

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SCHRADER-BRIDGEPORT INTERNATIONAL, INC. and
SCHRADER ELECTRONICS, INC.
Petitioner

v.

CONTINENTAL AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS US, INC.
Patent Owner

Case IPR2013-00014
Patent No. 6,998,973

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to the Board's March 13, 2013 Scheduling Order (paper 13), Petitioner Schrader-Bridgeport International, Inc. and Schrader Electronics, Inc. (collectively, "Schrader") respectfully requests oral argument for the trial currently scheduled for December 11, 2013. Schrader submits that a request for oral argument at this time is proper as no further submissions will be filed in this case. Continental Automotive Systems US, Inc. ("Continental") did not file a motion to amend the patent, so no opposition or reply will be filed in that regard. Further, no cross examination will be taken as no affidavits were filed in this case. As such, no observation and response to observation will be filed. Lastly, no motion to exclude evidence is anticipated as neither party presented supplemental evidence.

Schrader is ready to present its oral arguments at any time if the Board decides to accommodate one before the scheduled December 11, 2013 date.

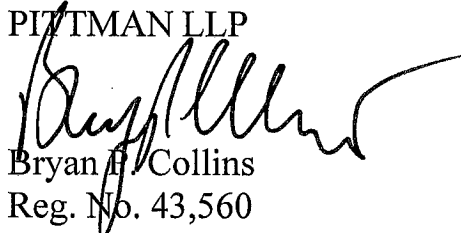
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70, Schrader specifies the following issues to be argued:

1. Whether Claims 1-5 and 7-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,998,973 ("the '973 Patent") are unpatentable based on the instituted rejection.
 - a. Whether each of the elements of claims 1-5 and 7-11 are taught or suggested in the asserted prior art.
 - b. Whether there is a reason to combine the asserted prior art.

Please charge any fees, if any, associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975 (Ref. No. 73139/0000005). The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT** was served in their entirety by EXPRESS MAIL® this 12th day of September, 2013 on the attorney of record of Continental Automotive Systems US, Inc., owner of the subject patent, as indicated below:

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