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Subject: Thanks Bill

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Actually, it doesn't have to be patented, just published or sold to the public to be considered prior art which could effect the patentability of the "new" design. I think I'm safe, but it's almost impossible to tell these days, with all of the participating nations in the patent system. I ran into a Japanese patent on one of my other applications, how in the world does one search for that?! Doesn't seem to be quite right to me. Dana

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