

Class Action Summary

Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Canada
Antitrust Class Action

***This is not an official Court Notice. Information contained in this Summary is subject to change.
There is no monetary settlement at this time.***

If you or your business purchased HDD Suspension Assemblies or products containing
HDD Suspension Assemblies in Canada on or after **May 1, 2008**,
civil claims alleging price fixing may affect you.

Eligible Class Members: If certified, all persons or entities in Canada, who or which, at any time from May 1, 2008 until the present, purchased a hard disk drive (“HDD”) suspension assembly (“HDD Suspension Assembly” as defined below) and/or products containing an HDD Suspension Assembly.

Definition of “HDD Suspension Assemblies”: HDD Suspension Assemblies are a critical component of HDDs, which are incorporated into electronic devices, such as desktop computers, laptops, gaming consoles, printers, copy machines and MP3 players, or sold as stand-alone storage servers. HDDs use recording heads to read from and write onto spinning disks contained in the HDD. An HDD Suspension Assembly is the electro-mechanical component that holds a disk drive’s recording head at a microscopic distance above the drive’s disks.

“Defendants”: The following entities are Defendants in at least one of the civil claims: NHK Spring Co. Ltd.; NHK Spring Precision (Guangzhou) Co. Ltd.; NHK International Corporation; NAT Peripheral (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.; NAT Peripheral (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd.; NHK Spring (Thailand) Co., Ltd.; TDK Corporation; TDK Corporation of America; TDK U.S.A. Corporation; Magnecomp Precision Technology Public Co. Ltd.; Magnecomp Corporation; SAE Magnetics (H.K.) Ltd.; Hutchinson Technology Inc.; and Headway Technologies, Inc.

Case History: Since 2019, civil claims were filed in various provinces in Canada alleging the Defendants conspired to fix, maintain, increase and/or stabilize the price of HDD Suspension Assemblies sold in Canada in violation of Canadian antitrust laws. The litigation is ongoing at this time. It is impossible to predict the outcome, but money may become available to eligible class members if the classes are certified and settlements are reached with the Defendants in the future. This Summary is subject to change as the litigations progress.

**If a monetary settlement is obtained, information about it will be available from Class Counsel.
You also may visit the Court-approved website if and when one is established.**

Please understand that you have the right to file on your own if and when there is a monetary settlement.

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