

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN AUTOMOTIVE MEASURING  
DEVICES AND PRODUCTS  
CONTAINING SAME**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-494**

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1337

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on May 16, 2003, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1337, on behalf of Auto Meter Products, Inc. of Sycamore, Illinois. An amended complaint was filed on June 9, 2003. The complaint, as amended, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain automotive measuring devices and products containing same by reason of infringement of U.S. Registered Trademark Nos. 1,732,643 and 1,497,472 and U.S. Supplemental Register No. 1,903,908 and infringement of the complainant's trade dress. The complaint further alleges that there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsections (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint and the amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, are available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet

server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin J. Norton, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2606.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.10 (2002).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the amended complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on June 12, 2003, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine:

(a) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain automotive measuring devices or products containing same by reason of infringement of U.S. Registered Trademark Nos. 1,732,643 or 1,497,472, or U.S. Supplemental Register No. 1,903,908, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; and

(b) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain automotive measuring devices or products containing same by reason of infringement of the complainant's trade dress in its "Super Bezel" or "Monster Tachometer" designs, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is–

Auto Meter Products, Inc.  
413 West Elm Street  
Sycamore, IL 60178

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337 and upon which the complaint is to be served-

American Products Company, Inc.  
22324 Temescal Canyon Rd.  
Corona, CA 92883

Auto Gauge (Taiwan) Co., Ltd.  
No. 8-1, Lane 130  
Nan-Kang Road, Sec. 3  
Taipei, Taiwan  
and  
2F, No. 11, Alley 12, Lane 325  
Chien-Kang Rd.  
Taipei, Taiwan

Blitz North America, Inc.  
4879 East La Palma Ave., Suite 201-202  
Anaheim, CA 92807

Equus Products, Inc.  
17291-B Mount Herrmann Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

GR Motorsports, Inc., d/b/a Matrix GR Motorsports, Inc.  
2267 Saybrook Ave.  
Commerce, CA 90040

Hiper Industries, Inc., d/b/a R-1 Racing Sports, Inc.  
11752 Markon Drive Garden  
Grove, CA 92841

Jimray Technology, Inc., d/b/a Progauges Co., Ltd.  
2F, No. 205 Tiding Ave.  
Neihu  
Taipei, Taiwan

Leader Way International, Inc.  
34, Lane 531, Hua Cheng Road  
Hsinchuang City  
Taipei Hsien 242, Taiwan

Longacre Industries, Inc., d/b/a Longacre Racing Products,

Inc., Racing Parts Group, Inc., and AccuTech  
14269 NE 200<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodinville, WA 98072

Old World Industries, Inc., d/b/a Old World Automotive  
Products, SplitFire, and SplitFire International, Inc.  
4065 Commercial Ave.  
Northbrook, IL 60062-1828

Point Zero Gauge Company, d/b/a QuickCar Racing  
Products  
231 Pickle Simon Road  
Winder, GA 30680-6415

Tenzo R, d/b/a Autotech Systems and Accessories  
20758 Centre Point Parkway  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

(c) Karin J. Norton, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401-A, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting a response to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the amended complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary

Issued: June 13, 2003