

APPENDIX 4  
DTX 9

---

**From:** John R. Owen [jowen@coatsandbennett.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2012 7:55 PM  
**To:** Broadaway, Eric  
**Cc:** Munn, Michael  
**Subject:** Preliminary Analysis of Gripping Wrench (Brown) Patents (4499-964) - Privileged and Confidential  
**Attachments:** image002.jpg; image003.jpg

Eric:

Thank you for the updated design information. Based on my review of the PDF file, the proposed design fits within my earlier analysis. Thus, this revised design should not be found to infringe the issued Brown patents.

**Notes:**

1. I am assuming that the curved slots are curving on a constant curvature. That appears to be correct, but I do not have the tools to confirm with the PDF file.
2. The addition of the ratchet lock mechanism (red below) should not create a problem with Brown's patents.
3. The use of a two-piece "right handle" (on the LEFT below) is different than Buchanan, but should not create a problem with Brown's patents.
4. The use of slots integrated directly into the "left handle," rather than on "cam plates" as in Buchanan, should not create a problem with Brown's patents.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or if I can be of further assistance.

**Regards,**  
**John R. Owen**  
Patent Attorney



**COATS+BENNETT PLLC**  
connect. empower. protect.  
Intellectual Property Law

1400 Crescent Green  
Suite 300  
Cary, NC 27518

Work: 919-854-1844  
Mobile: 919-417-5261  
Fax: 919-854-2084  
[www.coatsandbennett.com](http://www.coatsandbennett.com)

*WARNING: This message may contain information that is confidential and/or protected under the attorney-client or other lawfully recognized privilege. If you received this message in error or through inappropriate means, please REPLY to this message to notify the Sender that the message was erroneously received by you, and then permanently delete the message from all storage media, without forwarding or retaining a copy.*

---

**From:** Broadaway, Eric [mailto:Eric.Broadaway@apextoolgroup.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 11:28 AM  
**To:** John R. Owen  
**Cc:** Fu, Zhihong; XU, Yongsheng; Li, Peng; Munn, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Preliminary Analysis of Gripping Wrench (Brown) Patents (4499-964) - Privileged and Confidential

John, attached is our current design. This is approaching a near final state. You should use this to confirm if we have any infringement issues with this design.

Thanks, Eric

Eric Broadaway • 443.791.3570

[eric.broadaway@apextoolgroup.com](mailto:eric.broadaway@apextoolgroup.com)

