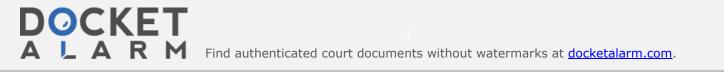
Exhibit 1001 U.S. Patent Application No. 14/209,123





US009067525B1

(12) United States Patent

Ninov et al.

(54) ADJUSTABLE LOADING RAMP SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

- (71) Applicants: Deyan Ninov, Royal Oak, MI (US);
 Joseph S Dehner, Bloomfield Hills, MI (US); Gregory A Howell, Farmington, MI (US)
- Inventors: Deyan Ninov, Royal Oak, MI (US);
 Joseph S Dehner, Bloomfield Hills, MI (US); Gregory A Howell, Farmington, MI (US)
- (73) Assignee: FCA US LLC, Auburn Hills, MI (US)
- (*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.
- (21) Appl. No.: 14/209,123
- (22) Filed: Mar. 13, 2014
- (51) Int. Cl. *B62D 25/00* (2006.01) *B60P 1/43* (2006.01) *B65G 69/30* (2006.01)
- (52) U.S. Cl. CPC .. *B60P 1/43* (2013.01); *B65G 69/30* (2013.01)

(10) Patent No.: US 9,067,525 B1

(45) **Date of Patent:** Jun. 30, 2015

(56) **References Cited**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,312,149 6,837,669 7,059,648	B2		Boone Reed et al. Livingston	5/67
7,533,923 8,511,734	B1 * B2	5/2009 8/2013	Caldwell 290 Hutchins et al.	5/61
2003/0071476 2013/0028693 2013/0294873	A1	1/2013		5/61

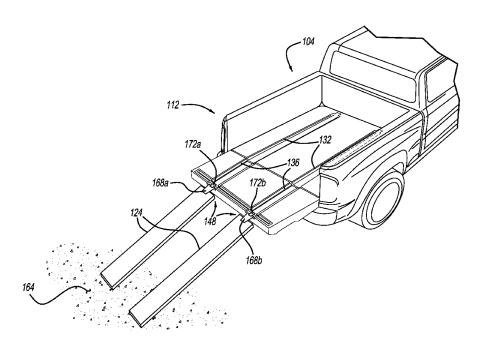
* cited by examiner

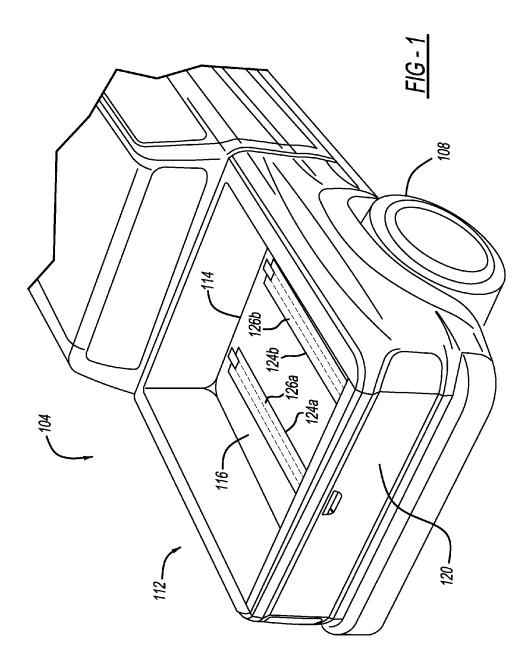
Primary Examiner — Joseph D Pape (74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Ralph E Smith

(57) **ABSTRACT**

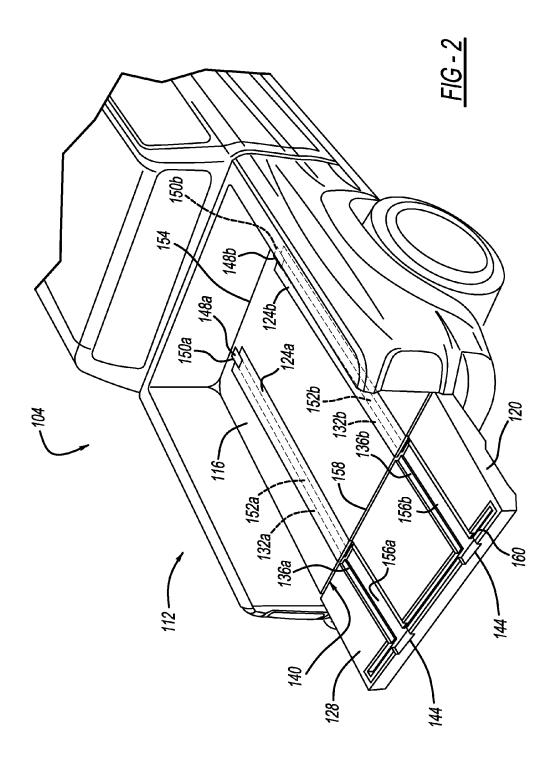
A ramp system for a vehicle storage bed includes at least one longitudinal bed channel defining a longitudinal bed track. At least one longitudinal tailgate channel is recessed into an inner panel of the tailgate, aligned with the bed channel, and defines a longitudinal tailgate track. A lateral tailgate track is recessed into the inner panel and extends substantially transverse to and in communication with the bed/longitudinal tailgate tracks. At least one ramp member has a track member configured to be stowed in the bed channel in a stowed position and slidable in the bed/tailgate channels from the stowed position to a fully deployed position during which the track member moves along the respective bed/longitudinal tailgate tracks and into the lateral tailgate track without having to raise the track member out of the respective bed/longitudinal tailgate tracks.

18 Claims, 8 Drawing Sheets

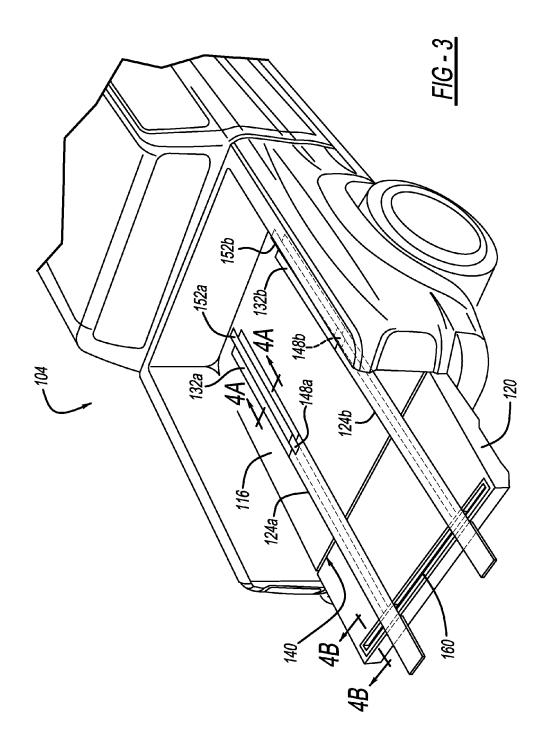




DOCKET A L A R M Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.



DOCKET LARM Α Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.



DOCKET Α LARM Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.

DOCKET A L A R M



Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.