

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

ABC IP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,	)	
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RARE BREED TRIGGERS, INC., a Texas corporation,	)	
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and	)	
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RBTM LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company	)	
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Plaintiffs.	)	
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v.	)	
	)	
Muffintop Tactical LLC, a Texas limited liability company,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
Jason Ramsden, an individual,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

CASE NO. 1:26-cv-2010

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT AND
TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

This is an action for patent and trademark infringement in which ABC IP LLC (“ABC”), Rare Breed Triggers, Inc. (“Rare Breed”), and RBTM LLC (“RTBM”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) accuse Muffintop Tactical LLC and Jason Ramsden (collectively, “Defendants”) of infringing U.S. Patent Nos. 12,038,247, 12,031,784, 12,578,159, 10,514,223, 11,724,003, 12,036,336, 12,274,807, and 12,636,403; infringing Plaintiffs’ trademark rights; and engaging in unfair competition as follows:

PARTIES

1. ABC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with an address at 8 The Green, Suite A, Dover, Delaware 19901.

2. Rare Breed is a Texas corporation having a place of business at 2710 Central Freeway, Suite 150-151, Wichita Falls, TX 76306.

3. RBTM is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Wyoming with an address at 1309 Coffeen Avenue, STE 1200, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

4. Upon information and belief, Muffintop Tactical LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Texas with an address of 5900 Balcones Drive, STE 100, Austin, TX 78731.

5. Upon information and belief, Jason Ramsden is an individual residing at 205 Sunnymede Ln, Jarrell, TX 76537, who is the owner or an owner of Muffintop Tactical LLC and directs its operations, including directing Muffintop Tactical LLC to sell products in violation of the Asserted Patents and FRT Marks.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This is an action for patent infringement arising under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a)–(c), 281, and 284–85; trademark infringement; false designation of origin; and unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114 and 1125(a).

7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1338, which directs that United States District Courts shall have original jurisdiction of any civil action arising under any Act of Congress relating to patents and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, which pertains to civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.

8. Personal jurisdiction over Defendants is proper in this District because the Defendants reside in and have a regular and established place of business in this District.

9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). Defendants reside in or have committed acts of infringement and have a regular and established place of business in this District.

BACKGROUND

10. This lawsuit asserts (a) direct, contributory, and induced infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 12,038,247 (“the ’247 Patent”), 12,031,784 (“the ’784 Patent”), 12,578,159 (“the ’159 Patent”), 10,514,223 (“the ’223 Patent”), 11,724,003 (“the ’003 Patent”), 12,036,336 (“the ’336 Patent”), 12,274,807 (“the ’807 Patent”), and 12,636,403 (“the ’403 Patent”) (together, “the Asserted Patents”); and (ii) trademark infringement, false designation of origin, and unfair competition with regard to Plaintiffs’ well-known FRT trademark.

11. The ’247 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 16, 2024. Each and every claim of the ’247 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the ’247 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

12. The ’784 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2024. Each and every claim of the ’784 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the ’784 Patent is attached as Exhibit B.

13. The ’159 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2026. Each and every claim of the ’159 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the ’159 Patent is attached as Exhibit C.

14. The ’223 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 24, 2019. Each and every claim of the ’223 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the ’223 Patent is attached as Exhibit D.

15. The ’003 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 15, 2023. Each and every claim of the ’003 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the ’003 Patent is attached as Exhibit E.

16. The '336 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 16, 2024. Each and every claim of the '336 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the '336 Patent is attached as Exhibit F.

17. The '807 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2025. Each and every claim of the '807 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the '807 Patent is attached as Exhibit G.

18. The '403 Patent was lawfully and properly issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 26, 2026. Each and every claim of the '403 Patent is valid and enforceable. A true and correct copy of the '403 Patent is attached as Exhibit H.

19. ABC is the current owner by assignment of all right, title and interest in and to the Asserted Patents. These assignments have been recorded at the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

20. RBTM is the owner of the trademark FRT[®] and variations thereof. Since at least 2020, the FRT[®] mark has been used by Plaintiff Rare Breed to identify a unique trigger for firearms, which has been a remarkably successful offering. As a result of the long-term and high-profile use, the FRT[®] trademark has come to be uniquely identified with Rare Breed and a valuable identifier of Rare Breed's products. In addition to strong common law rights in the FRT[®] trademark, RBTM also owns the following federally registered trademarks and pending applications, including the right to enforce the marks against infringers:

Mark	Goods	App. No.	Reg. No.	App. Date	Reg. Date
FRT	triggers for firearms	97248519	8187914	2022-02-01	2026-03-24
FRT-15	triggers for firearms	97245949	7004418	2022-01-31	2023-03-21
FRT-22	triggers for firearms	97248530	8232406	2022-02-01	2026-04-28

Mark	Goods	App. No.	Reg. No.	App. Date	Reg. Date
FRT-47	triggers for firearms	97248528	8232405	2022-02-01	2026-04-28
FRT-MR3	triggers for firearms	99714625		2026-03-20	
FRT-RD3	triggers for firearms	99714703		2026-03-20	
FRT-15L3	triggers for firearms	98715335	8225451	2024-08-24	2026-04-21

Together, Plaintiffs' common law rights in and federal trademark registrations and pending applications are referred to as the "FRT Marks."

21. Rare Breed is the exclusive licensee of the Asserted Patents and the FRT Marks.

22. Plaintiffs have complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287 either because the Asserted Patents are not practiced by ABC or any licensee and/or because any licensee has been required to mark its product.

23. Upon information and belief, Defendants have committed acts of direct, contributory, and induced patent infringement, which will be described in more detail below. These acts are in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 and should be considered willful.

THE INVENTIONS

24. A typical AR15-pattern firearm, for example, is considered a semiautomatic firearm. The operation of a *standard disconnect* AR-pattern trigger mechanism is commenced by the trigger member being pulled by the user. The trigger member releases the hammer from the trigger sear and allows the hammer to strike the firing pin. A portion of the propellant gas is used to begin the process of sending the bolt carrier to the rear of the firearm. The rearward movement of bolt carrier cocks the hammer on the disconnect and then the bolt is allowed to return forward into battery with a new round inserted into the chamber. While this is happening, in the standard AR-pattern semiautomatic trigger, the user can either continue to hold the trigger member in a

pulled (i.e., fired) state or allow the trigger to return to its reset state, in which the sear, rather than the disconnecter, engages and holds the hammer in a cocked position. When the user reduces pressure on the trigger member to allow the trigger spring to reset the trigger member, the disconnecter releases the hammer to engage the trigger sear.

25. In the standard AR-pattern trigger assembly, the purpose of the disconnecter is to hold the hammer in a cocked position until the trigger member is reset by a trigger spring when the user lets the trigger reset. The disconnecter allows the firearm to be fired only a single time when the trigger is pulled and held, because the user is not typically able to manually reset the trigger rapidly enough so that the sear engages before the bolt carrier or bolt returns to its in-battery position. The disconnecter prevents the firearm from either firing multiple rounds on a single pull of the trigger, or from allowing the hammer to simply “follow” the bolt carrier as it returns to battery without firing a second round, leaving the hammer uncocked.

26. In contrast, in what Plaintiffs have coined a “forced reset” trigger mechanism, cycling of the bolt carrier or bolt causes the trigger member to be mechanically moved to the reset position and hold the trigger member there until the bolt or bolt carrier is back in battery, when it is safe for the user to pull the trigger again, without the need for a disconnecter.

27. The '247 and '159 Patents provide a novel device for accelerating the firing sequence of any semiautomatic firearm, in contrast to a standard semiautomatic trigger or other prior art devices that allow an accelerated rate of semiautomatic firing. The device can be selected to operate in either a standard semiautomatic mode or a “forced reset” semiautomatic mode and uses a cam, rotated by cycling of the action, to cause the trigger member to reset and prevent the trigger member from being pulled again until the action has returned to the in-battery position.

28. The '784 Patent provides a device that works in a trigger system as an extended trigger member locking mechanism for use with a semi-automatic firearm that employs, in some embodiments, a “deflectable extension of the locking member that is actuated by forward movement of the bolt carrier,” among other innovations as explicitly claimed. Certain inventions of the '784 Patent overcome the geometric limitations of prior art designs for use in multiple and varied semi-automatic firearm designs by allowing a locking member to deflect or fold separately from the body portion of the locking member when contacted by the forward portion of the bolt carrier as it cycles to the rear.

29. The '223 Patent describes and claims a device in which the cycling of the action causes hammer contact with the trigger member to mechanically reset the hammer and trigger member. A locking bar prevents the trigger member from being pulled again by the user until the bolt carrier has returned to the in-battery position.

30. The '003 Patent, the '336 Patent, the '807 Patent, and the '403 Patent describe and claim a similarly operating device with the additional feature that it can be selected to operate in either of two distinct modes: 1) standard disconnecter semiautomatic mode and 2) “forced reset” semiautomatic mode.

31. The claims of the patents define the scope of the patented inventions.

THE INFRINGING DEVICES

32. On information and belief, Defendants previously or are currently making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale products that embody the technology claimed in the Asserted Patents, including the following (collectively, the “Infringing Devices”):

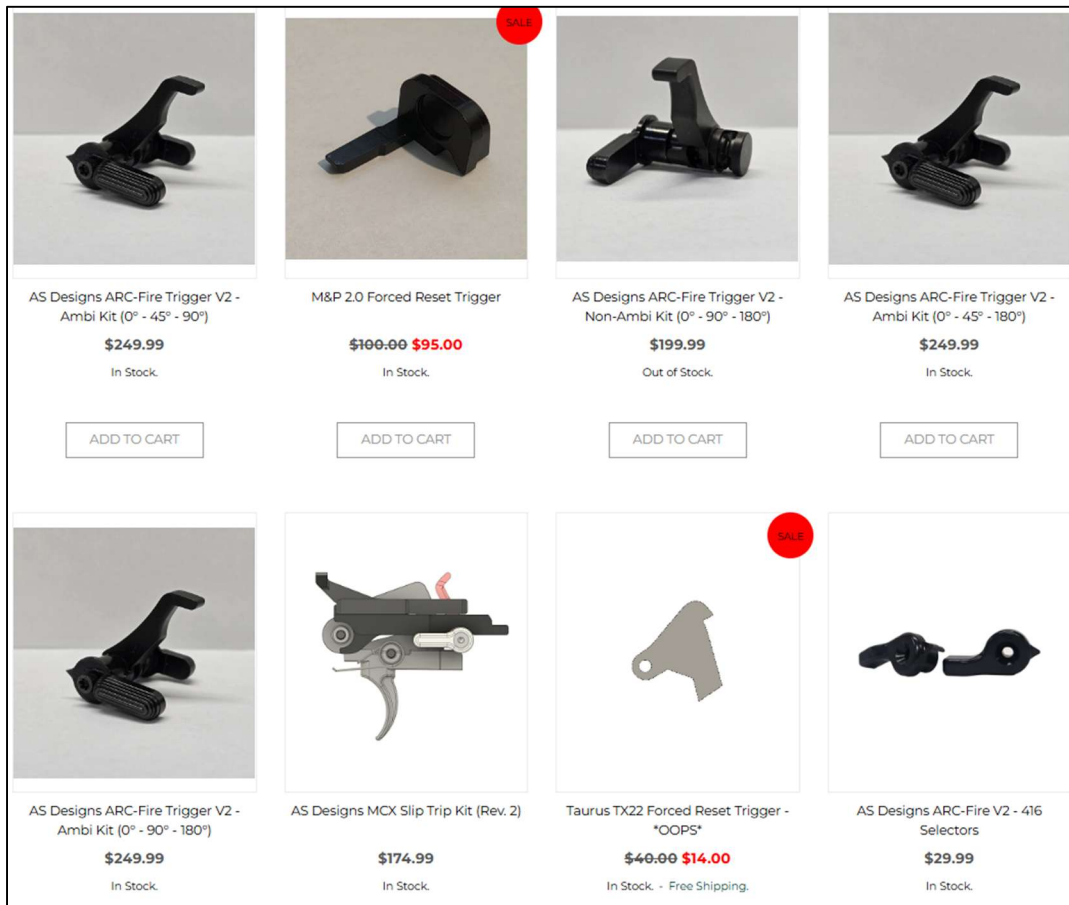
I. The ARC-Fire

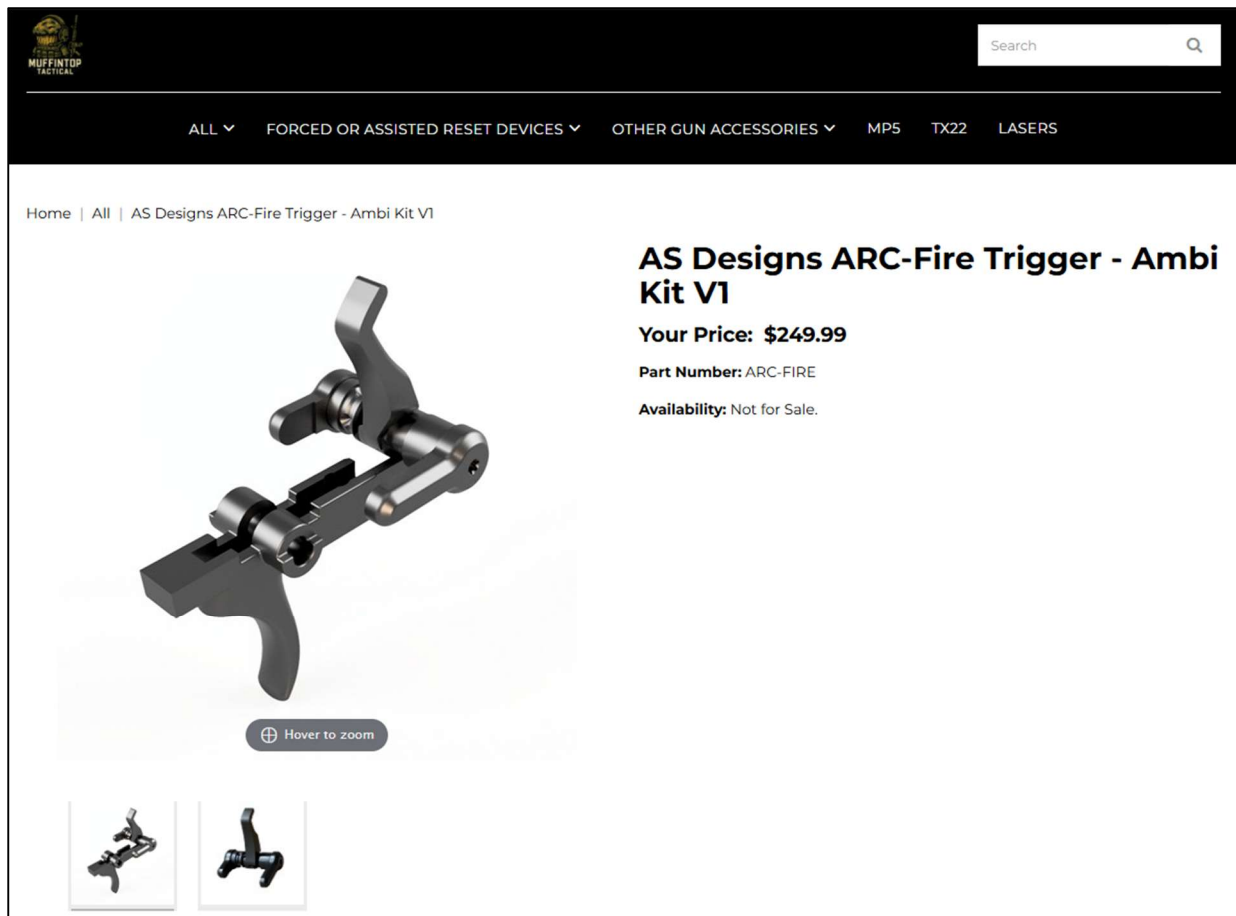
33. On information and belief, Defendants previously or are currently making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale a (3-Position) “ARC-Fire,” which embodies the technology claimed in at least the ’247, ’784, ’159, and ’403 Patents.

34. On information and belief, Defendants previously or are currently making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale the ARC-Fire via the website <https://muffintoptactical.com/reset-all-the-things?viewall=1>, in multiple variants, including at least:

- a. As a standalone product; and/or
- a. In conjunction with separate trigger mechanism parts; and/or
- b. Pre-installed in a receiver and/or complete firearm.

35. Exemplary images are shown below:





36. The ARC-Fire can operate in a “disconnecter mode,” which is much like that of a standard AR-15 trigger. The user can switch between safe, standard semiautomatic with disconnecter, and “forced reset” semiautomatic with cam modes by rotating the safety selector between positions.

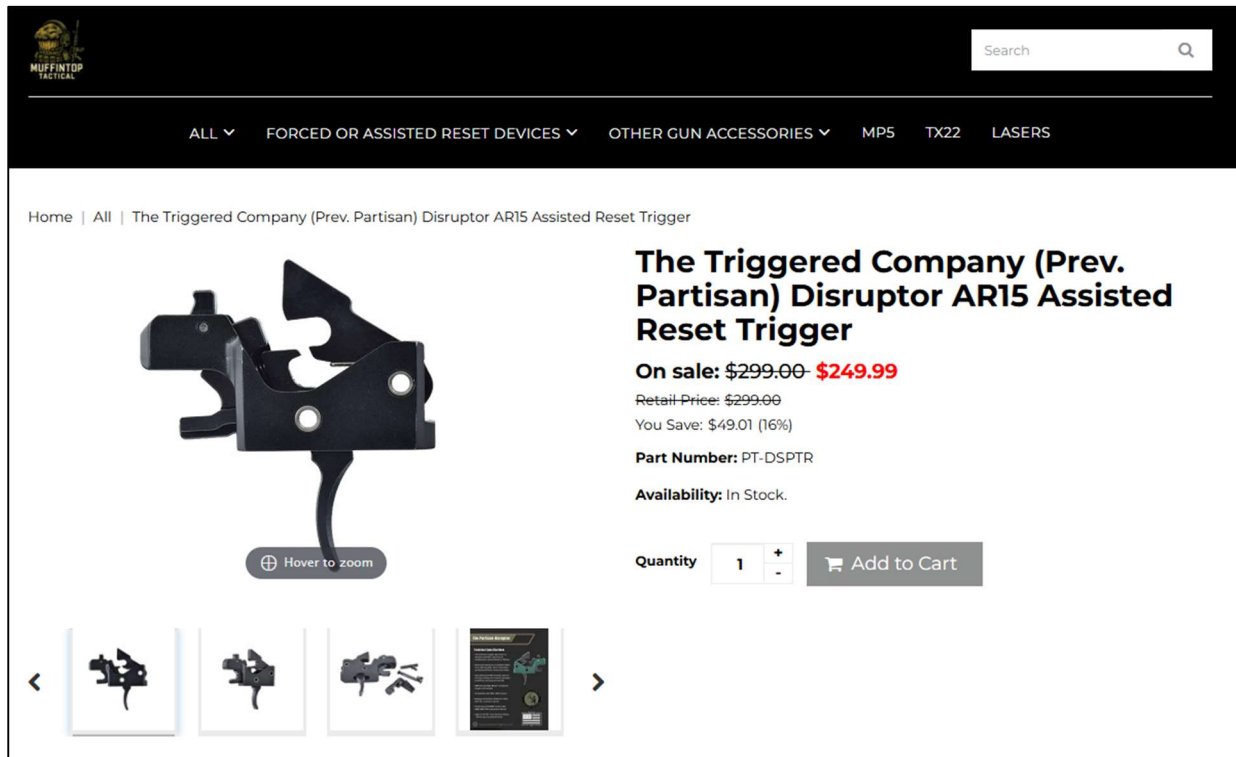
II. The Disruptor

37. On information and belief, Defendants previously or are currently making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale a (3-Position) Disruptor (“the Disruptor”), which embodies the technology claimed in at least the ’223, ’003, ’336, ’807, and ’403 Patents.

38. On information and belief, Defendants previously or are currently making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale the Disruptor via the website <https://muffintoptactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html>, in multiple variants, including at least:

- a. As a standalone product; and/or
- b. Pre-installed in a receiver and/or complete firearm.

39. Exemplary images are shown below:



40. The Disruptor also operates in a “disconnecter mode,” which is much like that of a standard AR-15 trigger. The user can switch between safe, standard semiautomatic with disconnecter, and “forced reset” semiautomatic with cam modes by moving the safety selector between positions.

41. When the Disruptor operates in the “forced reset” mode, the cycling of the action causes hammer contact with the trigger member to mechanically reset the hammer and trigger

member. A locking bar/member prevents the trigger member from being pulled again by the user until the bolt carrier has returned to the in-battery position.

42. When in the standard semi-automatic mode, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of the hammer such that the disconnecter hook catches the hammer hook, at which time a user must manually reduce pressure on the trigger member to free the hammer from the disconnecter to permit the hammer and trigger member to pivot to the set positions so that the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm again.

43. When in the “forced reset” semi-automatic mode, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of the hammer causing the trigger member to be mechanically moved to the set position, the safety selector preventing the disconnecter hook from catching the hammer hook, and thereafter when the bolt carrier reaches the substantially in-battery position the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm without manually releasing the trigger member.

INFRINGEMENT OF THE FRT MARKS

44. On information and belief, Defendants are distributing, advertising, and/or selling products that do not originate with Plaintiffs but that nonetheless bear or are promoted in association with the FRT Marks.

45. Defendants are falsely associating their products with Plaintiffs’ well-known FRT Marks.

46. Defendants are advertising their products as “FRT” as shown at: <https://muffintactical.com/tx22-reset> and <https://muffintactical.com/tx22-reset-oops>. Exemplary highlighted images are shown below:

ABOUT US

Welcome to Muffintop Tactical, a small business built by shooters, for shooters.

We support the Second Amendment and the community of responsible firearm owners who demand quality, reliability, and performance. Whether you're a competitive shooter, enthusiast, collector, night vision user, or focused on preparedness and training, our goal is simple: offer products we would use ourselves.

We specialize in assisted reset devices, **FRTs**, firearm accessories, tactical equipment, and high-quality upgrades to enhance your shooting experience, along with lasers and illumination solutions for night vision use.

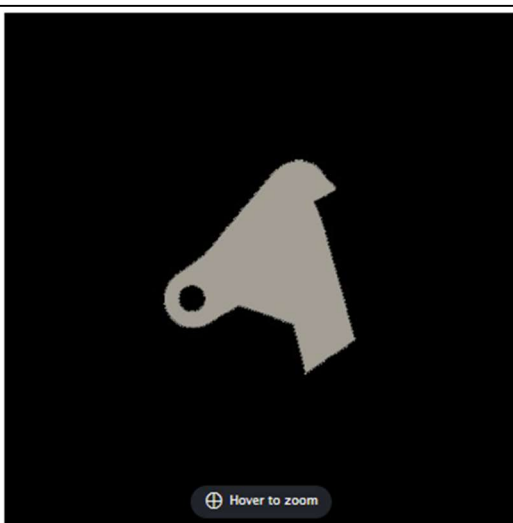
We're a small business focused on honest customer service, real-world experience, and supporting the firearms community. Every product we offer is selected for value, performance, and reliability.

The name "Muffintop Tactical" reflects our mindset: take training seriously, stay informed, support your rights, and don't lose your sense of humor along the way.

We appreciate every customer who supports a small pro-2A business.

Stay prepared, keep learning, keep shooting, and enjoy life.

- Muffintop Tactical LLC



Taurus TX22 Forced Reset Trigger

On sale: ~~\$40.00~~ **\$20.00**

Part Number: TX22-RESET

Availability: In Stock. Free Shipping.

QUANTITY PRICING

Quantity	Price
2 - 3	\$18.50
3 - 5	\$17.00
5+	\$15.00

Quantity + - [Add to Cart](#)



[EMAIL A FRIEND](#)

Description

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This high-quality forced reset trigger device for the Taurus TX 22 is made from 304 stainless steel. It has been tumbled to help ensure smoothness. This reset device is the most reliable design yet and has been tested to fit numerous TX22 models. It also wears your TX22's striker housing the least compared to any other TX22 reset device's design that we've seen.

[Product in action \(video\)](#)

Some people may say this part is small, but I think it is perfectly average.

I'm not your mom. But please be careful when using this. Follow all the rules of gun safety. Muffintop Tactical LLC is not responsible for any damage to you or your firearms.

This version differs from the popular Big Brrrt design because the top edge is rounded and will wear parts much less. Credit for this design goes to ODD MFG LLC (called the: ODD MFG LLC TX22-**FRT** v7). They claim that this design will eliminate wear on the striker housing beyond a tiny amount of round-over next to the striker block. Even better than the TY22!

Taurus TX22 Forced Reset Trigger - *OOPS*

On sale: ~~\$40.00~~ \$14.00

Part Number: TX22-RESET-OOPS

Availability: In Stock. Free Shipping.

▼ QUANTITY PRICING

Quantity	Price
2 - 3	\$12.95
3 - 5	\$11.90
5+	\$10.50

Quantity

[EMAIL A FRIEND](#)

Description

You might need to file any slag/burrs off the edge around the hole. These are marked as an "oops" version because of that by the pin hole. Discounted to reflect this.
 It comes off pretty easily with a dremel or even by hand with a file.
 No returns/refunds due to this.

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47. Despite Defendants' marketing, Defendants' products are **not** one of Plaintiffs' FRT products.

48. Defendants' unauthorized use of the FRT Marks to identify and promote their products is likely to mislead consumers into falsely believing that Defendants' products are in fact Plaintiffs' products, or are endorsed by or associated with Plaintiffs.

49. The only reason Defendants would use the FRT Marks in connection with their products is to trade on the goodwill Plaintiffs have developed in the FRT Marks, and thus Defendants' conduct is willful.

COUNT I — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '247 PATENT

50. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

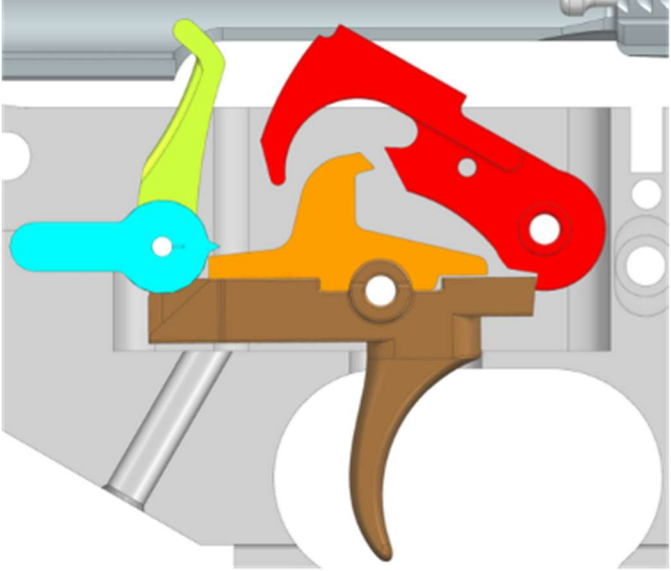
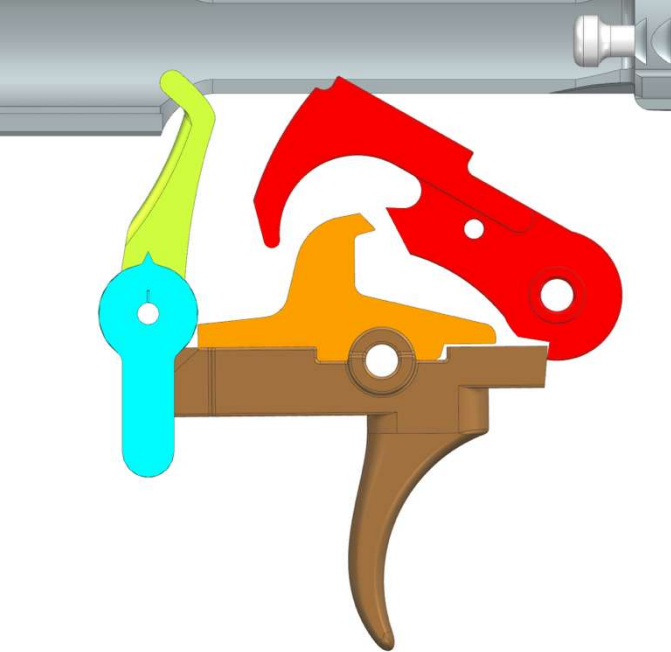
51. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '247 Patent, including but not limited to claim 15, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '247 Patent. Such unlicensed products include the ARC-Fire.

