

Re: Certification Application FCC ID: 2AJAHER500A

## Dear Sir/Madam:

The above-referenced application, filed by Easy Radar USA LLC seeks certification for a ground penetrating radar (GPR) device. The application shows compliance with the Commission's Rules and does not require a waiver.

We request that the photographs showing the interior of the device be withheld from the public disclosure. The Commission has previously granted confidentiality under similar conditions to the following applications:

**FCC ID QF7MINISIR** 

FCC ID QF750400 EA640311

FCC ID QF762000 EA291754

FCC ID QF75103A EA870041

FCC ID QLA250MHZ EA586775

FCC ID QLAMID EA364767

FCC ID QLA500MHZ EA369105

FCC ID QLA800MHZ EA813498

## **FACTUAL BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST**

Ordinarily the Commission denies confidentiality to photographs of a device on the grounds that information they contain is freely available to a competitor, simply by purchasing the device and (if necessary) unscrewing the cover.

The device in question is different. The interior is sealed, and its internal appearance is inaccessible to the purchaser.

To gain access to the views shown in the interior photographs, a competitor would have to purchase the device and then remove the security screws that are unique and the tool for them is custom made for Easy Radar. Without the proper tool the screws would have to be drilled out causing severe damage to the antenna, reflective housing and electronic parts.

The circuit boards are covered with non electrically conductive epoxy to prevent reverse engineering. Removal of the epoxy by any process will cause severe damage to the components and circuit board traces.

The circuit boards are secured mechanically by means of bolts, rivets and finally by epoxy. Removal by any means of the epoxy will cause damage to the circuit board traces and possibly the components.

Easy Radar has never released instructions on how to disassemble its units, and does not answer questions on how to do so. This information is kept internal to the company. Our companies repair process involves entire circuit board replacement, because the boards once epoxy coated are not repairable to the component level. If the unit is sent in for repair and shows any evidence of tampering our policy would be not to repair it, and charge the customer for a new unit.

The Commission's posting of the photographs would allow a competitor to:

- 1. Identify critical components of the design and there placement in the circuit.
- 2. Estimate the cost of manufacturing the printed circuit boards and mechanical components.
- 3. Estimate compatibility problems the manufacturer will have in designing new systems.
- 4. Determine the age of the electronic design, which gives valuable competitive information on upgrade and R&D efforts.

Access to interior photographs of our unit would give the competitor enough information to generate a schematic by reverse engineering.

We respectfully submit that manufacturers should not be required to give a competitor the culmination of thousands of hours of engineering expense.

Respectfully,

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