



# Arlington Industries, Inc.

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## Bridgeport Fittings Held in Contempt of Court Order

Scranton, PA.

Arlington Industries, Inc. is pleased to announce that on March 19, 2013, Bridgeport Fittings was held in contempt of court by the District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for violating the court's permanent injunction by selling its 38ASP and 380SP Whipper-Snap Connectors. In granting Arlington's motion for contempt, the Court ordered Bridgeport to stop making, selling or offering for sale its infringing 38ASP and 380SP Whipper-Snap Connectors until 2018, when Arlington's '488 patent expires. The '488 Patent covers Arlington's patented SNAP<sup>2</sup>IT<sup>®</sup> Connectors, including the 38AST, 380ST, and 40AST.

Arlington's motion also asked the Court to order Bridgeport to pay two times Arlington's lost profits and Arlington's attorneys' fees, both in an amount to be determined after the hearing on liability. The Court ordered Bridgeport to resolve the amount of Arlington's lost profits and attorneys' fees with Arlington amicably or the court will determine what Bridgeport owes Arlington at a later hearing.

This is Arlington's latest win in its ongoing patent disputes with Bridgeport. On November 30, 2012, Bridgeport was forced to pay Arlington \$3.62 million for sales of its infringing Whipper-Snap products from 2005 through 2010. Additional damages owed by Bridgeport for its infringing sales between March 2010 and December 2011 shall be determined by the District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in the next few months.

In response to this latest legal victory, Tom Stark, President of Arlington Industries, said:

*"Bridgeport has infringed Arlington's SNAP-TITE<sup>®</sup> and SNAP<sup>2</sup>IT<sup>®</sup> patents for the past thirteen years. In fact, this is the fifth permanent injunction entered against Bridgeport to stop them from violating Arlington's valid patent rights. Arlington will continue to defend its valuable intellectual property rights against unfair competition."*

### **About Arlington Industries, Inc. ([www.aifittings.com](http://www.aifittings.com))**

Arlington Industries, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of unique and innovative electrical and communications products. Its products are protected by both domestic and foreign patents, which Arlington vigorously enforces.

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