

STATE OF INDIANA

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UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
2000 017253 NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK

GENERAL LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

BOND NO. SU 3052795

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

that We, **Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc.**
as Principal, and **UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and authorized to transact business in the State of **Indiana**, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **City of East Chicago, Indiana**

as Obligee, in the sum of **FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 5,000.00)** lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Obligee or its successors, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SEALED WITH OUR SEALS and dated this **8th** day of **March, 2000**

WHEREAS, THE ABOVE bounded Principal has been or is about to receive a permit or be duly licensed as a **General Contractor** by the Obligee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the said Obligee.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such, that if the said Principal shall well and truly indemnify and save harmless the Obligee from all damages or claims for damages caused by him or his agents arising out of any work done under and by virtue of such permit or license during the period from **March 8, 2000 to March 8, 2001** then this obligation to be null and void; otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

The Surety may cancel this bond at any time by filing with the Obligee thirty (30) days' written notice of its desire to be relieved of liability. The Surety shall not be discharged from any liability already accrued under this bond, or which shall accrue hereunder before the expiration of the thirty day period.

SEARS HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS, INC.

By: John V. Boyd

UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Steven F. Cooke

Attorney-in-fact
Steven F. Cooke

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UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK

EXPIRATION DATE January 22, 2003

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, the UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, as a New York Corporation, having its principal office in the Town of New Hartford, County of Oneida, State of New York, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Steven F. Cooke, Lisa M. Kozej, Bonita L. Henson, Susan J. Rim
PITTSBURGH, PA

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact in their separate capacity if more than one is named above to make, execute, sign, seal and delivery for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed (without power of redelegation) any and all bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (except bonds guaranteeing the payment of principal and interest of notes, mortgage bonds and mortgages) provided the amount of no one bond or undertaking exceeds Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100----- Dollars (\$500,000.00).

The execution of such bonds and undertakings shall be as binding upon said UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY as fully and to all intents and purposes as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers and its Home Office in New Hartford, New York.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Directors of the UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY on the 27th day of November, 1961.

"Resolved, that the President or any Vice-President, in conjunction with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint Attorneys-in-fact of the Company, in its name and as its acts, to execute and acknowledge for and on its behalf as Surety any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, with power to attach thereto the seal of the Company. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-in-fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they had been duly acknowledged by the regularly elected Officers of the Company in their own proper persons.

"Now Therefore, the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney by a facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney bearing such facsimile signatures or seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company."

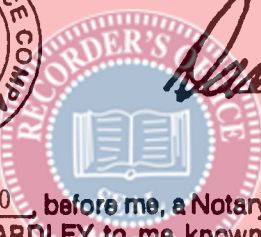
In Witness Whereof, the UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Authorized Officers, this 22 day of January, 2000.

UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

George P. Wardley
Secretary



Daniel D. Daly
Vice President



STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF ONEIDA }

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On this 22 day of January, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally came DANIEL D. DALY and GEORGE P. WARDLEY to me known, who acknowledged execution of the preceding instrument and, being by me duly sworn, do depose and say, that they are Vice President and Secretary respectively of UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of UTICA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; and that the said corporate seal is affixed and their signatures subscribed to said instrument by authority and order of the Board of Directors of said Corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at New Hartford, New York, the day and year first above written.



Michael J. Huss
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF ONEIDA }

ss:

I, Stephen J. Lorenz, Assistant Secretary of the Utica Mutual Insurance Company do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney executed by said Utica Mutual Insurance Company and the above-quoted Resolutions of the Board of Directors adopted November 27, 1961 are still in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Corporation at New Hartford, New York, this 8th day of March, 2000.

Stephen J. Lorenz
Assistant Secretary