

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

ECOFACOR, INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:20-cv-00075-ADA

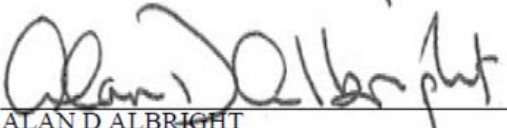
FINAL JUDGMENT

In accordance with the jury verdict and pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

1. Claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 8,738,327 (“the ’327 patent”) is infringed by Google;
2. Claim 5 of the ’327 patent is not willfully infringed by Google;
3. Claims 2 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 10,534,382 (“the ’382 patent”) are not infringed by Google;
4. Claim 5 of the ’327 patent and claims 2 and 12 of the ’382 patent are not invalid;
5. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,412,488 are invalid for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. § 112;
6. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of EcoFactor and against Google in the lump sum of \$20,019,300.00;
7. EcoFactor is further awarded prejudgment interest at the one-year Treasury Bill constant maturity rate, compounded annually, in the amount of \$127,971;
8. EcoFactor is awarded post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961; and
9. EcoFactor shall be entitled to recover costs of court.

10. This FINAL JUDGMENT starts the time for filing any post-trial motions or appeal.

Signed this 26th day of May, 2022.


ALAN D ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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February 10, 2022

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BY: Jennifer Clark
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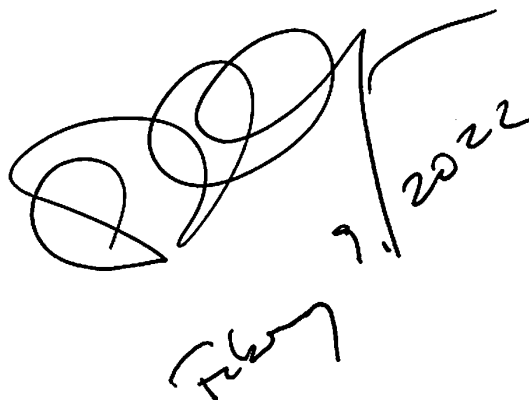
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FINAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS
TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE CLOSE OF EVIDENCE



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JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 14: JURY CHARGE

MEMBERS OF THE JURY:

It is my duty and responsibility to instruct you on the law you are to apply in this case. The law contained in these instructions is the only law you may follow. It is your duty to follow what I instruct you the law is, regardless of any opinion that you might have as to what the law ought to be.

Each of you is going to have your own printed copy of these final jury instructions that I am giving you now, so there is really no need for you to take notes unless you want to.

If I have given you the impression during the trial that I favor either party, you must disregard that impression. If I have given you the impression during the trial that I have an opinion about the facts of this case, you must disregard that impression. You are the sole judges of the facts of this case. Other than my instructions to you on the law, you should disregard anything I may have said or done during the trial in arriving at your verdict.

You should consider all of the instructions about the law as a whole and regard each instruction in light of the others, without isolating a particular statement or paragraph.

The testimony of the witnesses and other exhibits introduced by the parties constitute the evidence. The statements of counsel are not evidence; they are only arguments. It is important for you to distinguish between the arguments of counsel and the evidence on which those arguments rest. What the lawyers say or do is not evidence. You may, however, consider their arguments in light of the evidence that has been admitted and determine whether the evidence admitted in this trial supports the arguments. You must determine the facts from all the testimony that you have heard and the other evidence submitted. You are the judges of the facts, but in finding those facts, you must apply the law as I instruct you.

You are required by law to decide the case in a fair, impartial, and unbiased manner, based entirely on the law and on the evidence presented to you in the courtroom. You may not be influenced by passion, prejudice, or sympathy you might have for EcoFactor or Google in arriving at your verdict.

After the remainder of these instructions, you will hear closing arguments from the attorneys. Statements and arguments of the attorneys, I remind you, are not evidence, and they are not instructions on the law. They are intended only to assist the jury in understanding the evidence and the parties' contentions.

A verdict form has been prepared for you. You are to take this verdict form with you to the jury room; and when you have reached a unanimous decision or agreement as to the verdict, you are to have your foreperson fill in the blanks in the verdict form, date it, and sign it. Answer each

question in the verdict form from the facts as you find them to be. Do not decide who you think should win the case and then answer the questions to reach that result.

Again, your answers and your verdict must be unanimous.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 15: EVIDENCE

The evidence you are to consider consists of the testimony of the witnesses, the documents and other exhibits admitted into evidence, the stipulations to which the lawyers agreed, and any fair inferences and reasonable conclusions you can draw from the facts and circumstances that have been proven. Nothing else is evidence.

Generally speaking, there are two types of evidence. One is direct evidence, such as testimony of an eyewitness. The other is indirect or circumstantial evidence. Circumstantial evidence is evidence that proves a fact from which you can logically conclude another fact exists. As a general rule, the law makes no distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence, but simply requires that you determine the facts from all the evidence that you hear in this case, whether direct, circumstantial, or any combination.

As I instructed you before the trial began, in judging the facts, you must consider all the evidence, both direct and circumstantial. That does not mean you have to believe all of the evidence. It is entirely up to you to give the evidence you receive in this case whatever weight you individually believe it deserves. It will be up to you to decide which witnesses to believe, which witnesses not to believe, the weight you give any testimony you hear, and how much of any witness's testimony you choose to accept or reject.

