

Sample of Lesson 09-03 Professional Inventors Journal/Log Book

Learn how to protect your invention in writings and drawings. It's a lot more complicated than you think.



Why Write a Journal?

Invention Disclosure - a description of the invention, "A trusted witness can sign as proof of conception."

Reduction to Practice - This means showing the invention to others. This is done by keeping a log of all work done on the invention.

Trade Secrets - Once the first-to-invent rights are established, partners/buyers/developers sign confidentiality agreements. The inventor's journal should hold documentation of all visits.

Invention Journal Writing Rules

- Make notes each day about what was done and what was learned while working on your invention.
- Record ideas and describe how you came up with the invention a name.
- Mention the problems you encountered and how you solved them for your invention. Draw pictures and diagrams of them.