

Disclosure Quality Check

A self-check before you hand off your disclosure — catches the common gaps that make a disclosure harder to work with. Free checklist for inventors.

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Quality Self-Check

Enablement Self-Check

Read your disclosure as an engineer in your field trying to build it from scratch. Could you? What's missing — wiring diagram, parameter values, materials, algorithm steps? Write each gap as a sentence. And: does it cover the broader idea, not just one embodiment?

Limiting-Language Check

Scan for "must," "always," "only," "required," "essential," "the invention." Each can narrow scope — e.g. "the invention always uses a hash function" usually should be "one embodiment uses a hash function." List any, or "none."

Claim-Shape Check

Did you accidentally write claim-shaped sentences? "A method comprising," "wherein," "characterized by," "said component." Claim drafting is a separate step; claim language in the disclosure can constrain it. List any, or "none."

Figures

All figures present and labeled / some present, gaps known / no figures yet. For software, flowcharts and system diagrams count.

Inventorship Self-Check

Each named inventor contributed conceptually to at least one part of the invention (not just funding, management, or testing). Yes / No.

Outside-US Protection?

US-first or US-only / plan to pursue outside the US too / no outside-US plans / unsure. Surface early so counsel can flag related obligations.

Public-Disclosure Dates

Any part publicly shared — talk, blog, GitHub release, demo, paper, public alpha? If yes, what date and where? Capture facts; counsel uses them for filing timing.

Ownership Chain

Employer/inventor agreement signed and unambiguous / solo inventor, no employer claim / mostly clear, paperwork pending / multiple parties may have an interest.

Outstanding Questions

Anything else to flag before review. Optional.

Before You Rely On This

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