You should never be influenced by my ruling on any objection. If I sustained an objection, then just pretend the question was never asked. If there was an answer given, ignore it. If I overruled the objection, act like the objection was never made. If I gave you instructions that some item of evidence was received for a limited purpose, you must follow my instruction. If I gave any limiting instruction during trial, you must follow it. Any testimony I tell you to exclude or disregard is not evidence and may not be considered.

You must not conduct any independent research or investigation. You must make your decision based only on the evidence here, and nothing else.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 16: WITNESSES

You alone are to determine the questions of credibility or truthfulness of the witnesses. In weighing the testimony of the witnesses, you may consider the witness's manner and demeanor on the witness stand, any feelings or interest in the case, or any prejudice or bias about the case, that he or she may have, and the consistency or inconsistency of his or her testimony considered in the light of the circumstances. Has the witness been contradicted by other credible evidence? Has he or she made statements at other times and places contrary to those made here on the witness stand? You must give the testimony of each witness the credibility that you think it deserves.

In determining the weight to give to the testimony of a witness, consider whether there was evidence at some other time the witness said or did something or failed to say or do something, that was different from the testimony given by that witness at trial.

A simple mistake by a witness does not necessarily mean that the witness did not tell the truth as he or she remembers it. We are people. People may forget some things or remember other things inaccurately. If a witness made a misstatement, consider whether that misstatement was an intentional falsehood or just a mistake. The significance of that may depend on whether it has to do with an important fact or with only an unimportant detail. That being said, it is exclusively in your province to believe every word that any witness says, or to disregard anything they say or do, because you all are the exclusive judges of the facts in this case.

Even though a witness may be a party to the action and therefore interested in its outcome, the testimony may be accepted if it is not contradicted by direct evidence or by any inference that may be drawn from the evidence, if you believe the testimony.

You are not to decide this case by counting the number of witnesses who have testified on the opposing sides. Witness testimony is weighed; witnesses are not counted. The test is not the relative number of witnesses, but the relative convincing force of the evidence. The testimony of a single witness is sufficient to prove any fact, even if a greater number of witnesses testified to the contrary, if after considering all of the other evidence, you believe that witness.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 17: DEPOSITION TESTIMONY

Certain testimony has been presented to you through a deposition. A deposition is the sworn, recorded answers to questions a witness was asked in advance of the trial. Under some circumstances, if a witness cannot be present to testify from the witness stand, that witness's testimony may be presented, under oath, in the form of a deposition. Sometime before this trial, attorneys representing the parties in this case questioned this witness under oath. A court reporter was present and recorded the testimony. The questions and answers have been shown to you. This deposition testimony is entitled to the same consideration and weighed and otherwise considered by you in the same way as if the witness had been present and had testified from the witness stand in court.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 18: REMOTE LIVE TESTIMONY

In addition, certain testimony has been presented to you through a remote live video. These witnesses have been permitted to testify by remote live video due to travel restrictions. This remote live video testimony is entitled to the same consideration and weighed and otherwise considered by you in the same way as if the witness had been present and had testified from the witness stand in court.

Some of the video recordings and live remote video of witnesses you have seen may have been of lower quality because the witnesses testified from home. This was due to travel restrictions in place at the time and in the location where the witness was located. You should not hold the quality of the video, the location of the witness, or any other circumstances arising from travel restrictions against either party.

Regardless of whether presented by deposition or live remote video, this testimony is entitled to the same consideration and is to be weighed and otherwise considered by you in the same way as if the witness had been present and had testified from the witness stand in court.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 19: EXPERT TESTIMONY

Expert testimony is testimony from a person who has a special skill or knowledge in some science, profession, or business. This skill or knowledge is not common to the average person but has been acquired by the expert through special study or experience.

In weighing expert testimony, you may consider the expert's qualifications, the reasons for the expert's opinions, and the reliability of the information supporting the expert's opinions, as well as the factors I have previously mentioned for weighing testimony of any other witness.

Expert testimony should receive whatever weight and credit you think appropriate, given all the other evidence in the case. You are not required to accept the opinion of any expert, rather, you are free to accept or reject the testimony of experts, just as with any other witness.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 20: NO INFERENCE FROM FILING SUIT

The fact that a person brought a lawsuit and is in court seeking damages creates no inference that the person is entitled to a judgment. Anyone may make a claim and file a lawsuit. The act of making a claim in a lawsuit, by itself, does not in any way tend to establish that claim and is not evidence.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 21: STIPULATIONS OF FACT

A “stipulation” is an agreement. When there is no dispute about certain facts, the parties may agree or “stipulate” to those facts. You must accept a stipulated fact as evidence and treat that fact as having been proven here in court.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 22: LIMITING INSTRUCTION

When testimony or an exhibit is admitted for a limited purpose, you may consider that testimony or exhibit only for the specific limited purpose for which it was admitted.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 23: CHARTS AND SUMMARIES

Certain charts and summaries have been shown to you solely to help explain or summarize the facts disclosed by the books, records, and other documents that are in evidence. These charts and summaries are not evidence or proof of any facts. You should determine the facts from the evidence.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 24: DEMONSTRATIVE EXHIBITS

Certain exhibits shown to you, such as PowerPoint presentations, posters, or models, are illustrations of the evidence, but are not themselves evidence. It is a party's description, picture, or model used to describe something involved in this trial. If your recollection of the evidence differs from the exhibit, rely on your recollection.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 25: BIAS – CORPORATE PARTY INVOLVED

Do not let bias, prejudice, or sympathy play any part in your deliberations. A corporation and all other persons are equal before the law and must be treated as equals in a court of justice.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 26: PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE

In any legal action, facts must be proved by a required amount of evidence known as the “burden of proof.”

