

# Patent Search / Literature Review Assignment

The purpose of the Patent Search/Literature Review is to inform, provide appropriate research, and demonstrate continued progress towards the project goal. Make sure to include all copies of patents and articles found with your patent search/literature review assignment.

The Patent Search/Literature Review Assignment should contain the following information:

- Provide a list of sources used to search for patents/articles (include websites, libraries, contacts with those knowledgeable in patent searching, programs used, etc.)
- Provide a list of key words used to search for patents/articles.
- What prior patents or provisional patents already exist that are the same as or close to your proposed product?
- What literature already exists about your proposed product?
- Summary of the information you found and what other future work might be needed to make the patent search complete.

## Patent Search Assignment Rubric

Categories	20	16	12	0	Total
List of sources used	All available sources were used	Several sources were searched	Three or fewer sources were used	One source used	
Keys words searched	Extensive key words searched	Basic key words searched	Three or fewer key words searched	One key word searched	
Prior patents/literature found	No patents or provisional patents found no literature found	Only provisional patents found and very little literature	Prior patents found	Many patents and articles found	
Summary	Excellent, well thought out summary	Good summary including information provided	Summary given but not well organized or thought out	No summary given	
Assignments turned in on time with advisors' signatures	Turned in at meeting with advisors' signatures	Turned in after the meeting with advisors' signatures	Turned in after the meeting with no advisors' signatures	Turned in late	
Total Points					/100 Not Pass Pass

You must earn a 90% or better to continue in the competitions. You will be given one opportunity to redo this assignment if you do not earn a 90% or better. Even if you earn a 90% on this assignment you may be asked to redo a portion of this assignment to more accurately meet the rubric criteria. If you are asked to redo a portion of the assignment and it is not turned in by the due date set by one of the competition administrators your team may be eliminated from the competitions.



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