

Trademark

# Trademark Infringement and Related Rights

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• 5th: the Oreck factors

• 6th: the Frisch factors

• 8th: the SquirtCo factors

• 9th: the Sleekcraft factors

• 10th: the Beer-Nuts factors

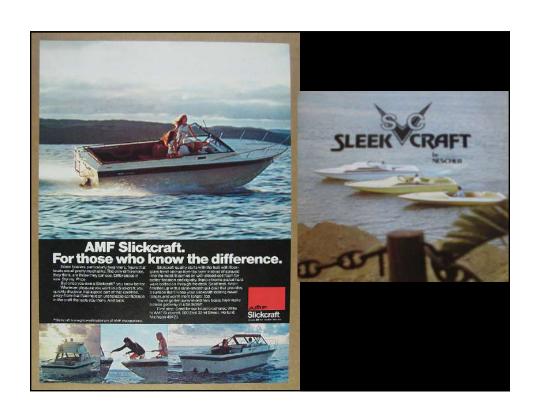
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can acquire distinctiveness	merely descriptive	primarily geographically descriptive	deceptively misdescriptive	non-inherently distinctive product packaging product design color	primarily a surname
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