for the support *on virtual planes* of a media device at three (e.g. different) viewing angles. Applicant has never disputed that this feature is part of what makes the claimed subject matter unique. For example, in differentiating between the two primary references cited against the claims during prosecution of the '443 application, Applicant in its November 13, 2015 Amendment and Response stated:

[T]he claimed invention provides *three distinct viewing angles In contrast, Halpin and Klepar only support one and two distinct viewing angles respectively as they lack all the multiple support edges oriented clockwise around a central axis*. These advantages have resulted in significant commercial success, with 5000 units of media support based on the claimed invention sold to date. [emphases added].

Thus, pending independent claim 22, by containing a three-backed design, merely reiterate limitations that Applicant has always maintained make its invention unique. As a result, the lack of recitation of the specific viewing angles in claim 22 is not a disqualifying feature of the claims because the previously allowed claims, reciting the specific viewing angles, are merely an embodiment, but a separate embodiment, of the three-backed design that is at the heart of the uniqueness of the reissue claims. Applicant has never conceded this point during the prosecution of any of the related applications. Thus, there has never been a surrender of this previously unclaimed subject matter. And by adding this previously unclaimed embodiment, Applicant is not exposed to the disclosure-dedication doctrine.

E. The Final Office Action fails to demonstrate that the original prosecution amendments were an admission of unpatentability over the prior art or that they were made in view of Examiner action

The recapture rule does not apply in the absence of evidence that the applicant's amendment was "an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable," *Seattle Box Co. v. Industrial Crating & Packing, Inc.*, 731 F.2d 818, 826 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Although deliberately canceling or amending a claim in an effort to overcome a reference strongly suggests that the applicant admits that the scope of the claim before the cancellation or amendment is unpatentable, it is not dispositive because other evidence in the prosecution history may indicate the contrary. See *Mentor Corp. v. Colorplast, Inc.*, 998 F.2d 992, 995-96 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *Ball Corp. v. U.S.*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1984); *Seattle Box Co.*,

731 F.2d at 826, (declining to apply the recapture rule in the absence of evidence that the applicant's "amendment ... was in any sense an admission that the scope of [the] claim was not patentable"); *Haliczer v. United States*, 356 F.2d 541, 545 (Ct. Cl. 1966); *In re Willingham*, 282 F.2d 353, 354, 357 (CCPA 1960) (no intent to surrender where the applicant canceled and replaced a claim without an intervening action by the examiner).

The *Seattle Box Co.* case is particularly instructive as it includes many of the same type of amendments as the present case. In *Seattle Box Co.*, the patent attorney narrowed claim 1 during the application's prosecution so as to specify that the spacer block used in a claimed shipping bundle had a height "*greater than* the diameter of the pipe." Soon after the attorney made this narrowing amendment, although not necessarily because of it, the patent examiner allowed each of the application's claims. Seattle Box later filed an application to have the patent reissued with broader claims that specified that the spacer block be not only greater than the diameter of the pipe, but also "*substantially equal to* the thickness of the tier of pipe length." The Federal Circuit held that the recapture rule did not apply here even though the broadening was to a limitation specifically added to the claim during prosecution because "there is no evidence that Seattle Box's amendment of its originally filed claims was in any sense an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable."

In the present case, the '737 CIP application that resulted in issuance of the issued '454 patent was **a first action allowance** in which the claims were allowed as originally presented. The parent patent application to the '737 CIP application—the '443 application—had but a single Response to Office Action in which the Applicant specifically disavowed that the amendments were made to make an unpatentable claim patentable. Instead, Applicant stated as follows:

Applicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations *are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution*. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

(Response to Office Action dated Nov. 13, 2015; p.7) [emphasis added]

Applicants were only interested in "facilitating expeditious prosecution" and continued to argue patentability of the broader concept underlying the claims. This situation is thus distinguishable over cases such as *Clement* cited by the examiner, where the applicant in that

case explicitly admitted during prosecution that the amendments to the claims were “in order to distinguish over the prior art.”

It should be noted that claims in the ’443 application were never allowed, and in fact all claims in that ’443 application (including those that included the overly-specific display angles) were rejected in view of cited art. As no patent issued, there was thus no “acquiescence in the rejection and acceptance of a patent whose claims include the limitation added by the applicant to distinguish the claims from the prior art.” *Haliczer*, 356 F.2d at 545. Nevertheless, during prosecution of the ’443 application, Applicants pointed out the differences with the prior art, namely that the Halpin and Klepar references “only support one and two distinct viewing angles respectively” while the claimed invention “provides three distinct viewing angles.” (Nov. 13, 2015 Response, p.10)

Accordingly, just like *Seattle Box*, the recapture rule should not apply to the reissue claims herein since there is no evidence that Applicant did not think the originally prosecuted claims patentable over the prior art. On the contrary, Applicant pointed out the distinctions with the prior art.

Applicant thus believes that the original attorney prosecuting the application may have committed error correctable by reissue by arguing this distinction without explicitly including the “different viewing angles” limitation within the claims—a distinction that is now corrected with the new reissue claim set and particularly within claims 29 and 30.

*F. As there was NO intentional or deliberate surrender of subject matter, and NO admission that the scope of the claim was unpatentable, recapture does **not** apply*

To invoke recapture, it must be shown that applicant is attempting to regain, through reissue, subject matter that was *surrendered* during prosecution to overcome prior art references. *See Medtronic, Inc. v. Guidant Corp.*, 465 F.3d 1360, 1373 (Fed. Cir. 2006). The law is clear that this surrender must be *intentional or deliberate and for the express purpose to overcome a prior art rejection*. *Id.* at 1372-73 (“Under the ‘recapture’ rule, the *deliberate* surrender of a claim to certain subject matter during the original prosecution of the application for a patent ‘made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection’ is not such ‘error’ as will allow the patentee to recapture that subject matter in a reissue”) (emphasis added). Thus, there can be no recapture under law or policy if: (1) there is no showing that Applicant

intentionally or deliberately surrendered subject matter during prosecution to overcome prior art references, and (2) there is no admission that the scope of the claims were unpatentable under the prior art.

As an initial matter, Applicant respectfully submits that examiner has not shown that Applicant has ever deliberately surrendered any subject matter to overcome the references asserted during the prosecution of the related applications. As a result, the threshold requirement to invoke recapture is not met.

Applicant respectfully submits that a comparison of the originally filed claims of U.S. Appl. No. 14/518,443 (the “’443 application”); the subsequent amendments to those claims during prosecution of the ’443 application; and the further amendment to those claims as a part of claims filed in U.S. Appl. No. 15/192,737 (the “’737 application”), which is a continuation in part of the ’443 application, and which ultimately resulted in allowance and issuance of U.S. Pat. No. 9,642,454 (the “’454 patent”), indicates that ***no subject matter was ever deliberately surrendered by Applicant to overcome the references previously asserted against the claims.***

Rather, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in the previous applications were amended to narrow the scope of the claimed subject matter, and to add limitations to encompass certain embodiments of the disclosure *for expediency to allowance*. These features included adding specific angles and further specifying the geometry of the viewing angles and support edges. As clearly stated by Applicant in its responses to the Office Actions, the reason for adding these limitations was to obtain prompt allowance of the claimed subject matter rather than go through a lengthy and expensive prosecution. Explicit statements by Applicant during prosecution of the ’443 application, specifically statements in the November 13, 2015 Response to Office Action (the “Nov. 13 Response”) make this clear. In the November 13 Response, (p.7), Applicant stated:

Applicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are ***only for facilitating expeditious prosecution***. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.” [emphasis added].

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the record clearly indicates that any amendments made to the previous applications was not for the deliberate purpose of surrendering subject matter Applicant believed was in any of the references. Rather, they

were made to expedite allowance of the claims. As a result, the threshold requirement for recapture has not been met. Compare *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 1471 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (holding that recapture did apply based on patentees admissions on the record that the added limitations during the prosecution history of the patent were made to distinguish over the prior art).