EcoFactor has the burden of proving patent infringement and damages by a preponderance of the evidence. A preponderance of the evidence means evidence that persuades you that a claim is more probably true than not true. Sometimes this is talked about as being the greater weight and degree of credible testimony.

If you find that EcoFactor has failed to prove any element of its claim by a preponderance of the evidence, then it may not recover on that claim.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 27: CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE

Google has the burden of proving patent invalidity by clear and convincing evidence.

Clear and convincing evidence is evidence that produces in your mind a firm belief or conviction as to the truth of the matter sought to be established. It is evidence so clear, direct, weighty and convincing as to enable you to come to a clear conviction without hesitancy.

The “clear and convincing evidence” standard is different from what you have heard about in criminal proceedings, where a fact must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. On a scale of the various standards of proof, as you move from preponderance of the evidence where proof needs to be sufficient to tip the scales in favor of the party proving the fact, to at the other end, beyond a reasonable doubt, where the fact must be proven to a very high degree of certainty, you can think of clear and convincing evidence as being between these two ends of the spectrum or these two different standards.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 28: SUMMARY OF CONTENTIONS

As I did at the start of the case, I will first give you a summary of each side's contentions in this case. I will then provide you with detailed instructions on what each side must prove to win on each of its contentions.

As I previously told you, EcoFactor filed suit in this court seeking money damages from Google for allegedly infringing the '327 and '382 patents by making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale within the United States products that EcoFactor argues are covered by claim 5 of the '327 patent, and claims 2 and 12 of the '382 patent. These are known as the "Asserted Claims."

The products that are alleged to infringe are smart thermostats made, used, offered for sale, or sold by Google, including the Nest Learning Thermostat Third Generation product, the Nest Thermostat E product, and the Nest Thermostat product. The infringement contentions extend to systems where the products are combined with Google servers or Nest servers and Google's mobile applications including the Google Home App and the Nest App. I will collectively refer to these individual products and the systems as the "Accused Products."

Google denies that it has infringed any of the Asserted Claims of the Asserted Patents. Google also argues that the Asserted Claims are invalid.

Your job is to decide whether or not Google has infringed any Asserted Claims, and whether or not those claims are invalid. If you decide that any Asserted Claims both have been infringed and are valid, you will then need to decide any money damages to be awarded to EcoFactor to compensate it for the infringement.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 29: PATENT CLAIMS

Before you can decide many of the issues in this case, you will need to understand the role of patent “claims.”

The patent claims are the numbered sentences at the end of each patent. The claims are important because it is the words of the claims that define what a patent covers. The figures and text in the rest of the patent provide a description and/or examples of the invention and provide a context for the claims, but it is the claims that define the breadth of the patent’s coverage. Therefore, what a patent covers depends, in turn, on what each of its claims covers.

To know what a claim covers, a claim sets forth—in words—a set of requirements. Each claim sets forth its requirements in a single sentence. The requirements of a claim are often referred to as “claim elements” or “claim limitations.” The coverage of a patent is assessed claim by claim. When a thing (such as a product or a process) meets all of the requirements of a claim, the claim is said to “cover” that thing, and that thing is said to “fall” within the scope of that claim. In other words, a claim covers a product or process where each of the claim elements or limitations is present in that product or process.

You will first need to understand what each claim covers in order to decide whether or not there is infringement of the claim and to decide whether or not the claim is invalid. The first step is to understand the meaning of the words used in the patent claim.

The law says that it is my role to define the terms of the claims and it is your role to apply my definitions of the terms I have construed to the issues that you are asked to decide in this case. Therefore, as I explained to you at the start of the case, I have determined the meaning of certain claim terms and I have provided to you my definitions of certain claim terms. You must accept my definitions of these words in the claims as being correct. It is your job to take these definitions and apply them to the issues that you are deciding, including the issues of infringement and validity.

The beginning portion of a claim, also known as the preamble, of a claim often uses the word “comprising.” The word “comprising,” when used in the preamble, means “including but not limited to” or “containing but not limited to.” When “comprising” is used in the preamble, if you decide that an accused product includes all of the requirements of that claim, the claim is infringed. This is true even if the accused product contains additional elements.

For any words in the claim for which I have not provided you with a definition, you should apply the ordinary meaning of those terms in the field of the patent. You should not take my definition of the language of the claims as an indication that I have a view regarding how you should decide the issues that you are being asked to decide, such as infringement and invalidity. These issues are yours to decide.

My claim constructions are as follows:

Claim Term	Construction
“rate of change in inside temperature” (’327 patent claim 1); “rate of change in temperature inside the [said] structure” (’327 patent claim 5)	“the difference between inside temperature measurements divided by the span of time between the measurements”
“measurement of the current outdoor temperature”	“measurement of the outdoor temperature at the present time”
“setpoint”	“a temperature setting for a thermostat to achieve or maintain”
“compares”	“analyze to determine one or more similarities or differences between”

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 30: INDEPENDENT AND DEPENDENT CLAIMS

This case involves two types of patent claims: independent claims and dependent claims.

