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EMBODIMENT

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embodiment *Patents*. **1.** The tangible manifestation of an invention.

“An ‘invention’ is *intellectual* property. It is a mental construct formed and contained within the inventor's mind and has no physical structure or reality. An ‘embodiment’ of an invention, however, is a specific physical form of the invention. Each embodiment exists in the real world. It can be ‘reduced to practice’; i.e., it is either actually built or could be built.” Morgan D. Rosenberg, *The Essentials of Patent Claim Drafting* xvii (2012).

2. The method for using this tangible form. **3.** The part of a patent application or patent that describes a concrete manifestation of the invention. • Embodiments are less common in software or process patents than in manufacturing-related patents.

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