G. The Examiner's reasons for allowance for the '454 patent cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection

The March 30, 2020 Final Office Action point #7 (FOA, p.7) is properly cited but wrongly interpreted. The examiner's Notice of Allowability for the '454 patent states that "the prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device." In this context, the word "distinct" does not refer to the raw numbers—e.g. 36, 74, and 49 degrees—but that the angles are DIFFERENT. This is supported by applicant's use of the word "distinct" in the original '443 application (paragraphs [0023] and [0027]) as well as the common definition of the word as "recognizably different" or "readily distinguishable." The synonym "different" is also used throughout the issued patent—e.g. col. 2, lines 29 and 55; and col. 4, line 20. As such, the claims presented in the reissue application use the word "different" as a synonym to "distinct" in order to refer to the fact that the three distinct viewing angles of the media support pillow are different from one another.

As explained in Section C above, the examiner of the original '737 application rejected claims with the specific angles 36, 74, and 49 degrees *in view of the references*. The reissue examiner cannot now argue on one hand that these original patent claim's specific angles were the reason for allowance of the '737 application, and on the other hand use this to reject the reissue application under the recapture rule.

The March 30, 2020 Final Office Action point #4 (FOA, p.6)—referring to a rejection of claim 1 under §112(a) on the grounds that the specific angles within the claims is not support by the original disclosure—is significantly incomplete. Claim 1 was also rejected in view of the references. Since no prior art was overcome by inclusion of the exact 36, 74, 48 degree viewing angles during prosecution of the '454 patent and its parent case, such limitations are unnecessarily restrictive and may be broadened during reissue without running

afoul of the restriction against recapture. The Federal Circuit addressed a similar situation in *In re Peters* [723 F.2d 891 (Fed. Cir. 1983)] where the original claims required, among other things, a metal tip having a tapered shape. *Id.* at 892. The patent owner filed a reissue application seeking to broaden the claims to cover both tapered and non-tapered tips. *Id.* The Board held that the broadened claims sought by the reissue application were not supported by the original disclosure because the only tips disclosed were tapered. *Id.* at 893. The Federal Circuit overturned, however, holding that “[t]he broadened claims merely omit an unnecessary limitation that had restricted one element of the invention to the exact and non-critical shape disclosed in the original patent.” *Id.* The Federal Circuit reasoned that the disclosed tip configuration was not critical because no prior art was overcome based on the tip shape and “one skilled in the art would readily understand that in practicing the invention it is unimportant whether the tips are tapered.” *Id.*

Similarly, and with particular respect to claims 29 and (now-amended) claim 30, it is not the exact angles but rather the fact that the three display side angles *with respect to virtual planes* are distinct/different that can provide comfortable viewing of the media in any one of a variety of different viewing positions, e.g. in a reader’s lap while sitting up, when laying down, or when positioned on a table or desk when reading upright. Applicants can provide evidence of success of recent products without these exact angles to show that such angles are non-critical; it is only important that these angles be different. Like *Peters*, the broadened claims in the reissue merely omit an unnecessary limitation, e.g. the extraordinarily specific viewing angles subject to any expansion under the Doctrine of Equivalents, that had restricted one element of the invention to the exact and non-critical shape disclosed in the original patent.

In summary, therefore, Applicants dispute that the recapture rule is applicable in this case for the following notable reasons:

1. The claims in the CIP, allowed by first action allowance, do not match any claim within the parent application;
2. The limitations added to the claims during prosecution of the patent application were never allowed over the prior art; and
3. The reason for allowance cited by the examiner in allowing the ‘454 patent claims in a first action allowance does not mention the 36, 74, 48 degree viewing angles of the three sides. Instead, the reasons only make mention that each side allows for three distinct (e.g. different) display angles for the media device.

The prosecution history of the issued patent is also distinguishable from the legal citations noted by the examiner. The present situation does not significantly fall within the fact patterns of these cases, but is more akin to the *Seattle Box Co.* and *In re Peters* cases where recapture was not applicable.

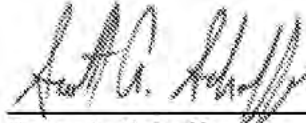
In summary, therefore, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner position that currently pending claims 22-24 and 26-38 are attempting to recapture material surrendered during the prosecution of '454 patent for at least five reasons. First, recapture does not apply when the claims have been materially narrowed relative to the originally filed claims (i.e. originally filed claim 1 of the '443 application). Claim 29 and amended claim 30, for instance, include a feature that the examiner has already held to be a “material narrowing relative to the original claim.” This material narrowing—i.e. that all three plane angles as measured from back supports to respective virtual planes are different from one another—is not well-known and confers materially significant operational improvements (discussed below) that were not available in the prior art. Second, claims 22-24 and 26-29 are directed to a previously unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiment that captures aspects of the invention in a much different way than the patented claims, e.g., relying on disclosure found only in the original '443 patent application. These claims are directed to the specific relationship of the three support backs of the media support body with the three support edges so as to create three different support “virtual planes” to provide three (e.g. different) respective viewing angles. The structure and limitations of independent claim 22 (and its dependents) were not covered by a claim—e.g. a generic claim—at any point during prosecution of either the '443 application or the '737 continuation-in-part upon which the issued '454 patent is based. Applicant has added this new embodiment to the claims in view of the disclosure-dedication doctrine. Third, recapture does not apply in the absence of evidence that the Applicant's amendments were an admission that the scope of that claim was not in fact patentable. Fourth, recapture does not apply in the absence of evidence that Applicant intentionally or deliberately surrendered any subject matter during the original prosecution. Fifth, the examiner's reasons for allowance of the '454 patent cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection of the claims.

For at least these reasons, and under the law, recapture is not available as a ground of rejection and Applicant therefore respectfully traverses.

CONCLUSION

The Appellant requests favorable consideration by the Board. If any questions remain, the Board is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

37 CFR §41.37(c)(1)(viii)

The text of the claims on appeal is:

Claims 1-10 and 21-38, as follows:

1. (Original Patented Claim) An apparatus comprising:

three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

2. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

4. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

7. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

9. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

Cancelled claims 11-20

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

22. (New) A media support apparatus comprising:
a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back
disposed about a central axis;
a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support
back, the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at
a first support angle;
a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support

back, the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle;

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body includes three solid corners, with each of the corners interposed between two adjacent support backs and including a respective edge support.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

30. (New, amended) An apparatus comprising:

three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent
edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in
physical communication with two ends,

wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an
adjacent back support,

wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,
wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane
between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an
outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,

wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual
plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support
and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,

wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane
between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an
outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support,

wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are
different from one another; and

wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of an interior.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first back support has a
longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a
longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal

length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms

an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX

1st Plane Angle – angle between virtual plane 130c and display side 105a

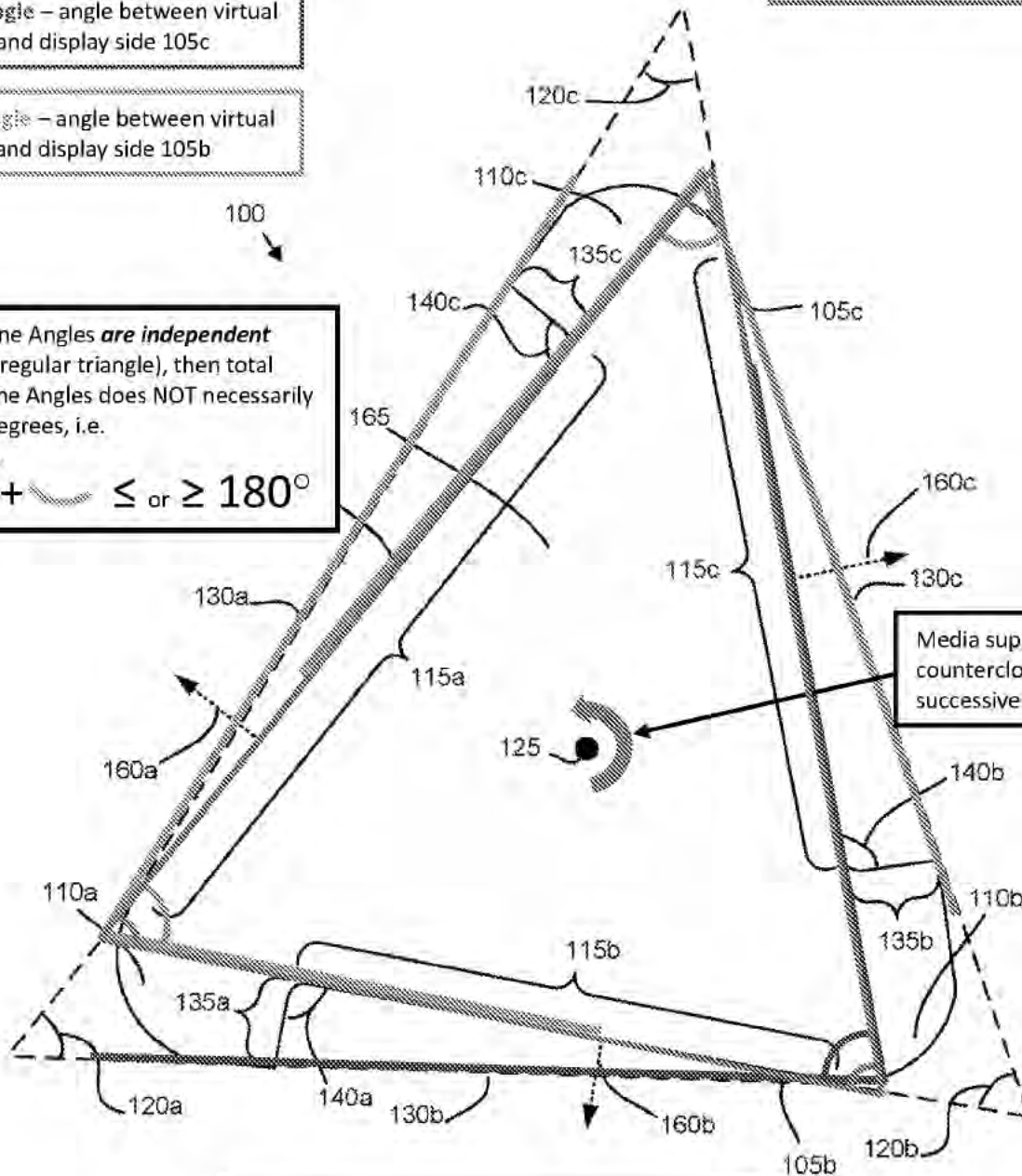
2nd Plane Angle – angle between virtual plane 130b and display side 105c

3rd Plane Angle – angle between virtual plane 130a and display side 105b

Display Sides – form a regular triangle totaling 180 degrees.

Because Plane Angles *are independent* (not part of regular triangle), then total angle of Plane Angles does NOT necessarily equal 180 degrees, i.e.

$$\curvearrowright + \curvearrowright + \curvearrowright \leq \text{or} \geq 180^\circ$$



Media support 100 rotated counterclockwise to present successive display sides.

ADVANTAGES: Structure of claimed invention with virtual planes and three edge supports allows greater flexibility in designing media display device with (a) customized angles not limited to total of 180 degrees, and (b) immediate selection of display side by rotating in same direction with edge support already presented.

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These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

Status of Amendments

An amendment was filed on May 19, 2020 and has been entered. The status of the claims is:

Original claims: 1-10.

New claims: 21-38.

Canceled claims 11-20 and 38.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 251

Claims 22-24 and 26-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Greenliant Systems, Inc. et al v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 103 USPQ2d 1951 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *In re Shahram Mostafazadeh and Joseph O. Smith*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *North American Container, Inc. v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, 415 F.3d 1335, 75 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 2005); *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the original application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claimed subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. **The "original application" includes the patent family's entire prosecution history.** *MBO Laboratories, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co.*, 602 F.3d 1306, 94 USPQ2d 1598 (Fed. Cir. 2010). Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

MPEP 1412.02 II summarizes the three-step test for recapture:

Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468-70, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit set forth a three step test for recapture analysis. In *North American Container*, 415 F.3d at 1349, 75 USPQ2d at 1556, the court restated this test as follows:

We apply the recapture rule as a three-step process:

(1) first, we determine whether, and in what respect, the reissue claims are broader in scope than the original patent claims;

[NOTE: if the claims are not broader in scope than the original patent claims, there is no recapture; if the claims are broader in scope, then proceed to step (2).]

(2) next, we determine whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution. Step 2 includes two subsets:

1. The Two Sub-Steps:

(A) One must first determine whether applicant surrendered any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application that became the patent to be reissued.

If an original patent claim limitation now being omitted or broadened in the present reissue application was originally relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art, the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered by applicant. The reliance by applicant to define the original patent claims over the art can be by presentation of new/amended claims to define over the art, or an argument/statement by applicant that a limitation of the claim(s) defines over the art. To determine whether such reliance occurred, the examiner must review the prosecution history of the original application (of the patent to be reissued and any related application(s)) for surrender of claimed subject matter which may result in recapture. The prosecution history includes the rejections and applicant's arguments made therein.

With respect to whether applicant surrendered any subject matter, it is to be noted that a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims. *Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012). As pointed out by the court, "[i]t does not matter whether the examiner or the Board adopted a certain argument for allowance; the sole question is whether the argument was made." *Id.*

If applicant did not surrender any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application, the analysis ends and there is no recapture.

(B) If applicant did surrender subject matter in the original application prosecution, the examiner must then determine whether any of the broadening of the

reissue claims is in the area of the surrendered subject matter. The examiner must analyze all of the broadening aspects of the reissue claims to determine if any of the omitted/broadened limitation(s) are directed to limitations relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art. and

[NOTE: if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do not relate to surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do relate to surrendered subject matter, then proceed to step (3).]

(3) finally, we determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

[NOTE: if the reissue claims were materially narrowed in aspects related to the surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the claims were not materially narrowed in related aspects or were narrowed in unrelated aspects, there is recapture.]

In *North American Container*, the court cited *Pannu*, 258 F.3d at 1371, 59 USPQ2d at 1600; *Hester*, 142 F.3d at 1482-83, 46 USPQ2d at 1649-50; and *Clement*, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65 as cases that lead to, and explain the language in, the *North American Container* recapture test.

A review of the prosecution history of Application Nos. 15/192,737 ('737 application) and 14/518,443 ('443 application) reveals the following:

The '443 application.

1. The '443 application was filed on October 20, 2014 with claims 1-14.
2. A non-final Office action was mailed on August 14, 2015. The Office action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patti Halpin U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0001063 A1 (Halpin) in view Zvi Klepar U.S. Design Patent D703,216 S (Klepar).
3. In response to the Office action, on November 13, 2015, Applicant amended claim 1 to add "each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis" and "wherein a first

viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.” Applicant argued that the prior art cited did not teach these two limitation. Remarks, 11/13/15, page 10.

4. A Final Office Action was mailed on February 11, 2016 which included a rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112(a) because the amendment (the first viewing angle of the first back support to be 36 degrees and the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees) was not adequately supported by the original disclosure.

The ‘737 application.

1. The ‘737 application claimed priority, as a continuation-in-part, to application number 14/518,443, which was filed on October 20, 2014. The ‘737 application was filed on June 24, 2016 with claims 1-10.

2. Claim 1 of the ‘737 application included the limitations “each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis” and “a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.”

3. A Notice of Allowability was mailed on January 6, 2017 and was accompanied by an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance that stated “[t]he prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device.”

The present Reissue application.

