
INVENTOR'S SUBMISSION QUESTIONNAIRE & RELEASE

This form is designed to be filled out and submitted via E-mail. If you do not have access to e-mail and would like to mail or fax the form along with any necessary documentation, you may fill the form out and click on the print button. The mailing/fax information is located at the bottom of page 2.

There are many questions we ask ourselves here at Flambeau when evaluating a new product idea. The following is a questionnaire we hope will provide us with some of the answers to those questions. This is your opportunity to put down all your thoughts concerning your new product idea or invention.

Description of Invention, Idea, and/or Information (attach photos, sketches, etc. - please attach them to the e-mail window that will open after you hit the e-mail form button):

How did you come up with this idea or invention?

What brought you to the understanding that your idea was marketable - that it would sell?

How long have you had this idea?

Have you shared this idea with others? Please answer Yes or No. If yes, please also list their names:

In sharing your idea with others, what reactions has it received?

If you were a salesman (or perhaps you are) & were selling this new product, what list of benefits would you tell your prospective buyer?

What distinguishable features make this product unique?

Have you seen any similar products selling in stores or catalogs? (Name the manufacturer(s), model number(s), and price(s) sold for if possible.)

What would your suggested retail price be for this new item and what is your reasoning?

What would you sell this item to the retailers for?

How many could you yourself sell a year as a salesman selling this product to retailers?

Who would you sell it to?

What advantages does this new item have over other similar items existing out in the marketplace?

What names have you come up with for this new product or idea?

Who are the primary users of this product?

Who are the secondary users of this product, if any?

In the space below please provide any other information that you feel is important when considering the merits of this idea, invention, and/or product. If sketches are available, please attach them to the e-mail window that will open after you hit the e-mail form button or mail/fax them with your form.

CONDITIONS

Flambeau accepts and encourages the submission of outside ideas, inventions, and/or information regularly with the following understanding:

Submission of an idea or invention, patented or unpatented, is gratuitous, creates no confidential relationship with the company and does not obligate the company to accept or pay for the idea or invention, or to pay any expenses the inventor may incur in making the submission. It is the intent of Flambeau to limit the disclosure of this idea to only those required to evaluate the concept, both within and, on occasion, outside of Flambeau.

If Flambeau considers the idea or invention new and useful to the company, the inventor will be so informed in writing and the company will attempt to negotiate with the inventor a mutually satisfactory written agreement providing for compensation to the inventor.

Flambeau will not make any payment, nor undertake any obligation to pay, for any submitted idea or invention except pursuant to a negotiated written agreement between the company and inventor -- if and when necessary.

In any event, Flambeau reserves the right to retain all materials submitted to the company for consideration, in order to preserve an accurate record of the idea or invention submitted.

If you find the conditions outlined above acceptable, please fill out the release area below, be sure to attach any drawings, sketches, or any other information that may be pertinent to your submission. If submitting via e-mail form button: you will need to sign the release with digital signature and attach any other pertinent information to the e-mail window that will open after clicking on the button. If submitting via mail or fax: fill out the form, click on the print form button, sign the release and send any other pertinent information along with your form to Flambeau, Inc., Attn: Mail Code NPT, P.O. Box 97, Middlefield, OH 44062 or Fax: (440) 632-1581. For questions please call (440) 632-1631.

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I have read and understand the above statement. In consideration of Flambeau's examining my suggestion, idea, or invention described above, I hereby release Flambeau from any obligation or liability with respect to any information submitted to it.

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