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A claim is anticipated only if *each and every element* as set forth in the claim *is found*, either expressly or inherently described, *in a single prior art reference*.

Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)



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“The *identical invention must be shown* in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.”

Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (emphasis added).



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