1. The present reissue application was filed on January 30, 2017. New claim 22-24 and 26-38 been presented without the specific viewing angles (36,

74 and 49 degrees) or the limitation that each edge support comprising an edge angle of 90 degrees to the adjacent back support.

Three step analysis of current reissue:

Step 1. Are there reissue claims that are broader in scope than the original claims?

New independent claims 22-24 and 26-29 are broader in scope because they do not include the following limitations:

- a) each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ("edge angle" limitation)
- b) a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees ("viewing angle" limitation).

Claims 30-38 do not mention viewing angles at all. New claim 25 (dependent on claim 22) includes these specific viewing angles but does not include the edge support having an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support.

Accordingly, claims 22-38 are broader in scope than the original claims.

Step 2: Determine if the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Sub step A: During the prosecution of the original application, 14/518,443, claim 1 was amended to include the limitations specified above in Step 1. Applicant argued:

"Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements . . .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . .wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support

is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...”

recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims.” (14/518,443, Remarks, 11/13/15, pg. 10).

Subset B:

Claims 22-24 and 26-39 of the present application are broader than original patented claim 1 of the ‘454 patent because they do not include the limitation “wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.” Neither claim 22 nor claim 30 mention anything about the angle of the back support. This limitation is considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that this limitation was not taught by the prior art. Furthermore, claims 22-24 and 26-38 do not include the limitation that each edge support has an edge angle of 90 degrees with respect to an adjacent back support. Claim 25 includes the specific viewing angles but does not include the limitation that each edge support has an edge angle of 90 degrees with respect to an adjacent back support. This limitation is also considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that it was not taught by the prior art.

Accordingly, the broader aspects of new claims 22-38 related to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Step Three: Determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

MPEP 1412.02.II.C states:

As pointed out above, this third step of the recapture determination, as set forth in *North American Container*, considers the significance of the claim limitations that were added and deleted, during prosecution of the patent (to be reissued) to determine whether the reissue claims should be barred under the recapture doctrine.

In the decision of *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011), the Federal Circuit stated that to avoid the recapture rule "the claims must be materially narrowed relative to the surrendered subject matter such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured." *Id.* at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. Under this third step, it must be determined if there is entire or substantial recapture of the surrendered subject matter because there is no or insufficient material narrowing to avoid the recapture rule.

The following discussion addresses analyzing the reissue claims that have eliminated or modified a surrender generating limitation, as determined under step 2 analysis. In any broadening reissue application, the examiner will determine, under steps 1 and 2 of the recapture analysis on a claim-by-claim basis, whether the broadening relates to subject matter that was surrendered during the examination of the patent for which reissue is requested. Under step 3, it must be determined if such reissue claims are materially narrowed so as to escape the effects of the recapture doctrine. Note, examiners should consider any relevant preliminary applicant arguments of record as part of the recapture determination. See subsection VII., below, "REBUTTAL BY THE REISSUE APPLICANT," which points out how the recapture finding of the Office can be rebutted by applicant, in some limited instances, by showing that material narrowing is present in the claims.

The modification of a surrender generating limitation is broken down into two possibilities that will be addressed below.

1) If a surrender generating limitation (SGL) has been entirely eliminated from a claim present in the reissue application, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 may be proper. For example, if a claim limitation present in the original patent that was added to overcome a rejection or that was argued by applicant to distinguish over the prior art is entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application and not replaced by a new SGL-related limitation, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 is proper and must be made for that claim.

Such an omission in a reissue claim, even if it is accompanied by other limitations making the reissue claim narrower than the patent claim in other unrelated aspects, is **impermissible recapture**. *Pannu*, 258 F.3d at 1371-72, 59 USPQ2d at 1600. But note that even if the SGL limitation in the patent claims was entirely eliminated, the reissue applicant may have added a new limitation that relates to surrendered subject matter. See the last paragraph of this subsection below.

2) If the SGL has not been entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application (i.e., the amendment narrowing the claim or the argued limitation has not been entirely eliminated from the claim in the reissue application), but rather it has been made less restrictive in the reissue application claim (such that the claim is broadened), the analysis (based on *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011) and *In re Youman*, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPQ2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012)) is as follows:

It must be determined what portion of the amendment or argued limitation has been retained, and whether the retained portion materially narrows the original claims to avoid recapture.

See *Youman*, 679 F.3d at 1346 n.4, 102 USPQ2d at 1870 n.4 ("original claims' are defined as 'the claims before surrender'"). "[I]f the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue." *Id.* at 1347, 102 USPQ2d at 1870. On the other hand, if the retained portion of the modified limitation is "well known in the prior art," impermissible recapture has not been avoided. See *Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. It is to be noted that if the retained portion of the modified limitation is well known in the prior art, then impermissible recapture exists, even in a case where a further limitation which is not related to the surrendered

subject matter (i.e., a limitation that does not materially narrow the claims) has been added to define the claims over the art. Id. (Emphasis added).

New claims 22-38 violate the recapture rule because they are broader in scope than the surrendered version of patented claim 1 due to omission of the “edge angle” limitation. These claims do not materially narrow the limitation relative to the original claim. Claims 22-24, 26-28 modify the “viewing angle” limitation such that the angles could be any angle, including the same angle. Accordingly the limitation has not been materially narrowed relative to the original claim. Claim 25 includes the “viewing angle” limitation. Claim 29 adds that the viewing angles are different, thus materially narrowing the limitation relative to the original claim. Claims 30-38 also do not include the “viewing angle” limitation. Claim 30 defines back support angles define plane angles relative to a virtual plane and states that these plane angles are different. However, this limitation is not directed to any viewing angles and therefore does not materially narrow relative to the original claim. Because none of the new claims include both the “edge angle” and the “viewing angle” limitation, impermissible recapture exists.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant’s arguments, see Remarks, filed May 19, 2020, with respect to the rejection under 35 USC 251, based on a defective reissue declaration, of all the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. This rejection of claims 1-10, 21-38 has been withdrawn.

Applicant’s arguments, see Remarks, filed May 19, 2020, with respect to the rejection of claims 30-38, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph have been fully considered and are persuasive. This rejection of claims 30-38 has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments filed in the Appeal Brief of August 24, 2020 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the reissue claims are materially narrowed with respect to the originally filed claim. It is conceded that claim 29 is materially narrowed as to the "viewing angles" limitation. However, claim 29 has eliminated the "edge angle" limitation entirely and therefore does not avoid the recapture rule. Furthermore, claim 30 does not include either limitation. Claim 30 claims that "plane" angles are different but it is unclear how the limitation of the plane angles are related to the viewing angles.

Applicant further argues that claims 22-24, 26-28 are directed to previously unclaimed aspect and are therefore not subject to a rejection under the recapture rule. First, Applicant asserts that the claims are directed to the relationship of the support backs with the support edges to create three different virtual planes to provide three different viewing angles. However, the claims do not include a limitation that the virtual planes or the viewing planes are different. Second, According to MPEP 1412.02, claims to overlooked aspects are "[c]laims to separate inventions/embodiments/species that were not claimed in the original application prosecution." MPEP.1412.01 states that "[t]he reissue claims must be for the same invention as that **disclosed** as being the invention as the original patent" and "[t]o satisfy the original patent requirement where a new invention is sought by reissue, '... the specification must clearly and unequivocally disclose the newly claimed invention is a separate invention.'" *Antares Pharma, Inc.* 771 F.3d at 1363, 112 USPQ2d [1865] at 1871. Therefore, claims drawn to an invention comprising a newly claimed combination of features that were only disclosed in the original patent as suggested alternatives (and not as a single combination) or only as part of the original invention and not an invention separate from the original invention would not satisfy the original patent requirement." Applicant has not established that that claim 22 is directed to patentably distinct invention, embodiment or species and not merely different definitions of the same embodiment, varying in breadth or scope of definition. "[t]he recapture rule is violated when a limitation added during prosecution is eliminated entirely, even if other narrowing limitations are

added to the claim.” *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011).

