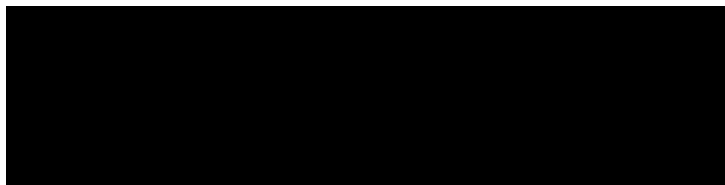


Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Tammy L. Fanning pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. Part 512, state as follows:

- (1) I am the Global Head of Product Liability and Product Integrity for Continental and I am authorized by Continental to execute documents on its behalf.
- (2) I certify that the Continental Analysis Reports included in the Ford Motor Company RQ21-001 submission and designated as confidential business information consist of confidential and proprietary data and are being submitted with the claim that they are entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), on the grounds that their disclosure would reveal competitively valuable information about Continental's designs, design and product evaluation processes, manufacturing process, and proprietary testing procedures. As a result, Continental's competitors would obtain valuable information at Continental's expense, resulting in competitive harm to Continental's competitive position.
- (3) I hereby request that the confidential business information be protected for an indefinite (permanent) period on the grounds that the information will retain its competitive value for the foreseeable future.
- (4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Continental personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside Continental.
- (5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Continental information for which confidential treatment is being sought has never been released or become available outside Continental, except for disclosures to Ford Motor Company subject to understandings and/or agreements that Ford Motor Company would protect the confidentiality of the information.
- (6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Continental because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure (except as stated in paragraph 5).
- (7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 29th day of March, 2021

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Tammy L. Fanning

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Ernie Mullins, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Ernie Mullins, Senior Quality Manager, for Kiekert USA, Inc., and I am authorized by Kiekert USA, Inc. to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the attached documents including test reports, correspondence, and raw data submitted with this certification ("Kiekert Confidential Information") is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted) and 49 C.F.R. § 512 as it is confidential and proprietary data. Specifically, that document contains proprietary trade secret data concerning: Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator) Travel and Effort Test Report, Brainplate Assembly Drawings (blueprints) along with email correspondence, Component (Spring) measurement data from 2020 and 2021 and marked up Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator) Drawing and CAD contained within email correspondence.

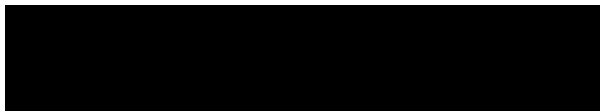
(3) This certification is based on information which contains Kiekert USA, Inc. confidential and proprietary information along with information that is confidential and proprietary to Kiekert USA, Inc. customers based on contractual relations. The F150 Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator) has been sold to Ford, among other motor vehicle manufacturers, for use in motor vehicles. The document(s) also reflect(s) the materials used in the manufacture of that F150 Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator). The design and other information reflected in the document is the product of the creative efforts of Kiekert USA, Inc. engineers. Public disclosure of this design information would cause competitive harm to Kiekert USA, Inc. Kiekert USA, Inc. still manufactures for automotive use the F150 Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator) to which the documents relate.

(4) I hereby request that the information contained in the Kiekert Confidential Information be protected on a permanent basis.

(5) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Kiekert USA, Inc. personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Kiekert USA, Inc.

(6) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Kiekert USA, Inc. has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Kiekert USA, Inc., except suppliers of the material used in the manufacture of the F150 Tailgate Brainplate (Actuator) by Kiekert USA, Inc. or Kiekert USA, Inc. customers under circumstances such that the shared information is retained as confidential by those suppliers and customers and to the best of my knowledge has not been shared with other persons or entities.

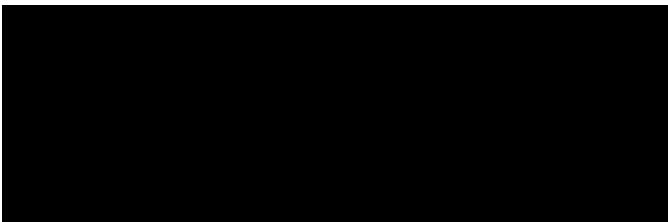
(7) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Kiekert USA, Inc.



(8) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 30 day of March, 2021.

Ernie Mullins
Name



Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Randall Schott, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Randall Schott, Director of Product Design & Development for Midway Products Group, Inc., and I am authorized by Midway Products Group, Inc. to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the (Midway – HC3B-99431F94-B_MAX TRAVEL (1).pdf, Midway – HC3B-99431F94-BB.pdf, Midway - Brainplate DFMEA (2).pdf, Midway – Stack master RSS Release Stack MJL 5Mar 2.pdf, and Midway – Travel and Effort Assessment.pdf) documents submitted with this certification () is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted). Specifically, the document contains proprietary trade secret data concerning the tailgate remote and tailgate latches. These components have been sold to Ford for use in motor vehicles. The documents also reflect the materials used in the manufacturing of the components. The design and other information reflected in the documents is the product of the creative efforts of Midway Products Group, Inc. engineers. Public disclosure of the design information would cause competitive harm to Midway Products Group, Inc.

