



How to Submit Ideas to Rhythm Tech Inc.

COMPANY POLICY

It is the policy of Rhythm Tech Inc. to give thoughtful consideration to any new ideas, devices, or improvements submitted to it.

However, because Rhythm Tech Inc. is actively engaged in research, engineering, development, and marketing in a great many product lines, it cannot receive or consider an idea on the condition that it is disclosed in confidence or that it shall be kept secret, since the idea may have been previously known or made available to the Company or to the general public.

Rhythm Tech Inc. will, therefore, receive and consider ideas submitted to it by persons who are not officers or employees of the Company only upon the following conditions:

- (a) That the submission implies no confidential or contractual relationship with the Company;
- (b) That the Company is not obligated by receipt of the submission;
- (c) That the submitter represents that he has the exclusive right to the idea and relies solely on such rights as he may have or acquire under the patent laws of the United States or other countries;
- (d) That the Company shall be permitted to retain and make copies of any material submitted to it, except that the Company shall return models or operating devices to the submitter upon his/her request.
- (e) Prior to submitting any ideas, devices or improvements to the Company, the submitter must complete, date, sign and deliver to the Company a copy of the idea submission form set on the last page of this pamphlet.

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR IDEA

As an aid in submitting your idea, we suggest the following procedure: If you believe your idea to be patentable, see a patent lawyer.

1. PATENTABLE IDEAS

If you do not know a patent lawyer, your local Bar Association can probably refer you to one. Your patent lawyer can help you evaluate your idea and will advise you as to how to proceed with the filing of a patent application. Having filed a patent application, a convenient way to submit your idea is to submit a copy of the patent application together with a copy of any Patent Office actions and amendments.

If you should decide not to consult a patent lawyer or file a patent application, we suggest that you make a written description and sketch or working model of your idea, disclose the idea to a person capable of understanding it, obtain the signature of such person on the original written description and sketch, and submit a copy of the description and sketch. Models should only be submitted when requested by the Company after a review of the written disclosure.

It is important that the idea be described or illustrated in sufficient detail to enable the Company to understand exactly what you propose and how you propose to do it. You should also point out just what you believe to be new and what advantages you claim your idea has.

2. NON-PATENTABLE IDEAS

Non-patentable ideas, such as those relating to advertising or business methods, or to non-patentable products or processes, are rarely of appreciable monetary value as ideas, since they cannot be protected. Hence, competitors are free to appropriate them.

Other examples of non-patentable ideas are those relating to trademarks or to advertising copy or slogans. Even if such ideas are susceptible to trademark or copyright protection, they have no monetary value as ideas alone. They only attain value as they are used and publicized in connection with a business.

Non-patentable ideas are, therefore, received only on the basis that the decision as to compensation, if any, shall be left entirely to the Company.

Fax this completed form to Rhythm Tech at: (914) 636-6947

INDEX OF DISCLOSURE

- (1) SKETCHES: _____
- (2) PRINTS: _____ Dated: _____
- (3) WRITTEN DESCRIPTION: and 3 photos of model _____

_____ Dated: _____
- (4) PATENTS OR PATENT APPLICATIONS: _____

_____ Dated: _____
- (5) MODELS OR OPERATING DEVICES: _____

_____ Dated: _____
_____ built on or about _____

Please describe all material and papers submitted to the Company in the above Index of Disclosure.

CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING IDEAS TO RHYTHM TECH INCORPORATED

The undersigned ("Submitter"), hereby submits to Rhythm Tech Inc. ("Company"), a disclosure of an idea, device or improvement relating to: _____

and described in the Index of Disclosure above. Submitter regards his disclosure as a new and useful idea or invention and submits it to the Company upon the following express conditions:

- (a) That the submission implies no confidential or contractual relationship with the Company;
- (b) That the Company is not obligated in any way by receipt of the disclosure;
- (c) That the submitter has the exclusive right to offer the disclosure to the Company and the submitter relies solely on such rights as he may have or acquire under the patent laws of the United States or other countries;
- (d) That the Company shall be permitted to retain and make copies of any material submitted to it, except that the Company shall return models or operating devices to the submitter upon his request.

The submitter requests Rhythm Tech Inc. to examine and consider the said disclosure. The Company will endeavor to reply to the Submitter of the enclosure as soon as practicable.

Submitters Signature: _____ Date: _____