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COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, Petitioner.

v.

ROBERT BOSCH LLC, Patent Owner.

CASE NO. IPR2016-00034 U.S. Patent No. 6,973,698

PATENT OWNER RESPONSE

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		1. Petitioner does not allege that Appel '770 teaches or suggests that the contact force is greater in the center section than in an end section				
		2. Arai does not teach or suggest that the contact force is greater in the center section than in an end section				
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