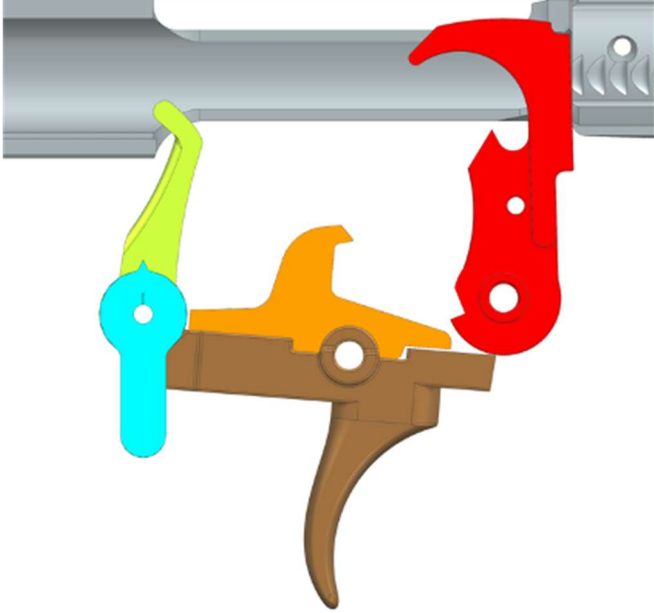
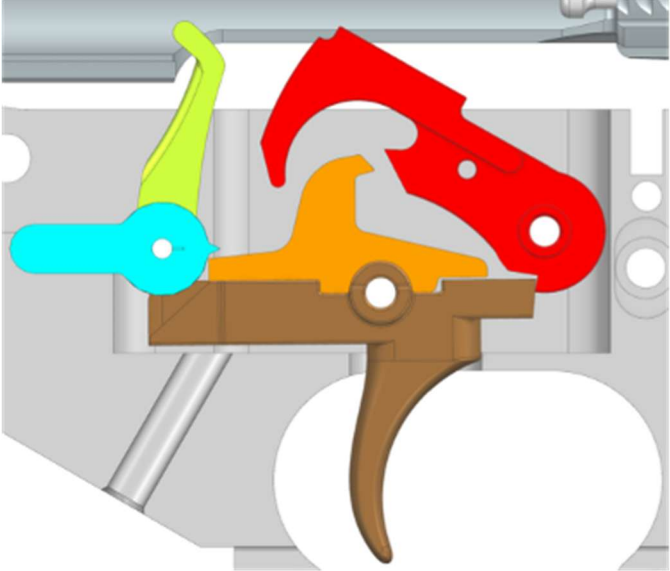
52. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '247 Patent, including but not limited to claim 15, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

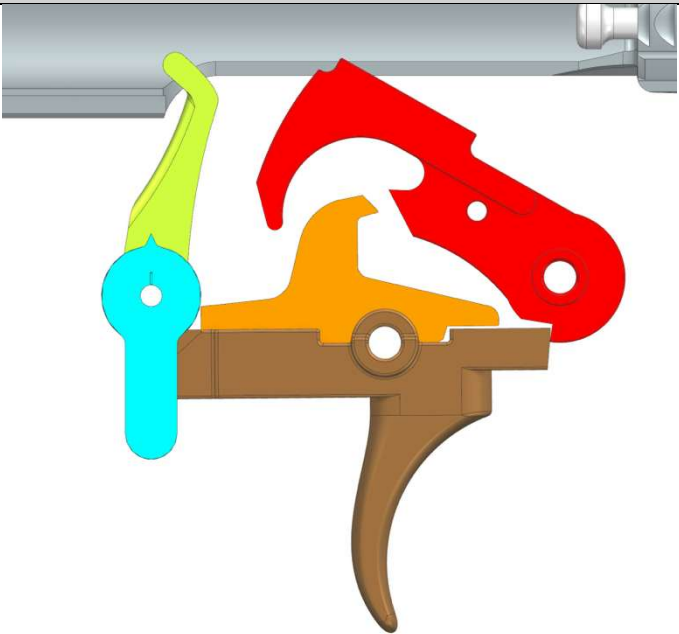
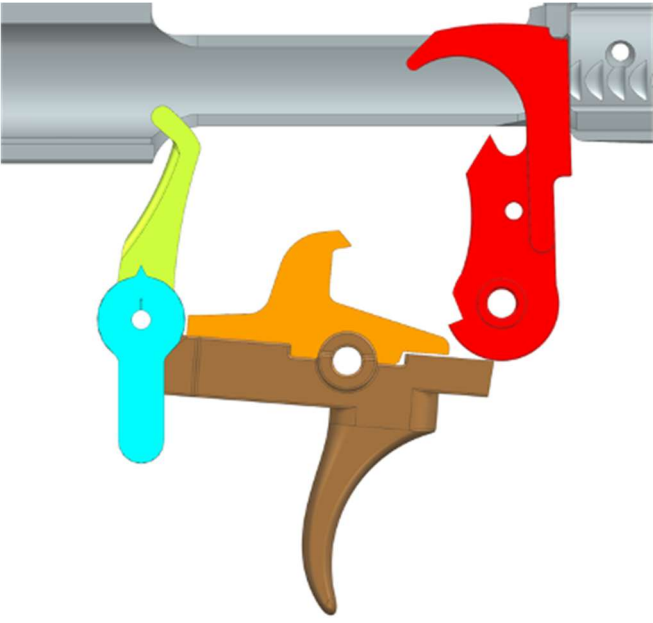
53. An exemplary comparison of the ARC-Fire, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 15 of the '247 Patent, is illustrated in the chart below:

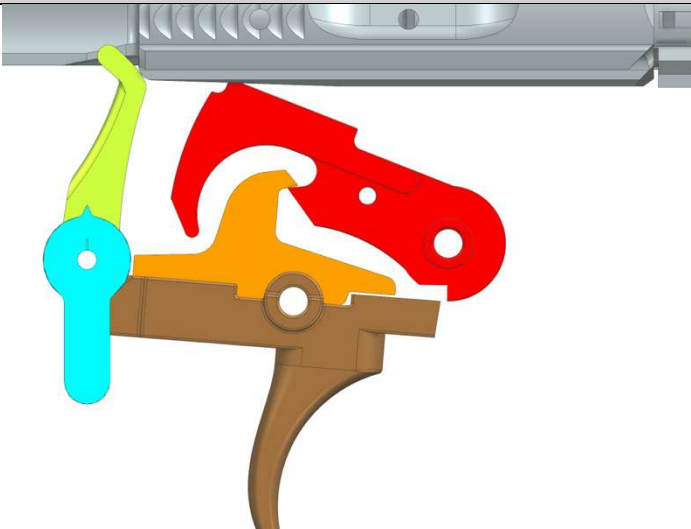
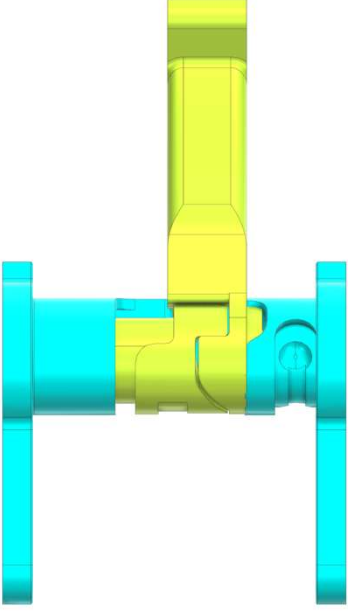
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
15. A firearm trigger mechanism comprising:	When installed and used as directed, the ARC-Fire is part of a trigger mechanism and functions as a cam that in at least one mode, both causes the reset of the trigger and locks the trigger during the cycle of operation.

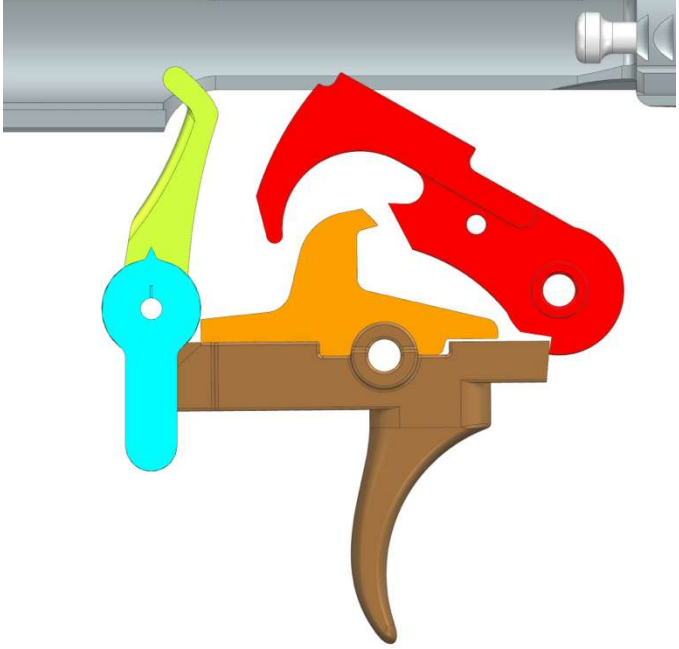
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
	 https://muffintactical.com/reset-all-the-things?viewall=1  ARC-Fire
a hammer having a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter and adapted to be mounted in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is installed in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver along with a hammer (red) that has a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter (orange).

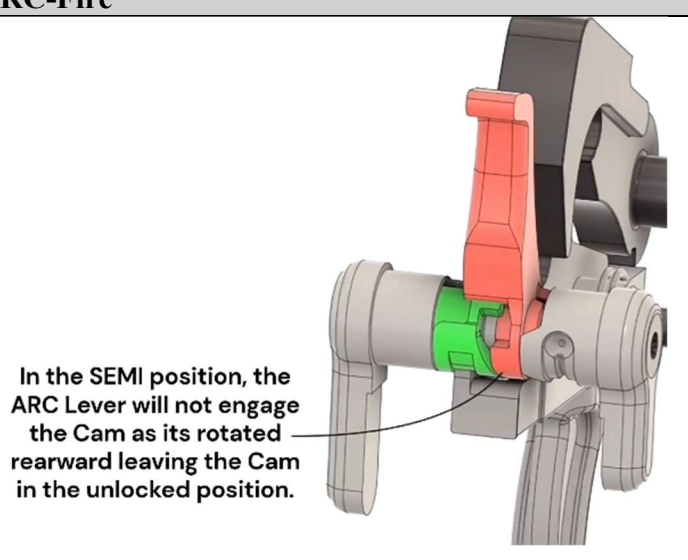
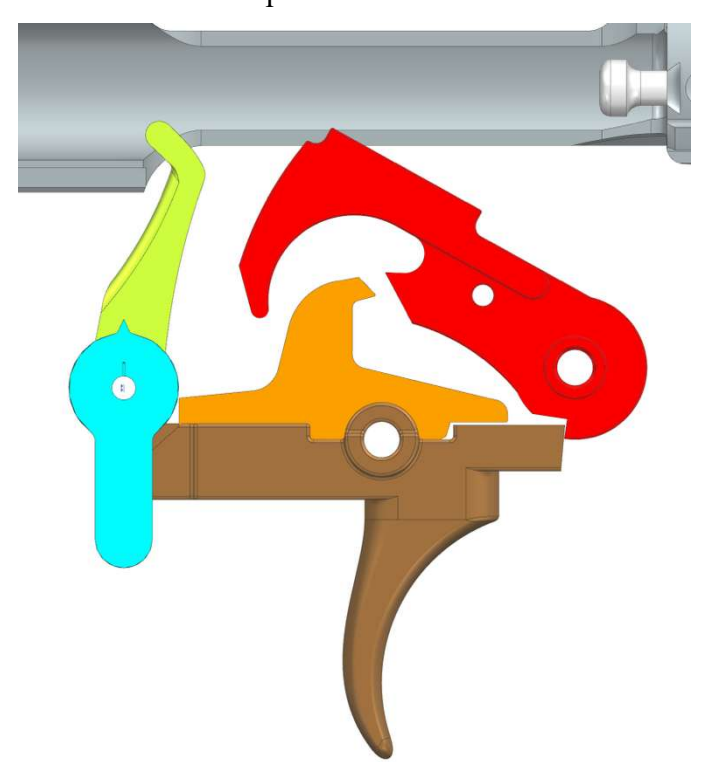
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
	 (Plaintiff-generated renderings of ARC-Fire here and below)
to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis between set and released positions, said hammer adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier,	The hammer (red) pivots on a transverse hammer pivot axis between set and released positions, depicted below. The hammer is adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier.  Hammer Set Position

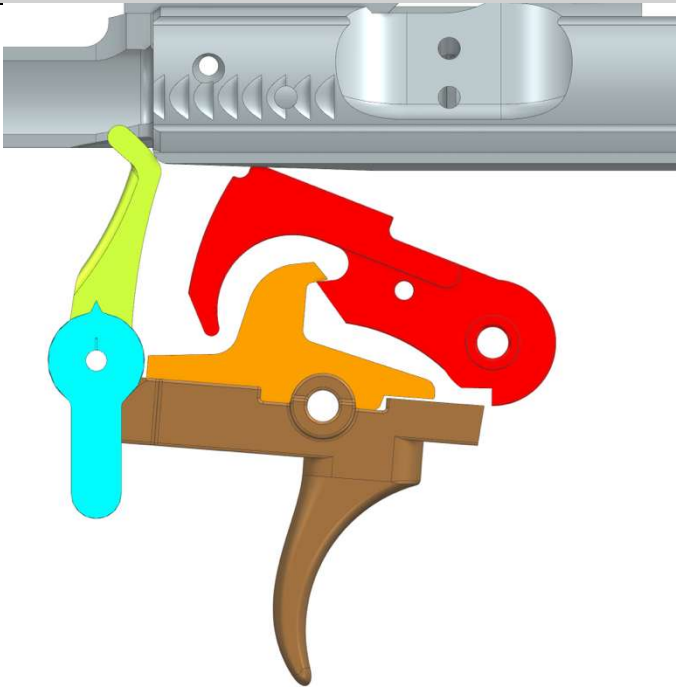
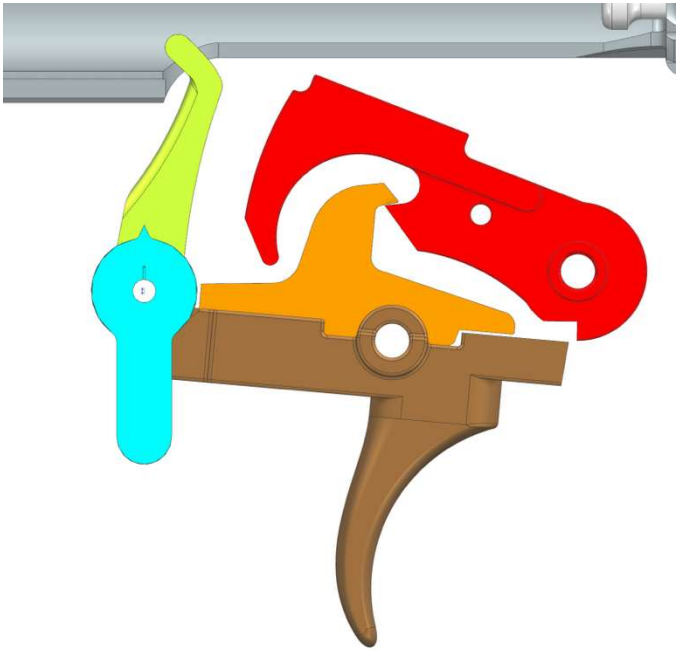
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
	 Hammer Released Position
a trigger member having a sear and adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse trigger member pivot axis between set and released positions,	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is installed with a trigger member (brown) in the fire control mechanism pocket and the trigger member pivots on a transverse trigger member pivot axis between set and released positions. The trigger member (brown) has a sear. 
wherein said sear and sear catch are in engagement in said set positions of said	The sear of the trigger member (brown) and sear catch of the hammer (red) are in engagement when the hammer and trigger member are in their set positions.

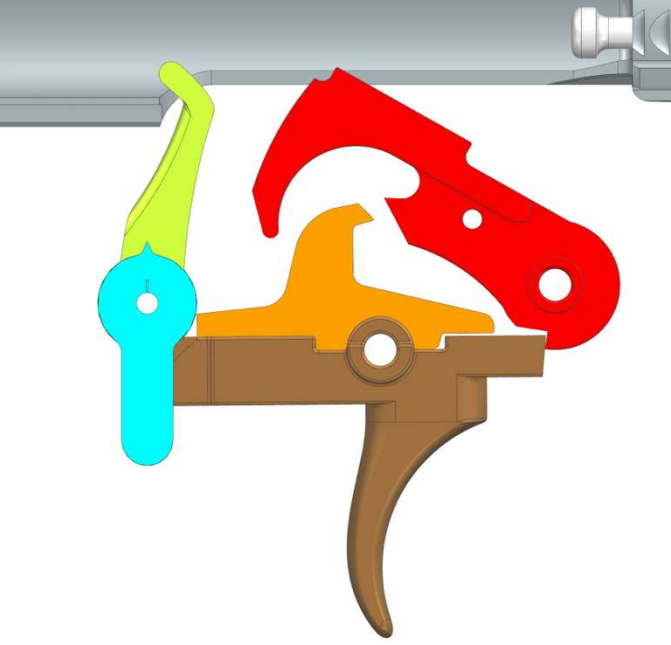
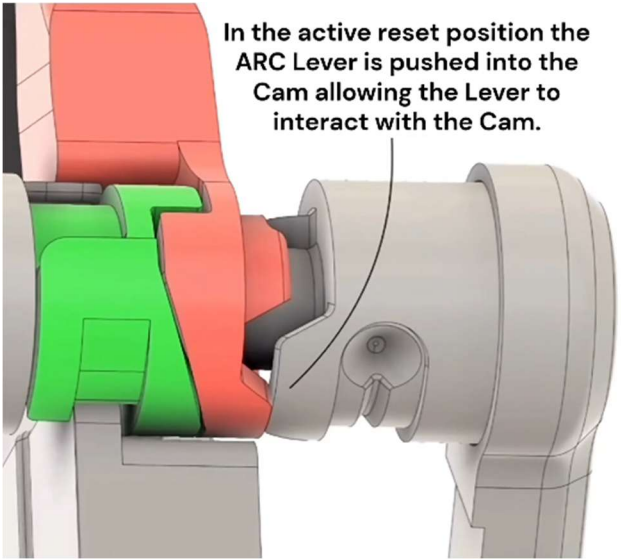
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
hammer and trigger member	 Trigger Member Set Position
and are out of engagement in said released positions of said hammer and trigger member,	The sear of the trigger member (brown) and sear catch of the hammer (red) are out of engagement in the released position.  Trigger Member Released Position
said disconnecter having a hook for engaging said hammer and adapted to be mounted in the fire control	The disconnecter (orange) is adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis. The disconnecter has a hook for engaging the hammer (red).

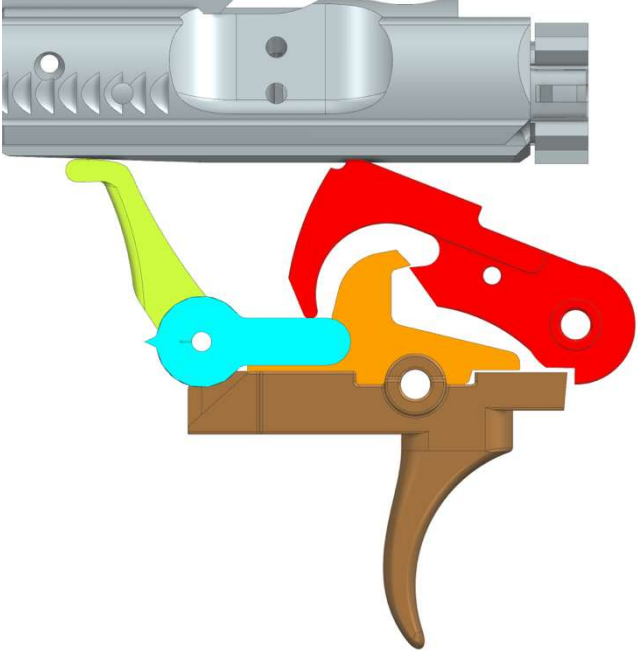
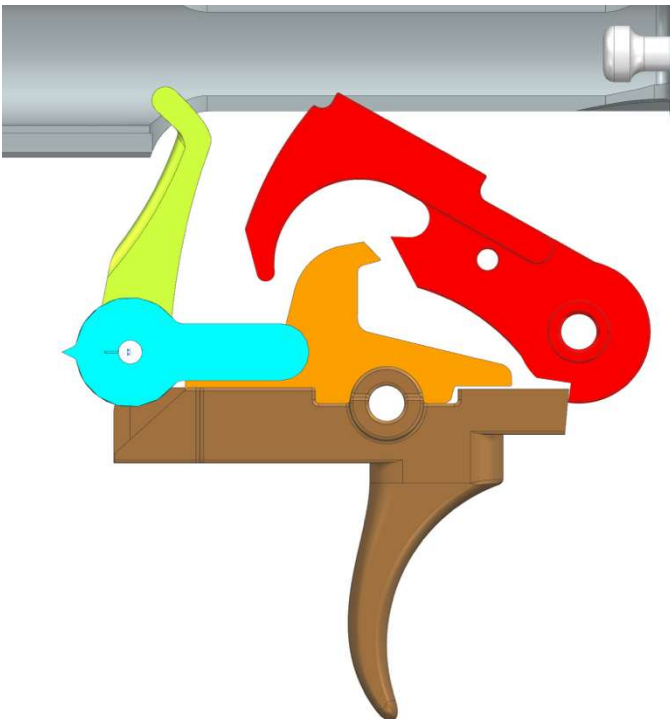
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis,	 Disconnecter Hook Engaged
and a cam having a cam lobe and adapted to be movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket,	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) has a lever (yellow) with a cam lobe that is adapted to be movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket. (See image above depicting ARC-Fire, shown in (yellow/blue), in fire control mechanism pocket)  ARC-Fire Lever with Cam Lobe
said cam being movable between a first position and a second position, in said second position said cam lobe forces said trigger	The cam is movable between a first position and a second position.

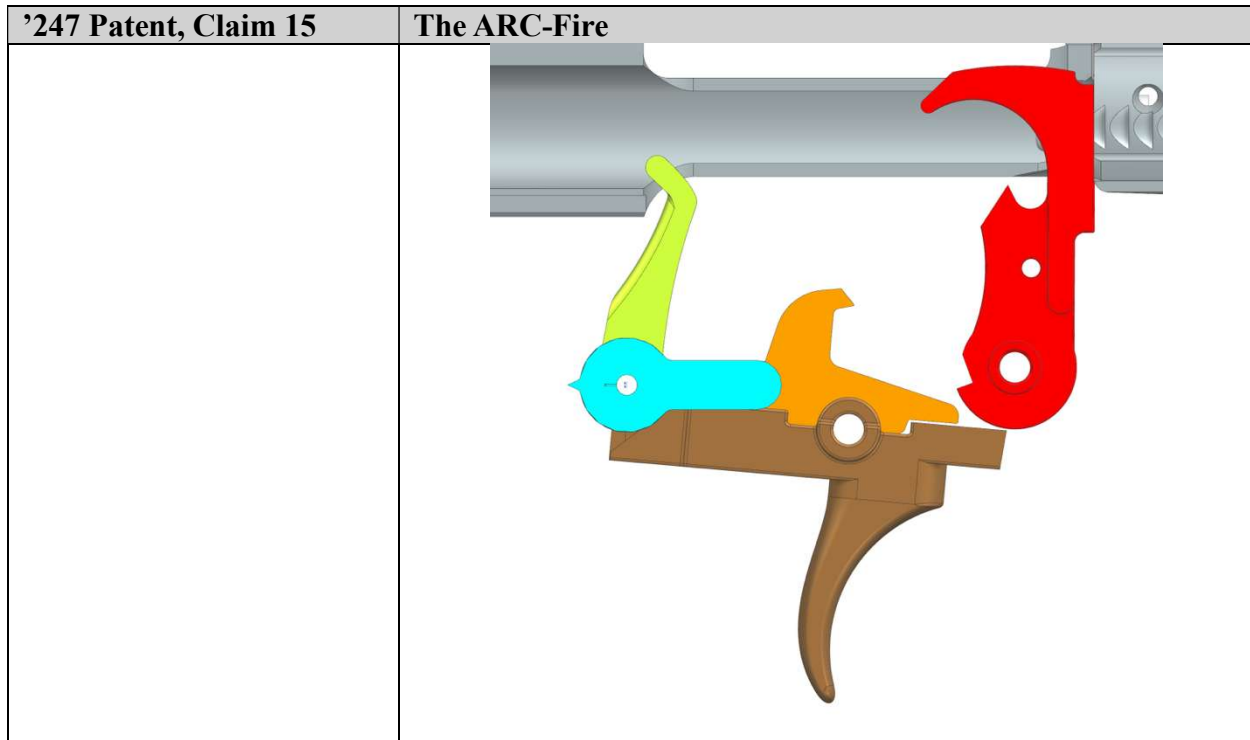
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
member towards said set position,	 Cam and Lobe First Position In the second position, the cam lobe mechanically moves the trigger member (brown) toward the set position when the cam is in the “forced reset” semi-automatic mode.  Cam and Lobe Second Position
whereupon in a standard semi-automatic mode,	During at least part of the cycle in the standard semi-automatic mode,

'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
said cam is in said first position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer such that said disconnecter hook catches said hammer hook,	 In the SEMI position, the ARC Lever will not engage the Cam as its rotated rearward leaving the Cam in the unlocked position. . . . the cam is in the first position.  Rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of the hammer (red) such that the disconnecter (orange) hook catches the hammer hook.

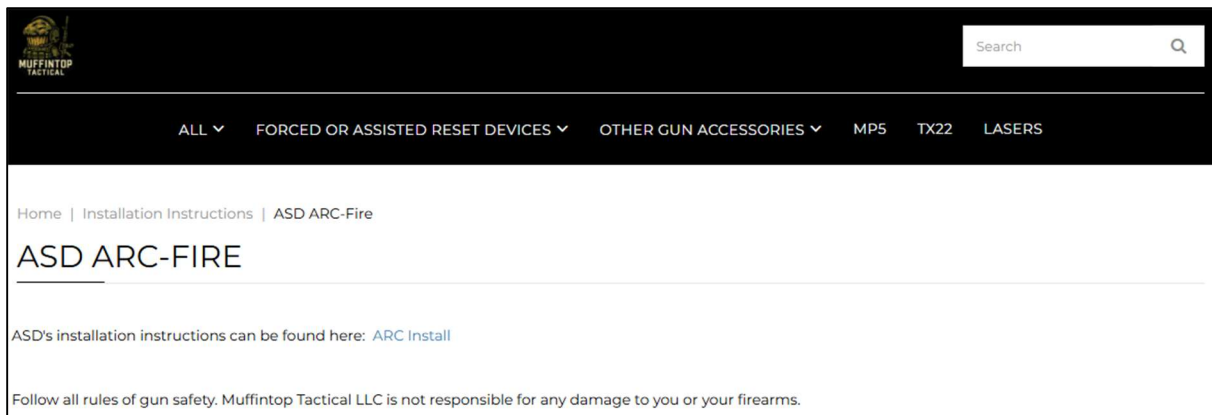
'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
and thereafter the bolt carrier moves forward into battery, at which time a user must manually release said trigger member to free said hammer from said disconnector to permit said hammer and trigger	 Thereafter, the bolt carrier moves forward into battery,  . . . at which time a user must manually release the trigger member (brown) to free said hammer (red) from the disconnector (orange) to permit the hammer and trigger member to pivot to the set positions so that the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm.

'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
member to pivot to said set positions so that the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm, and	
whereupon in a forced reset semi-automatic mode, said cam is in said second position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer such that said disconnector hook is prevented from catching said hammer hook,	When in the “forced reset” semi-automatic mode,  ... the cam is in the second position during at least part of the cycle and mechanically moves the trigger member toward the set position. Rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of the hammer (red) such that the disconnector (orange) hook is prevented from catching the hammer hook.

'247 Patent, Claim 15	The ARC-Fire
	
and thereafter the bolt carrier moves forward into battery, at which time the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm.	Thereafter, the bolt carrier moves forward into battery,  . . . at which time the user can pull the trigger member (brown) to fire the firearm.



54. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '247 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, installation of, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the ARC-Fire. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website (<https://muffintoptactical.com/asd-arc-fire.html>) that informs customers to install the Infringing Devices into an AR15:



55. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 15 of the '247 Patent.

56. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '247 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the ARC-Fire, such as the cam or cam lever arm. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '247 Patent.

57. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '247 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '247 Patent and that the '247 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '247 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '247 Patent.

58. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '247 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

59. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '247 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

60. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '247 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

61. Defendants' infringement of the '247 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

62. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

63. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction,

damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT II — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '784 PATENT

64. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

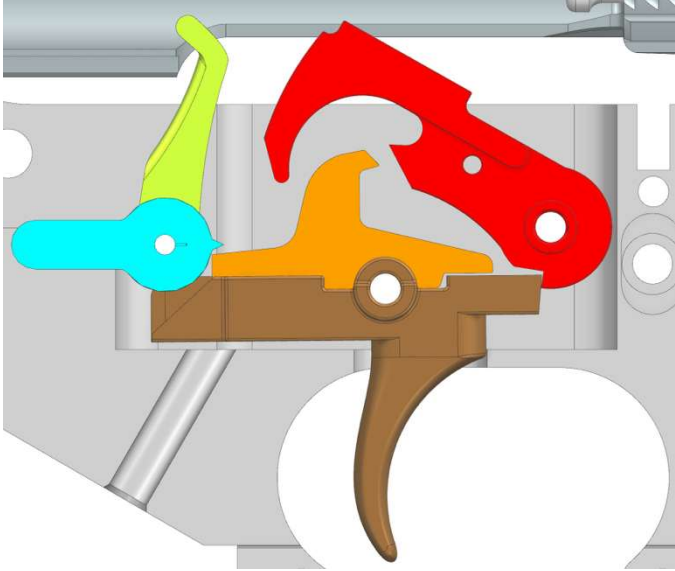
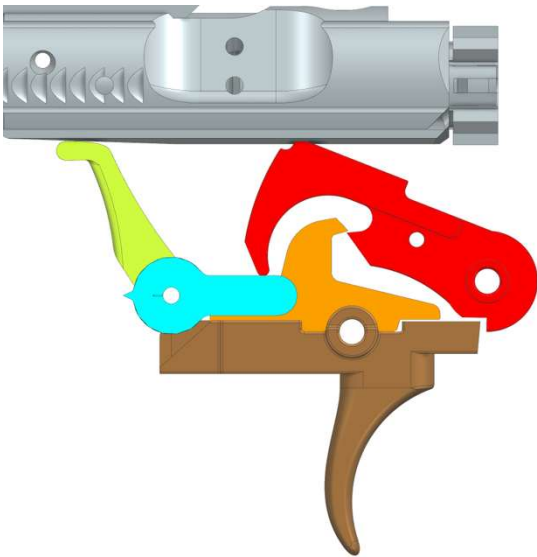
65. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '784 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '784 patent. Such unlicensed products include the ARC-Fire.

