

## SEARCH REPORT

Application Number

LH 35

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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (IPC)
A	US 4 719 722 A (WASHBURN ROBERT M [US]) 19 January 1988 (1988-01-19) * figures 1-6 *	1-6	INV. B24D15/08 B25B11/00
A	US 2002/144410 A1 (HUFNAGEL JOSEPH A [US] ET AL) 10 October 2002 (2002-10-10) * figures 1-6 *	1-6	ADD. B24B3/54
A	EP 1 640 116 A1 (GARWICK IND LTD [TW]) 29 March 2006 (2006-03-29) * figures 1-3 *	1	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (IPC)
			B24D B25B B24B
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Munich		Date of completion of the search 1 September 2023	Examiner Bermejo, Marco
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X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document			

**ANNEX TO THE SEARCH REPORT  
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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 4719722	A	19-01-1988	NONE	
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US 2002144410	A1	10-10-2002	NONE	
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EP 1640116	A1	29-03-2006	NONE	
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## WRITTEN OPINION

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This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of the opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the application

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### Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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1. This opinion has been established on the basis of the latest set of claims filed before the start of the search.
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing:
  - a. ☐ forming part of the application as filed.
  - b. ☐ furnished subsequent to the filing date for the purposes of search,  
☐ accompanied by a statement to the effect that the sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the application as filed.
3. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the application, this opinion has been established to the extent that a meaningful opinion could be formed without a WIPO Standard ST.26 compliant sequence listing.
4. Additional comments:

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### Box No. V Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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#### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	

#### 2. Citations and explanations

**see separate sheet**

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### Box No. VII Certain defects in the application

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**see separate sheet**

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**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1        US 4 719 722 A (WASHBURN ROBERT M [US]) 19 January 1988  
(1988-01-19)
- D2        US 2002/144410 A1 (HUFNAGEL JOSEPH A [US] ET AL) 10  
October 2002 (2002-10-10)
- D3        EP 1 640 116 A1 (GARWICK IND LTD [TW]) 29 March 2006  
(2006-03-29)

- 1.1        Document D1 is considered to be the closest prior art to the subject-matter of **claim 1**, and discloses (see D1: figure 1):

A sharpening angle guide, comprising a base 10, in which a holder 13 is mounted to hold a sharpening rod 12 at a leaned angle to the vertical (see D1 figure 1), wherein the leaning angle is preselected on the desired sharpening angle and the holder 13 is configured so that the sharpening rod 12 inserted in it has at least two possible leaning positions with respect to the vertical, wherein the base 10 has a raised part 15 with an inner cavity into which the holder 13 is inserted and rotatably attached to the base 10 by an axis (see D1, figure 1).

Hence, the subject-matter of independent **claim 1** differs from the disclosure of D1 in the distinguishing features, that a sharpening angle regulator is removably attached on the raised part with the possibility of changing its attaching position by rotating it, the angle regulator has a hole of a preselected shape and length, through which the holder passes and at a rotated position around the axis leans against the regulators hole's edge which fixes the preselected sharpening angle and ensures a stable hold of the sharpening rod at the preselected angle during sharpening.

The technical effect of these distinguishing features is that the selection of the concrete angle of the sharpening rod is made easier for the user.

Hence, the problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded to provide a simplified sharpening angle guide which makes the selection of the desired angle easier for the user.

- 1.2 In the light of the current prior art, the subject-matter of **claim 1** seems to be new and inventive, since neither D1 nor any of the known prior art documents gives any indication suggesting such a sharpening angle guide wherein the user can select the exact inclination angle of the sharpening rod by means of rotation of said angle regulator which improves the selection of the sharpening angle to the user.

2 **Re Item VII**

**Certain defects in the application**

- 2.1 The two-part form of claim 1 is not correct, and should be adapted to the disclosure of D1.
- 2.2 The relevant background art disclosed in D1-D3 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.