(3) I hereby request that the information contained in the (Midway – HC3B-99431F94-B_MAX TRAVEL (1).pdf, Midway – HC3B-99431F94-BB.pdf, Midway - Brainplate DFMEA (2).pdf, Midway – Stack master RSS Release Stack MJL 5Mar 2.pdf, and Midway – Travel and Effort Assessment.pdf) documents be protected for a period of ten years. Midway Products Group, Inc. still manufactures for the automotive use the tailgate remote and tailgate latch to which the documents relate.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Midway Products Group, Inc. personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Midway Products Group, Inc.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Midway Products Group, Inc. has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Midway Products Group, Inc., except suppliers of the material used in the manufacturing of the tailgate remote and tailgate latches by Midway Products Group, Inc. under circumstances such that the shared information is retained as confidential by those suppliers and to the best of my knowledge has not been shared with other persons or entities.

(6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Midway Products Group, Inc.

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 30th day of March, 2021.

Name



Randall Schott

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Scott Mueller, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Scott Mueller / CFO for National Molding, LLC, and I am authorized by National Molding, LLC to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the Drawing submitted with this certification (Drawing Number 751709) is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted). Specifically, that document contains proprietary trade secret data concerning 4mm Rod Clip. The 4mm Rod Clip has been sold to Ford, among other motor vehicle manufacturers, for use in motor vehicles. The document(s) also reflect(s) the materials used in the manufacture of that 4mm Rod Clip. The design and other information reflected in the document (as it relates solely to the mold production and NOT the part design) is the product of the creative efforts of National Molding, LLC. Public disclosure of this design information would cause competitive harm to National Molding, LLC.

(3) I hereby request that the information contained in the Drawing be protected for a period of ten years. National Molding, LLC still manufactures for automotive use the 4mm Rod Clip to which the documents relate.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible National Molding, LLC personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of National Molding, LLC.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which National Molding, LLC has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside National Molding, LLC, except suppliers of the material used in the manufacture of the 4mm Rod Clip by National Molding, LLC under circumstances such that the shared information is retained as confidential by those suppliers and to the best of my knowledge has not been shared with other persons or entities.

(6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside National Molding, LLC.

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 21st day of March, 2021.


Scott Mueller / CFO
National Molding, LLC

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Paul Jedrzejowski, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Key Account Manager for Stoneridge Inc. ("Stoneridge"), and I am authorized by Stoneridge to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the documents submitted with this certification is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted). Specifically, these documents contain trade secrets and other confidential and proprietary information related to the subject Exterior Release Switch, including detailed dimensional data, vehicle usage, design best practices, and test procedures, the disclosure of which would likely subject Stoneridge to substantial competitive harm. The information contained in these documents was developed as a result of extensive engineering, research, and development efforts and involved significant financial investment. As the Agency is aware, the automotive industry is highly competitive and suppliers such as Stoneridge closely guard against public disclosure of such information. Disclosure of this information would allow Stoneridge's competitors to develop their own products, quality systems, production processes, testing, and analyses without the associated expense or investment. Accordingly, this information should be granted confidential treatment. See *National Parks & Conservation Ass'n v. Morton*, 498 F.2d 765, 770 (D.C. Cir. 1974) ("commercial or financial matter is 'confidential' . . . if disclosure of the information is likely to . . . cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained."); *Public Citizen Health Research Group v. FDA*, 704 F.2d 1280, 1288 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (a trade secret is a "secret, commercially valuable plan, formula, process or device that is used for the making, preparing, compounding, or processing of trade commodities and that can be said to be the end product of either innovation or substantial effort"); *Center for Auto Safety v. Nat'l Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin.*, 93 F. Supp. 2d 1, 16 (D.D.C. 2000), *remanded for further proceedings*, 244 F.3d 144 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (air bag specifications representing "years of research and development and enormous financial investment" not subject to FOIA disclosure). Additionally, the engineering drawings included in the documents are subject to the class determination of 49 C.F.R. Part 512 Appendix B.

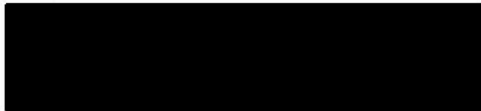
(3) I hereby request that the information contained in the documents be protected indefinitely. Stoneridge still manufactures for automotive use the Exterior Release Switch to which the documents relate.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Stoneridge personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Stoneridge.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Stoneridge has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Stoneridge, except within the scope of Stoneridge's confidential customer-supplier relationships.

(6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Stoneridge because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure.

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 31st day of March, 2021.


Paul Jedrzejowski