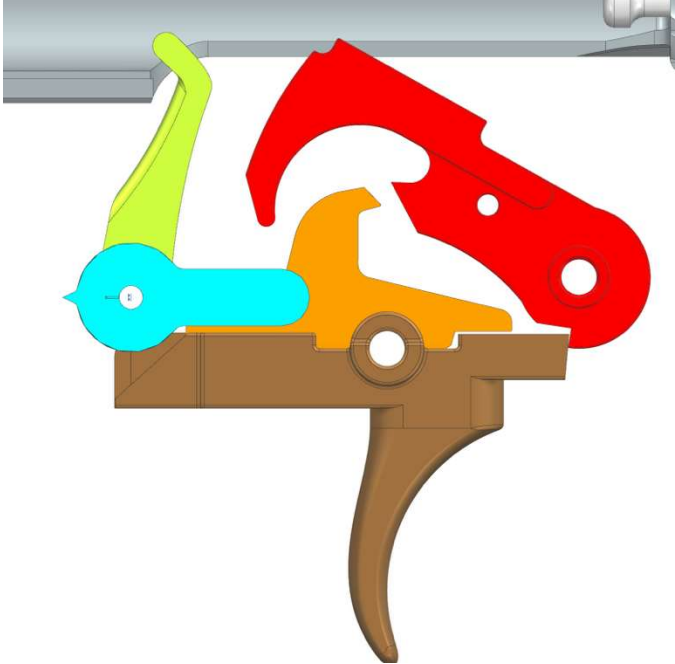
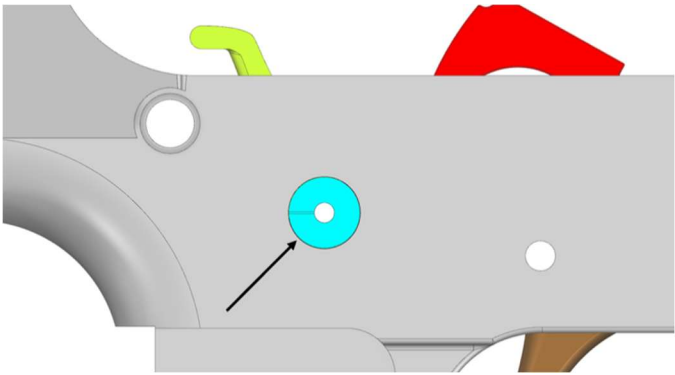
66. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '784 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

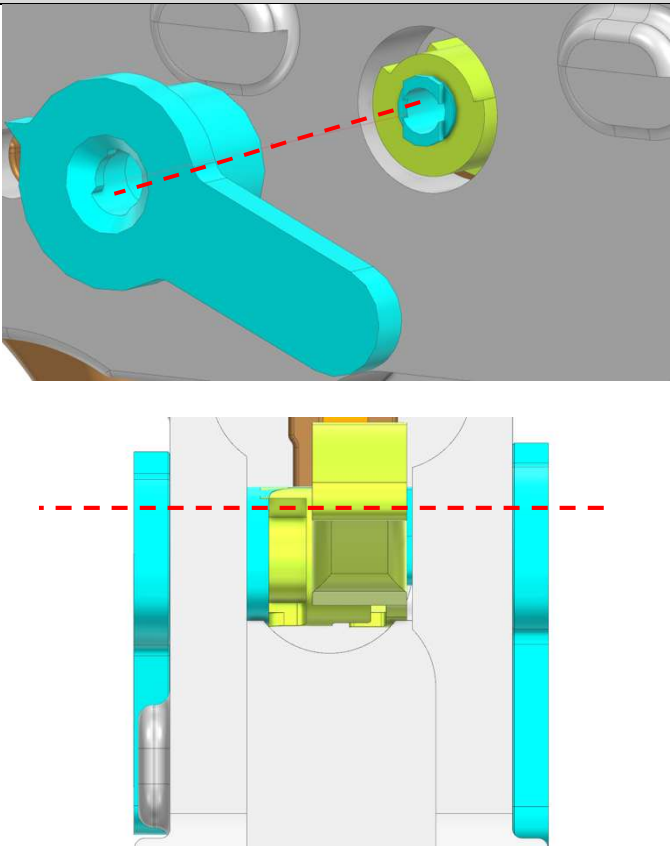
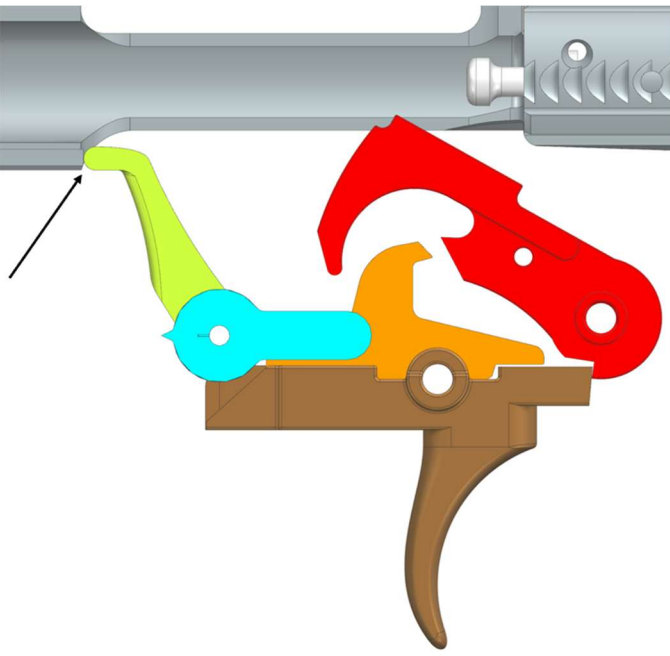
67. An exemplary comparison of the ARC-Fire, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 1 of the '784 Patent is illustrated in the chart below:

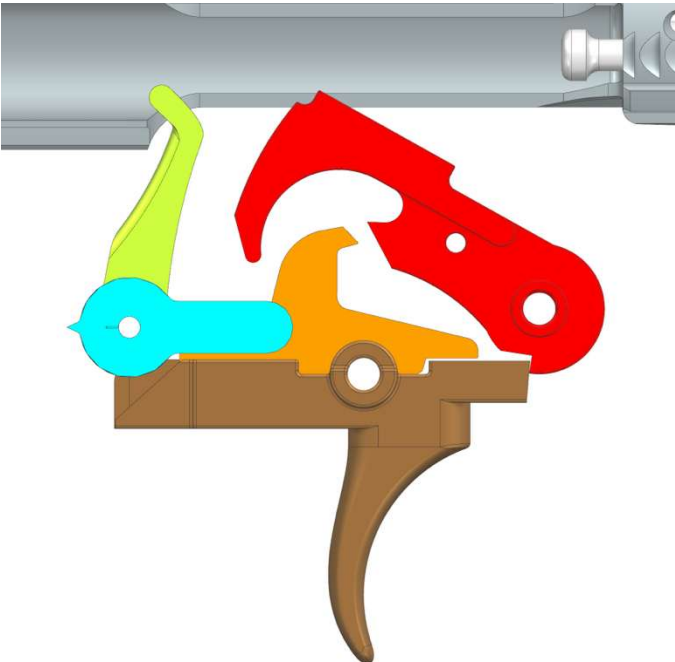
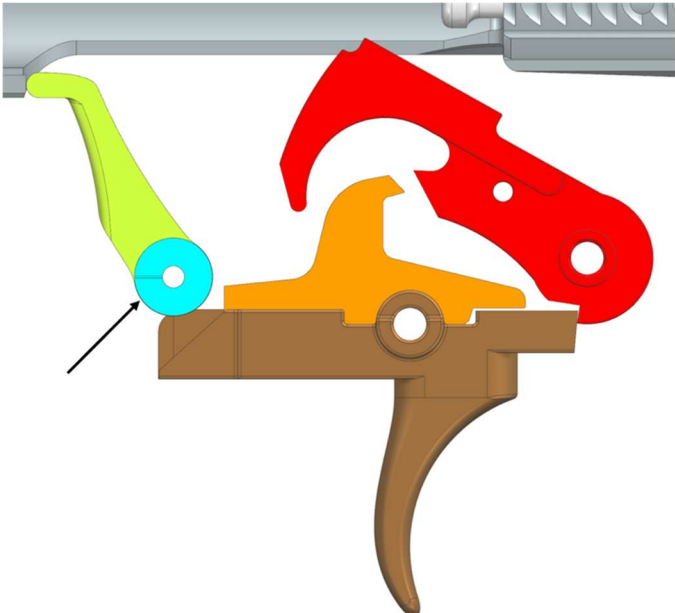
'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
1. In a forced reset trigger mechanism, an extended trigger member locking device, comprising:	When installed and used as directed, the ARC-Fire is part of a trigger mechanism and functions as an extended trigger member locking device.

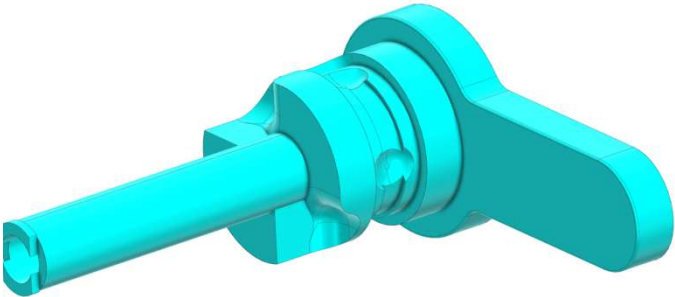
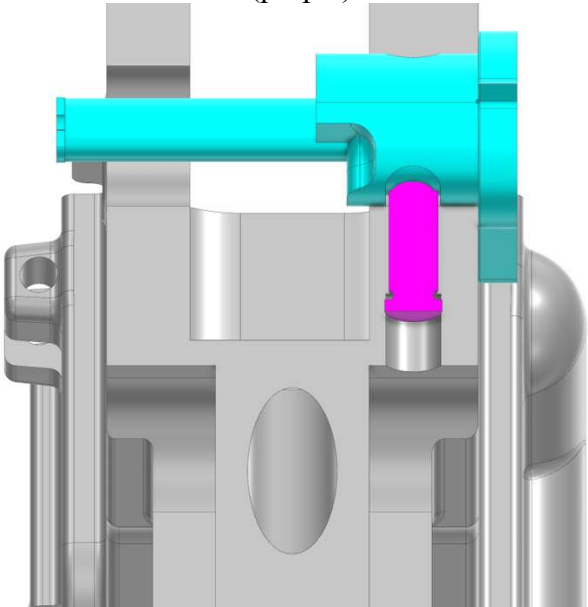
'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
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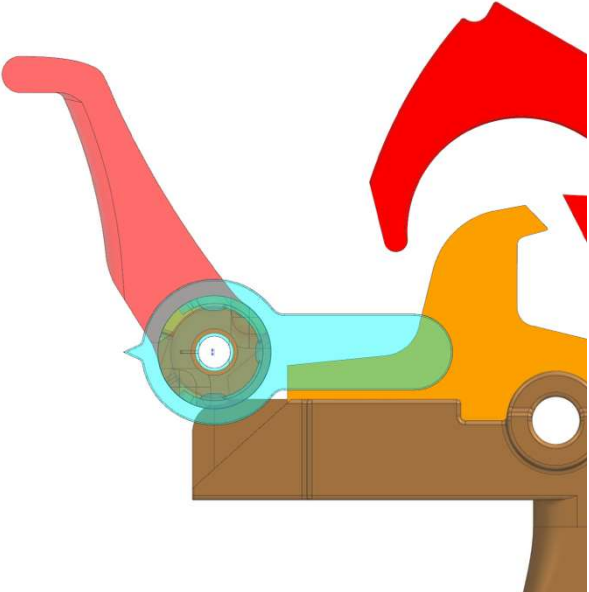
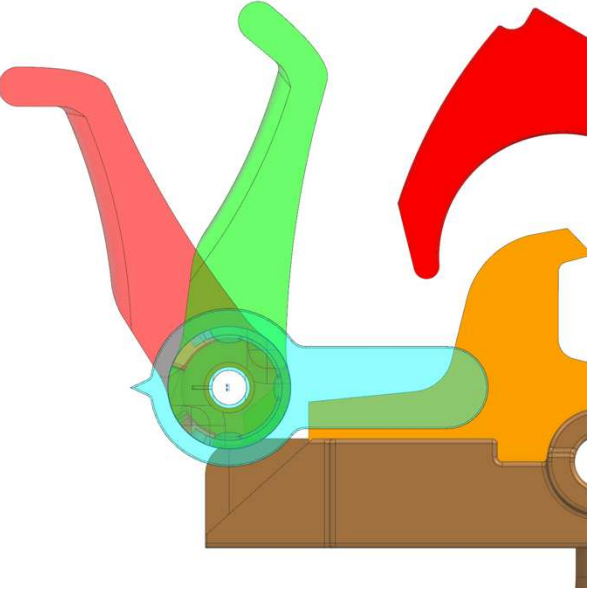
'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 ARC-Fire Installed (Plaintiff-generated renderings of ARC-Fire here and below)
a locking member that is movable between a first position in which it locks a trigger against pulling movement	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) operates as a locking member and has a first position in which the ARC-Fire locks the trigger member against pulling movement.  Locked First Position
and a second position where it does not restrict movement of the trigger member,	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is moveable from the first position to a second position where it does not restrict movement of the trigger member.

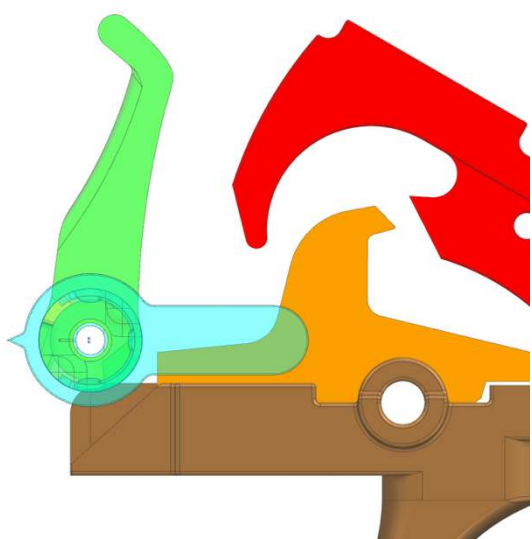
'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 Unlocked Second Position
the locking member configured to be movably supported by a frame	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is movably (pivotally about the axis depicted below) supported by a frame (the lower receiver).  Section View of Body Portion for Clarity

'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	
and including a generally upward extension portion configured to make actuating contact with a surface of the bolt carrier,	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) has an upward extending portion (yellow) configured to make actuating contact with a surface of the bolt carrier. 

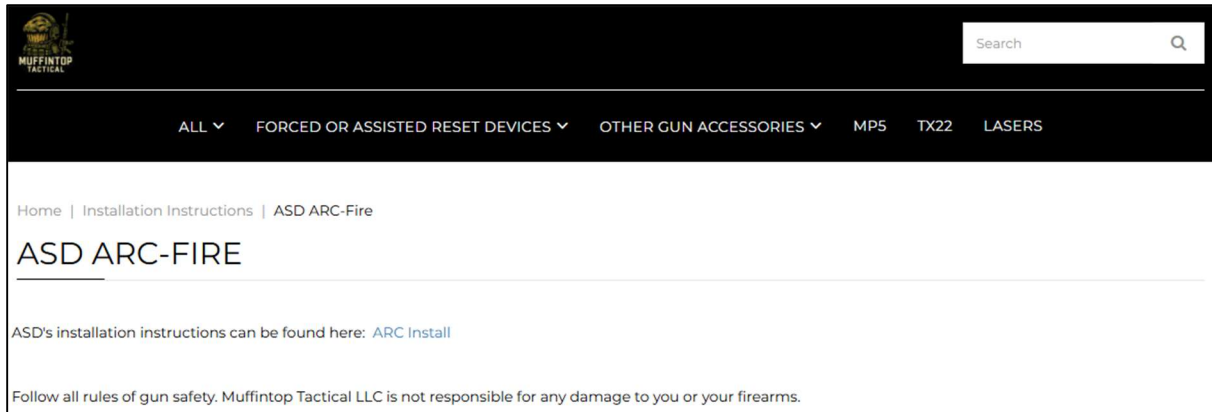
'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
such actuating contact causing the locking member to move from the first position to the second position,	The actuating contact causes the locking member to move from the first position to the second position.  Unlocked Second Position
the locking member having a body portion that is movably supported	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) has a body portion (blue) that is movably supported by the lower receiver using a detent (purple).  Section View of Body Portion (blue) for Clarity

'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 The body portion (blue) has a track with holes that are lined up to correspond to the selectable modes (Fire/ Standard Semi-Automatic, "Forced Reset" Semi-Automatic) which are positively stopped by a detent (purple)  Once installed, the body portion (blue) is movably supported by the lower receiver (grey) using the detent (purple).
and an upwardly extending deflectable portion that is separately movable relative to the body portion between an extended position	The ARC-Fire has an upwardly extending deflectable portion (lever arm). The connection is designed to allow separate movement of the lever arm relative to the body portion between one position (depicted in red) where it is extended and another position where it is deflected (depicted in green).

'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 Below illustrates the upward extending deflectable portion's (lever arm) total separate travel with an overlay of the lever in both positions without the body portion moving. 

'784 Patent, Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
and a deflected position.	The lever is now shown deflected independent of the body. 

68. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '784 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, installation of, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the ARC-Fire while selling products. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website (<https://muffintoptactical.com/asd-arc-fire.html>) that informs customers to install the Infringing Devices into an AR15:



69. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '784 Patent.

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71. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '784 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '784 Patent and that the '784 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '784 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '784 Patent.

72. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '784 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

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77. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction,

damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT III — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '159 PATENT

78. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

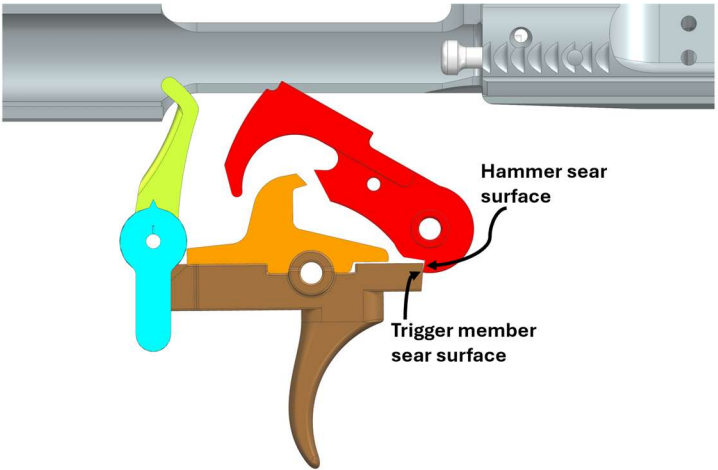
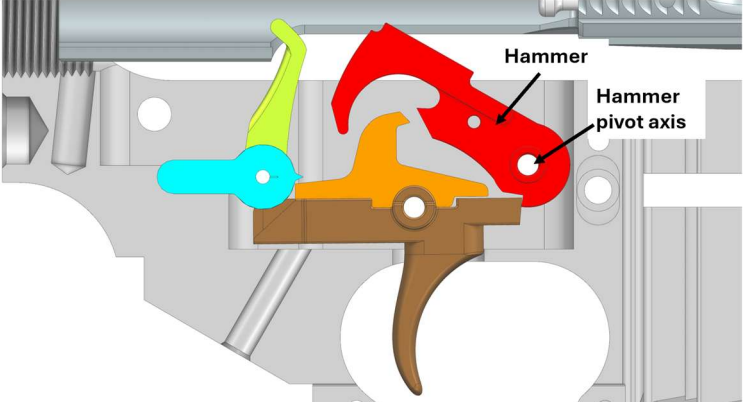
79. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '159 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '159 patent. Such unlicensed products include the ARC-Fire.

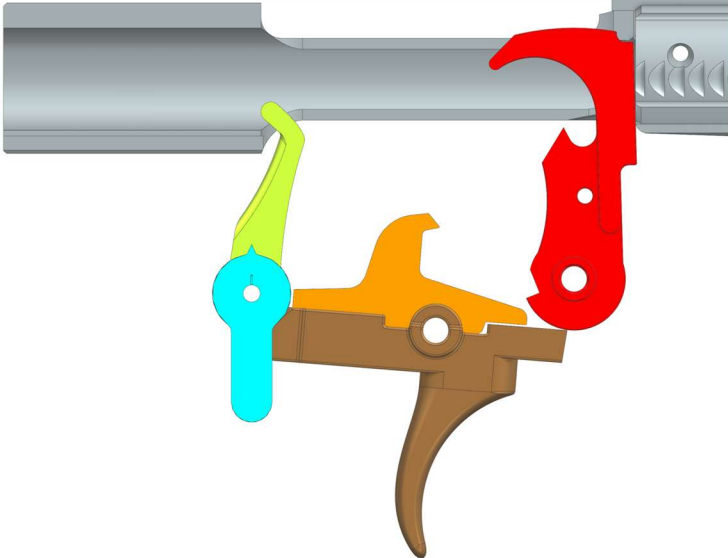
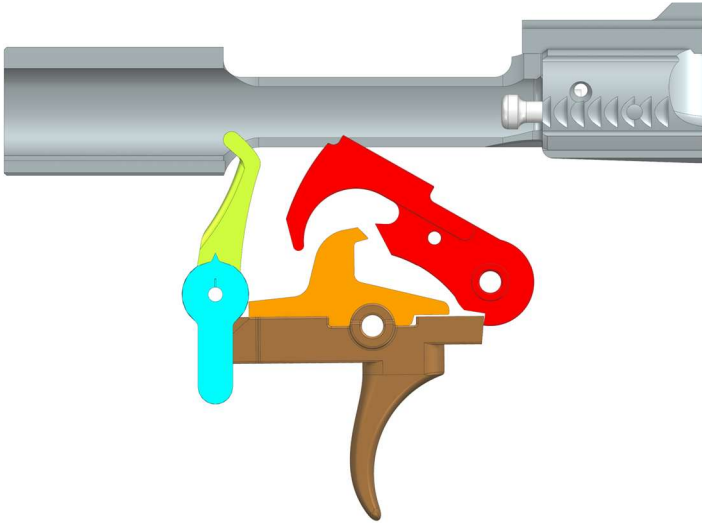
80. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '159 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

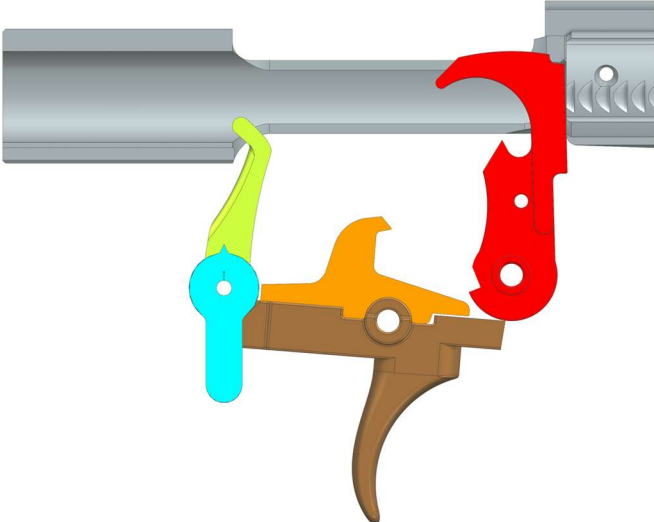
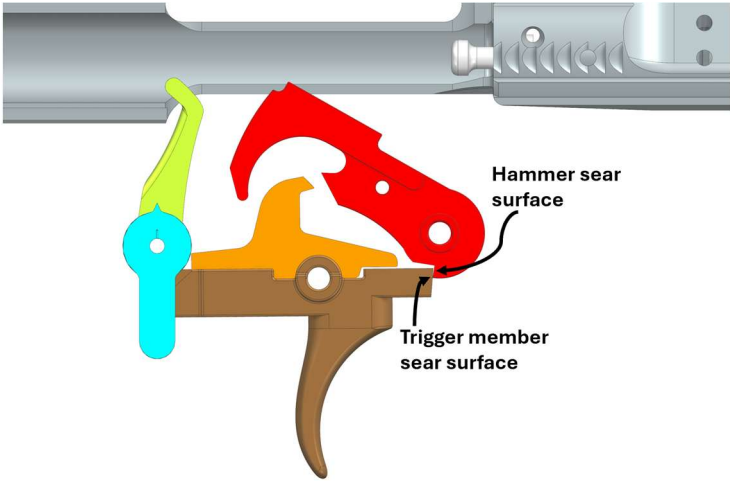
81. An exemplary comparison of the ARC-Fire, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 1 of the '159 Patent is illustrated in the chart below:

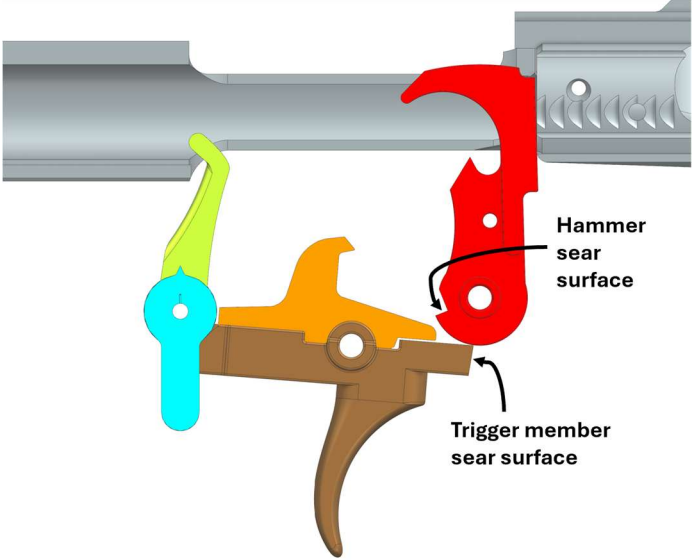
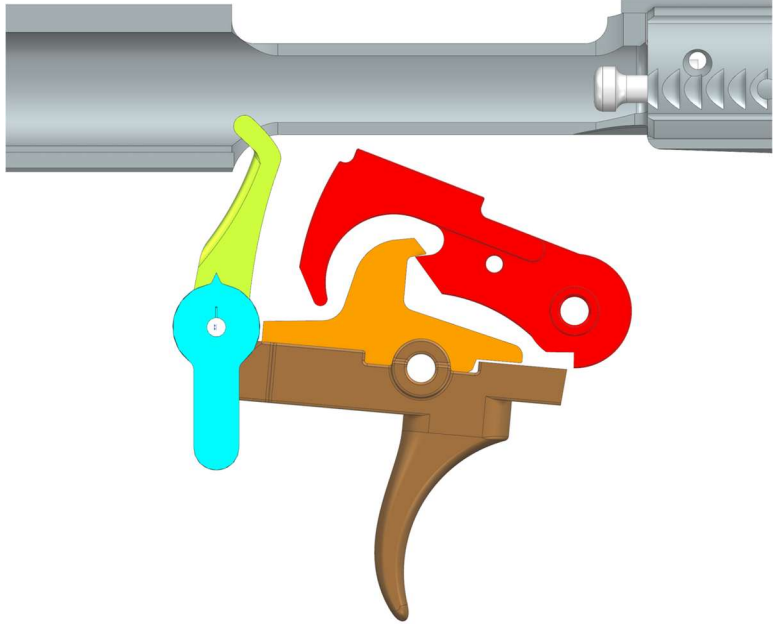
'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
1. A firearm trigger mechanism for a firearm having a fire control mechanism pocket and a reciprocating bolt means, the trigger mechanism operable in a first, standard semi-automatic mode and in a second, forced reset semi-automatic mode, the mechanism comprising:	When installed and used as directed, the ARC-Fire is part of a trigger mechanism that uses a bolt means. With the ARC-Fire installed, the trigger mechanism operates in a standard semi-automatic mode and a "forced reset" semi-automatic mode

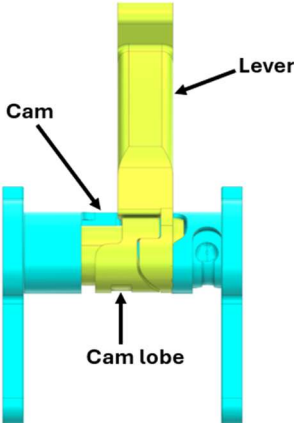
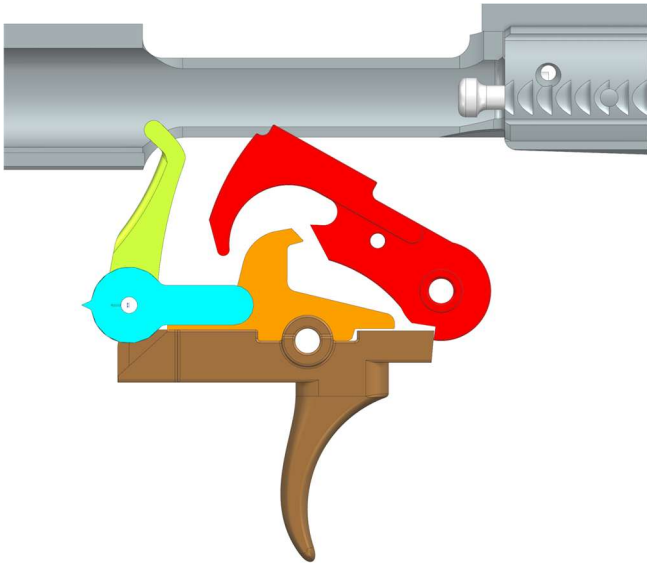
'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
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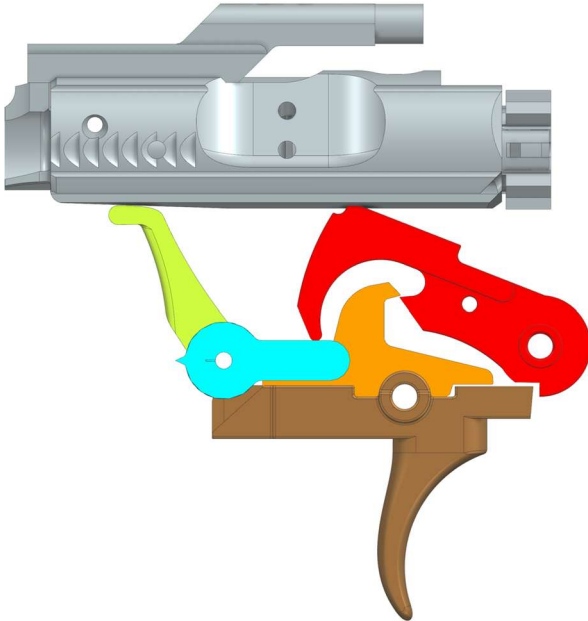
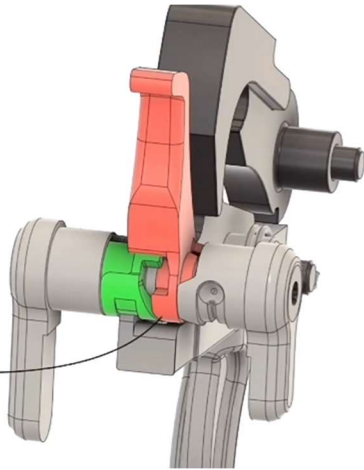
'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
a hammer having a sear surface and a hook for engaging a disconnector and adapted to be mounted in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is installed in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver along with a hammer (red) that has a sear surface and a hook for engaging a disconnector (orange).  ARC-Fire (Installed)
to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis between set and released positions, the hammer adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt means,	The hammer (red) pivots on a transverse hammer pivot axis between set and released positions, depicted below. The hammer is adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt means.  Hammer Set Position

'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 Hammer Released Position
a trigger member having a trigger sear surface and adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse trigger member pivot axis between set and	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) is installed with a trigger member (brown) in the fire control mechanism pocket and the trigger member pivots on a transverse trigger member pivot axis between set and released positions. The trigger member has a sear surface.  Trigger Member Set Position

'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
released positions,	 Trigger Member Released Position
wherein the trigger member sear surface and hammer sear surface are in engagement in the set positions of the hammer and trigger member	The sear surface of the trigger member (brown) and sear surface of the hammer (red) are in engagement when the hammer and trigger member are in their set positions.  Trigger Member and Hammer Member Set Position
and are out of engagement in the released positions of the hammer and trigger member,	The sear surface of the trigger member (brown) and sear catch surface of the hammer (red) are out of engagement in the released position.