An “independent claim” sets forth all of the requirements that must be met in order to be covered by that claim. Thus, it is not necessary to look at any other claim to determine what an independent claim covers. In this case the following claims are independent claims:

- Claim 1 of the '327 Patent is an independent claim; and
- Claim 1 of the '382 Patent is an independent claim.

The Asserted Claims in the Asserted Patents are “dependent claims.” A dependent claim does not itself recite all of the requirements of the claim but refers to another claim for some of its requirements. In this way, the claim “depends” on another claim. A dependent claim incorporates all of the requirements of the claim(s) to which it refers. The dependent claim then adds its own additional requirements.

To determine what a dependent claim covers, it is necessary to look at both the dependent claim and any other claim(s) to which it refers. A product that meets all of the requirements of both the dependent claim and the claim(s) to which it refers is covered by that dependent claim.

If any requirement of a dependent claim is not met, or if any requirement of a claim from which the dependent claim depends is not met, then the product is not covered by that dependent claim.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 31: INFRINGEMENT GENERALLY

I will now instruct you how to decide whether or not EcoFactor has proven that Google has infringed the Asserted Claims of the Asserted Patents. Infringement is assessed on a claim-by-claim basis. Therefore, there may be infringement as to one claim but no infringement as to another.

In this case, EcoFactor has alleged that Google directly infringes the Asserted Patents.

In order to prove infringement, EcoFactor must prove that the requirements for infringement are met by a preponderance of the evidence, that is, that it is more likely than not that all of the requirements of infringement have been proved.

In reaching your decision on infringement, keep in mind that only the claims of a patent can be infringed. You must compare the asserted patent claims, as I have defined each of them, to the accused system or process, and determine whether or not there is infringement. You should not compare the accused system or process with any specific example set out in the patent or with the prior art in reaching your decision on the issue of infringement. The only correct comparison is with the language of a claim itself, as I have explained its meaning to you. You must reach your decision as to each assertion of infringement based on my instructions about the meaning and scope of the claims, the legal requirements for infringement, and the evidence presented to you by the parties.

I will now explain infringement in more detail.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 32: DIRECT INFRINGEMENT

In order to prove direct infringement, EcoFactor must prove by a preponderance of the evidence, i.e., that it is more likely than not, that Google made, used, sold, offered for sale within the United States a product that meets all of the requirements of a claim and did so without the permission of EcoFactor during the time the Asserted Patents were in force. You must compare the product with each and every one of the requirements of a claim to determine whether all of the requirements of that claim are met.

A party can directly infringe a patent without knowing of the patent or without knowing that what the party is doing is patent infringement. Even if the party independently creates the accused product or method, it can still infringe.

You must determine, separately for each asserted claim, whether or not there is infringement. For dependent claims, if you find that a claim to which a dependent claim refers is not infringed, there cannot be infringement of that dependent claim. On the other hand, if you find that an independent claim has been infringed, you must still decide, separately, whether the product meets the additional requirement(s) of any claims that depend from the independent claim to determine whether those dependent claims have also been infringed. A dependent claim includes all the requirements of any of the claims to which it refers plus additional requirement(s) of its own.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 33: INFRINGEMENT UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF EQUIVALENTS

If a company makes, uses, sells, or offers to sell within the United States a product or method that does not literally meet all of the elements of a claim and thus does not literally infringe that claim, there can still be direct infringement if that product or method satisfies the claim elements “under the doctrine of equivalents.”

Under the doctrine of equivalents, a product or method infringes a claim if they contain elements that literally meet or are equivalent to each and every element of the claim. You may find that an element is equivalent to an element of a claim that is not met literally if a person having ordinary skill in the field of technology of the patent would have considered the differences between them to be “insubstantial” or would have found that the structure: (1) performs substantially the same function and (2) works in substantially the same way (3) to achieve substantially the same result as the element of the claim. In order to prove infringement by “equivalents,” EcoFactor must prove the equivalency of the structure to the claim element by a preponderance of the evidence. Thus, each element of a claim must be met by the accused product or method either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents for you to find infringement.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 34: INVALIDITY—GENERALLY

I will now instruct you on the rules you must follow in deciding whether or not Google has proven that the Asserted Claims of the Asserted Patents are invalid. To prove that any claim of a patent is invalid, Google must persuade you by clear and convincing evidence, that is, you must be left with a clear conviction that the claim is invalid.

An issued United States patent is accorded a presumption of validity based on the presumption that the Patent Office, which you've heard referred to throughout this trial as the PTO or sometimes just the Patent Office, acted correctly in issuing the patent. This presumption of validity extends to all issued United States patents. To prove that any claim of a patent is invalid, Google must persuade you by clear and convincing evidence, that is, you must be left with a clear conviction that the claim is invalid. In order to overcome this presumption, Google must establish by clear and convincing evidence that the Plaintiffs' patents or any claim in the patent is not valid.

The fact that the PTO grants a patent does not necessarily mean that any invention claimed in the patent, in fact, deserves the protection of a patent. For example, the PTO may not have had available to it all other prior art that will be presented to you. In addition, there is the possibility that mistakes were made or that information was overlooked. Examiners have a lot of work to do and no process is perfect. Also, unlike a court proceeding, patent prosecution takes place without input from those who are later alleged to infringe the patent.

In making your determination as to invalidity, you should consider each claim separately.

