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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 1500 concerning design patent application contents.

1. **Fee Transmittal Form**
(PTO/SB/17 or equivalent)
2. **Applicant asserts small entity status.**
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. **Applicant certifies micro entity status.** See 37 CFR 1.29.
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent.
4. **Specification** [Total Pages _____]
(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP § 1503.01)
 - Preamble
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Description of the figure(s) of the drawings
 - Feature description
 - Claim (only one (1) claim permitted, MPEP § 1503.03)
5. **Drawing(s)** [Total Sheets _____]
See 37 CFR 1.152
6. **Inventor's Oath or Declaration** [Total Pages _____]
(including substitute statements under 37 CFR 1.64 and assignments serving as an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63(e))
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. A copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
7. **Application Data Sheet** * See note below.
See 37 CFR 1.76 (PTO/AIA/14 or equivalent)

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. **Assignment Papers**
(cover sheet & document(s))
9. **37 CFR 3.73(c) Statement** **Power of Attorney**
(when there is an assignee)
10. **English Translation Document**
(if applicable)
11. **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)**
(PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449)
 - Copies of foreign patent documents, publications, and other information
12. **Preliminary Amendment**
13. **Return Receipt Postcard**
(MPEP § 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
14. **Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)**
(if foreign priority is claimed)
15. **Request for Expedited Examination of a Design Application**
(37 CFR 1.155) (NOTE: Use "Mail Stop Expedited Design")
16. **Other:** _____

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