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1.  This is a request for *ex parte* reexamination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.510 of patent number 5,732,375 issued March 24, 1998. The request is made by:  
 patent owner.  third party requester.
2.  The name and address of the person requesting reexamination is:  
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive  
Herndon, VA 20171
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9.  A copy of any disclaimer, certificate of correction or reexamination certificate issued in the patent is included.
10.  Reexamination of claim(s) 1 and 7 is requested.
11.  A copy of every patent or printed publication relied upon is submitted herewith including a listing thereof on Form PTO/SB/08, PTO-1449, or equivalent.
12.  An English language translation of all necessary and pertinent non-English language patents and/or printed publications is included.

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- b. An identification of every claim for which reexamination is requested, and a detailed explanation of the pertinency and manner of applying the cited art to every claim for which reexamination is requested. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(2).
14.  A proposed amendment is included (only where the patent owner is the requester). 37 CFR 1.510(e).
15.  It is certified that the statutory estoppel provisions of 35 U.S.C. 315(e)(1) or 35 U.S.C. 325(e)(1) do not prohibit requester from filing this *ex parte* reexamination request. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(6).
16.  a. It is certified that a copy of this request (if filed by other than the patent owner) has been served in its entirety on the patent owner as provided in 37 CFR 1.33(c).  
The name and address of the party served and the date of service are:  
Mark A. Navarre, Delco Electronics Corporation, ERC Building Mail Stop D 32  
P.O. Box 9005, Kokomo, Indiana 46904  
Date of Service: October 27, 2014; or
- b. A duplicate copy is enclosed since service on patent owner was not possible. An explanation of the efforts made to serve patent owner **is attached**. See MPEP 2220.

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/Clifford A. Ulrich/

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*SIGNAL IP, INC. v. FIAT U.S.A., INC.*, Case No. 2:14-cv-13864-AJT-MAM (E.D. Mich.)

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In Re Patent of : Robert John Cashler  
Patent No. : 5,732,375  
Issued : March 24, 1998  
Title : METHOD OF INHIBITING OR ALLOWING  
AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT  
Application Serial No. : 08/566,029  
Filed : December 1, 1995  
Requester : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the Office electronic filing system on **October 27, 2014**.

Signature: /Helen Tam/  
Helen Tam

**REQUEST FOR *EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION  
OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,732,375 PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.510**

SIR:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (“Requester” or “VWGoA”), through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully requests *ex parte* reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 5,732,375 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 302 and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.510.

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