

Nichia Wins German Patent Infringement Lawsuits Concerning Dominant LEDs

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On January 13 and 21, 2025, respectively, the Munich District Court of Germany ruled in favor of Nichia Corporation ("Nichia") in two patent infringement lawsuits and issued two acknowledgment judgments in relation to Nichia's claims for patent infringement by certain automotive LED products of Malaysia-based LED manufacturer Dominant Opto Technologies Sdn. Bhd. ("Dominant").

These lawsuits relate to Nichia's patents EP2216834 and EP3267494 protecting core technology utilized in the field of automotive lighting and backlighting markets to achieve high luminance, high reliability, and high efficiency.

EP2216834 relates to CSP (Chip Scale Package) products, an essential technology for high-luminance LEDs. This technology is of particular importance in the automotive headlight and exterior lighting markets (DRL: Daytime Running Light, Indicator etc.), where high-luminance LEDs are especially required.

EP3267494 relates to LEDs that achieve high reliability and high efficiency in manufacturing and represent an important technology in the automotive interior lighting and backlighting market where highly reliable LEDs are especially required.

Nichia's automotive lighting and backlighting LEDs utilize these patented technologies to achieve the aforementioned benefits.

https://led-ld.nichia.co.jp/jp/product/automotive_top.html

https://led-ld.nichia.co.jp/jp/product/backlighting_topview.html

https://led-ld.nichia.co.jp/jp/product/lighting_757.html

The Munich District Court issued the two acknowledgment judgments in relation to Nichia's claims for patent infringement by the two Dominant LEDs shown below, and ordered the defendant Endrich Bauelemente Vertriebs GmbH, a German electronic components distributor which sold these products, to cease the sales, to recall and to destruct the products, to provide information and rendering account, and to compensate Nichia for damages in relation to these products.

Thus, Nichia's claims are fully confirmed by the acknowledgment judgments of the Munich District Court. The decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Nichia also holds family patents in the following countries:

EP2216834?Japan, U.S., U.K., France, Italy, Netherlands, China, India, Taiwan, Korea, and Russia.

EP3267494?Japan, U.S., Germany, U.K., France, Netherlands, China, India, Taiwan, Korea, and Brazil

Nichia seeks to protect its patents and other intellectual property rights and takes actions against alleged infringers in any country where appropriate and necessary.

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