



Statement on Patent Infringement Case Mammut Pulse Barryvox and Ortovox S1

On 14 October 2010, the higher regional court of Dusseldorf, Germany ruled that the Mammut Pulse Barryvox infringes on the German patent for the Ortovox S1 avalanche search device.

The written judgement and the reasons for the decision have not yet been published.

Both devices were developed in the same time period and both represent the highest technical state of the art. The patent conflict developed from independent and secret attempts by both companies to develop features which offer the highest possible safety to customers. The multi-year case was decided first in favour of Mammut, and now after appeal, in favour of Ortovox.

This judgement applies exclusively to the German market and does not affect other countries. Mammut expects the final judgement to be released within a few weeks. Upon receipt of the judgement and the reasoning behind it, Mammut will work to find a lasting solution for the German market that does not affect the future safety of our customers.

The valid Ortovox patents in the remaining European countries and in the USA are significantly different than the German patent. In the opinion of the Mammut Sports Groups legal advisers the Pulse Barryvox clearly does not infringe upon these patents.

In the United States Mammut will continue to sell, service and support the Pulse Barryvox as we have for the past 5 years with no change to our long-term commitment to the safety of our customers or to the professionals who rely on our products every day.

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