Even though one or more Patent Office examiners have allowed the asserted claims as valid, you have the responsibility for deciding whether Google has met its burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the asserted claims are invalid.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 35: PRIOR ART

In order for someone to be entitled to a patent, the invention must actually be “new” and not obvious over what came before, which is referred to as the prior art. Prior art is considered in determining whether the Asserted Claims are anticipated or obvious. Prior art may include items that were publicly known or that have been used or offered for sale, or references, such as publications or patents, that disclose the claimed invention or elements of the claimed invention.

Google asserts the following prior art against the '327 Patent:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0117330 (“Ehlers '330”).

Google asserts the following prior art against the '382 Patent:

- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2009/0302994 (“Rhee”).

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 36: ANTICIPATION

In order for someone to be entitled to a patent, the invention must actually be “new.” Google contends that the Asserted Claims of the ’327 and ’382 patents are not new and are invalid because the claimed invention(s) is anticipated. Google must convince you of this by clear and convincing evidence, i.e., that the evidence highly probably demonstrates that the claims are invalid.

Specifically, Google contends that U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0117330 (“Ehlers ’330”) anticipates the Asserted Claim of the ’327 Patent.

Google also contends that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2009/0302994 (“Rhee”) anticipates certain of the Asserted Claims of the ’382 Patent.

Anticipation must be determined on a claim-by-claim basis. Google must prove by clear and convincing evidence that all of the requirements of a claim are present in a single piece of prior art. To anticipate the invention, the prior art does not have to use the same words as the claim, but all of the requirements of the claim must have been disclosed and arranged as in the claim. The claim requirements may either be disclosed expressly or inherently—that is, necessarily implied—such that a person having ordinary skill in the art in the technology of the invention, looking at that one reference, could make and use the claimed invention.

Where Google is relying on prior art that was not considered by the PTO during examination, you may consider whether that prior art is significantly different and more relevant than the prior art that the PTO did consider. If you decide it is different and more relevant, you may weigh that prior art more heavily when considering whether the challenger has carried its clear-and-convincing burden of proving invalidity.

If a dependent claim is anticipated by the prior art, then the claims from which it depends are necessarily anticipated as well.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 37: OBVIOUSNESS

Even though an invention may not have been identically disclosed or described before it was made by an inventor, in order to be patentable, the invention must not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the field of technology of the patent at the time the invention was made.

Even if a patent claim is not anticipated, Google may establish that the claim is invalid by proving that the claimed invention would have been obvious to persons having ordinary skill in the art in the field of the invention at the time the invention was made.

Google bears the burden of establishing obviousness by clear and convincing evidence. Specifically, Google contends that U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0117330 (“Ehlers ’330”) renders obvious the Asserted Claim of the ’327 Patent.

In determining whether a claimed invention is obvious, you must consider:

1. the level of ordinary skill in the field of the invention that someone would have had at the time the invention was made;
2. the scope and content of the prior art;
3. any differences between the prior art and the claimed invention; and,
4. and, if present, so-called objective evidence or secondary considerations, which I will describe shortly.

Do not use hindsight; consider only what was known at the time of the invention.

Keep in mind that the existence of each and every element of the claimed invention in the prior art does not necessarily prove obviousness. Most, if not all, inventions rely on building blocks of prior art.

In considering whether a claimed invention is obvious, you should consider whether, at the time of the claimed invention, there was a reason that would have prompted a person having ordinary skill in the field of the invention to combine the known elements in the prior art in the way the claimed invention does, taking into account such factors as:

1. whether the claimed invention was merely the predictable result of using prior art elements according to their known function(s);
2. whether the claimed invention provides an obvious solution to a known problem in the relevant field;

3. whether the prior art teaches or suggests the desirability of combining elements claimed in the invention;
4. whether the prior art teaches away from combining elements in the claimed invention;
5. whether it would have been obvious to try the combinations of elements, such as when there is a design incentive or market pressure to solve a problem and there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions.

To find that prior art rendered the claimed invention obvious, you must find that the prior art provided a reasonable expectation of success. Obvious to try is not sufficient in unpredictable technologies.

In determining whether the claimed invention is obvious, you should take into account any objective evidence (sometimes called “secondary considerations”) that may shed light on whether or not the claimed invention is obvious, such as:

- (1) Whether the claimed invention was commercially successful as a result of the merits of the claimed invention (rather than the result of design needs or market- pressure advertising or similar activities);
- (2) Whether the claimed invention satisfied a long-felt need;
- (3) Whether others had tried and failed to make the claimed invention;
- (4) Whether others invented the claimed invention at roughly the same time;
- (5) Whether others copied the claimed invention;
- (6) Whether there were changes or related technologies or market needs contemporaneous with the claimed invention;
- (7) Whether the claimed invention achieved unexpected results;
- (8) Whether others in the field praised the claimed invention;
- (9) Whether persons having ordinary skill in the art of the invention expressed surprise or disbelief regarding the claimed invention;
- (10) Whether others sought or obtained rights to the patent from the patent holder;
and
- (11) Whether the inventor proceeded contrary to accepted wisdom in the field.

