

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA**

HOLLEY PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS	)	
INC.,	)	
	)	Case No. 1:26-cv-59
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	)	
	)	Judge Atchley
v.	)	
	)	Magistrate Judge Steger
ACES FUEL INJECTION, INC.,	)	
	)	
<i>Defendant.</i>	)	

SCHEDULING ORDER¹

1. **Introduction:** The parties held a discovery planning meeting via videoconference on July 23, 2026.
2. **Jurisdiction:** In this case, the subject matter jurisdiction of the Court has been invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is not in dispute.
3. **Consent to a Magistrate Judge:** The parties do not consent that all proceedings in this case may be conducted by a United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).
4. **Settlement / Alternative Dispute Resolution:** The parties shall discuss the possibility of utilizing the Federal Court Mediation Program in this case. If the parties believe the Federal Court Mediation Program can aid in resolving the case, information is available on the Court's website and can be requested in writing from the Division Manager, U.S. District Court, 900 Georgia Avenue, Room 309, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.
5. **Trial Date, Trial-Related Motions, Dispositive Motions, etc.:** The Court shall issue a second phase scheduling order establishing the trial and final pretrial conference dates, dispositive motion deadlines, and other related deadlines after its Claim Construction Ruling.
6. **Claim Construction:** The parties **SHALL** meet and confer and jointly list **no more than five terms** appearing in the conflict at issue, whose meaning is disputed and whose construction will be most significant to the disposition of this case. This shall be filed in

¹ The Court recognizes that Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff Aces Fuel Injection, Inc. has filed a Motion to Stay [Doc. 28]. The Court will rule on this motion in due course. But until the Motion is adjudicated (and following its adjudication if the request for a stay is denied), this Scheduling Order shall govern the schedule in this case.

accordance with the deadline(s) below. The parties **SHALL** further inform the Court if a Technology Tutorial is necessary and/or appropriate at this time.

Event	Deadline
Each party serves Initial Infringement Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	August 14, 2026
Each party serves Initial Non-infringement Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	September 16, 2026
Each party serves Invalidity and Unenforceability Contentions and Accompanying Document Production	September 30, 2026
Each party serves Preliminary Identification of Claim Terms to be Construed	October 14, 2026
Each party serves Validity and Enforceability Contentions	October 28, 2026
Each party serves Final Identification of Claim Terms to be Construed	November 10, 2026
The parties shall simultaneously exchange Preliminary Proposed Constructions	November 24, 2026
Initial Expert Claim Construction Reports due	December 11, 2026
Rebuttal Expert Claim Construction Reports due	January 7, 2027
Completion of Expert Discovery	February 1, 2027
The parties shall simultaneously exchange Final Proposed Constructions	February 8, 2027
Each party shall contemporaneously file and serve Opening Claim Construction Briefs and supporting evidence	February 22, 2027
Each party shall contemporaneously file and serve Responsive Claim Construction Briefs and supporting evidence	March 19, 2027
Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement due	March 25, 2027
Claim Construction Hearing	April 20, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. ET at the United States Courthouse in Knoxville, Tennessee

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Charles E. Atchley, Jr.
CHARLES E. ATCHLEY, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE