

IP VERIFICATION CHECKLIST

A) Identity / Entity

- Owner legal name matches entity docs (ID / Articles / EIN letter if applicable)
- Authorized signer confirmed (member/manager/officer)
- Primary contact email + phone verified

B) Asset Classification

- Asset type confirmed: patent / software / hardware / trademark / trade secret / copyright
- Jurisdictions confirmed
- Status confirmed (filed/published/granted/etc.)

C) Chain of Title / Ownership Proof (MOST IMPORTANT)

Patents

- Patent / application numbers provided
- Filing receipts / publication links (USPTO/WIPO/etc.)
- Recorded assignments (USPTO assignment record or equivalent)
- If invented under employment/contract: invention assignment agreement provided
- Co-inventors identified and assignment to Owner confirmed (or missing items flagged)

Trademarks

- Registration/app numbers + class list
- Specimen/use evidence if needed
- Ownership entity matches filing/record

Software

- Repo links + commit history
- Contributor list (employees/contractors)

- Contractor IP assignment agreements (work-for-hire)
- Open-source usage disclosed + license compliance status
- Third-party dependencies that restrict commercial licensing flagged

Hardware / Designs

- CAD/drawings provided (or summary packet)
- Design authorship/ownership confirmed
- Any manufacturer NDAs / restrictions disclosed
- Prior public disclosures noted (shows, sales, videos)

Trade Secrets

- Description of secret + why it is secret
- Evidence of reasonable secrecy controls (access, NDAs, storage)

D) Encumbrances / Prior Grants

- Any prior licenses? (yes/no) + copies or term summaries
- Any assignments/sales? (yes/no)
- Any liens/security interests? (yes/no)
- Any university/government funding or grant obligations? (yes/no)
- Any “most favored nation” or exclusivity obligations? (yes/no)

E) Disputes / Claims

- Demand letters / threats disclosed
- Pending litigation/arbitration disclosed
- Known infringement or third-party claims disclosed
- Insurance (if any) disclosed

F) Marketability Inputs (for licensing)

- Plain-English value prop written (what it does, why it's better)
- Target licensee categories listed
- Competitors + comparable products listed
- Evidence: prototypes, demos, test data, customer interest, LOIs (if any)

G) Atlas Admin Decision

- **Approved for intake**
- **Approved with conditions** (list conditions)
- **Hold / needs more proof** (list missing items)
- **Reject** (reason)

H) Owner Attestation (recommended, signed)

“I certify that I own/control the IP listed and have authority to license it; information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge; I will promptly notify Atlas of any material changes.”

Owner: _____ Date: _____