In determining whether the claimed invention was obvious, consider each claim separately, but understand that if a dependent claim is obvious, then the claims from which it depends are necessarily obvious as well.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 38: LEVEL OF ORDINARY SKILL

In deciding what the level of ordinary skill in the field of invention is, you should consider all the evidence introduced at trial, including but not limited to: (1) the levels of education and experience of the inventor and other persons actively working in the field; (2) the types of problems encountered in the field; (3) prior art solutions to those problems; (4) the rapidity with which innovations are made; and (5) the sophistication of the technology.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 39: PATENT ELIGIBILITY

Google contends that the Asserted Patents are invalid for failure to claim patent-eligible subject matter. To succeed on its claim for invalidity for failure to claim patent-eligible subject matter, Google must show by clear and convincing evidence that the elements of the asserted claims, when taken individually and when taken as an ordered combination, involve only technology which a person of ordinary skill in the art would have considered to be well-understood, routine, and conventional as of the date of invention. In determining whether a patent claim involves well-understood, routine, and conventional technology to a person of ordinary skill in the art, you may consider statements made in the patent's specification, as well as evidence of the prior art.

Whether a particular technology was well-understood, routine, and conventional goes beyond what was known in the prior art. The mere fact that something is disclosed in a piece of prior art does not mean that it was well-understood, routine, and conventional. At the same time, the specification of the asserted patent may be such evidence, if you find that the specification shows that the elements of the asserted claims involve only technology which a person of ordinary skill in the art would have considered as well-understood, routine, and conventional.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 40: DAMAGES—INTRODUCTION

I will now instruct you about the measure of damages. By instructing you on damages, I am not suggesting which party should win this case, on any issue. If you find that Google infringed any Asserted Claim of the Asserted Patents, and you do not find that that same claim is invalid, you must then consider what amount of damages to award to EcoFactor. If you find that Google has not infringed any valid claim of any patent, then EcoFactor is not entitled to any damages.

If you award damages, they must be adequate to compensate EcoFactor for any infringement you find. They are not meant to punish an infringer. Your damages award, if you reach this issue, should put EcoFactor in approximately the same financial position that it would have been in had the infringement not occurred.

EcoFactor has the burden to establish the amount of its damages by a preponderance of the evidence. In other words, you should award only those damages that EcoFactor establishes that it more likely than not has suffered. While EcoFactor is not required to prove the amount of its damages with mathematical precision, it must prove them with reasonable certainty. You may not award damages that are speculative, damages that are only possible, or damages that are based on guesswork.

In this case, EcoFactor seeks a reasonable royalty. A reasonable royalty is defined as the money amount EcoFactor and Google would have agreed upon as a fee for use of the invention at the time just prior to when infringement began. You must be careful to ensure that award is no more and no less than the value of the patented invention.

I will give more detailed instructions regarding damages shortly. Note, however, that EcoFactor is entitled to recover no less than a reasonable royalty for each act of infringement.

The court expresses no opinion on whether EcoFactor is entitled or not entitled to any damages.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 41: REASONABLE ROYALTY—DEFINITION

A royalty is a payment made to a patent holder in exchange for the right to make, use, or sell the claimed invention.

A reasonable royalty is the amount of royalty payment that a patent holder and the alleged infringer would have agreed to in a hypothetical negotiation taking place at a time prior to when the infringement first began.

In considering this hypothetical negotiation, you should focus on what the expectations of the patent holder and the alleged infringer would have been had they entered into an agreement at that time, and had they acted reasonably in their negotiations. In determining this, you must assume that both parties believed the patent was valid and infringed and that both parties were willing to enter into an agreement. The reasonable royalty you determine must be a royalty that would have resulted from the hypothetical negotiation, and not simply a royalty either party would have preferred. Evidence of things that happened after the infringement first began can be considered in evaluating the reasonable royalty only to the extent that the evidence aids in assessing what royalty would have resulted from a hypothetical negotiation just prior to the first infringement.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 42: REASONABLE ROYALTY—RELEVANT FACTORS

In determining the reasonable royalty, you should consider all the facts known and available to the parties at the time the infringement began. Some of the kinds of factors that you may consider in making your determination are:

- (1) The value that the claimed invention contributes to the accused product.
- (2) The value that factors other than the claimed invention contribute to the accused product.
- (3) Comparable license agreements or other transactions, such as those covering the use of the claimed invention or similar technology.

No one factor is dispositive and you can and should consider the evidence that has been presented to you in this case on each of these factors. You may also consider any other factors which in your mind would have increased or decreased the royalty the alleged infringer would have been willing to pay and the patent holder would have been willing to accept, acting as normally prudent business people.

The so-called “*Georgia-Pacific*” factors, which can be considered to inform the hypothetical negotiation, include the following:

- (1) The royalties received by the patentee for the licensing of the patent-in-suit, proving or tending to prove an established royalty
- (2) The rates paid by the licensee for the use of other patents comparable to the patent-in- suit.
- (3) The nature and scope of the license, as exclusive or nonexclusive, or as restricted or nonrestricted in terms of territory or with respect to whom the manufactured product may be sold.
- (4) The licensor’s established policy and marketing program to maintain his or her patent monopoly by not licensing others to use the invention or by granting licenses under special conditions designed to preserve that monopoly.
- (5) The commercial relationship between the licensor and licensee, such as whether they are competitors in the same territory in the same line of business, or whether they are inventor and promoter.
- (6) The effect of selling the patented specialty in promoting sales of other products of the licensee, the existing value of the invention to the licensor as a generator of

sales of his nonpatented items, and the extent of such derivative or conveyed sales.

- (7) The duration of the patent and the term of the license.
- (8) The established profitability of the product made under the patents, its commercial success, and its current popularity.
- (9) The utility and advantages of the patented property over the old modes or devices, if any, that had been used for working out similar results.
- (10) The nature of the patented invention, the character of the commercial embodiment of it as owned and produced by the licensor, and the benefits to those who have used the invention.
- (11) The extent to which the infringer has made use of the invention and any evidence probative of the value of that use.
- (12) The portion of the profit or of the selling price that may be customary in the particular business or in comparable business to allow for the use of the invention or analogous inventions.
- (13) The portion of the realizable profits that should be credited to the invention as distinguished from nonpatented elements, the manufacturing process, business risks, or significant features or improvements added by the infringer.
- (14) The opinion and testimony of qualified experts.
- (15) The amount that a licensor (such as the patentee) and a licensee (such as the infringer) would have agreed upon (at the time the infringement began) if both had been reasonably and voluntarily trying to reach an agreement; that is, the amount which a prudent licensee—who desired, as a business proposition, to obtain a license to manufacture and sell a particular article embodying the patented invention—would have been willing to pay as a royalty and yet be able to make a reasonable profit and which amount would have been acceptable by a prudent patentee who was willing to grant a license.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 43: DAMAGES – COMPARABLE AGREEMENTS

Comparable license agreements are one factor that may inform your decision as to the proper amount and form of the reasonable royalty award, similar to the way in which the value of a house is determined relative to comparable houses sold in the same neighborhood.

Whether a license agreement is comparable to the license under the hypothetical license scenario depends on many factors, such as whether they involve comparable technologies, comparable economic circumstances, comparable structure, and comparable scope. If there are differences between a license agreement and the hypothetical license, you must take those into account when you make your reasonable royalty determination.

The hypothetical license is deemed to be a voluntary agreement. When determining if a license agreement is comparable to the hypothetical license, you may consider whether the license agreement is between parties to a lawsuit and whether the license agreement was a settlement influenced by a desire to avoid further litigation.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 44: DAMAGES – LUMP SUM VS. RUNNING ROYALTY

A reasonable royalty can be paid either in the form of a one-time lump sum payment or as a “running royalty.” Either method is designed to compensate the patent holder based on the infringer’s use of the patented technology. It is up to you, based on the evidence, to decide what type of royalty, if any, is appropriate in this case.

Reasonable royalty awards may take the form of a lump sum payment. A lump sum payment is equal to an amount that the alleged infringer would have paid at the time of a hypothetical negotiation for a license covering all sales of the licensed product, both past and future. When a lump sum is paid, the infringer pays a single price for a license covering both past and future infringing sales.

Reasonable royalty awards may also take the form of a running royalty based on the volume of sales of licensed products. A running royalty can be calculated, for example, by multiplying a royalty base by a royalty rate, or by multiplying the number of infringing products or product units sold by a royalty amount per unit.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 45: DAMAGES - APPORTIONMENT

Any amount you find as of damages must be based on the value attributable to the patented invention, as distinct from unpatented features of the accused product or other factors such as marketing or advertising, or Google's size or market position. A royalty compensating EcoFactor for damages must reflect the value attributable to the infringing features of the product, and no more. The process of separating the value of the allegedly infringing features from the value of all other features and aspects of the product is called apportionment.

Apportionment can be addressed in a variety of ways, including by careful selection of the royalty base to reflect the value added by the patented feature or by adjustment of the royalty rate so as to discount the value of a product's non-patented features; or by a combination thereof.

When the accused infringing products have both patented and unpatented features, your award must be apportioned so that it is based only on the value of the patented features, and no more.

**JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 46: DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DAMAGES—
PRODUCTS**

In determining the amount of damages, you must consider when any alleged damages began. Here, the Parties agree that date is January 31, 2020.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 47: DUTY TO DELIBERATE

It is now your duty to deliberate and to consult with one another in an effort to reach a verdict. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but only after an impartial consideration of the evidence with your fellow jurors. During your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own opinions and change your mind if you are convinced that you were wrong. But do not give up on your honest beliefs because the other jurors think differently, or just to finish the case.

Remember at all times, you are the judges of the facts. You have been allowed to take notes during this trial. Any notes that you took during this trial are only aids to memory. If your memory differs from your notes, you should rely on your memory and not on the notes. The notes are not evidence. If you did not take notes, rely on your independent recollection of the evidence and do not be unduly influenced by the notes of other jurors. Notes are not entitled to greater weight than the recollection or impression of each juror about the testimony.

When you go into the jury room to deliberate, you may take with you a copy of this charge, the exhibits that I have admitted into evidence, and your notes. You must select a jury foreperson to guide you in your deliberations and to speak for you here in the courtroom.

Your verdict must be unanimous. After you have reached a unanimous verdict, your jury foreperson must fill out the answers to the written questions on the verdict form and sign and date it. Answer each question in the verdict form from the facts as you find them. Do not decide who you think should win and then answer the questions to reach that result. After you have concluded your service and I have discharged the jury, you are not required to talk with anyone about the case.

If you need to communicate with me during your deliberations, the jury foreperson should write the inquiry and give it to the court security officer. After consulting with the attorneys, I will respond either in writing or by meeting with you in the courtroom. Keep in mind, however, that you must never disclose to anyone, not even to me, your numerical division on any question.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 48: SOCIAL MEDIA INSTRUCTION

During your deliberations, you must not communicate with or provide any information to anyone by any means about this case. You may not use any electronic device or media, such as the telephone, a cell phone, smartphone, tablet or computer, the Internet, any Internet service, any text or instant messaging service, any Internet chat room, blog or website such as Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp or Twitter or any other way to communicate. You may not communicate to anyone any information about this case or to conduct any research about this case until this case is over and I accept your verdict.

In other words, you cannot talk to anyone on the phone, correspond with anyone, or electronically communicate with anyone about this case. You can only discuss the case in the jury room with your fellow jurors during deliberations.

You may now proceed to the jury room to begin your deliberations.

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v.

GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

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VERDICT FORM

When answering the following questions and filling out this Verdict Form, you are to follow the instructions I have given you in the Court’s Jury Instructions charge and follow the directions provided throughout this form. Your answers to each question must be unanimous. Some of the questions contain legal terms that are defined and explained in detail in the Jury Instructions. Please refer to the Jury Instructions if you are unsure about the meaning or usage of any legal term that appears in the questions below.

As used herein, the following terms have the following meanings:

- “EcoFactor” refers to EcoFactor, Inc.
- “Google” refers to Google LLC.
- The “327 Patent” refers to U.S. Patent No. 8,738,327.
- The “382 Patent” refers to U.S. Patent No. 10,534,382.

We, the jury, unanimously agree to the answers to the following questions and return them as our verdict in this case:

Begin by first answering Question No. 1.

QUESTION NO. 1:

Did EcoFactor, Inc. (“EcoFactor”) prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Google LLC (“Google”) infringed one or more of the following claims of the Asserted Patents?

Check “Yes” or “No” for each Asserted Claim of each Asserted Patent.

“Yes” is a finding for EcoFactor. “No” is a finding for Google.

'327 Patent				
Claim 5	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
'382 Patent				
Claim 2	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Claim 12 _o	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you answered “No” to all parts of Question No. 1, then skip the remaining Question Nos. 2-5 and proceed to the Final Page of the Verdict Form and follow the instructions given there.

If you answered “Yes” to any part of Question No. 1, please proceed to Question Nos. 2 and 3.

QUESTION NO. 2:

Did Google prove by clear and convincing evidence that the following Asserted Claims are invalid?

“Yes” is in favor of Google, and “No” is in favor of EcoFactor.

Check either “Yes” or “No” for each Asserted Claim for which you answered “Yes” in Question 1:

Claim 5 of the '327 Patent	Yes: _____	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
Claim 2 of the '382 Patent	Yes: _____	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
Claim 12 of the '382 Patent	Yes: _____	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____

QUESTION NO. 3:

Did Google prove by clear and convincing evidence that the elements of the Asserted Claims, when taken individually and when taken as an ordered combination, involve only activities or technology which a person of ordinary skill in the art would have considered to be well-understood, routine, and conventional as of the priority date of the invention?

“Yes” is in favor of Google, and “No” is in favor of EcoFactor.

Check “Yes” or “No” for each Asserted Claim for which you answered “Yes” in Question 1.

'327 Patent				
Claim 5	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
'382 Patent				
Claim 2	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Claim 12	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have reached this point in the verdict form, you should have answered Question Nos. 1-3. If you have not answered Questions Nos. 1-3 please go back and answer them before proceeding.

If you answered “No” to all parts of Question 1, then skip Question No. 4-5. Proceed to the Final Page of the Verdict Form and follow the instructions given there.

If you answered “Yes” to all parts of Question 2, then skip Question No. 4-5. Proceed to the Final Page of the Verdict Form and follow the instructions given there.

You should only answer Question Nos. 4-5 if you answered “YES” in Question No. 1 for at least one claim that you also answered “NO” to in Question No. 2. In other words, answer Question Nos. 4-5 only if at least one claim is infringed (Question No. 1) and is not invalid (Question No. 2).

Otherwise, proceed to the Final Page of the Verdict Form and follow the instructions given there.

QUESTION NO. 4:

What sum of money, if paid now in cash, has EcoFactor proven by a preponderance of the evidence would compensate EcoFactor for its damages resulting from Google's infringement?

Amount: \$20,019,300.⁰⁰

QUESTION NO. 5:

Is the amount you found in Question No. 4 meant to compensate only for infringement through the date of trial (a running royalty), or include all future infringing sales through the expiration of the patent(s) (a lump sum)?

Check one of the following:

1) Amount based on running royalty for damages through trial _____

- OR -

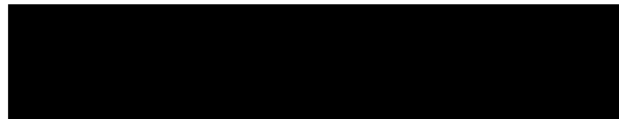
2) Amount based on lump sum for all damages, including future infringing sales _____

FINAL PAGE OF JURY VERDICT FORM

You have now reached the end of the Verdict Form and should review it to ensure it accurately reflects your unanimous determinations. After you are satisfied that your unanimous answers are correctly reflected above, your Jury Foreperson should then sign and date this Verdict Form in the spaces below. Once this is done, notify the Court Security Officer that you have reached a verdict. The jury foreperson should retain possession of the verdict form and bring it when the jury is brought back into the courtroom.

I certify that the jury unanimously concurs in every element of the above verdict.

SIGNED this 10 day of February, 2022.

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the jury foreperson.

JURY FOREPERSON