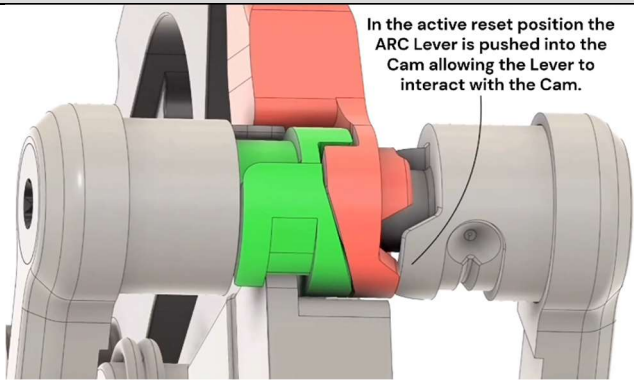
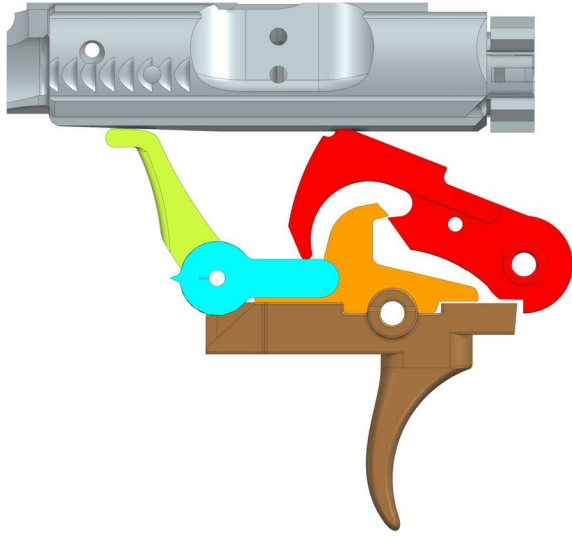
'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 Hammer sear surface Trigger member sear surface Trigger Member and Hammer Member Released Positions
the disconnecter having a hook for engaging the hammer and adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis, and	The disconnecter (orange) is adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis. The disconnecter has a hook for engaging the hammer (red).  Disconnecter Hook Engaged
a cam having a cam lobe and adapted to be movably mounted in the	The ARC-Fire (yellow/blue) has a cam with a cam lobe and lever (yellow) that is adapted to be movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket. (See image above depicting ARC-Fire, shown in yellow/blue, in fire control mechanism pocket)

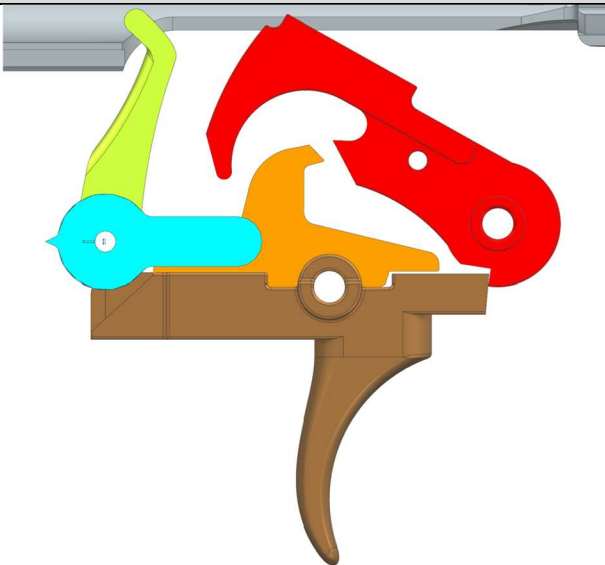
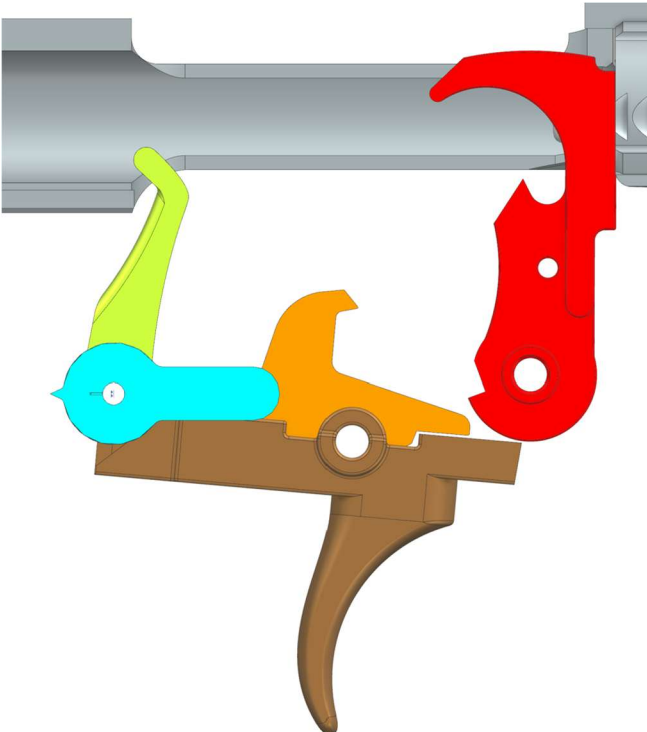
'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
fire control mechanism pocket,	 ARC-Fire Cam with Lobe and Lever
the cam being movable between a first position and a second position, in the second position the cam lobe forces the trigger member toward the set position,	The cam is movable between a first position and a second position.  Cam and Lobe First Position In the second position, the cam lobe mechanically moves the trigger member (brown) toward the set position when the cam is in the “forced reset” semi-automatic mode.

'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
	 Cam and Lobe Second Position
whereupon in the first mode, rearward movement of the bolt means causes rearward pivoting of the hammer such that the disconnecter hook catches the hammer hook,	While in the first (standard semi-automatic) mode,  In the SEMI position, the ARC Lever will not engage the Cam as its rotated rearward leaving the Cam in the unlocked position. ... rearward movement of the bolt means causes rearward pivoting of the hammer (red) such that the disconnecter (orange) hook catches the hammer hook.

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and thereafter the bolt means moves forward into battery,	Disconnector Hook Catches the Hammer Thereafter, the bolt means moves forward into battery,

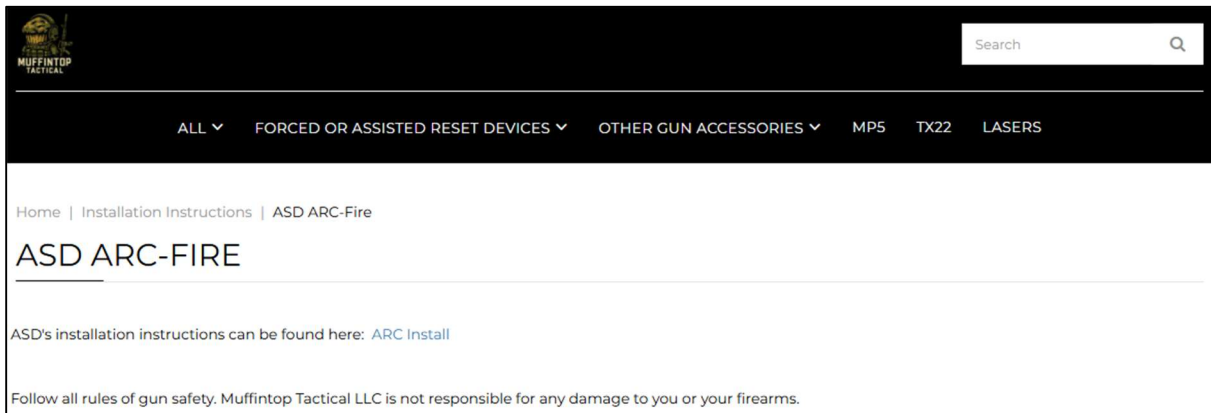
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at which time a user must manually reduce pressure on the trigger member to free the hammer from the disconnector to permit the hammer and trigger member to pivot to the set positions so that the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm, and	Pressure on Trigger Member Prevents Reset ... at which time a user must manually reduce pressure on the trigger member (brown) to free the hammer (red) from the disconnector (orange) to permit the hammer and trigger member to pivot to the set positions so that the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm. Reduced Pressure on Trigger Member Allows Reset
whereupon in a second mode,	When in the second (“forced reset” semi-automatic) mode,

'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
rearward movement of the bolt means causes rearward pivoting of the hammer such that the disconnecter hook is prevented from holding the hammer,	In the active reset position the ARC Lever is pushed into the Cam allowing the Lever to interact with the Cam.  ... rearward movement of the bolt means causes rearward pivoting of the hammer (red) and the cam to move the trigger member toward the reset position such that the disconnecter (orange) hook is prevented from holding the hammer hook. 
and thereafter the bolt means moves forward into battery,	Thereafter, the bolt means moves forward into battery and the hammer moves to its reset position,

'159 Patent Claim 1	The ARC-Fire
at which time the user can pull the trigger member to fire the firearm.	 ... at which time the user can pull the trigger member (brown) to fire the firearm without having to first release pressure on the trigger member. 

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90. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

91. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

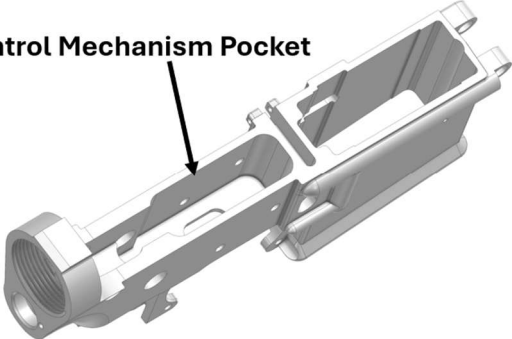
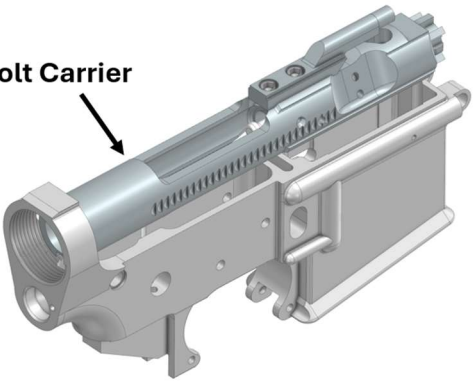
COUNT IV — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '223 PATENT

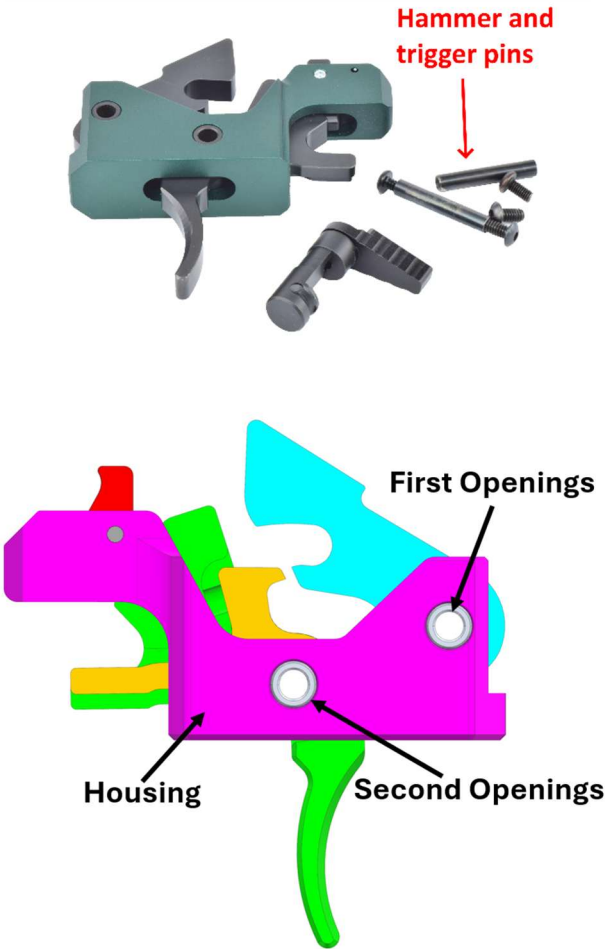
92. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

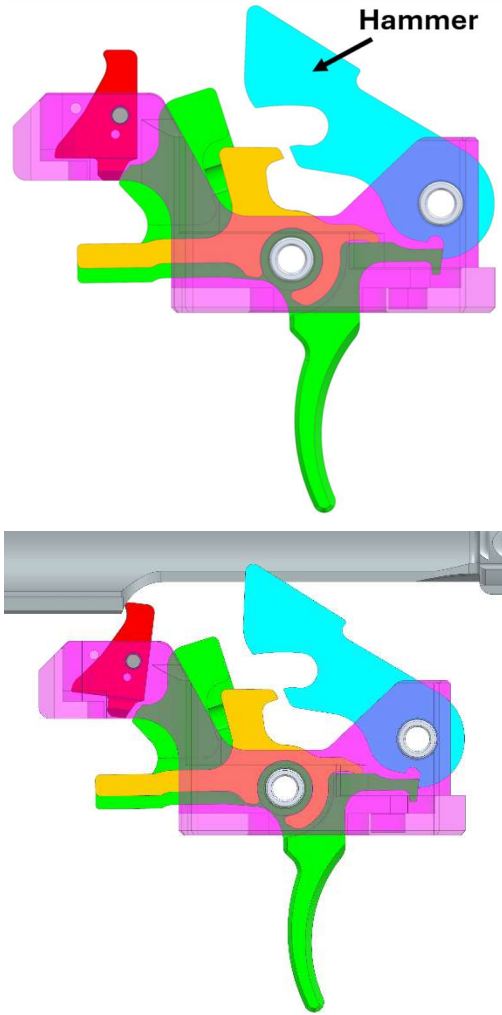
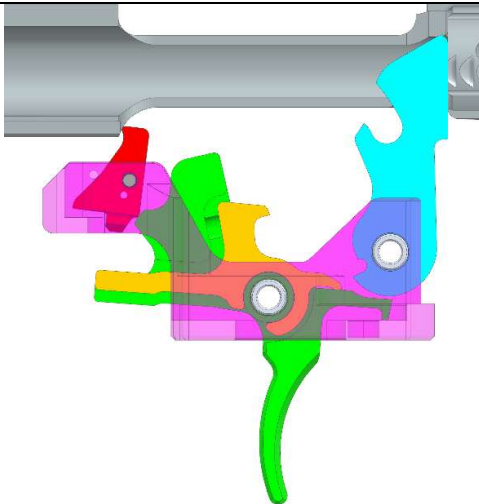
93. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '223 patent, including but not limited to claim 4, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '223 patent. Such unlicensed products include the Disruptor.

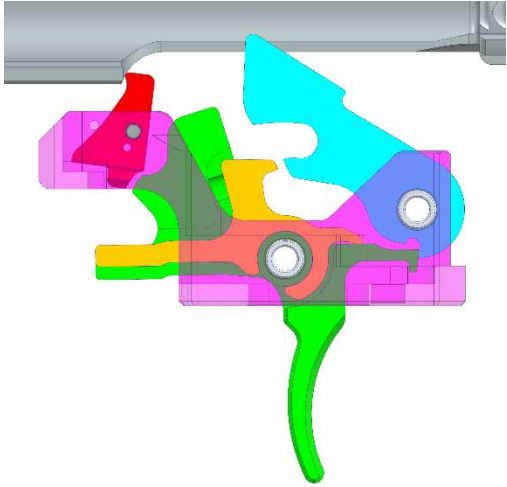
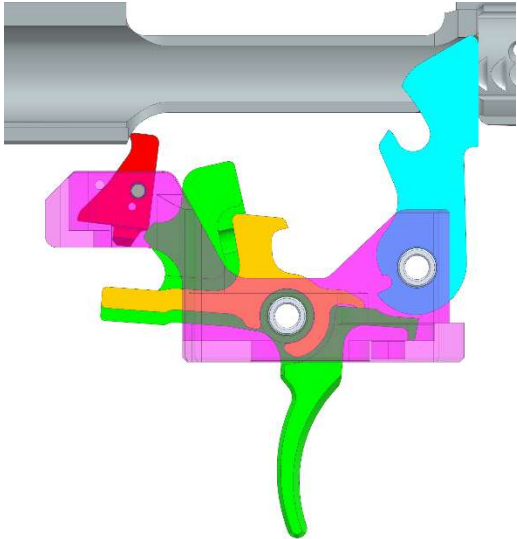
94. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '223 patent, including but not limited to claim 4, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

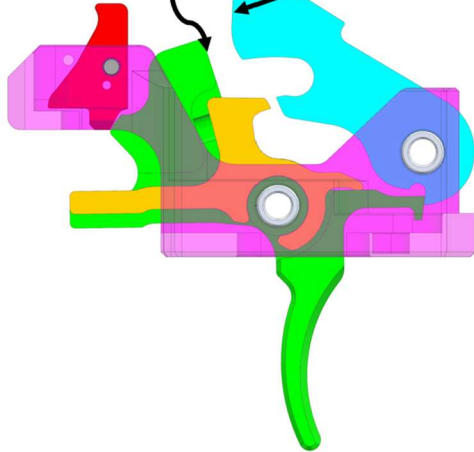
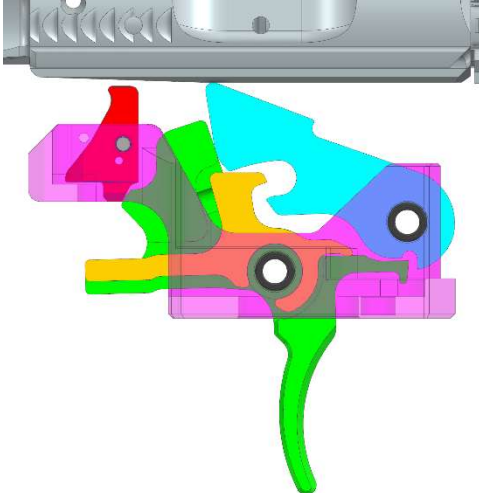
95. An exemplary comparison of the Disruptor, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 4 of the '223 Patent is illustrated in the chart below:

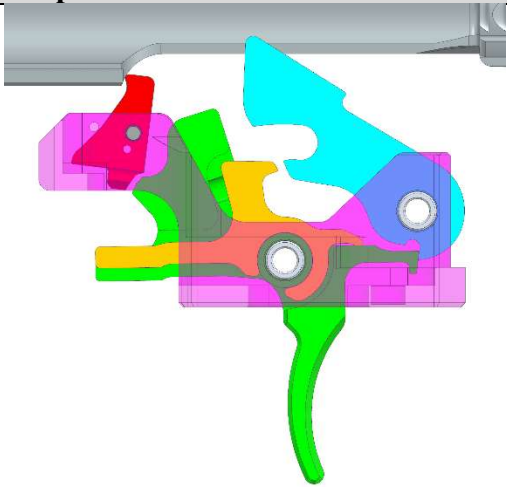
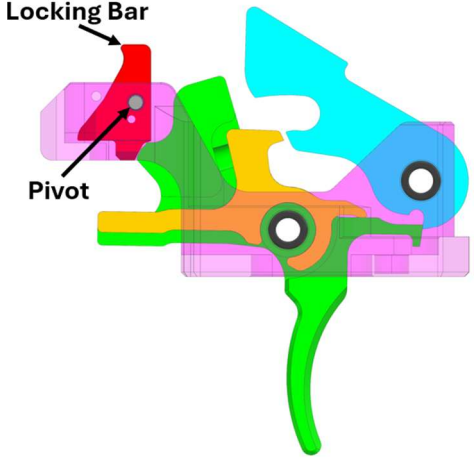
'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
4. For a firearm having a receiver with a fire control mechanism pocket, assembly pin openings in side walls of the pocket, and a bolt carrier that reciprocates and pivotally displaces a hammer when cycled, a trigger mechanism, comprising:	The Disruptor is for an AR-pattern firearm, which has a lower receiver with a fire control pocket and assembly pin openings in side walls of the pocket.  https://muffintactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html Fire Control Mechanism Pocket  An AR-pattern firearm has a bolt carrier that reciprocates and pivotally displaces a hammer when cycled. Bolt Carrier 
a housing having transversely aligned pairs of openings for receiving hammer and trigger assembly pins;	The Disruptor includes a housing with transversely aligned pairs of openings for receiving hammer and trigger assembly pins.

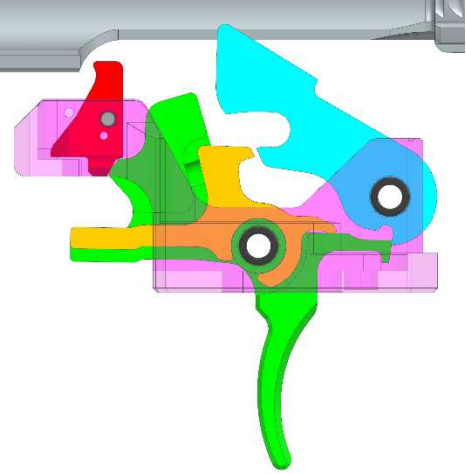
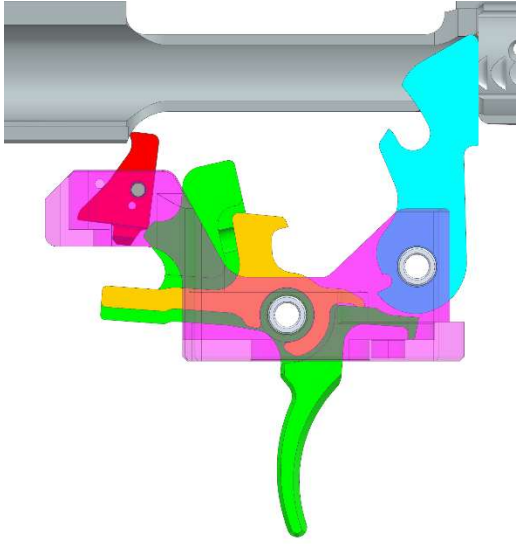
'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	 (Plaintiff-generated renderings of the Disruptor here and below)
a hammer having a sear notch and mounted in the housing to pivot on a transverse axis	The Disruptor includes a hammer (blue) with a sear notch and is mounted in the housing to pivot on a transverse axis.

'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
between set and	 Hammer Set Position
released positions;	 Released Position

'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
a trigger member having a sear and mounted in the housing to pivot on a transverse axis between set	The Disruptor has a trigger member (green) that has a sear and is mounted in a housing to pivot on a transverse axis.  Set Position
and released positions,	 Released Position
the trigger member having a surface positioned to be contacted by the hammer when the hammer is displaced by the bolt carrier when cycled,	The trigger member (green) has a surface positioned to be contacted by a surface of the hammer (blue)

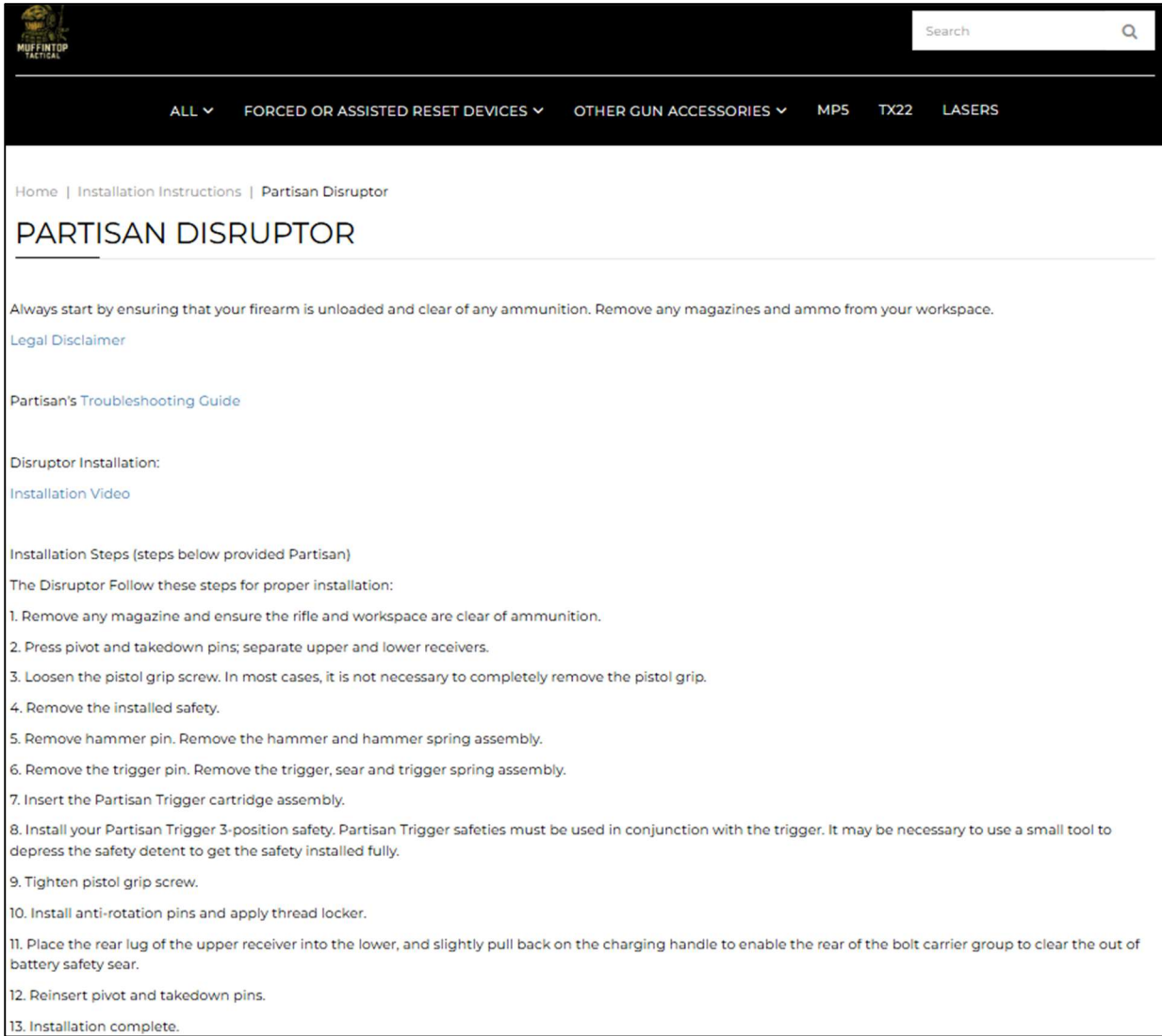
'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
the contact causing the trigger member to be forced to the set position;	Trigger Surface Hammer Surface  The hammer (blue) pivots rearward causing the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position. 

'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	
a locking bar pivotally mounted in the housing	The Disruptor includes a locking bar (red) that is pivotally mounted in the housing. 
and spring biased toward a first position in which the locking bar mechanically blocks the trigger member from moving to the released position,	The locking bar is spring biased toward a first position in which the locking bar mechanically blocks the trigger member from moving to the released position.

'223 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
and movable against the spring bias to a second position when contacted by the bolt carrier reaching a substantially in-battery position in which the trigger member can be moved by an external force to the released position.	 First position Mechanically Blocked The locking bar is movable against the spring bias to a second position when contacted by the bolt carrier reaching a substantially in-battery position. In this position, the trigger member can be moved by an external force (pull by the trigger finger) to the released position. 

96. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '223 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate

direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the Disruptor while selling products. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website (<https://muffintoptactical.com/partisan-disruptor-frt.html>) that informs customers to install the Disruptor into an AR15:



The screenshot shows the Muffintop Tactical website. The header includes a logo, a search bar, and navigation links: ALL, FORCED OR ASSISTED RESET DEVICES, OTHER GUN ACCESSORIES, MP5, TX22, and LASERS. The main content area is titled "PARTISAN DISRUPTOR" and includes the following text:

Home | Installation Instructions | Partisan Disruptor

PARTISAN DISRUPTOR

Always start by ensuring that your firearm is unloaded and clear of any ammunition. Remove any magazines and ammo from your workspace.