Applicant contends that claim 22 recites only unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiment of the ‘443 application. However, Applicant further states “pending independent claim 22, by containing a three-backed design, *merely reiterates* limitations that Applicant has always maintained make it invention unique.” Appeal Brief, pg. 16.

Applicant further argues that the final Office action does not provided any evidence that the applicant's amendment was an admission that the scope of the claim was not patentable. Applicant points to the statement made in the parent application on Nov. 13, 2015 that “[a]pplicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectively reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.” However, this boiler plate statement contradicts applicant's other statements in the same response. “Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements ‘. .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...’ and ‘...wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees....” “Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements ‘...each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...’ and ‘... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...’ recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims.”

Applicant also argues that there is no evidence that applicant deliberately surrendered the subject matter in question. Attention is again directed to the response of Nov. 13, 2015 in the parent application that "[a]pplicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements . .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . .wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...." The Examiner notes that Klepar teaches a back support in physical communication with an adjacent edge support. OA, page 3, citing Klepar, fig. 7.....Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements "... each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ... " and "... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees..." recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims." This statement, along with others in the response, indicate a clear, deliberate surrender of the subject matter to distinguish over the prior art.

Applicant notes that an examiner's reasons for allowance cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection. The examiner agrees that the examiner's reasons for allowance cannot, by itself, provide the basis for establishing surrender and recapture. *Ex parte Yamaguchi*, 61 USPQ2d 1043 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 2001)(precedential). Applicant asserts that because these claims were never allowed, there was no acquiescence in the rejection and acceptance of a patent whose claims include the limitations added by applicant to distinguish the claims over

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Since the claims 22-38 do not include both the “edge angle” limitation and the “viewing angle” limitation, surrendered by applicant during prosecution of the original application, impermissible recapture exists.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARY E WEHNER whose telephone number is (571)272-4715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am to 5 pm.

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To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

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These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

Status of Amendments

An amendment was filed on May 19, 2020 and has been entered. The status of the claims is:

Original claims: 1-10.

New claims: 21-38.

Canceled claims 11-20 and 38.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 251

Claims 22-24 and 26-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Greenliant Systems, Inc. et al v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 103 USPQ2d 1951 (Fed. Cir. 2012); *In re Shahram Mostafazadeh and Joseph O.*

Smith, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011); *North American Container, Inc. v. Plastipak Packaging, Inc.*, 415 F.3d 1335, 75 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 2005); *Pannu v. Storz Instruments Inc.*, 258 F.3d 1366, 59 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2001); *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the original application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to claimed subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. **The "original application" includes the patent family's entire prosecution history.** *MBO Laboratories, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co.*, 602 F.3d 1306, 94 USPQ2d 1598 (Fed. Cir. 2010). Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope of claim subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

MPEP 1412.02 II summarizes the three-step test for recapture:

Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468-70, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit set forth a three step test for recapture analysis. In *North American Container*, 415 F.3d at 1349, 75 USPQ2d at 1556, the court restated this test as follows:

We apply the recapture rule as a three-step process:

(1) first, we determine whether, and in what respect, the reissue claims are broader in scope than the original patent claims;

[NOTE: if the claims are not broader in scope than the original patent claims, there is no recapture; if the claims are broader in scope, then proceed to step (2).]

(2) next, we determine whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution. Step 2 includes two subsets:

1. The Two Sub-Steps:

(A) One must first determine whether applicant surrendered any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application that became the patent to be reissued.

If an original patent claim limitation now being omitted or broadened in the present reissue application was originally relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art, the omitted limitation relates to subject matter previously surrendered by applicant. The reliance by applicant to define the original patent claims over the art can be by presentation of new/amended claims to define over the art, or an argument/statement by applicant that a limitation of the claim(s) defines over the art. To determine whether such reliance occurred, the examiner must review the prosecution history of the original application (of the patent to be reissued and any related application(s)) for surrender of claimed subject matter which may result in recapture. The prosecution history includes the rejections and applicant's arguments made therein.

With respect to whether applicant surrendered any subject matter, it is to be noted that a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims. *Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC*, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012). As pointed out by the court, "[i]t does not matter whether the examiner or the Board adopted a certain argument for allowance; the sole question is whether the argument was made." *Id.*

If applicant did not surrender any subject matter in the prosecution of the original application, the analysis ends and there is no recapture.

(B) If applicant did surrender subject matter in the original application prosecution, the examiner must then determine whether any of the broadening of the reissue claims is in the area of the surrendered subject matter. The examiner must analyze all of the broadening aspects of the reissue claims to determine if any of the omitted/broadened limitation(s) are directed to limitations relied upon by applicant in the original application to make the claims allowable over the art. and

[NOTE: if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do not relate to surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the broader aspects of the reissue claims do relate to surrendered subject matter, then proceed to step (3).]

(3) finally, we determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

[NOTE: if the reissue claims were materially narrowed in aspects related to the surrendered subject matter, there is no recapture; if the claims were not materially narrowed in related aspects or were narrowed in unrelated aspects, there is recapture.]

In North American Container, the court cited Pannu, 258 F.3d at 1371, 59 USPQ2d at 1600; Hester, 142 F.3d at 1482-83, 46 USPQ2d at 1649-50; and Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164-65 as cases that lead to, and explain the language in, the North American Container recapture test.

A review of the prosecution history of Application Nos. 15/192,737 ('737 application) and 14/518,443 ('443 application) reveals the following:

The '443 application.

1. The '443 application was filed on October 20, 2014 with claims 1-14.
2. A non-final Office action was mailed on August 14, 2015. The Office action rejected claims 1-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patti Halpin U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0001063 A1 (Halpin) in view Zvi Klepar U.S. Design Patent D703,216 S (Klepar).
3. In response to the Office action, on November 13, 2015, Applicant amended claim 1 to add "each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis" and "wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees." Applicant argued that the prior art cited did not teach these two limitation. Remarks, 11/13/15, page 10.
4. A Final Office Action was mailed on February 11, 2016 which included a rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112(a) because the amendment (the first viewing angle of the first back support to be 36 degrees and the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees) was not adequately supported by the original disclosure.

The '737 application.

1. The '737 application claimed priority, as a continuation-in-part, to application number 14/518,443, which was filed on October 20, 2014. The '737 application was filed on June 24, 2016 with claims 1-10.

2. Claim 1 of the '737 application included the limitations "each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis" and "a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees."

3. A Notice of Allowability was mailed on January 6, 2017 and was accompanied by an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance that stated "[t]he prior art does not disclose a three sided support for media device . . . each side allows for three distinct display angles for the media device."

The present Reissue application.

1. The present reissue application was filed on January 30, 2017. New claim 22-24 and 26-38 been presented without the specific viewing angles (36, 74 and 49 degrees) or the limitation that each edge support comprising an edge angle of 90 degrees to the adjacent back support.

Three step analysis of current reissue:

Step 1. Are there reissue claims that are broader in scope than the original claims?

New independent claims 22-24 and 26-29 are broader in scope because they do not include the following limitations:

- a) each edge support comprising an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ("edge angle" limitation)
- b) a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees ("viewing angle" limitation).

Claims 30-38 do not mention viewing angles at all. New claim 25 (dependent on claim 22) includes these specific viewing angles but does not include the edge support having an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support.

Accordingly, claims 22-38 are broader in scope than the original claims.

Step 2: Determine if the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Sub step A: During the prosecution of the original application, 14/518,443, claim 1 was amended to include the limitations specified above in Step 1. Applicant argued: "Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements . . . each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . . . wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees..." recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims." (14/518,443, Remarks, 11/13/15, pg. 10).

