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Maxell, Ltd. v. Apple Inc.: Apple's Partial Motion to Dismiss

Case No. 5:19-cv-00036-RWS

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Maxell's Complaint

Parties: Maxell, Ltd. and Apple Inc.

Filed: March 15, 2019

Asserted Patents: 6,748,317; 6,580,999; 8,339,493;
 7,116,438; 6,408,193; 10,084,991; 6,928,306;
 6,329,794; and 10,212,586

 Liability Theories: Direct infringement, induced infringement, contributory infringement, and willful infringement



COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Maxell, Ltd. ("Maxell"), by and through its undersign complaint under 35 U.S.C. § 271 for Patent Infringement against ("Apple") and further alleges as follows, upon actual knowledge with rown acts, and upon information and belief as to all other matters.

Defendant.

OVERVIEW

 This is an action for patent infringement by Maxell. Four Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Maxell is a leading global manufacturer media products, including magnetic tapes, optical discs, and battery prod rechargeable micro batteries and alkaline dry batteries, and the compar experience producing industry-leading recordable media and energy consumer and the professional markets. Maxell is also a leading manufal lenses and additionally sells various other devices, such as Bluetooth hear solutions, etc.



Accused Apple Products

Asserted Patent(s)	Alleged Infringement	Accused Products	
'317, '999, '498	"Walking Navigation" with Apple Maps + Find My Friends	iPhone, iPad, Watch	
'493	Front- and rear-facing cameras with image sensors	iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch	
'794	Low Power Mode	iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch	
'193	Reduction of current consumption in CDMA chips	iPhone, iPad	
'306	Alert for incoming call via Siri / Do Not Disturb mode	iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch	
'991	FaceTime	iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, MacBook	
'438	AirDrop authentication	iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, MacBook	
'586	"Activation lock" and "unlock with iPhone"	iPhone, Watch	



Deficiencies in Maxell's Complaint

	Failure to Allege	Pre-Suit Inducement	Post-Suit Inducement	Pre-Suit Contributory	Pre-Suit Willful
	Specific intent to induce	X	X		
	Pre-suit knowledge of infringement of any patent	X		X	X
	Pre-suit knowledge of '586 patent	X		X	X



No Specific Intent to Induce Infringement

Maxell's boilerplate allegations:

27. Apple has indirectly infringed at least claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-11 of the '317 Patent in this District and elsewhere in the United States by, among other things, actively inducing the use, offering for sale, selling, or importation of at least the '317 Accused Products. Apple's customers who purchase devices and components thereof and operate such devices and components in accordance with Apple's instructions directly infringe one or more claims of the '317 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271. Apple instructs its customers through at least user guides or websites, such as those located at: https://support.apple.com/en_US/manuals or https://support.apple.com/en_US/ma



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