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[Partisan's Troubleshooting Guide](#)

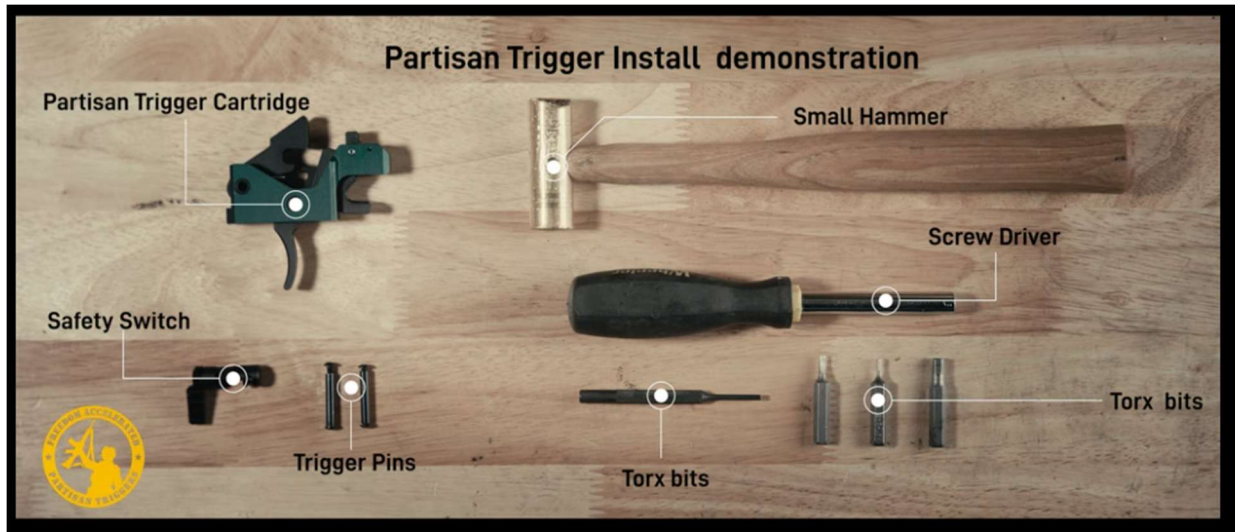
Disruptor Installation:

[Installation Video](#)

Installation Steps (steps below provided Partisan)

The Disruptor Follow these steps for proper installation:

1. Remove any magazine and ensure the rifle and workspace are clear of ammunition.
2. Press pivot and takedown pins; separate upper and lower receivers.
3. Loosen the pistol grip screw. In most cases, it is not necessary to completely remove the pistol grip.
4. Remove the installed safety.
5. Remove hammer pin. Remove the hammer and hammer spring assembly.
6. Remove the trigger pin. Remove the trigger, sear and trigger spring assembly.
7. Insert the Partisan Trigger cartridge assembly.
8. Install your Partisan Trigger 3-position safety. Partisan Trigger safeties must be used in conjunction with the trigger. It may be necessary to use a small tool to depress the safety detent to get the safety installed fully.
9. Tighten pistol grip screw.
10. Install anti-rotation pins and apply thread locker.
11. Place the rear lug of the upper receiver into the lower, and slightly pull back on the charging handle to enable the rear of the bolt carrier group to clear the out of battery safety sear.
12. Reinsert pivot and takedown pins.
13. Installation complete.



97. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 4 of the '223 Patent.

98. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '223 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the Disruptor, such as the trigger assembly. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '223 Patent.

99. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '223 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '223 Patent and that the '223 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '223 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and

the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '223 Patent.

100. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '223 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

101. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '223 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

102. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '223 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

103. Defendants' infringement of the '223 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

104. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

105. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT V — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '003 PATENT

106. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

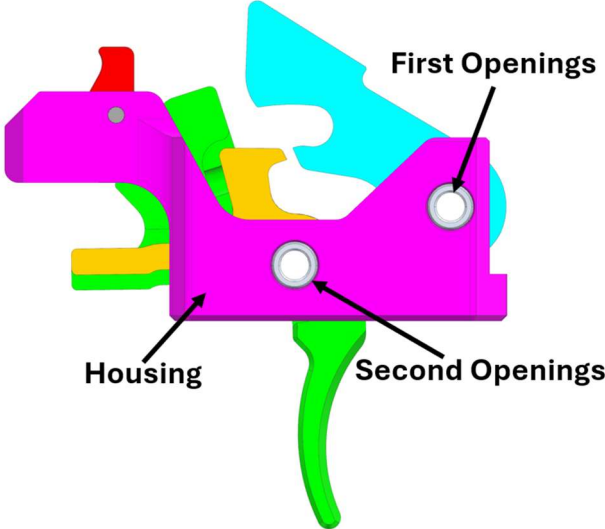
107. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '003 patent, including but not limited to claim 4, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things,

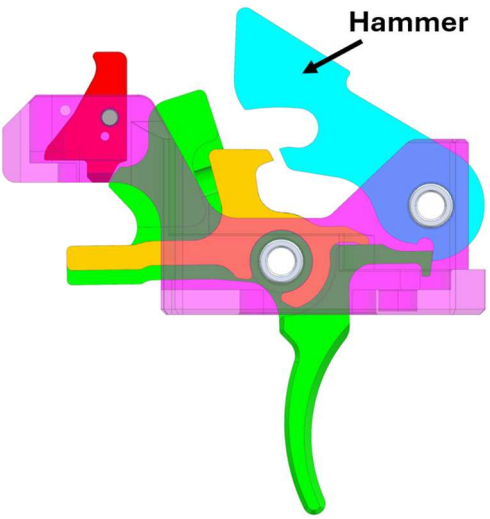
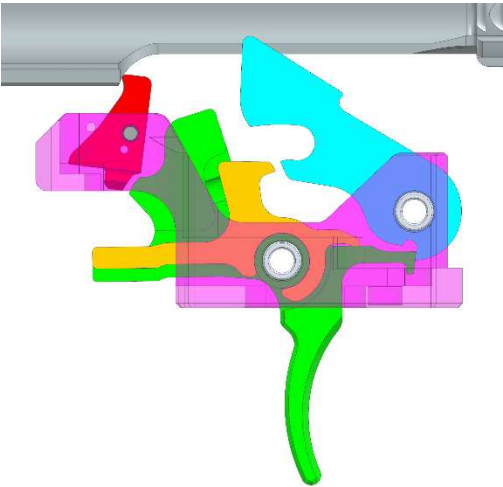
making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '003 patent. Such unlicensed products include the Disruptor.

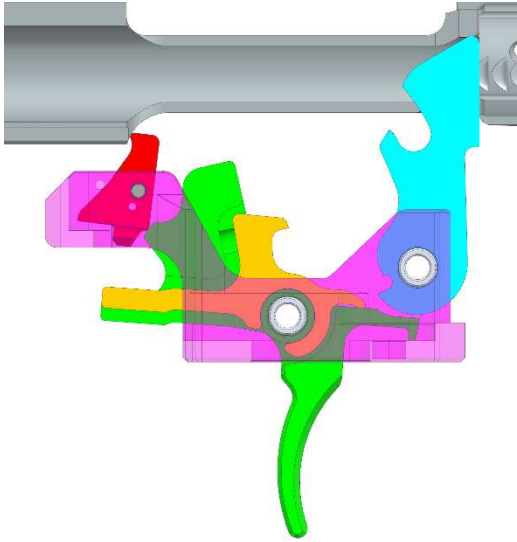
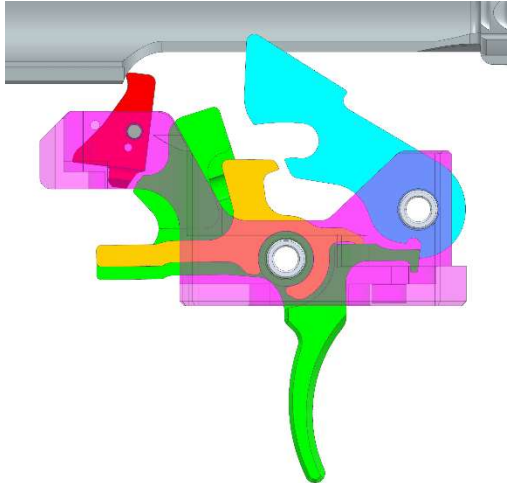
108. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '003 patent, including but not limited to claim 4, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

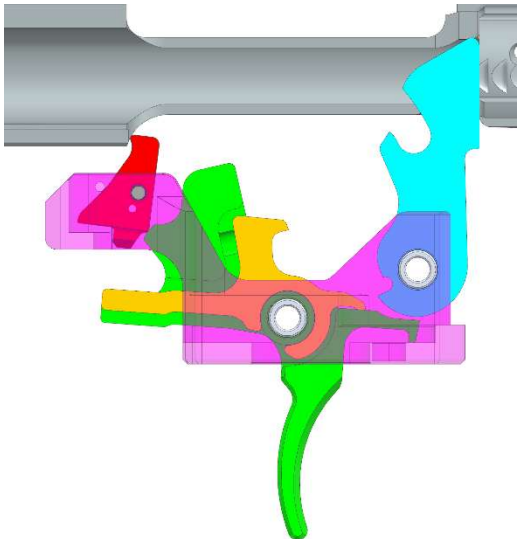
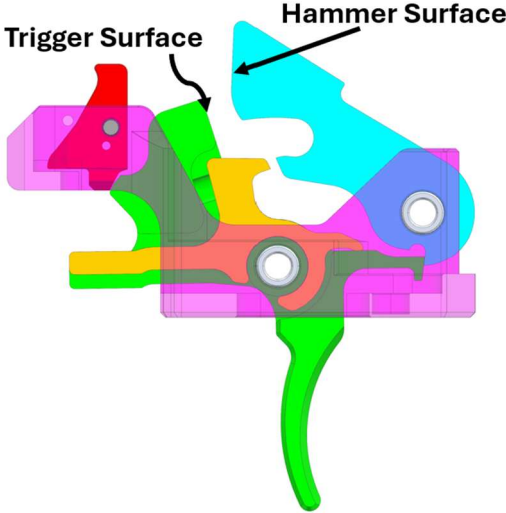
109. An exemplary comparison of the Disruptor, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 4 of the '003 patent is illustrated in the chart below:

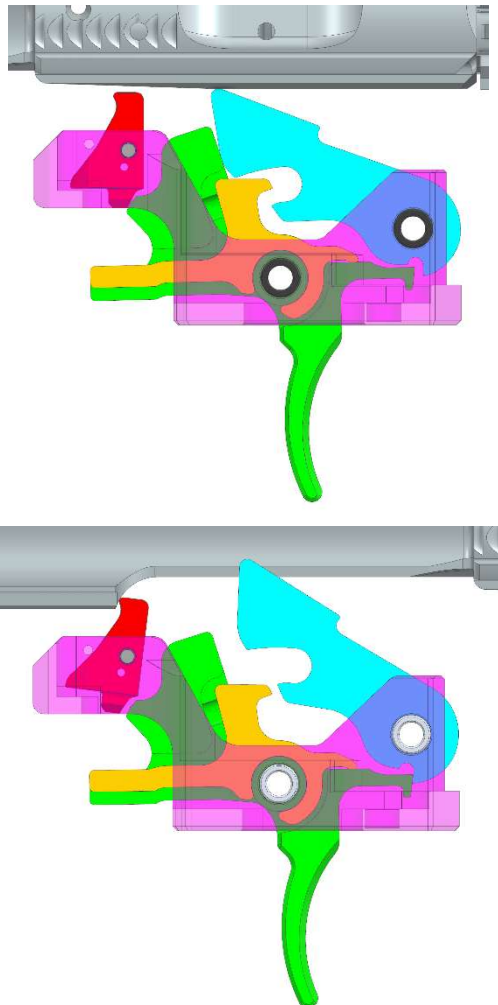
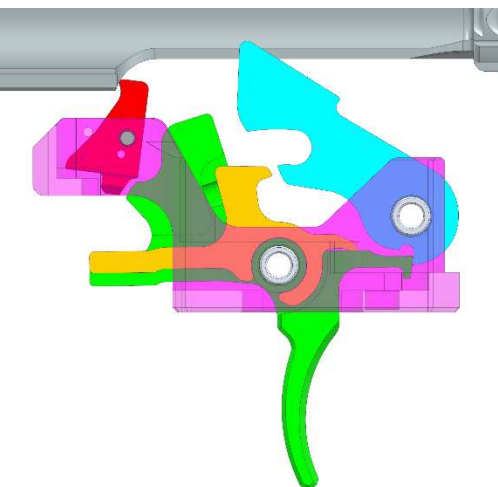
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
4. A firearm trigger mechanism comprising:	The Disruptor is a firearm trigger mechanism.  https://muffintactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html
a housing having a first pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a hammer pin and a second pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a trigger member pin,	The Disruptor includes a housing (black) that has a first pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a hammer pin and a second pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a trigger member pin.

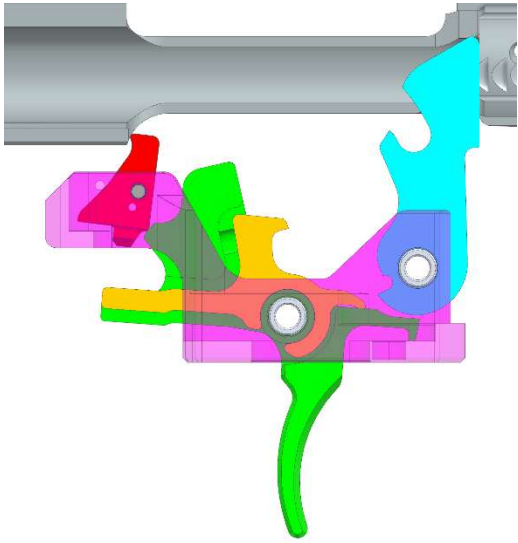
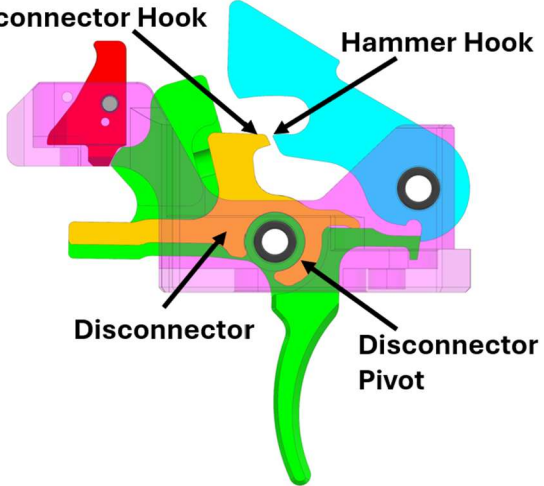
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	 The Disruptor is sold with hammer and trigger pins. 
a hammer having a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter and mounted in said housing to pivot on said hammer pin	The Disruptor includes a hammer (blue) that has a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter. It is mounted in the housing to pivot on the hammer pin between set and released positions. The hammer is pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier.

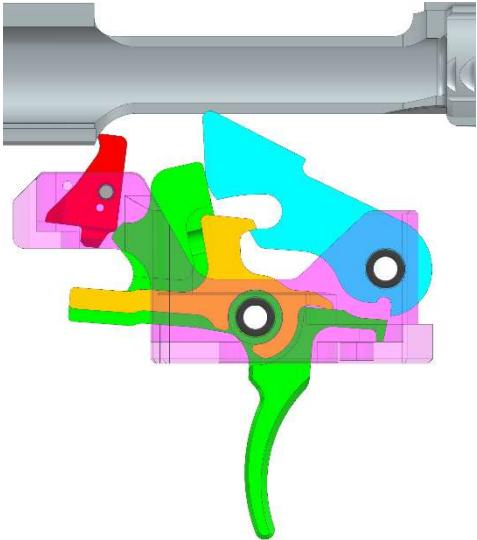
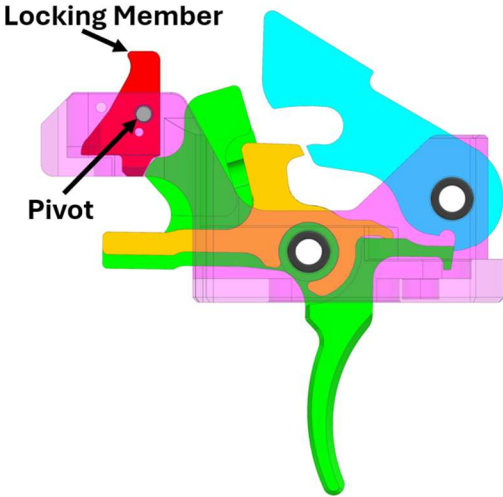
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
between set and	 A 3D exploded view of a mechanical assembly. A cyan hammer is positioned above a red component. Other components are shown in green, yellow, orange, and blue. An arrow points from the label 'Hammer' to the cyan hammer. (Plaintiff-generated renderings of the Disruptor here and below)  A 3D exploded view of the same mechanical assembly as above, but with the red component moved downwards into a 'set' position. A grey cylindrical part is visible at the top. Set Position

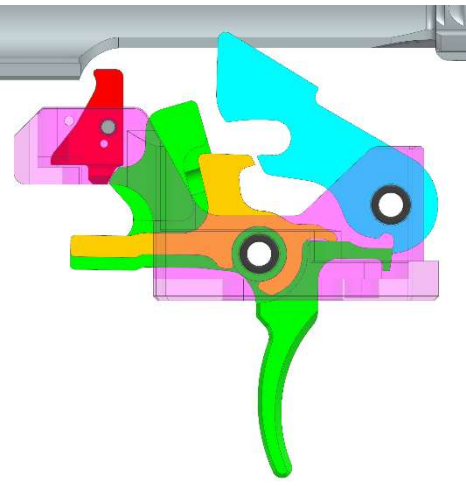
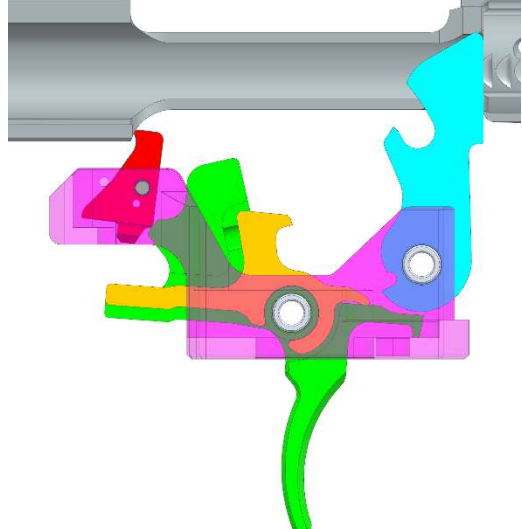
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
released positions, said hammer adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier,	 The diagram shows a cross-sectional view of a firearm's internal mechanism. A bolt carrier (grey) is at the top, with a hammer (red) pivoted rearward. A trigger member (green) is pivoted on a pin (yellow) and is in a rearward position. A sear (blue) is pivoted on a pin (purple) and is in a rearward position. A hammer flange (orange) is pivoted on a pin (purple) and is in a rearward position. The trigger member (green) is in a rearward position, and the sear (blue) is in a rearward position. The hammer flange (orange) is in a rearward position. The trigger member (green) is in a rearward position, and the sear (blue) is in a rearward position. The hammer flange (orange) is in a rearward position. Released Position
a trigger member having a sear and mounted in said housing to pivot on said trigger member pin between set	The Disruptor includes a trigger member (green) that has a sear and is mounted in the housing to pivot on the trigger member pin  The diagram shows a cross-sectional view of the same firearm mechanism. The bolt carrier (grey) is at the top. The hammer (red) is pivoted forward. The trigger member (green) is pivoted forward. The sear (blue) is pivoted forward. The hammer flange (orange) is pivoted forward. The trigger member (green) is in a forward position, and the sear (blue) is in a forward position. The hammer flange (orange) is in a forward position. Set Position

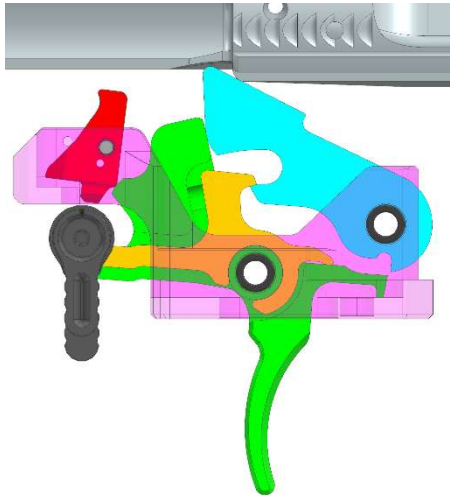
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
and released positions,	 Released Position
said trigger member having a surface positioned to be contacted by a surface of said hammer	The trigger member (green) has a surface positioned to be contacted by a surface of the hammer (blue)  Trigger Surface Hammer Surface
during rearward pivoting of said hammer to cause said trigger member to be forced to said set position,	The hammer (blue) pivots rearward causing the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position.

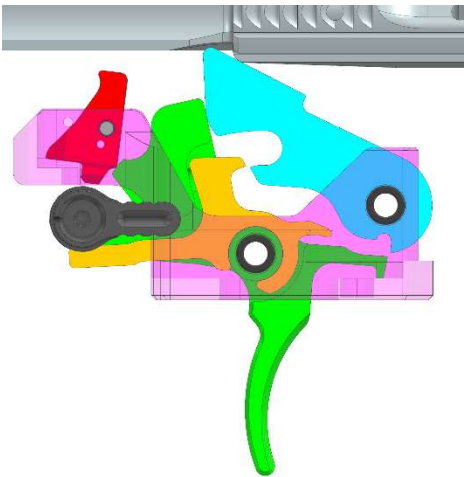
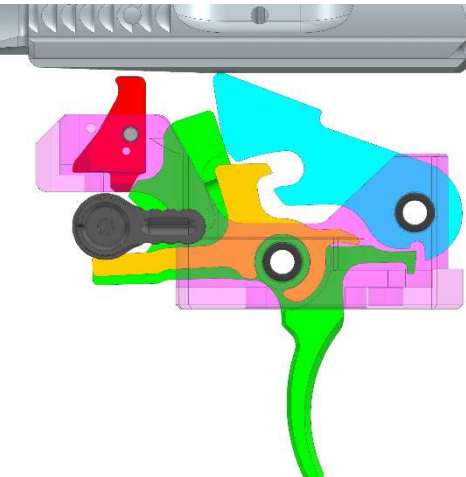
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	
wherein said sear and sear catch are in engagement in said set positions of said hammer and trigger member	The sear and sear catch are engaged in the set position  Set Position

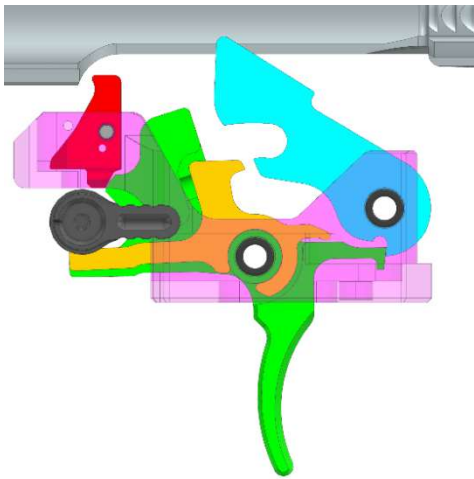
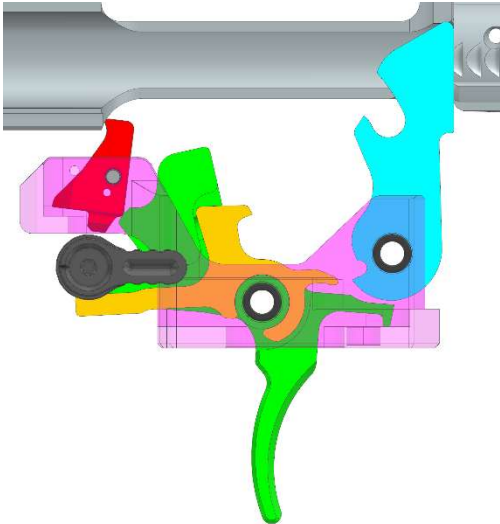
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
and are out of engagement in said released positions of said hammer and trigger member,	The sear and sear catch are out of engagement in the released position  Released Position
a disconnecter having a hook for engaging said hammer	The Disruptor has a disconnecter (orange) that has a hook for engaging the hammer (blue) hook  and mounted in said housing to pivot on said trigger member pin, The disconnect is mounted in the housing to pivot on the trigger (green) member pin

'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	
a locking member mounted in said housing to pivot on a transverse locking member pin,	The Disruptor has a locking member (red) that is mounted in the housing and it pivots on a transverse locking member pin 
said locking member being pivotable between a first position at which said locking member mechanically blocks said trigger member from moving to said released position	When the locking bar (red) is in the first position, the locking member blocks the trigger (green) from being pulled

'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	 First Position Mechanically Blocked
and a second position at which said locking member does not mechanically block said trigger member allowing said trigger member to be moved to said released position, said locking member spring biased toward said first position and adapted to be moved against said spring bias to said second position by contact from the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position, and	When the locking bar (red) is in the second position, it does not prevent the trigger (green) from being pulled  Second Position Not Mechanically Blocked The locking member (red) is spring biased toward the first position and is moved against the spring bias to the second position by contact of the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position.

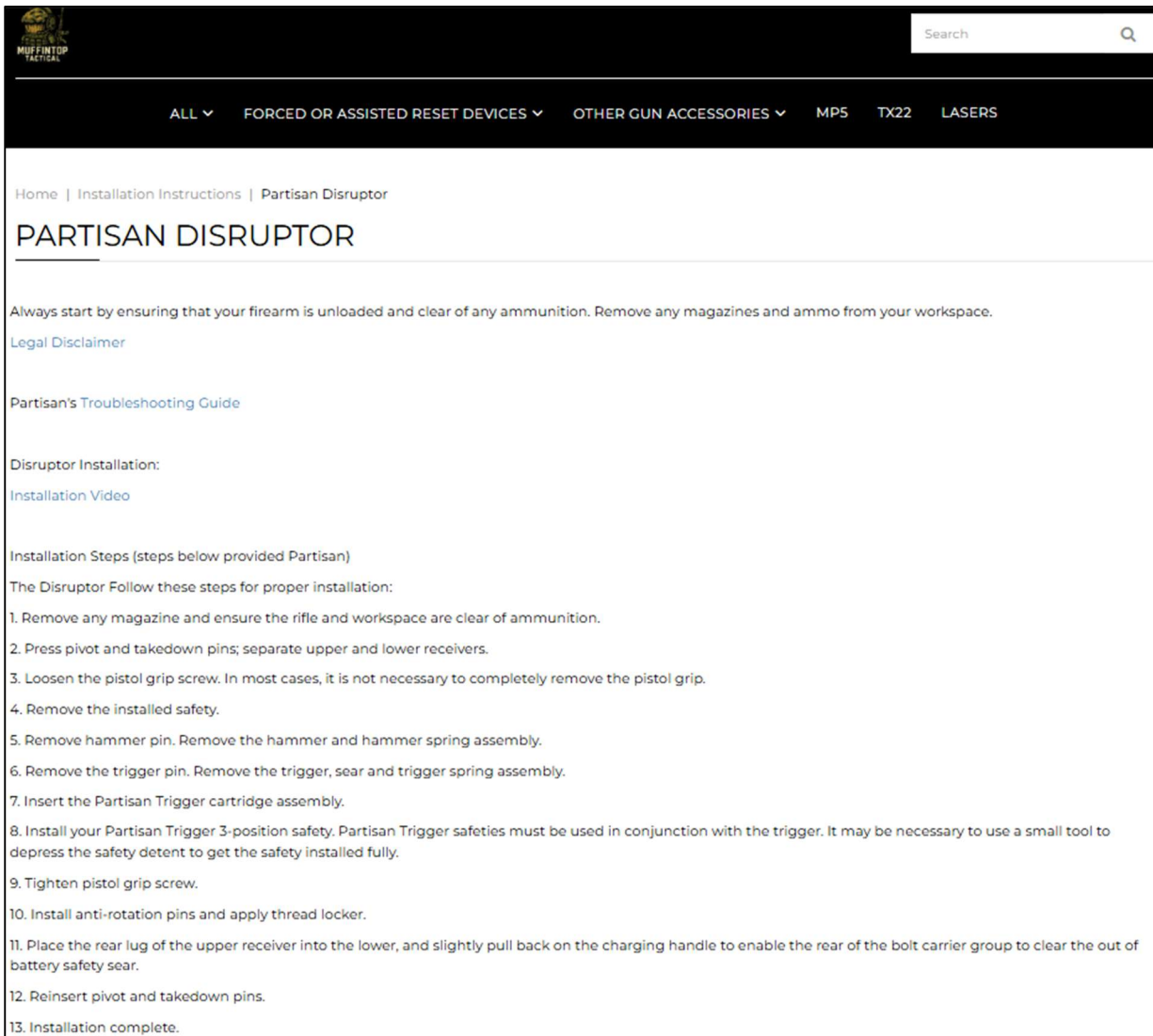
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
a safety selector adapted to be mounted in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot between safe, standard semi-automatic, and forced reset semi-automatic positions,	The Disruptor includes a safety selector that is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot between safe, standard semi-automatic, and “forced reset” semi-automatic positions. 
whereupon in said standard semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer such that said disconnect hook catches said hammer hook, at which time a user must manually release said trigger member to free said hammer from said disconnect to permit said hammer and trigger member to pivot to said set positions so that the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm, and	While in the standard semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot and the disconnect (orange) hook catches the hammer hook  Standard Semi-automatic Position
whereupon in said forced reset semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer causing said trigger member to be forced to said set position,	When the Disruptor is in the “forced reset” semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot which causes the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position.

'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	 Trigger Pulled to the Rear, Hammer First Touches the Trigger  Hammer has now Caused the Trigger to Move to the Reset Position
said safety selector preventing said disconnecter hook from catching said hammer hook,	The safety selector prevents the disconnecter (orange) hook from catching the hammer (blue) hook

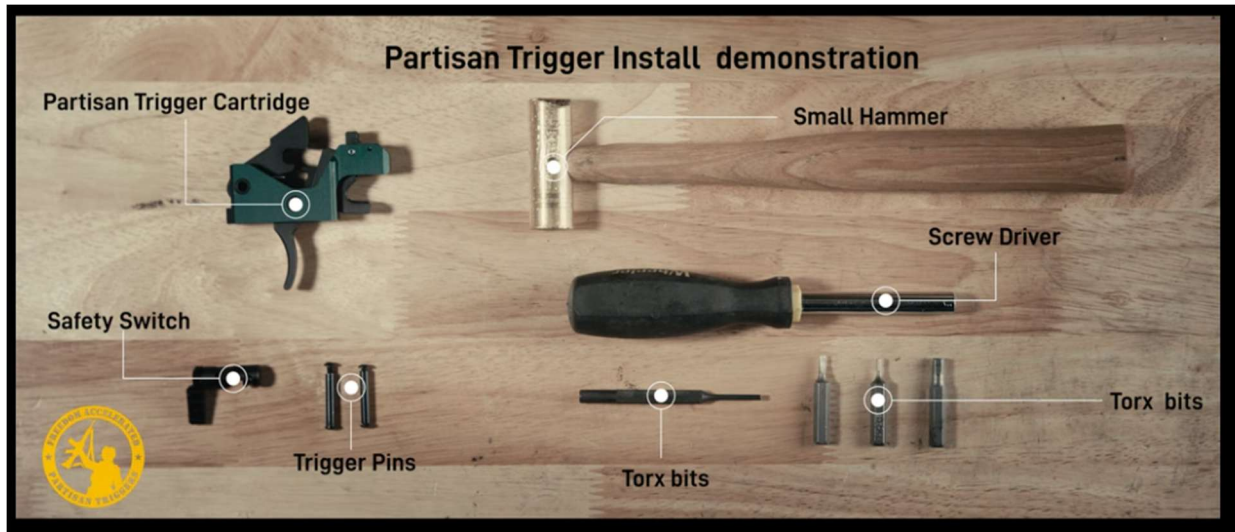
'003 Patent, Claim 4	The Disruptor
	 Set Position
and thereafter when the bolt carrier reaches the substantially in-battery position the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm without manually releasing said trigger member.	When the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position the user can pull the trigger (green) without manually releasing pressure off the trigger 

110. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '003 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the Disruptor while selling

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111. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 4 of the '003 Patent.

112. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '003 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the Disruptor, such as the trigger assembly. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '003 Patent.

113. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '003 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '003 Patent and that the '003 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '003 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and

the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '003 Patent.

114. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '003 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

115. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '003 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

116. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '003 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

117. Defendants' infringement of the '003 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

118. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

119. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT VI — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '336 PATENT

120. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

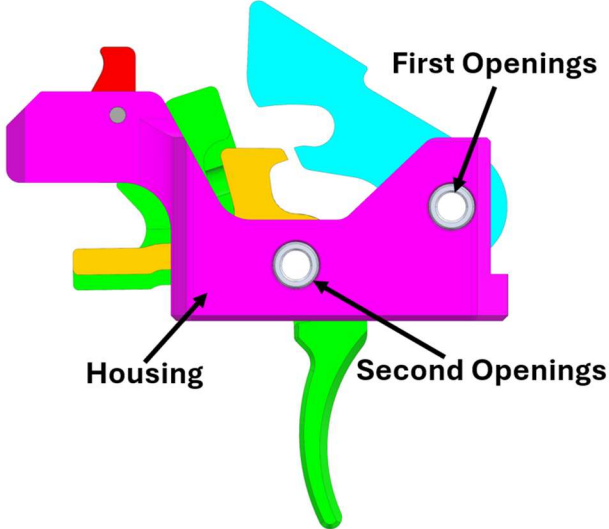
121. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '336 patent, including but not limited to claim 3, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things,

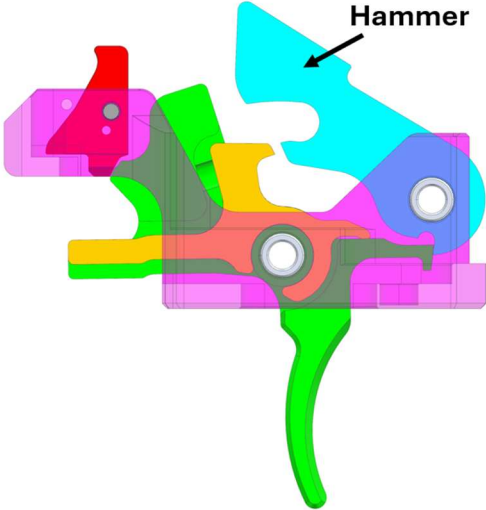
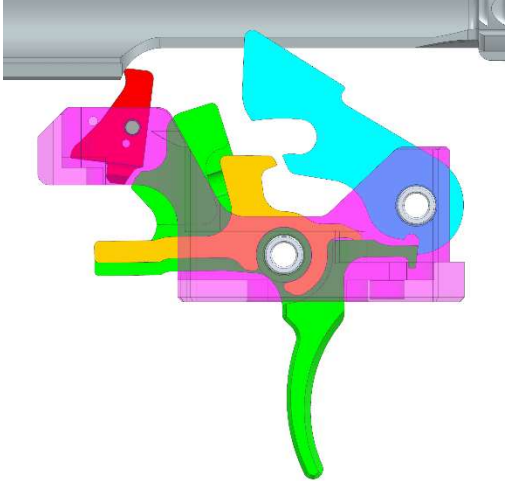
making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed products in a manner that infringes the '336 patent. Such unlicensed products include the Disruptor.

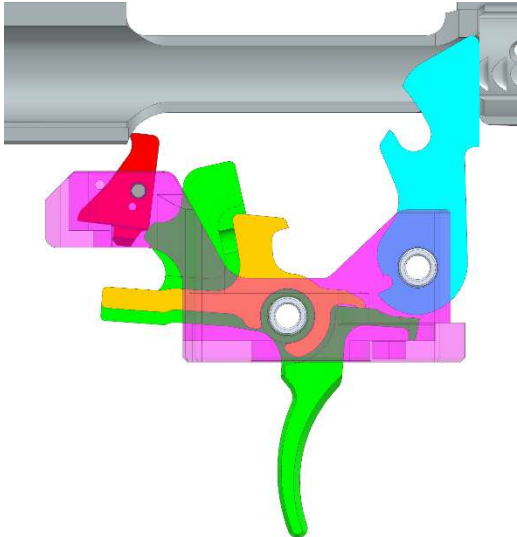
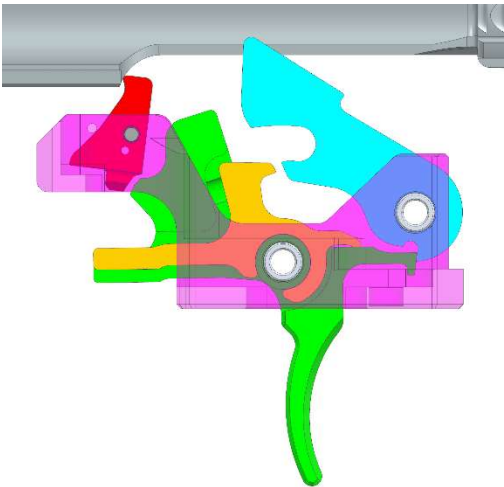
122. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '336 patent, including but not limited to claim 3, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

123. An exemplary comparison of the Disruptor, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 3 of the '336 patent is illustrated in the chart below:

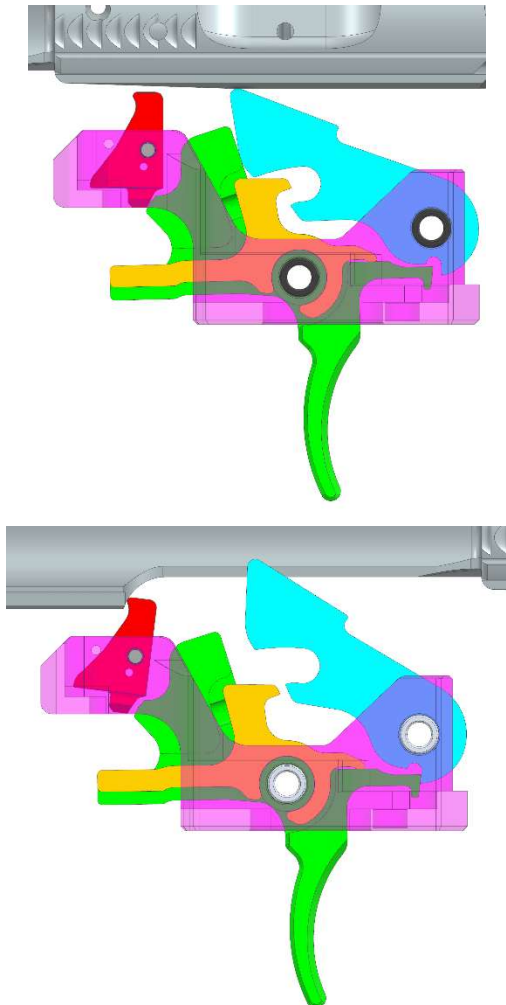
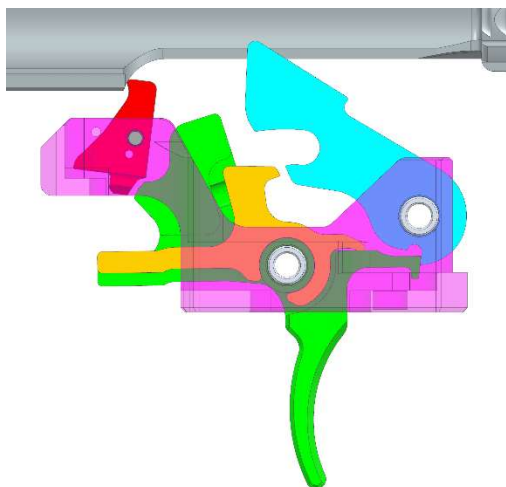
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
3. A firearm trigger mechanism comprising:	The Disruptor is a firearm trigger mechanism.  https://muffintactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html
a housing having a first pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a hammer pin and a second pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a trigger member pin,	The Disruptor includes a housing that has a first pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a hammer pin and a second pair of transversely aligned openings for receiving a trigger member pin.

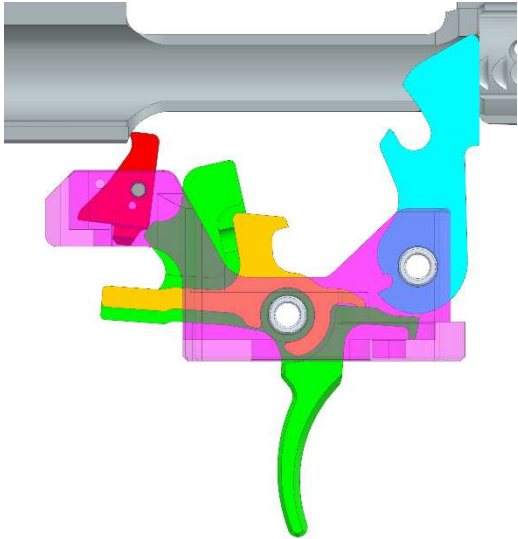
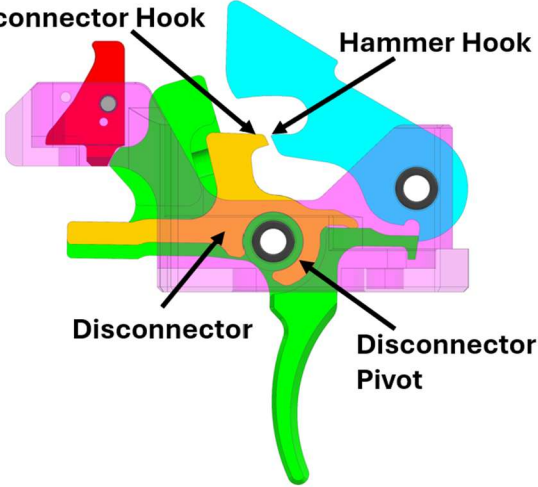
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	 The Infringing Devise is sold with hammer and trigger pins. 
a hammer having a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter and mounted in said housing to pivot on said hammer pin	The Disruptor includes a hammer (blue) that has a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter. It is mounted in the housing to pivot on the hammer pin between set and released positions. The hammer is pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier.

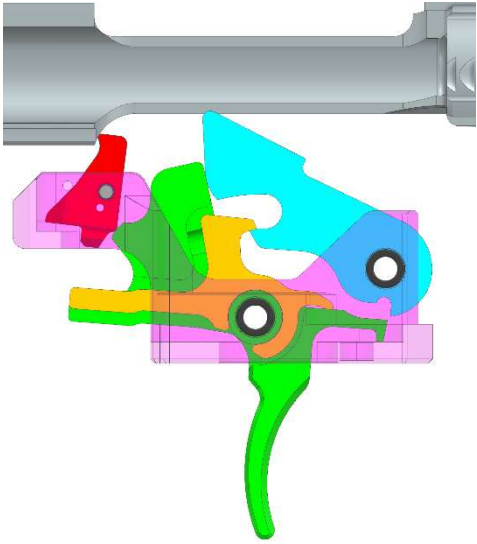
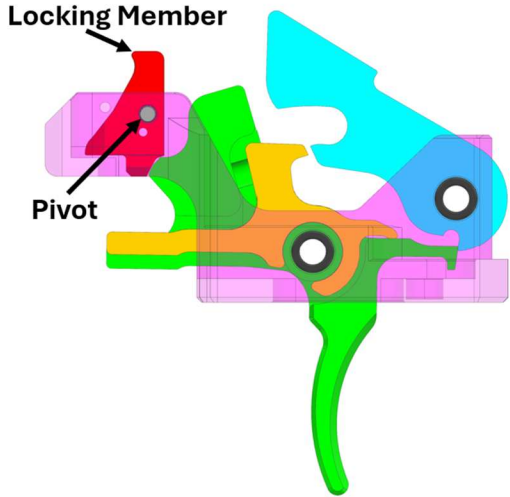
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	 (Plaintiff-generated renderings of the Disruptor here and below)
between set and	 Set Position

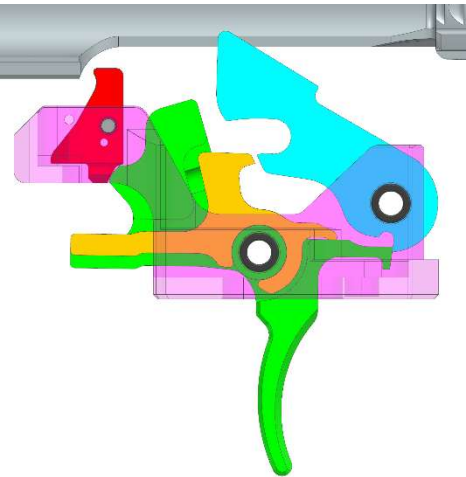
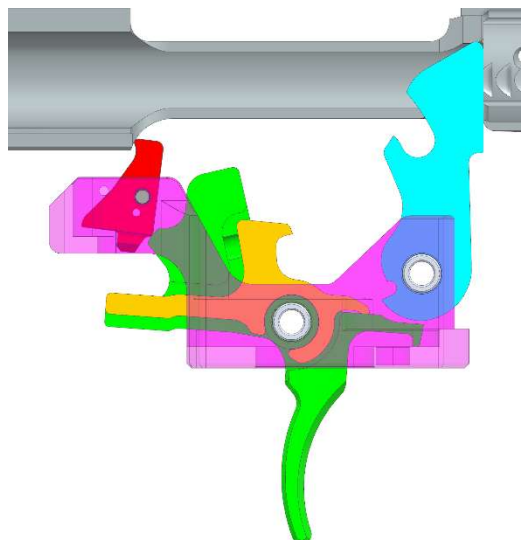
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
released positions, said hammer adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier,	 The diagram shows a cross-sectional view of a firearm's trigger mechanism. A grey bolt carrier is at the top. Below it, a red hammer is pivoted rearward. A green trigger member is in its forward position, with its sear engaged with the hammer. Other components are colored yellow, orange, blue, and pink. The trigger member is pivoted on a pin. Released Position
a trigger member having a sear and mounted in said housing to pivot on said trigger member pin between set	 The diagram shows the same trigger mechanism as above, but the green trigger member is now pivoted rearward, and its sear is disengaged from the hammer. The hammer remains in its rearward position. The trigger member is pivoted on a pin. Set Position

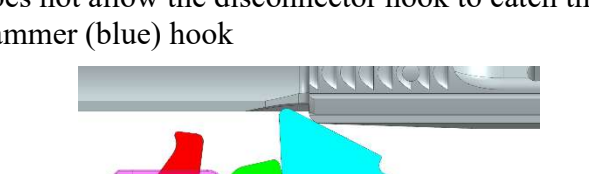
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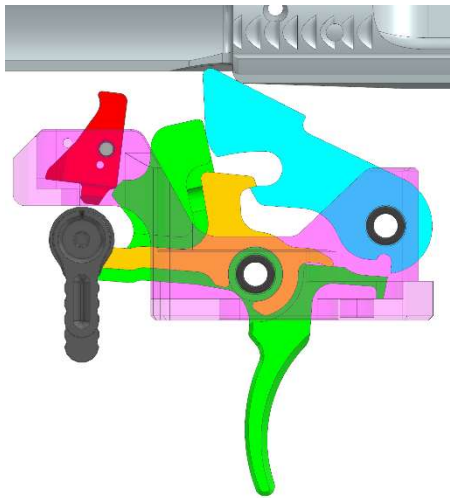
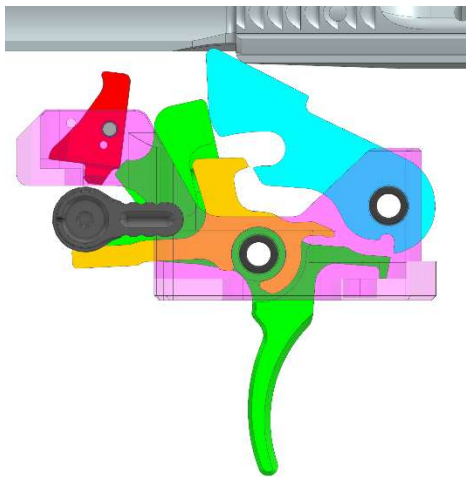
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	
wherein said sear and sear catch are in engagement in said set positions of said hammer and trigger member	The sear and sear catch are engaged in the set position  Set Position

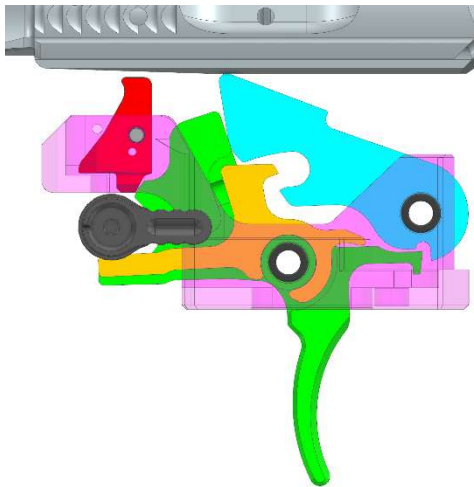
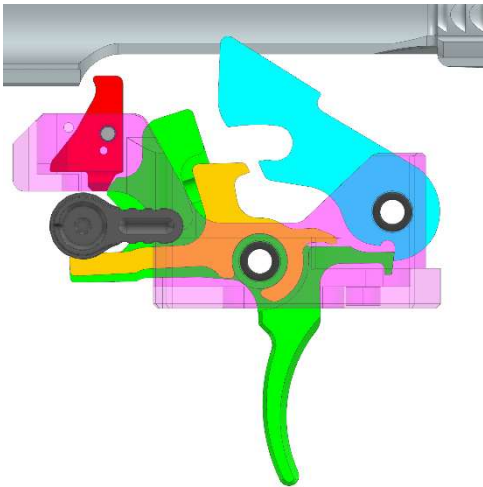
'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
and are out of engagement in said released positions of said hammer and trigger member,	The sear and sear catch are out of engagement in the released position  Released Position
a disconnecter having a hook for engaging said hammer	The Disruptor has a disconnecter (orange) that has a hook for engaging the hammer (blue) hook  Disconnecter Hook Hammer Hook Disconnecter Disconnecter Pivot and mounted in said housing to pivot on said trigger member pin, The disconnect is mounted in the housing to pivot on the trigger (green) member pin

'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	
a locking member mounted in said housing to pivot on a transverse locking member pin, said locking member being pivotable between a first position at which said locking member mechanically blocks said trigger member from moving to said released position	The Disruptor has a locking member (red) that is mounted in the housing and it pivots on a transverse locking member pin.  When the locking bar (red) is in the first position, the locking member blocks the trigger (green) from being pulled

'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	 First Position Mechanically Blocked
and a second position at which said locking member does not mechanically block said trigger member allowing said trigger member to be moved to said released position, said locking member spring biased toward said first position and adapted to be moved against said spring bias to said second position by contact from the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position, and	When the locking bar (red) is in the second position, it does not prevent the trigger (green) from being pulled.  Second Position Not Mechanically Blocked The locking member (red) is spring biased toward the first position and is moved against the spring bias to the second position by contact of the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position.

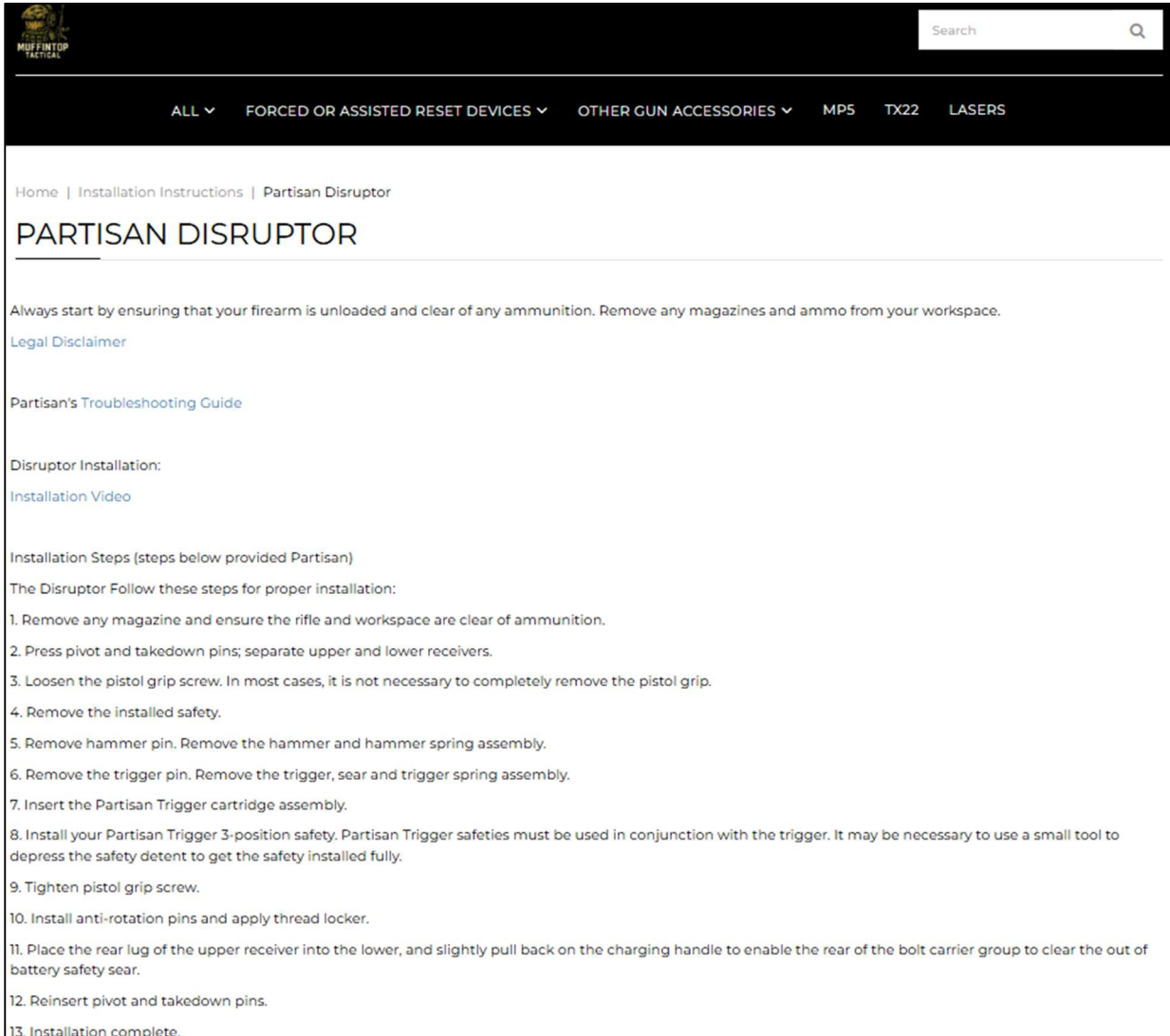
'336 Patent, Claim 3 a safety selector adapted to be mounted in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot between safe, standard semi-automatic, and forced reset semi-automatic positions,	The Disruptor The Disruptor includes a safety selector that is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot between safe, standard semi-automatic, and “forced reset” semi-automatic positions.  Safety Selector
said safety selector configured such that, when said safety selector is in said forced reset semi-automatic position, said safety selector causes said disconnect to be repositioned and in doing so prevents said disconnect hook from catching said hammer hook,	While in the “forced reset” semi-automatic position the disconnect (orange) moves to a position that does not allow the disconnect hook to catch the hammer (blue) hook  “Forced Reset” Semi-Automatic Position
whereupon in said standard semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer such that said disconnect hook catches said hammer hook, at which time a user must manually release said trigger member to free said hammer from said disconnect to	While in the standard semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot and the disconnect (orange) hook catches the hammer hook

'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
permit said hammer and trigger member to pivot to said set positions so that the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm, and	 Standard Semi-Automatic Position
whereupon in said forced reset semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer causing said trigger member to be forced to said set position,	When the Disruptor is in the “forced reset” semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot which causes the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position.  Trigger Pulled to the Rear, Hammer First Touches the Trigger

'336 Patent, Claim 3	The Disruptor
	 Hammer has now Caused the Trigger to Move to the Reset Position
said safety selector preventing said disconnecter hook from catching said hammer hook, and thereafter when the bolt carrier reaches the substantially in-battery position the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm without manually releasing said trigger member.	The safety selector prevents the disconnecter (orange) hook from catching the hammer (blue) hook  Set Position When the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position the user can pull the trigger (green) without manually releasing pressure off the trigger

124. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '336 patent.

Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the Disruptor while selling products. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website (<https://muffintoptactical.com/partisan-disruptor-frt.html>) that informs customers to install the Disruptor into an AR15:



The screenshot shows the Muffintop Tactical website. The header includes the company logo and a search bar. A navigation menu lists categories: ALL, FORCED OR ASSISTED RESET DEVICES, OTHER GUN ACCESSORIES, MP5, TX22, and LASERS. The main content area is titled 'PARTISAN DISRUPTOR' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home | Installation Instructions | Partisan Disruptor. Below the title, there is a disclaimer: 'Always start by ensuring that your firearm is unloaded and clear of any ammunition. Remove any magazines and ammo from your workspace.' followed by links for 'Legal Disclaimer' and 'Partisan's Troubleshooting Guide'. The 'Disruptor Installation:' section features an 'Installation Video' link. The 'Installation Steps (steps below provided Partisan)' section begins with 'The Disruptor Follow these steps for proper installation:' and lists 13 numbered steps for installation, including removing magazine, separating receivers, loosening pistol grip screw, removing safety, hammer pin, trigger pin, inserting trigger cartridge, installing trigger safety, tightening pistol grip screw, installing anti-rotation pins, placing rear lug, reinserting pivot pins, and completing installation.

Home | Installation Instructions | Partisan Disruptor

PARTISAN DISRUPTOR

Always start by ensuring that your firearm is unloaded and clear of any ammunition. Remove any magazines and ammo from your workspace.

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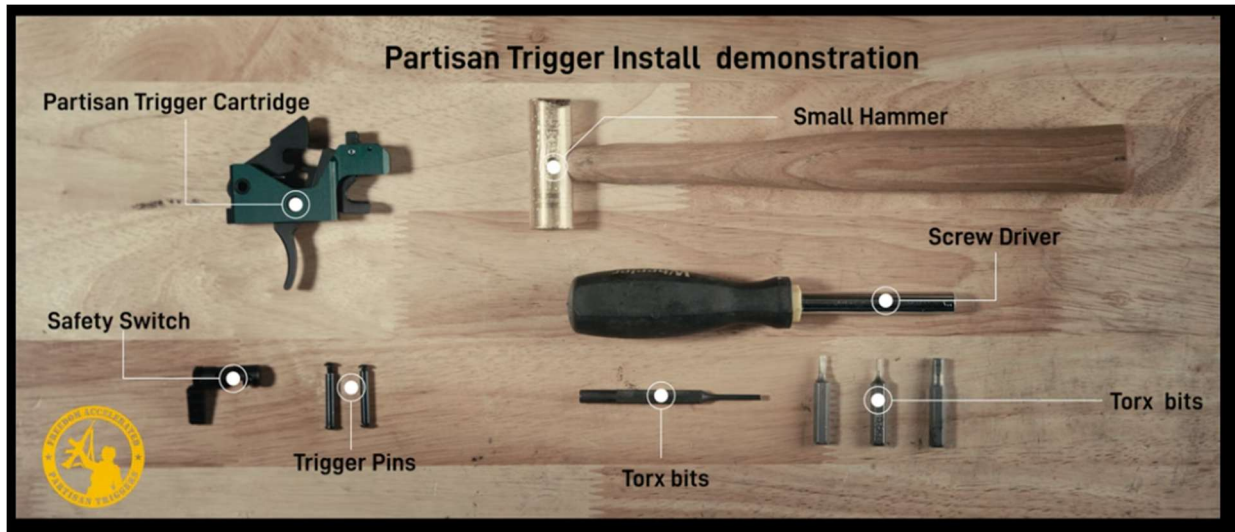
Disruptor Installation:

[Installation Video](#)

Installation Steps (steps below provided Partisan)

The Disruptor Follow these steps for proper installation:

1. Remove any magazine and ensure the rifle and workspace are clear of ammunition.
2. Press pivot and takedown pins; separate upper and lower receivers.
3. Loosen the pistol grip screw. In most cases, it is not necessary to completely remove the pistol grip.
4. Remove the installed safety.
5. Remove hammer pin. Remove the hammer and hammer spring assembly.
6. Remove the trigger pin. Remove the trigger, sear and trigger spring assembly.
7. Insert the Partisan Trigger cartridge assembly.
8. Install your Partisan Trigger 3-position safety. Partisan Trigger safeties must be used in conjunction with the trigger. It may be necessary to use a small tool to depress the safety detent to get the safety installed fully.
9. Tighten pistol grip screw.
10. Install anti-rotation pins and apply thread locker.
11. Place the rear lug of the upper receiver into the lower, and slightly pull back on the charging handle to enable the rear of the bolt carrier group to clear the out of battery safety sear.
12. Reinsert pivot and takedown pins.
13. Installation complete.



125. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 3 of the '336 Patent.

126. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '336 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the Disruptor, such as the trigger assembly. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '336 Patent.

127. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '336 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '336 Patent and that the '336 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '336 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and

the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '336 Patent.

128. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '336 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

129. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '336 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

130. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '336 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

131. Defendants' infringement of the '336 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

132. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

133. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT VII — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '807 PATENT

134. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

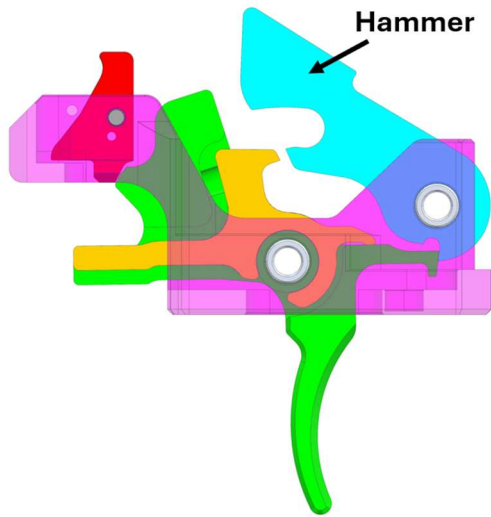
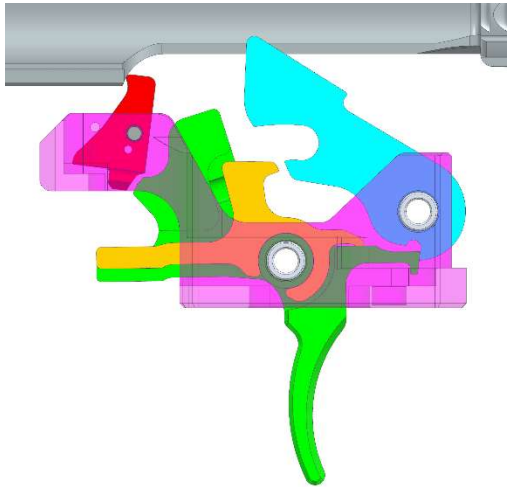
135. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '807 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed

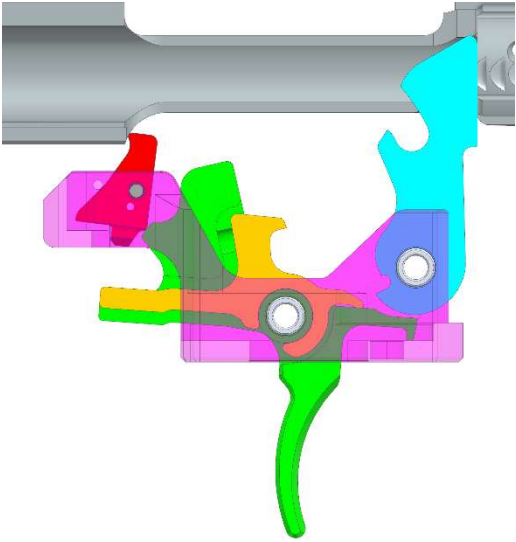
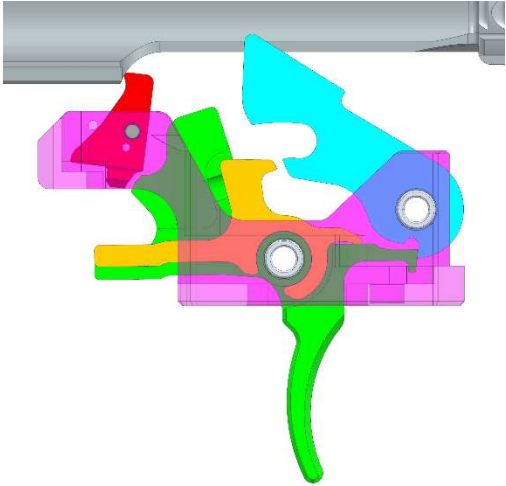
products in a manner that infringes the '807 patent. Such unlicensed products include the Disruptor.

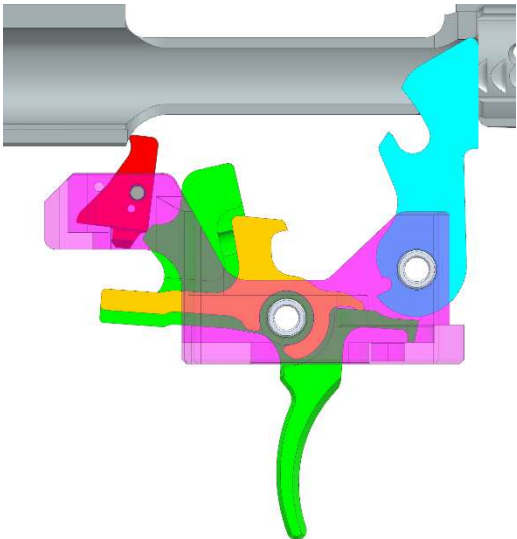
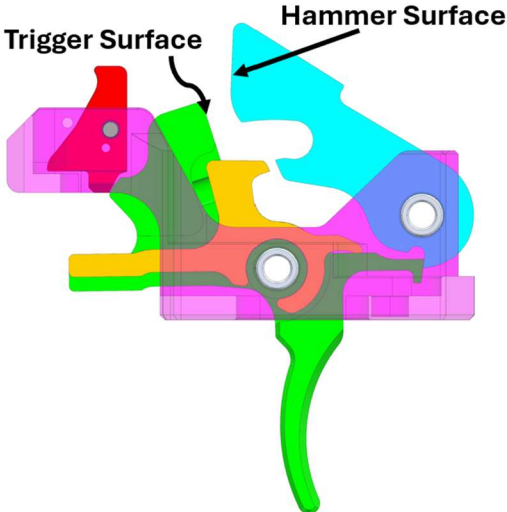
136. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '807 patent, including but not limited to claim 1, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

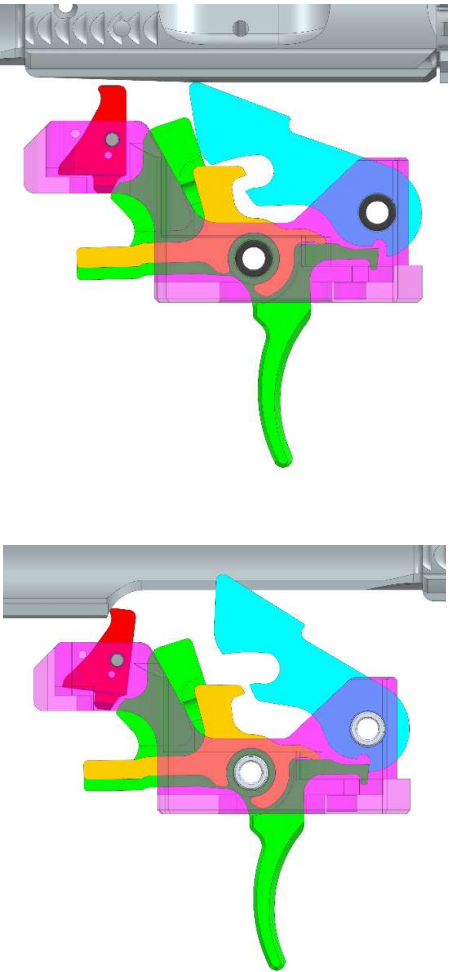
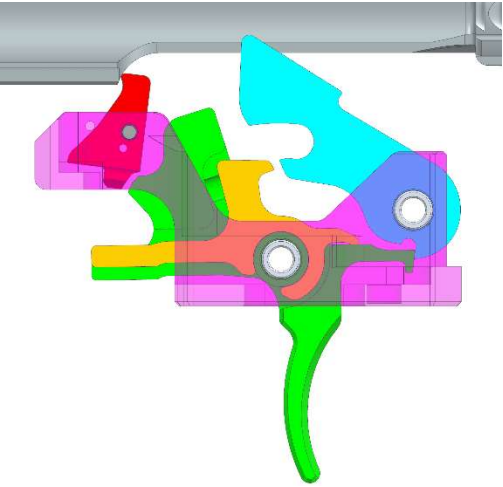
137. An exemplary comparison of the Disruptor, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 1 of the '807 patent is illustrated in the chart below:

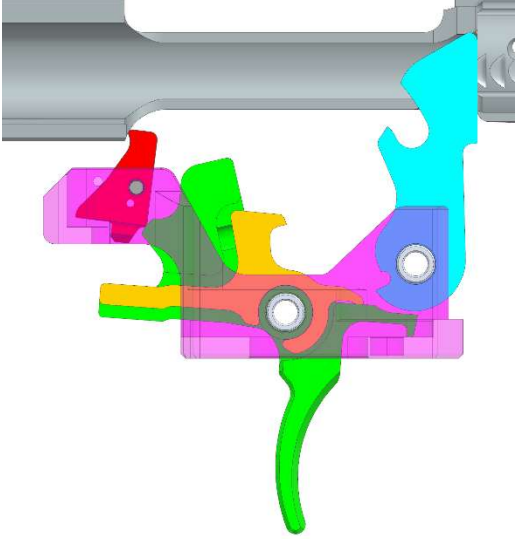
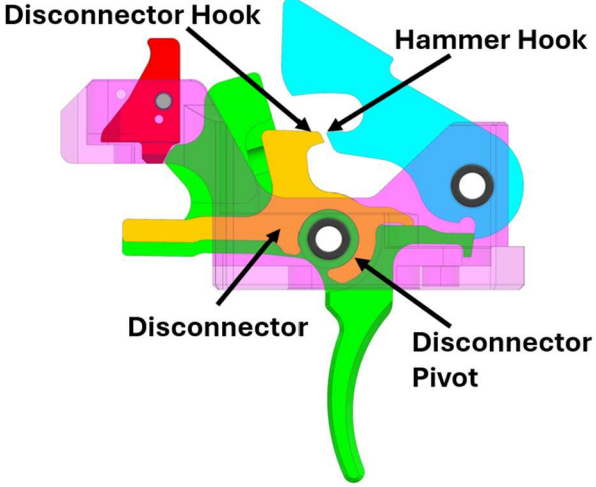
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
A firearm trigger mechanism comprising:	The Disruptor is a firearm trigger mechanism.  https://muffintoptactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html
a hammer having a sear catch and a hook and adapted to be mounted in a fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis	The Disruptor includes a hammer (blue) that has a sear catch and a hook for engaging a disconnecter. It is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis between set and released positions. The hammer is pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier.

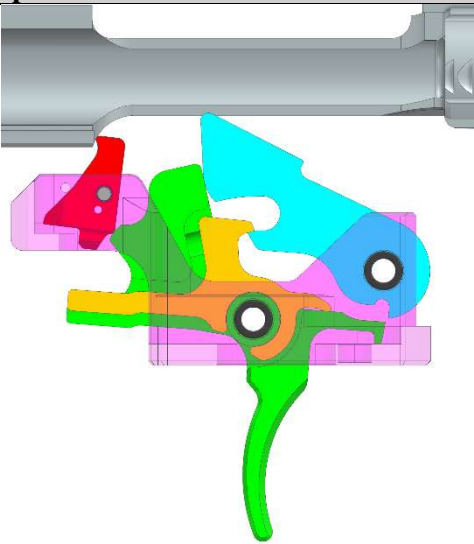
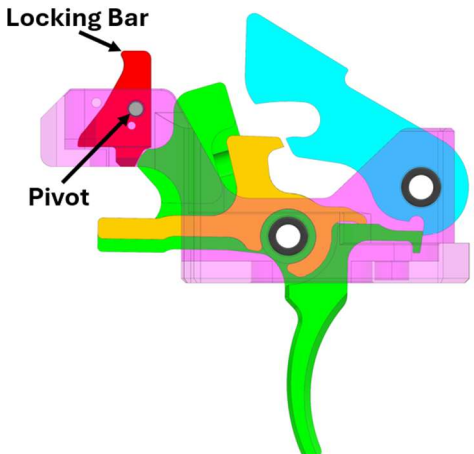
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
between set and	 Hammer (Plaintiff-generated renderings of the Disruptor here and below)  Set Position

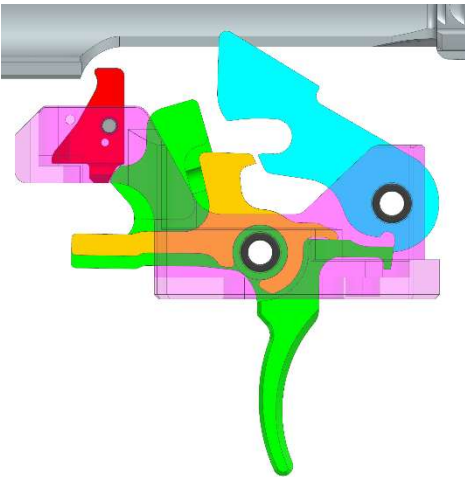
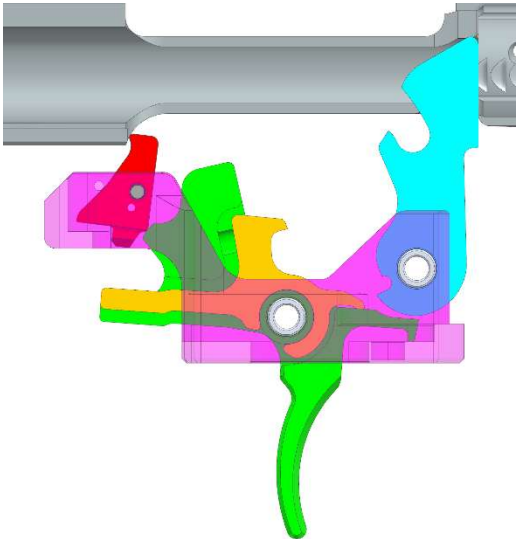
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
released positions, said hammer adapted to be pivoted rearward by rearward movement of a bolt carrier,	 The diagram shows a cross-sectional view of a firearm's internal mechanism. A hammer (red) is pivoted rearward, held in place by a sear (green) which is mounted on a transverse trigger member pivot axis (yellow). The trigger member (green) is in its rearward position, and the hammer is ready to strike the firing pin (blue) if the trigger is pulled. Released Position
a trigger member having a sear and adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse trigger member pivot axis between set	The Disruptor includes a trigger member (green) that has a sear and is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse trigger member pivot axis  The diagram shows the same mechanism as above, but the trigger member (green) has moved forward, compressing the sear (green) against the hammer (red). This action sets the hammer, preventing it from striking the firing pin until the trigger is pulled again. Set Position

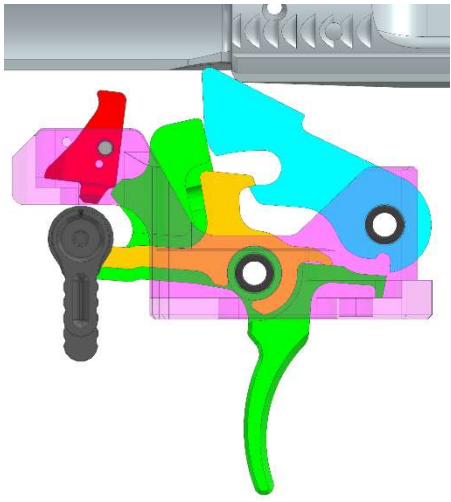
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
and released positions, said trigger member having a surface positioned to be contacted by a surface of said hammer during rearward pivoting of said hammer to cause said trigger member to be forced to said set position,	 Released Position The trigger member (green) has a surface positioned to be contacted by a surface of the hammer (blue)  Trigger Surface Hammer Surface The hammer (blue) pivots rearward causing the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position

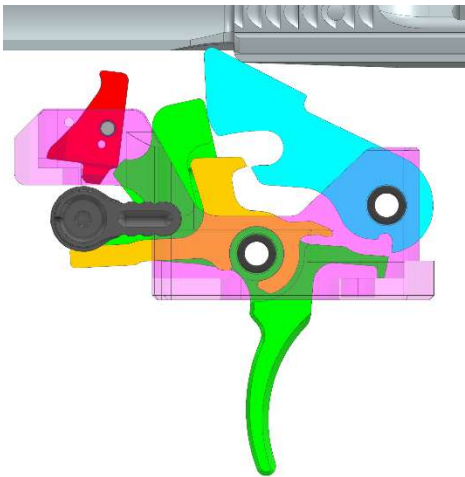
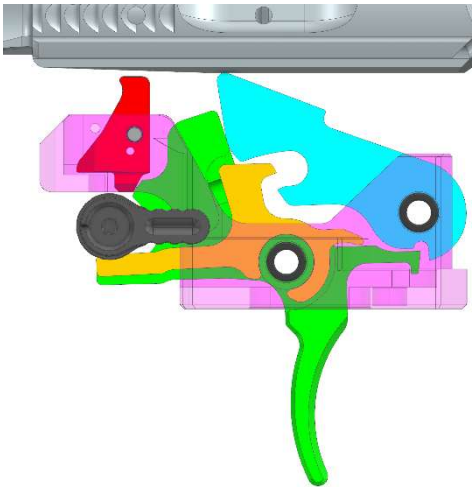
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
	
wherein said sear and sear catch are in engagement in said set positions of said hammer and trigger member	The sear and sear catch are engaged in the set position  Set Position

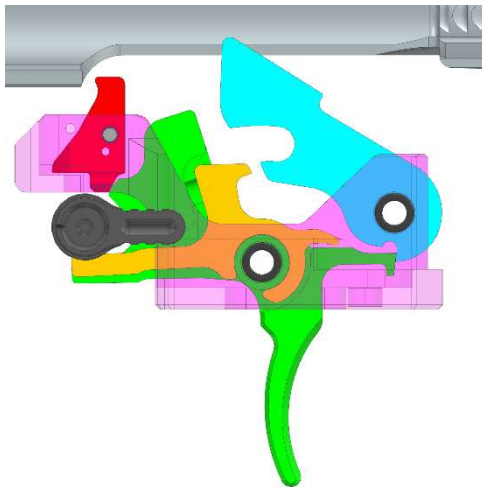
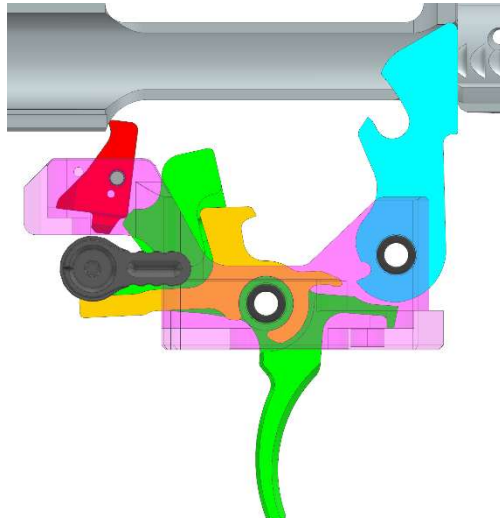
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
and are out of engagement in said released positions of said hammer and trigger member,	The sear and sear catch are out of engagement in the released position  Released Position
a disconnecter having a hook for engaging said hammer hook	The Disruptor has a disconnecter (orange) that has a hook for engaging the hammer (blue) hook 
and adapted to be mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis,	The disconnect is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis

'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
	
a locking member adapted to be movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket, said locking member being movable between a first position at which said locking member mechanically blocks said trigger member from moving to said released position	The Disruptor has a locking member (red) that is movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket and it is movable between a first position and a second position.  When the locking bar (red) is in the first position, the locking member blocks the trigger (green) from being pulled

'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
	 First Position Mechanically Blocked
and a second position at which said locking member does not mechanically block said trigger member allowing said trigger member to be moved to said released position, said locking member spring biased toward said first position and adapted to be moved against said spring bias to said second position by contact from the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position, and	When the locking bar (red) is in the second position, it does not prevent the trigger (green) from being pulled  Second Position Not Mechanically Blocked The locking member (red) is spring biased toward the first position and is moved against the spring bias to the second position by contact of the bolt carrier during forward movement of the bolt carrier as the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position

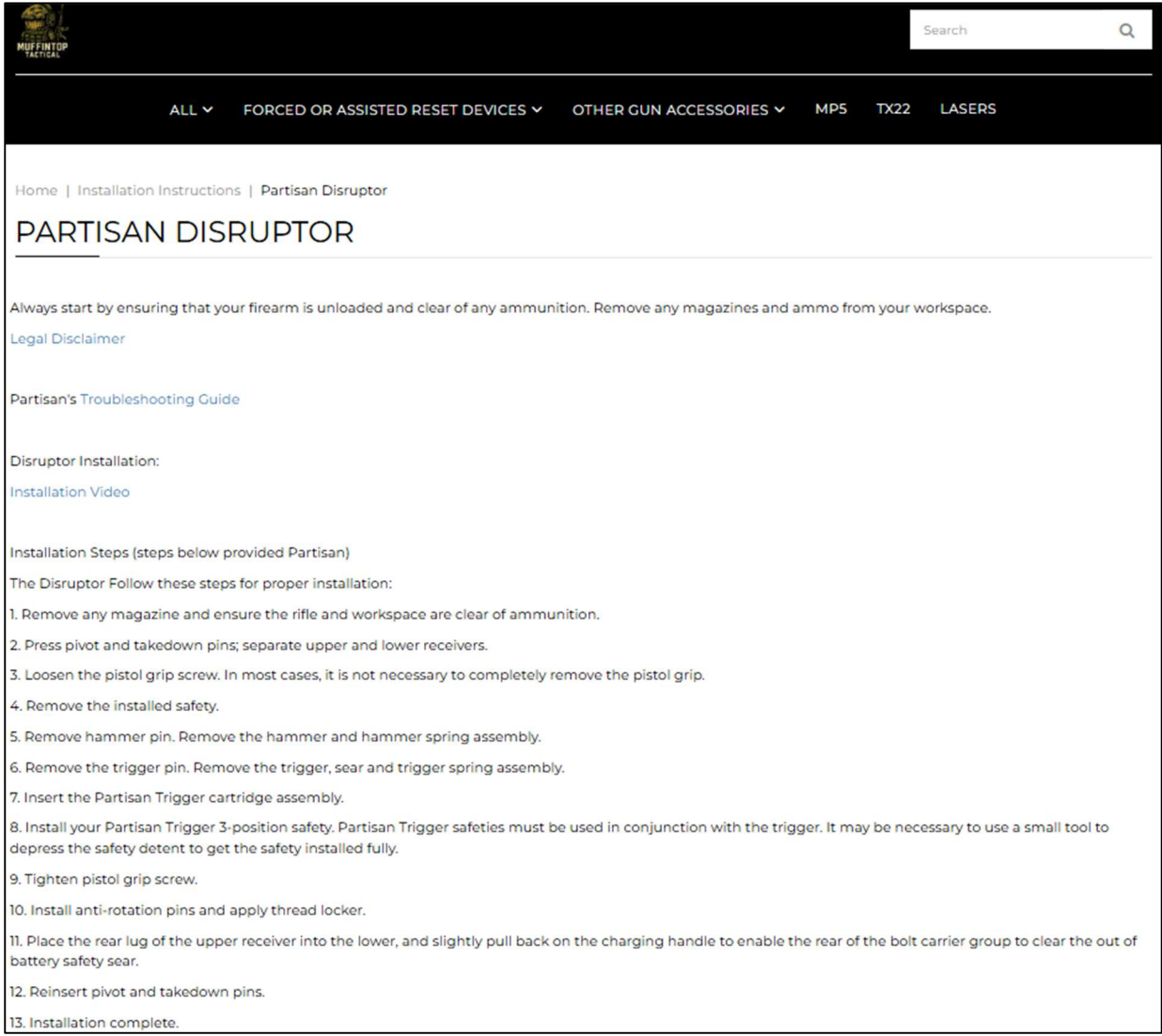
'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
a safety selector adapted to be movably mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket to move between safe, standard semi-automatic, and forced reset semi-automatic positions,	The Disruptor includes a safety selector that is mounted in the fire control mechanism pocket of a receiver to pivot between safe, standard semi-automatic, and “forced reset” semi-automatic positions.  Safety Selector
whereupon in said standard semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer such that said disconnect hook catches said hammer hook, at which time a user must manually release said trigger member to free said hammer from said disconnecter to permit said hammer and trigger member to pivot to said set positions so that the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm, and	While in the standard semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot and the disconnect (orange) hook catches the hammer hook  Standard Semi-Automatic Position
whereupon in said forced reset semi-automatic position, rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes rearward pivoting of said hammer causing said trigger member to be forced to said set position,	When the Disruptor is in the “forced reset” semi-automatic position rearward movement of the bolt carrier causes the hammer (blue) to pivot which causes the trigger (green) to be mechanically moved to the set position.

'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
	 Trigger Pulled to the Rear, Hammer First Touches the Trigger  Hammer has now Caused the Trigger to Move to the Reset Position
said safety selector preventing said disconnecter hook from catching said hammer hook,	The safety selector prevents the disconnecter (orange) hook from catching the hammer (blue) hook.

'807 Patent, Claim 1	The Disruptor
	 Set Position
and thereafter when the bolt carrier reaches the substantially in-battery position the user can pull said trigger member to fire the firearm without manually releasing said trigger member.	When the bolt carrier reaches a substantially in-battery position the user can pull the trigger (green) without manually releasing pressure off the trigger. 

138. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '807 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the Disruptor while selling products. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website

(<https://muffintoptactical.com/partisan-disruptor-frt.html>) that informs customers to install the Disruptor into an AR15:



The screenshot shows the Muffintop Tactical website. The header includes the company logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu with categories: ALL, FORCED OR ASSISTED RESET DEVICES, OTHER GUN ACCESSORIES, MP5, TX22, and LASERS. The main content area is titled 'PARTISAN DISRUPTOR' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home | Installation Instructions | Partisan Disruptor. The page provides safety instructions, a legal disclaimer, a troubleshooting guide, and a detailed 13-step installation process for the Partisan Disruptor.

Home | Installation Instructions | Partisan Disruptor

PARTISAN DISRUPTOR

Always start by ensuring that your firearm is unloaded and clear of any ammunition. Remove any magazines and ammo from your workspace.

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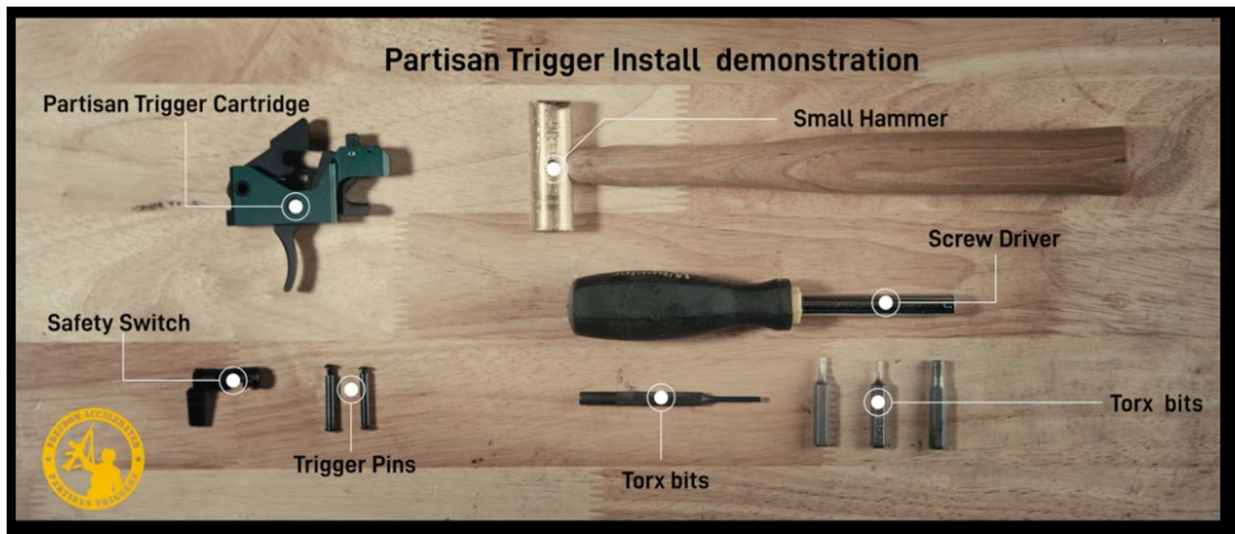
Disruptor Installation:

[Installation Video](#)

Installation Steps (steps below provided Partisan)

The Disruptor Follow these steps for proper installation:

1. Remove any magazine and ensure the rifle and workspace are clear of ammunition.
2. Press pivot and takedown pins; separate upper and lower receivers.
3. Loosen the pistol grip screw. In most cases, it is not necessary to completely remove the pistol grip.
4. Remove the installed safety.
5. Remove hammer pin. Remove the hammer and hammer spring assembly.
6. Remove the trigger pin. Remove the trigger, sear and trigger spring assembly.
7. Insert the Partisan Trigger cartridge assembly.
8. Install your Partisan Trigger 3-position safety. Partisan Trigger safeties must be used in conjunction with the trigger. It may be necessary to use a small tool to depress the safety detent to get the safety installed fully.
9. Tighten pistol grip screw.
10. Install anti-rotation pins and apply thread locker.
11. Place the rear lug of the upper receiver into the lower, and slightly pull back on the charging handle to enable the rear of the bolt carrier group to clear the out of battery safety sear.
12. Reinsert pivot and takedown pins.
13. Installation complete.



139. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '807 Patent.

140. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '807 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the Disruptor, such as the trigger assembly. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '807 Patent.

141. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '807 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '807 Patent and that the '807 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '807 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and

the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '807 Patent.

142. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '807 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

143. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '807 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

144. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '807 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

145. Defendants' infringement of the '807 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

146. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

147. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT VIII — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '403 PATENT

148. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

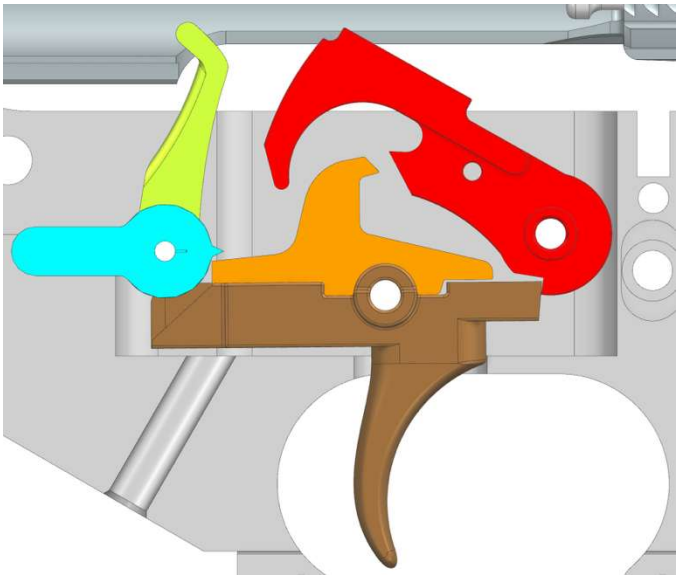
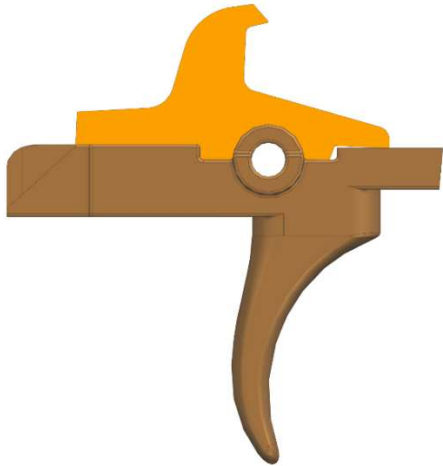
149. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Defendants have infringed, induced others to infringe, and/or contributed to the infringement of one or more claims of the '403 patent, including but not limited to claim 38, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States unlicensed

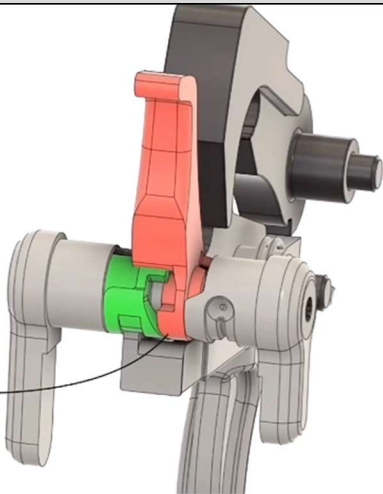
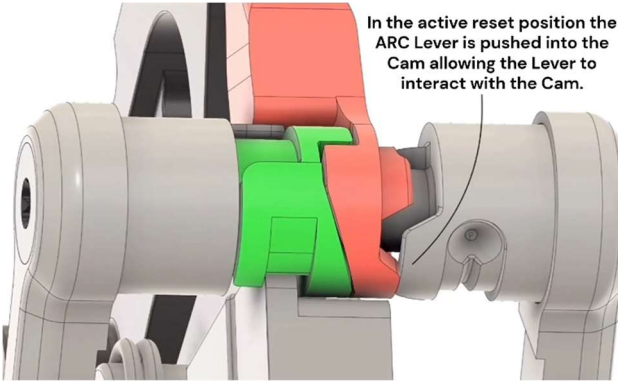
products in a manner that infringes the '403 patent. Such unlicensed products include the Infringing Devices.

150. On information and belief, Defendants have and continue to willfully infringe, induce others to infringe, and/or contribute to the infringement of one or more claims of the '403 patent, including but not limited to claim 38, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

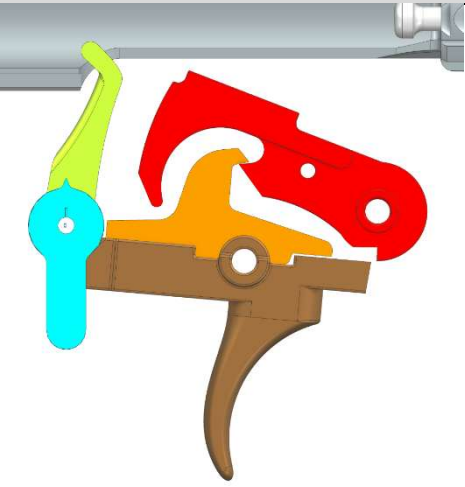
151. An exemplary comparison of the ARC-Fire, when assembled and used as intended, with claim 38 of the '403 patent is illustrated in the chart below:

'403 Patent, Claim 38	The ARC-Fire
38. A forced reset trigger mechanism, comprising:	When installed and used as directed, the ARC Fire is part of a trigger mechanism.  https://muffintactical.com/reset-all-the-things?viewall=1  ARC-Fire

'403 Patent, Claim 38	The ARC-Fire
a hammer having a hammer hook and adapted to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis;	The ARC Fire (yellow) is installed in a fire control mechanism pocket along with a hammer (red) that has a hammer hook and pivots on a transverse axis.  (Plaintiff-generated renderings of ARC Fire here and below)
a disconnecter having a disconnecter hook and adapted to pivot on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis; a trigger member; and	The ARC Fire is installed along with a disconnecter (orange) which has a disconnecter hook and pivots on a transverse disconnecter pivot axis. The ARC Fire is installed along with a trigger member (brown) Transverse pivot axis. 
a safety selector adapted to be movable between a standard semi-automatic position and a forced reset semi-automatic position,	The ARC Fire is a safety selector adapted to be movable between a standard semi-automatic position,

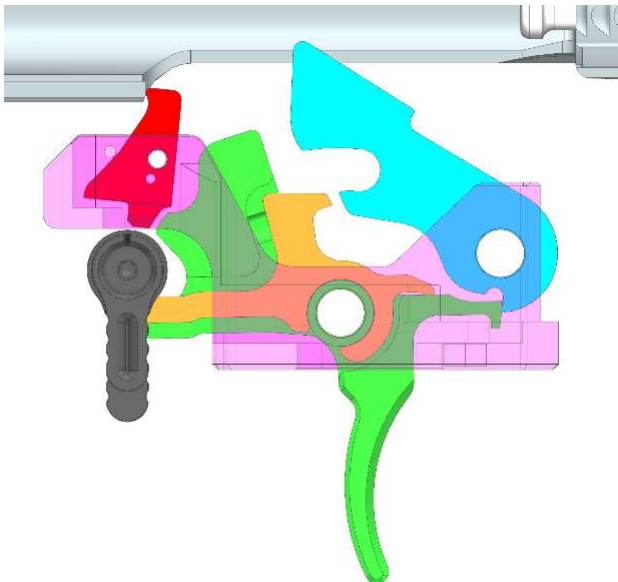
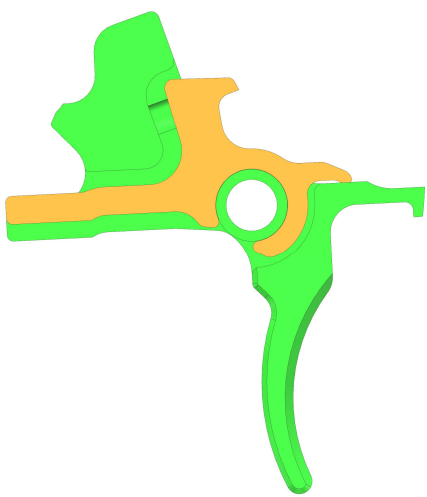
'403 Patent, Claim 38	The ARC-Fire
	 In the SEMI position, the ARC Lever will not engage the Cam as its rotated rearward leaving the Cam in the unlocked position. . . . and a “forced reset” semi-automatic position,  In the active reset position the ARC Lever is pushed into the Cam allowing the Lever to interact with the Cam. Image with text taken from AS Designs Facebook video
wherein when the safety selector is in the standard semi-automatic position and the trigger member is rearwardly actuated,	When safety selector is in the standard semi-automatic position the trigger member (brown) is rearwardly actuated.

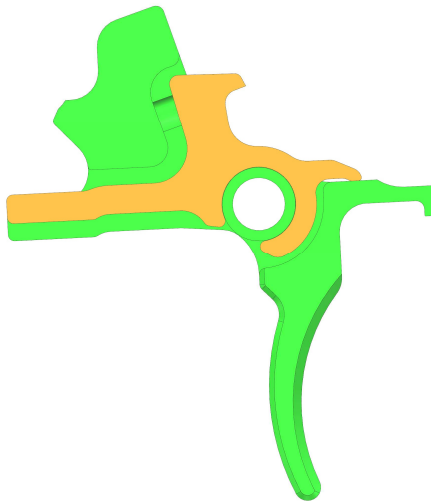
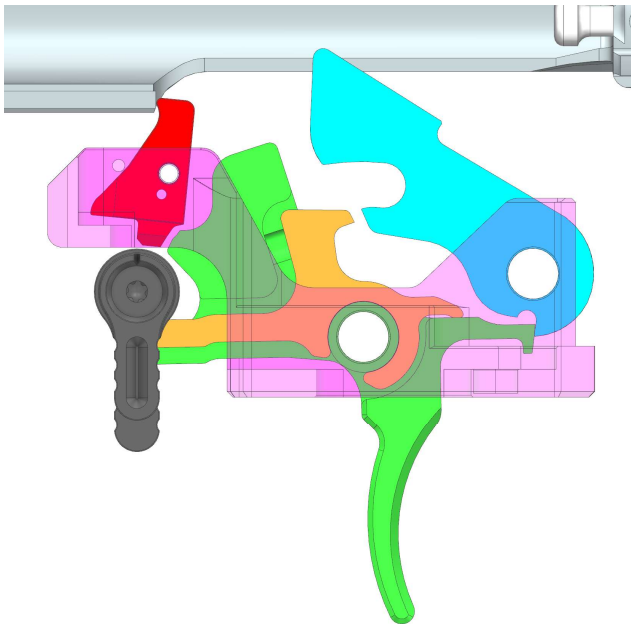
'403 Patent, Claim 38	The ARC-Fire
and after the hammer pivots rearward to a position where the hammer hook is past the disconnecter hook, rearward pressure on the trigger member must be reduced to permit the trigger member to then be actuated to fire a firearm.	The hammer (red) pivots rearward to a position where the hammer hook is past the disconnecter hook (orange), . . . rearward pressure on the trigger member (brown) must be reduced to permit the trigger member to then be actuated to fire a firearm.

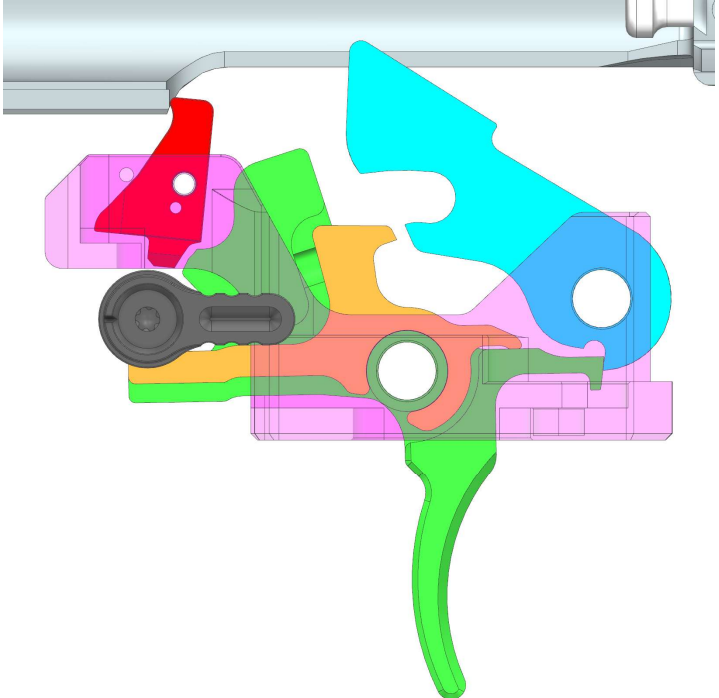
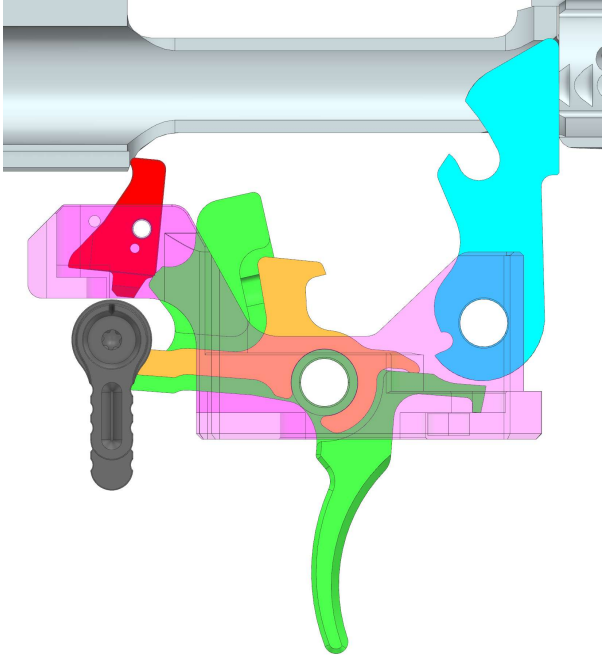
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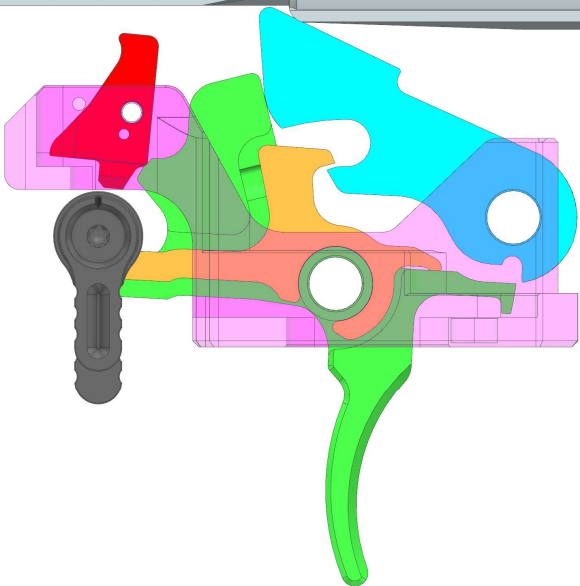
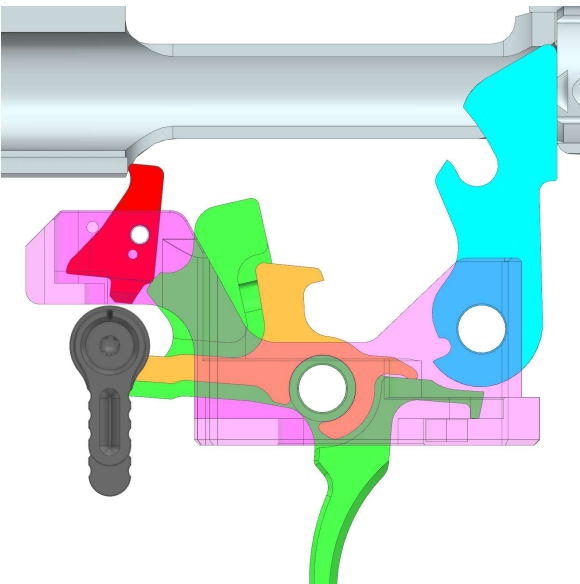
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'403 Patent, Claim 38	The Disruptor
38. A forced reset trigger mechanism, comprising:	When installed and used as directed, the Disruptor is part of a trigger mechanism.  https://muffintoptactical.com/disruptor-ar15.html  Disruptor

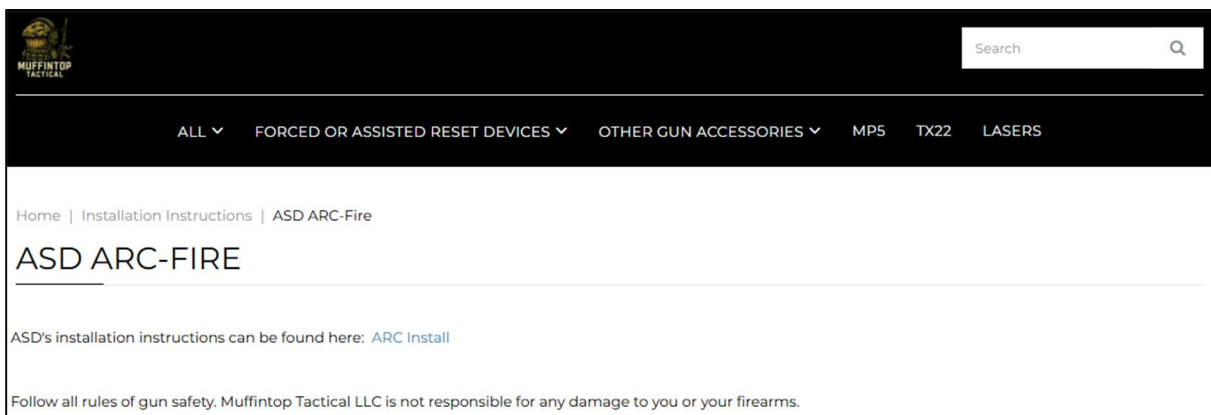
'403 Patent, Claim 38 a hammer having a hammer hook and adapted to pivot on a transverse hammer pivot axis;	The Disruptor The Disruptor has a hammer (blue) that has a hammer hook and pivots on a transverse axis.  Disruptor (Installed) (Plaintiff-generated renderings of Disruptor here and below)
a disconnector having a disconnector hook and adapted to pivot on a transverse disconnector pivot axis;	The Disruptor has a disconnector (orange) which has a disconnector hook and pivots on a transverse disconnector pivot axis.  Disconnector (orange)

'403 Patent, Claim 38 a trigger member; and	The Disruptor The Disruptor has a trigger member (green) which has a disconnector hook and pivots on a transverse disconnector pivot axis  Trigger Member (green)
a safety selector adapted to be movable between a standard semi-automatic position	The Disruptor has a safety selector adapted to be movable between a (standard semi-automatic) position,  Disruptor (installed) in Standard Semi-Automatic Position

'403 Patent, Claim 38	The Disruptor
and a forced reset semi-automatic position,	. . . and a “forced reset” semi-automatic position.  Disruptor (installed) in “Forced Reset” Semi-Automatic Position
wherein when the safety selector is in the standard semi-automatic position and the trigger member is rearwardly actuated,	When safety selector is in the standard semi-automatic position the trigger member (green) is rearwardly actuated. 

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rearward pressure on the trigger member must be reduced to permit the trigger member to then be actuated to fire a firearm.	Rearward pressure on the trigger member (green) must be reduced to permit the trigger member to then be actuated to fire a firearm. 

153. On information and belief, in addition to direct infringement, Defendants take active steps to induce others, including their customers, to directly infringe the '403 patent. Defendants take such active steps knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by others. Such active steps include, but are not limited to, encouraging, advertising, promoting, and instructing others to use and/or how to use the Infringing Device while selling products. One example of this is the promotional material found on Defendants' website (<https://muffintoptactical.com/asd-arc-fire.html> and <https://muffintoptactical.com/partisan-disruptor-frt.html>) that informs customers to install the Infringing Devices into an AR15:





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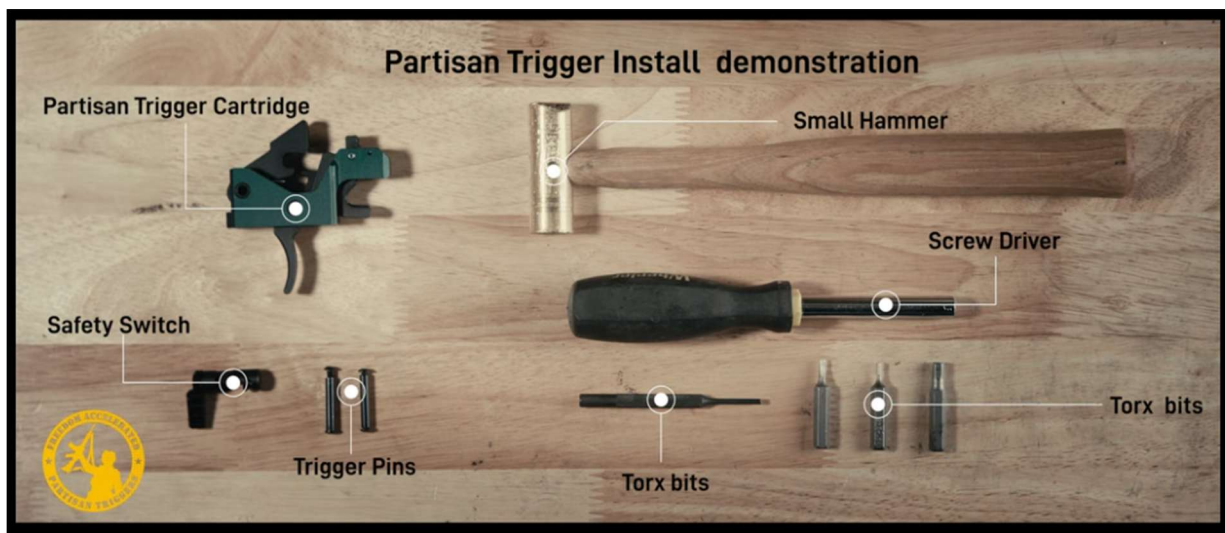
Disruptor Installation:

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4. Remove the installed safety.
5. Remove hammer pin. Remove the hammer and hammer spring assembly.
6. Remove the trigger pin. Remove the trigger, sear and trigger spring assembly.
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8. Install your Partisan Trigger 3-position safety. Partisan Trigger safeties must be used in conjunction with the trigger. It may be necessary to use a small tool to depress the safety detent to get the safety installed fully.
9. Tighten pistol grip screw.
10. Install anti-rotation pins and apply thread locker.
11. Place the rear lug of the upper receiver into the lower, and slightly pull back on the charging handle to enable the rear of the bolt carrier group to clear the out of battery safety sear.
12. Reinsert pivot and takedown pins.
13. Installation complete.



154. On information and belief, Defendants know or should know that such activities induce others to directly infringe at least claim 38 of the '403 Patent.

155. On information and belief, Defendants also contribute to the infringement of the '403 Patent by others, including their customers. Acts by Defendants that contribute to the infringement of others include, but are not limited to, the sale, offer for sale, and/or importation by Defendants of the components of the Infringing Devices, such as the trigger assembly or the cam or cam lever arm. The components are not suitable for substantial noninfringing use as they are specially designed and adapted to be used in a fire control unit to mechanically reset a trigger mechanism and infringe the '403 Patent.

156. Defendants have engaged in egregious infringement behavior with knowledge of the '403 Patent, which has been duly issued by the USPTO, and is presumed valid. On information and belief, Defendants have known or should have known that their actions constituted and continue to constitute infringement of the '403 Patent and that the '403 Patent is valid at least through the service of this complaint. Defendants could not reasonably or subjectively believe that their actions do not constitute infringement of the '403 Patent, nor could they reasonably or subjectively believe that the patent is invalid. Despite that knowledge and subjective belief, and the objectively high likelihood that their actions constitute infringement, Defendants have continued their infringing activities. As such, Defendants willfully infringe the '403 Patent.

157. By their actions, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs and are liable to Plaintiffs for infringement of the '403 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

158. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '403 Patent has irreparably injured Plaintiffs. Unless such infringing acts are enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer additional irreparable injury.

159. By their actions, Defendants' infringement of the '403 Patent has damaged and continues to damage, Plaintiffs in an amount yet to be determined.

160. Defendants' infringement of the '403 patent is exceptional and entitles Plaintiffs to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

161. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful and for no other purpose than to deliberately and irreparably harm Plaintiffs' business, sales, reputation, and good-will.

162. Plaintiffs have been substantially harmed by Defendants' infringing activities and are entitled to relief including but not limited to a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, being lost profits or no less than a reasonable royalty, treble damages, and attorneys' fees.

COUNT IX — FEDERAL TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT
15 U.S.C. § 1114(1)

163. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

164. As described above, Plaintiff RBTM is the owner and Plaintiff Rare Breed is the exclusive licensee of the FRT Marks in connection with firearm triggers.

165. The federal trademark registrations for the FRT Marks as detailed above are in full force and effect. Plaintiff RBTM owns all right, title, and interest in and to these federal trademark registrations.

166. The FRT Marks are inherently distinctive and have acquired significant goodwill in the marketplace through Plaintiffs' continuous and substantially exclusive use of those marks in commerce. As a result of their widespread and continuous use, the FRT Marks have become uniquely associated in the minds of consumers and the trade with Plaintiffs.

167. The reputation Plaintiffs have built in the FRT Marks is of great value to Plaintiffs.

168. Plaintiffs' use of and rights in the FRT Marks predate any use by Defendants of FRT.

169. Defendants are wrongfully using FRT as a source identifier in U.S. commerce in connection with the distribution, advertising, and/or sale of firearm trigger products.

170. Defendants' use of the FRT Marks was and is without Plaintiffs' consent. Such unauthorized use by Defendants is likely to confuse consumers as to the origin, sponsorship, endorsement, or affiliation of Defendants' products, in violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1).

171. Defendants' unlawful acts have caused and, unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, will continue to cause, great harm and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs for which Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law, including undermining consumers' association of the FRT Marks with Plaintiffs.

172. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from using the FRT Marks and any mark confusingly similar to the FRT Marks.

173. Upon information and belief, Defendants have realized unjust profits, gains, and advantages from their unlawful actions, including by making sales under the FRT Marks, and have caused Plaintiffs monetary damage in an amount to be determined at trial.

COUNT X — FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN
15 U.S.C. § 1125(A)

174. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

175. As described above, Plaintiff RBTM owns and Plaintiff Rare Breed is the exclusive licensee of the distinctive FRT Marks in connection with firearm triggers through their continuous

and substantially exclusive use of the FRT Marks since at least as early as 2020, which is well before any use of FRT by Defendants.

176. Plaintiffs' common law rights in the FRT Marks predate Defendants' infringing use of FRT and any other confusingly similar name or mark comprised of or containing FRT.

177. Defendants are using FRT as a source identifier in U.S. commerce in connection with the distribution, advertising, and/or sale of firearm trigger products.

178. Defendants' actions described above constitute use of a false designation of origin that wrongfully and falsely designates the origin of Defendants' goods and services and is likely to cause confusion or mistake and/or to deceive as to affiliation, connection, or association or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants' goods by Plaintiffs. These actions constitute a false designation of origin in interstate commerce in violation of Section 43(a)(1)(A) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A).

179. Defendants' unlawful acts, which were committed and continue to be committed with full knowledge of Plaintiffs' prior rights in the FRT Marks, are knowing, willful, and done in bad faith.

180. Defendants' acts have caused and, unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, will continue to cause, great harm and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs for which Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law, including undermining consumers' association of the FRT Marks with Plaintiffs.

181. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from using the FRT Marks or any other mark confusingly similar to the FRT Marks.

182. Upon information and belief, Defendants have realized unjust profits, gains, and advantages from their unlawful actions, including by making sales under the FRT Marks, and have caused Plaintiffs monetary damage in an amount to be determined at trial.

COUNT XI — COMMON LAW TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND UNFAIR COMPETITION

183. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

184. As described above, Plaintiff RBTM owns and Plaintiff Rare Breed is the exclusive licensee of the distinctive FRT Marks in connection with firearm triggers through their continuous use of the marks since at least as early 2020, prior to any use of FRT by Defendants.

185. Plaintiffs' common law rights in the FRT Marks predate Defendants' infringing use of FRT and/or other confusingly similar marks comprised of or containing FRT.

186. Defendants are using FRT as a source identifier in U.S. commerce in connection with the distribution, sale, offering for sale, and advertising of firearm triggers.

187. Defendants' use of FRT was and is without Plaintiffs' consent. Such unauthorized use by Defendants is likely to confuse consumers as to the origin, sponsorship, endorsement, or affiliation of Defendants' goods and services. As such, Defendants' acts constitute trademark infringement and unfair competition under common law.

188. Defendants' unlawful acts, which were committed and continue to be committed with full knowledge of Plaintiffs' prior common law rights in the FRT Marks are knowing, willful, and done in bad faith.

189. Defendants' acts have caused and, unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause great harm and irreparable injury to Plaintiffs for which it has no adequate remedy at law, including undermining consumers' association of the FRT Marks with Plaintiffs.

190. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from using FRT or any other mark confusingly similar to the FRT Marks.

191. Upon information and belief, Defendants have realized unjust profits, gains, and advantages from their unlawful actions, including by making sales under the FRT mark, and have caused Plaintiffs monetary damage in an amount to be determined at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

- a. Each of the Asserted Patents has been and continues to be infringed by Defendants;
- b. Defendants' infringement of each of the Asserted Patents has been, and continues to be, willful;
- c. Each of the Asserted Patents is enforceable and not invalid;
- d. That Defendants willfully infringed Plaintiffs' registered FRT Marks in violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114;
- e. That Defendants committed willful acts of false designation of origin through their unauthorized use of the FRT Marks in violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a);
- f. That Defendants engaged in conduct constituting unfair competition under applicable law;
- g. A preliminary injunction enjoining Defendants and their principals, agents, successors, assigns, attorneys, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from (1) infringement or contributing to the infringement of each of the Asserted Patents during the pendency of this case; (2) using the mark "FRT" (or any similar or derivative term, including any FRT-formative term) (i) in association with firearm triggers or any related products, (ii) in any other manner that creates

confusion or is likely to create confusion with Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' FRT Marks, (iii) that in any way constitutes unfair competition with Plaintiffs; or (3) other such equitable relief as the Court determines is warranted;

h. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and their principals, agents, successors, assigns, attorneys, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from (1) infringement or contributing to the infringement of each of the Asserted Patents; (2) using the mark "FRT" (or any similar or derivative term, including any FRT-formative term) (i) in association with firearm triggers or any related products, (ii) in any other manner that creates confusion or is likely to create confusion with Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' FRT Marks, (iii) that in any way constitutes unfair competition with Plaintiffs; or (3) other such equitable relief as the Court determines is warranted;

i. Consistent with the above, order Defendants to (1) remove from display any advertisements and marketing, promotional, or sales materials comprising, bearing, or displaying the FRT Marks or any similar or derivative term that infringes or is likely to be confused with the FRT Marks, including any FRT-formative term, including from all Internet webpages and social media accounts within Defendants' custody or control; and (2) deliver to the Court for destruction, or to show proof of destruction of, any and all physical advertisements and marketing, promotional materials, and sales materials comprising, bearing, or displaying the term "FRT" or any similar or derivative term that infringes or is likely to be confused with the FRT Marks, including any FRT-formative term;

j. An award of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for the infringement of each of the Asserted Patents that has occurred, together with pre-judgment interests and costs, post-judgment interests and costs, and an accounting;

k. An award of all other damages permitted by 35 U.S.C. § 284 and 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), including increased damages up to three times the amount of compensatory damages found;

l. An award of all profits received by Defendants from sales and revenues of any kind made as a result of their trademark infringement and unfair competition;

m. An award of all damages sustained by Plaintiffs as a result of Defendants' infringement and unfair competition, including ascertainable damages, the costs incurred by Plaintiffs for corrective advertising, the costs for this action, and Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees;

n. A finding that this action is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and 15 U.S.C. § 1117, and an award to Plaintiffs of their costs and attorneys' fees incurred in this action; and

o. Any and all other relief, at law or equity, to which Plaintiffs may show themselves to be entitled or which this Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, request a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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