Subset B:

Claims 22-24 and 26-39 of the present application are broader than original patented claim 1 of the '454 patent because they do not include the limitation "wherein a

first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees." Neither claim 22 nor claim 30 mention anything about the angle of the back support. This limitation is considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that this limitation was not taught by the prior art. Furthermore, claims 22-24 and 26-38 do not include the limitation that each edge support has an edge angle of 90 degrees with respect to an adjacent back support. Claim 25 includes the specific viewing angles but does not include the limitation that each edge support has an edge angle of 90 degrees with respect to an adjacent back support. This limitation is also considered to be a surrender generating limitation because applicant argued that it was not taught by the prior art.

Accordingly, the broader aspects of new claims 22-38 related to subject matter surrendered in the original prosecution.

Step Three: Determine whether the reissue claims were materially narrowed in other respects, so that the claims may not have been enlarged, and hence avoid the recapture rule.

MPEP 1412.02.II.C states:

As pointed out above, this third step of the recapture determination, as set forth in *North American Container*, considers the significance of the claim limitations that were added and deleted, during prosecution of the patent (to be reissued) to determine whether the reissue claims should be barred under the recapture doctrine.

In the decision of *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011), the Federal Circuit stated that to avoid the recapture rule "the claims must be materially narrowed relative to the surrendered subject matter such that the surrendered subject matter is not entirely or substantially recaptured." *Id.* at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. Under this third step, it must be determined if there is entire or substantial recapture of the surrendered subject matter because there is no or insufficient material narrowing to avoid the recapture rule.

The following discussion addresses analyzing the reissue claims that have eliminated or modified a surrender generating limitation, as determined under step 2 analysis. In any broadening reissue application, the examiner will determine, under steps 1 and 2 of the recapture analysis on a claim-by-claim basis, whether the broadening relates to subject matter that was surrendered during the examination of the patent for which reissue is requested. Under step 3, it

must be determined if such reissue claims are materially narrowed so as to escape the effects of the recapture doctrine. Note, examiners should consider any relevant preliminary applicant arguments of record as part of the recapture determination. See subsection VII., below, "REBUTTAL BY THE REISSUE APPLICANT," which points out how the recapture finding of the Office can be rebutted by applicant, in some limited instances, by showing that material narrowing is present in the claims.

The modification of a surrender generating limitation is broken down into two possibilities that will be addressed below.

1) If a surrender generating limitation (SGL) has been entirely eliminated from a claim present in the reissue application, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 may be proper. For example, if a claim limitation present in the original patent that was added to overcome a rejection or that was argued by applicant to distinguish over the prior art is entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application and not replaced by a new SGL-related limitation, then a recapture rejection under 35 U.S.C. 251 is proper and must be made for that claim.

Such an omission in a reissue claim, even if it is accompanied by other limitations making the reissue claim narrower than the patent claim in other unrelated aspects, is impermissible recapture. Pannu, 258 F.3d at 1371-72, 59 USPQ2d at 1600. But note that even if the SGL limitation in the patent claims was entirely eliminated, the reissue applicant may have added a new limitation that relates to surrendered subject matter. See the last paragraph of this subsection below.

2) If the SGL has not been entirely eliminated from a claim in the reissue application (i.e., the amendment narrowing the claim or the argued limitation has not been entirely eliminated from the claim in the reissue application), but rather it has been made less restrictive in the reissue application claim (such that the claim is broadened), the analysis (based on In re Mostafazadeh, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011) and In re Youman, 679 F.3d 1335, 102 USPQ2d 1862 (Fed. Cir. 2012)) is as follows:

It must be determined what portion of the amendment or argued limitation has been retained, and whether the retained portion materially narrows the original claims to avoid recapture.

See Youman, 679 F.3d at 1346 n.4, 102 USPQ2d at 1870 n.4 ("original claims' are defined as 'the claims before surrender'"). **"[I]f the patentee modifies the added [or argued] limitation such that it is broader than the patented claim yet still materially narrows relative to the original claim, the recapture rule does not bar reissue." Id. at 1347, 102 USPQ2d at 1870. On the other hand, if the retained portion of the modified limitation is "well known in the prior art," impermissible recapture has not been avoided. See Mostafazadeh, 643 F.3d at 1361, 98 USPQ2d at 1644. It is to be noted that if the retained portion of the modified limitation is well known in the prior art, then impermissible recapture exists, even in a case where a further limitation which is not related to the surrendered subject matter (i.e., a limitation that does not materially narrow the claims) has been added to define the claims over the art. Id. (Emphasis added).**

New claims 22-38 violate the recapture rule because they are broader in scope than the surrendered version of patented claim 1 due to omission of the "edge angle" limitation. These claims do not materially narrow the limitation relative to the original claim. Claims 22-24, 26-28 modify the "viewing angle" limitation such that the angles could be any angle, including the same angle. Accordingly the limitation has not been materially narrowed relative to the original claim. Claim 25 includes the "viewing angle" limitation. Claim 29 adds that the viewing angles

are different, thus materially narrowing the limitation relative to the original claim. Claims 30-38 also do not include the “viewing angle” limitation. Claim 30 defines back support angles define plane angles relative to a virtual plane and states that these plane angles are different. However, this limitation is not directed to any viewing angles and therefore does not materially narrow relative to the original claim. Because none of the new claims include both the “edge angle” and the “viewing angle” limitation, impermissible recapture exists.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant’s arguments, see Remarks, filed May 19, 2020, with respect to the rejection under 35 USC 251, based on a defective reissue declaration, of all the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. This rejection of claims 1-10, 21-38 has been withdrawn.

Applicant’s arguments, see Remarks, filed May 19, 2020, with respect to the rejection of claims 30-38, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph have been fully considered and are persuasive. This rejection of claims 30-38 has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments filed in the Appeal Brief of August 24, 2020 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the reissue claims are materially narrowed with respect to the originally filed claim. It is conceded that claim 29 is materially narrowed as to the “viewing angles” limitation. However, claim 29 has eliminated the “edge angle” limitation entirely and therefore does not avoid the recapture rule. Furthermore, claim 30 does not include either limitation. Claim 30 claims that “plane” angles are different but it is unclear how the limitation of the plane angles are related to the viewing angles.

Applicant further argues that claims 22-24, 26-28 are directed to previously unclaimed aspect and are therefore not subject to a rejection under the recapture rule. First, Applicant asserts that the claims are directed to the relationship of the support backs with the support edges to create three different virtual planes to provide three different viewing angles. However, the claims do not include a limitation that the virtual planes or the viewing planes are different. Second, According to MPEP 1412.02, claims to overlooked aspects are "[c]laims to separate inventions/embodiments/species that were not claimed in the original application prosecution." MPEP.1412.01 states that "[t]he reissue claims must be for the same invention as that **disclosed** as being the invention as the original patent" and "[t]o satisfy the original patent requirement where a new invention is sought by reissue, '... the specification must clearly and unequivocally disclose the newly claimed invention is a separate invention.'" *Antares Pharma, Inc.* 771 F.3d at 1363, 112 USPQ2d [1865] at 1871. Therefore, claims drawn to an invention comprising a newly claimed combination of features that were only disclosed in the original patent as suggested alternatives (and not as a single combination) or only as part of the original invention and not an invention separate from the original invention would not satisfy the original patent requirement." Applicant has not established that that claim 22 is directed to patentably distinct invention, embodiment or species and not merely different definitions of the same embodiment, varying in breadth or scope of definition. "[t]he recapture rule is violated when a limitation added during prosecution is eliminated entirely, even if other narrowing limitations are added to the claim." *In re Mostafazadeh*, 643 F.3d 1353, 98 USPQ2d 1639 (Fed. Cir. 2011). Applicant contends that claim 22 recites only unclaimed, patentably distinct embodiment of the '443 application. However, Applicant further states "pending independent claim 22, by containing a three-backed design, *merely reiterates* limitations that Applicant has always maintained make it invention unique." Appeal Brief, pg. 16.

Applicant further argues that the final Office action does not provided any evidence that the applicant's amendment was an admission that the scope of the claim was not patentable.

Applicant points to the statement made in the parent application on Nov. 13, 2015 that

"[a]pplicants are not conceding that the claims amended and/or canceled are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectively reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications." However, this boiler plate statement contradicts applicant's other statements in the same response.

"Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements '. each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...' and '...wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees....'" "Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements '...each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...' and '... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...' recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims."

Applicant also argues that there is no evidence that applicant deliberately surrendered the subject matter in question. Attention is again directed to the response of Nov. 13, 2015 in the parent application that "[a]pplicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the combination of Halpin and Klepar by reciting the distinguishing elements . .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ..and . .wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of

the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees....” The Examiner notes that Klepar teaches a back support in physical communication with an adjacent edge support. OA, page 3, citing Klepar, fig. 7.....Applicants therefore submit that the combination of Halpin and Klepar does not teach the distinguishing elements “.. .each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis ...” and “... wherein a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees...” recited for claim 1, that claim 1 is allowable, and that claims depending from claim 1 are also allowable as depending from allowable claims.” This statement, along with others in the response, indicate a clear, deliberate surrender of the subject matter to distinguish over the prior art.

Applicant notes that an examiner’s reasons for allowance cannot be used as support for a recapture rejection. The examiner agrees that the examiner’s reasons for allowance cannot, by itself, provide the basis for establishing surrender and recapture. Ex parte Yamaguchi, 61 USPQ2d 1043 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 2001)(precedential). Applicant asserts that because these claims were never allowed, there was no acquiescence in the rejection and acceptance of a patent whose claims include the limitations added by applicant to distinguish the claims over the prior art. **It is noted, however, a patent owner (reissue applicant) is bound by the argument that applicant relied upon to overcome an art rejection in the original application for the patent to be reissued, regardless of whether the Office adopted the argument in allowing the claims.** Greenliant Systems, Inc. v. Xicor LLC, 692 F.3d 1261, 1271, 103 USPQ2d 1951, 1958 (Fed. Cir. 2012).

Since the claims 22-38 do not include both the “edge angle” limitation and the “viewing angle” limitation, surrendered by applicant during prosecution of the original application, impermissible recapture exists.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARY E WEHNER whose telephone number is (571)272-4715. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am to 5 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 571-272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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This communication is responsive to the non-Final Office Action, dated November 27, 2020, in connection with Applicants' request for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 B2. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 8.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The claim amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.173(b)(2), (c), (e); M.P.E.P. §§ 1453(V)(B)-(D).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original Patented Claim) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support, wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends of a solid interior, each edge support comprises an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm) with an edge angle of 90 degrees to an adjacent back support, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis, a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle of 60 degrees to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support, a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle of 80 degrees to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support, a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle of 40 degrees to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support, and wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of the solid interior, the solid interior is a pillow covered in fabric, a first viewing angle of the first back support is 36 degrees, a second viewing angle of the second back support is 74 degrees, and a third viewing angle of the third back support is 49 degrees.

2. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

3. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

4. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

5. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

6. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

7. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

8. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

9. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees with an adjacent back support.

10. (Original Patented Claim) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the edge angle is 90 degrees.

Cancel claims 11-20

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a latitudinal length of each of the first, second, and third edge supports is different from a latitudinal length of the corresponding first, second, and third side supports.

22. (New, amended) A media support apparatus comprising:
a body having a first support back, a second support back, and a third support back disposed about a central axis;

a first support edge disposed between the first support back and the second support back, the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle;

a second support edge disposed between the second support back and third support back, the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle;

a third support edge disposed between the third support back and first support back, the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle, wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent support back, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis;

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane between a top of the second support back and an outer edge of the second edge support, on a second virtual plane between a top of the third support back and an outer edge of the third edge support, and on a third virtual plane between a top of the first support back and an outer edge of the first edge support; and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on the first virtual plane and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane and the media device is supported at the third support angle, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is between 50 and 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is between 55 and 65 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is between 50 and 75 degrees to the first virtual plane.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first support angle is 60 degrees to the second virtual plane, the second support angle is 68 degrees to the third virtual plane, and the third support angle is 52 degrees to the first virtual plane.

25. (New, amended) The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the edge support angle is 90 degrees.

26. (New, amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the edge support width is 2cm.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body includes three solid corners, with each of the corners interposed between two adjacent support backs and including a respective edge support.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body is foam having an indentation force deflection (IFD) in the range of 15-30 kilograms at 25% indentation.

29. (New, amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the edge support width is in the range of 1 to 5cm.

30. (New, amended) An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical communication with two ends,

wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an adjacent back support in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent back support,
wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,
wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,
wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual plane between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,
wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support,
wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are different from one another and are configured to provide a first viewing angle, a second viewing angle, and a third viewing angle that are different from one another; and
wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of an interior.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 12 to 26 centimeters (cm), the second back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 9 to 21 cm, and the third back support has a longitudinal length in the range of 10 to 22 cm.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the first longitudinal length is 19 cm, the first plane angle is 60 degrees, the second longitudinal length is 15 cm, the second plane angle is 68 degrees, the third longitudinal length is 17 cm, and the third plane angle is 52 degrees.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length in the range of 9 to 25 cm.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein each back support has a latitudinal length of 15 cm.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length in the range of 2 to 10 cm.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein each edge support has a latitudinal length of 7 cm.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein each edge support has an edge support width in the range of 1 to 5 centimeters (cm).

38. (New, amended) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle of 90 degrees with an adjacent back support.

39. (New, amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein each edge support has an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm).

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are the original, unamended claims of the '454 patent.

New claims 21-39 are sought to be added and are all directed to a previously unclaimed embodiment of the 14/518,443 and 61/896,540 original disclosures. New claims 22 and 30 are independent.

The examiner has withdrawn all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 and has confirmed that the claims are patentable.

The only issue remaining is whether the claims should remain rejected under the recapture rule under 35 U.S.C. §251, as explained in the November 27, 2020 Office Action, which presented “edge angle” and “viewing angle” features the examiner alleged should be recited in claims 22 and 30. [Office Action, p.8] As detailed further below, the new claims have been materially narrowed by amendment herein to include both the different “viewing angles” feature and the “edge angle” features sufficient to avoid recapture of subject matter surrendered in the applications resulting in the original '454 patent.

The claims should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

WITHDRAWAL FROM APPEAL

The Examiner has withdrawn this case from Appeal and presented new grounds of rejection, namely that the new claims do not include both the “edge angle” and different “viewing angle” features.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF

DECEMBER 15, 2020 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Wehner for the informal telephone conference conducted on December 15, 2020 to discuss the most recent Office Action and detailed requirements to avoid recapture. The Office Action acknowledges, and the Examiner confirmed during the telephone conference, that the different “viewing angles” feature is a material narrowing of claim 29 and, by itself, avoids recapture but that an “edge angle” feature is required for claim 29 to fully avoid recapture.

Applicant proposed amendments to independent claim 22 and claim 30 to avoid recapture so as to include materially narrowed features compared to the original claims as filed, namely in

connection with the different “viewing angles” feature and the “edge angles” features cited by the Examiner. **The Examiner agreed during the telephone conference that the claims, as proposed in the amendments, avoid recapture**, namely:

CLAIM 22 – adds “different” viewing angles feature from claim 29, and “edge angle range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent support back, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis.” The 85-120 degree range is disclosed in the original applications 14/518,443 and 61/896,540 for U.S. Patent No. 9,642,454 (col. 3, line 57) from which the reissue is taken. Examiner indicated that this edge angle range is a material narrowing of the claim and, together with the “different viewing angles” feature, would avoid recapture and make the claim allowable in reissue.

CLAIM 30 – adds “different viewing angles” feature (which further clarifies the different “virtual plane angles” feature) and, further, adds the “edge angle” feature as being within a range of between 85 and 120 degrees. As with claim 22, the Examiner indicated that the claim is now in condition for allowance and reissue.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Without acquiescing to any rejections or comments of the Examiner, and merely to expedite prosecution, claims 22, 25, 26, 29-30, and 38-39 have been amended to address alleged deficiencies with the claims noted by the Examiner at the bottom of page 11 of the Office Action, namely that:

- (i) claim 29—although the “viewing angles” feature is materially narrowed—does not include the “edge angle” feature and therefore has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper recapture of subject matter surrendered during prosecution. Independent claim 22 has been amended to include both the “viewing angles” feature noted in claim 29 and cited by the Examiner as being a material narrowing of the claim. Additionally, claim 22 has been amended to include a material narrowing of the claim with respect to the “edge angles.” New, amended claims 25, 26, and 29 further specify various aspects of the edge angles and edge angle widths; and
- (ii) claim 30 cites to “plane angles” and not “viewing” angles, and also does not include an “edge angle” feature, and therefore has been rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§ 251 as being an improper recapture of subject matter surrendered during prosecution. New independent claim 30 has now been amended to include both of these features. New, amended claims 38-39 further specify various aspects of the edge angles and edge angle widths.

A statement showing support for features of the new claims in reissue is included in the following pages.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR NEW CLAIMS – 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(C)

Each statement of support is of an exemplary portion of the '454 patent, and are not meant to be limiting in any way.

CLAIM 21: (col. 2, lines 47-49)

CLAIM 22: Claim 22 is amended to add the “edge angle” feature stating “wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent support back, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis” after “third support angle” and to also add a “viewing angle feature” stating, “wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another” at the end of the claim. Support for these changes is found, for example, in FIG. 2; col. 2, lines 15-16; col. 2, line 33; col. 2, lines 54-55; col. 3, line 51; col. 3, line 57; col. 4, line 10; col. 4, line 20 with claim numbered elements noted below

A media support apparatus (100) comprising:

a body having a first support back (105a), a second support back (105c), and a third support back (105b) disposed about a central axis (125);

a first support edge (110c) disposed between the first support back and the second support back, wherein the first support back and first support edge are configured to support a media device at a first support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160a);

a second support edge (110b) disposed between the second support back and third support back, wherein the second support back and second support edge are configured to support a media device at a second support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160c);

a third support edge (110a) disposed between the third support back and first support back, where the third support back and third support edge are configured to support a media device at a third support angle (orthogonal to viewing angle 160b); **wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent support back, a face of each edge support width oriented clockwise about the central axis (col. 3, line 57);**

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to be rotated about the central axis so that the body can rest on a horizontal support in any one of three positions including on a first virtual plane (130c) between a top of the second support back (105c) and an outer edge of the second edge support (110b), on a second virtual plane (130b) between a top of the third support back (105b) and an outer edge of the third edge support (110a), and on a third virtual plane (130a) between a top of the first support back (105a) and an outer edge of the first edge support (110c); and

wherein the media support apparatus is configured to provide a first viewing angle (160a) of the media device when the media support apparatus body rests on

the first virtual plane (130c) and the media device is supported at the first support angle, a second viewing angle (160c) when the media support apparatus body rests on the second virtual plane (130b) and the media device is supported at the second support angle, and a third viewing angle (160b) when the media support apparatus body rests on the third virtual plane (130a) and the media device is supported at the third support angle, wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another, **wherein the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.**

CLAIM 23: (col. 3, lines 16-39)

CLAIM 24: (col. 3, lines 40-49)

CLAIM 25: Claim 25 is amended to eliminate the specific viewing angles 36, 74, and 49 degrees and replace with “edge support angle is 90 degrees.” Support for this feature can be found at col. 3, line 58. With items added in bold, and removed elements struck through, claim 25 is shown thusly: The apparatus of claim of 22, wherein the **edge support angle is 90 degrees** first viewing angle is 36 degrees, the second viewing angle is 74 degrees, and the third viewing angle is 49 degrees.

CLAIM 26: Claim 26 is amended to change dependency to claim 25, to eliminate the edge angle feature (made redundant to its dependency on claim 25), and to add an “edge support width is 2cm” feature. Support for this feature can be found at col. 3, line 61. With items added in bold, and removed elements struck through, claim 26 is shown thusly: The apparatus of claim **25** wherein the **edge support width is 2cm** first, second, and third edge supports form an edge angle with respective first, second, and third back supports of between 85 and 120 degrees.

CLAIM 27: (col. 2, lines 64-65)

CLAIM 28: (col. 2, lines 65-67)

CLAIM 29: Claim 29 is amended to remove the “viewing angles are different from one another”—as this feature has now been added to independent claim 22—and to instead add “the edge support width is in the range of 1 to 5cm” feature. Support for this feature can be found at col. 3, line 60. With items added in bold, and removed elements struck through, claim 29 is shown thusly: The apparatus of claim 22, wherein **the edge support width is in the range of 1 to 5cm** the first viewing angle, the second viewing angle, and the third viewing angle are different from one another.

CLAIM 30: Claim 30 is amended to add “in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent back support” after “edge angle to an adjacent back support” in line 7 of the claim, and add “and are configured to provide a first viewing angle, a second viewing angle, and a third viewing angle that are different from one another” after “from one another” in line 19. Support for these features can be found at col. 3, line 57 and col. 4, line 20, respectively. With items added in bold, and removed elements struck through, claim 30 is shown thusly:

30. An apparatus comprising:
three support sides, each support side comprising a back support and an edge support,
wherein a top of each back support is in physical communication with an adjacent edge
support clockwise about a central axis and each back support and each edge support is in physical
communication with two ends,
wherein each edge support comprises an edge support width with an edge angle to an
adjacent back support **in the range of 85 to 120 degrees to an adjacent back support,**
wherein a face of each edge support width is oriented clockwise about the central axis,
wherein a plane of a first back support is at a first plane angle to a second virtual plane
between the top of a second back support counterclockwise to the first back support and an outer
edge of a second edge support counterclockwise to the first back support,
wherein a plane of the second back support is at a second plane angle to a third virtual plane
between the top of a third back support counterclockwise to the second back support and an outer
edge of a third edge support counterclockwise to the second back support,
wherein a plane of a third back support is at a third plane angle to a first virtual plane
between the top of the first back support counterclockwise to the third back support and an outer
edge of the first edge support counterclockwise to the third back support,
wherein the first plane angle, the second plane angle, and the third plane angle are different
from one another **and are configured to provide a first viewing angle, a second viewing angle,**
and a third viewing angle that are different from one another; and
wherein each back support, each edge support, and each end is a surface of an interior
CLAIMS 31-38: (original claims) (col. 3, lines 40-44) (col. 3, lines 44-49) (col. 2, lines 44-45) (col. 2, lines 45-46) (col. 2, lines 49-50) (col. 2, lines 52-53) (col. 3, lines 59-60) (col. 3, lines 56-57) (col. 3, lines 57-58)

CLAIM 38: Claim 38 is amended to state that each “edge support angle is 90 degrees.” Support for this feature can be found at col. 3, line 58. With items added in bold, and removed elements struck through, claim 38 is shown thusly: The apparatus of claim 30, wherein a plane of each edge support forms an edge angle ~~in the range of 85 to 120~~ of **90** degrees with an adjacent back support.

Claim 39: Claim 39 has been previously cancelled in a previous Response and is now reintroduced with features similar to claim 26, namely “each edge support has an edge support width of 2 centimeters (cm).” Support for this feature can be found in col. 3, line 61.

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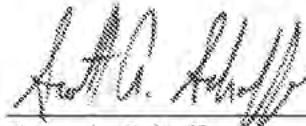
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Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present reissue application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to take the initiative and telephone the undersigned at (503) 970-5119 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed 12/16/20.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 21-39. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____. 3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____. 4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date. _____.	5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment 6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 7. ☐ Other _____.
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/CARY E WEHNER/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3993

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest an apparatus having three support sides each comprising a back support and an edge support with an edge angle of between 85 and 120 degrees to an adjacent support back, wherein the apparatus configured to provide first, second and third viewing angles of the first, second and third support backs that are different from one another.

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