

If You Bought a Film Capacitor From Distributors Since 2002

You Could Get Money From New Settlements in this Litigation.

A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- If you indirectly purchased film capacitors in California, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, or New York from a Defendant, you could receive money from new class action Settlements.
- Please read this Notice and the Settlement Agreements available at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com carefully. Your legal rights may be affected whether you act or do not act. This Notice is a summary of the Settlement Agreements and the Claim Form filing process. It is not intended to, and does not, include all of the specific details of the newly entered into Settlement Agreements, or Settlement Agreements for which notification was previously provided. To obtain more specific details concerning the Settlements, please read the Settlement Agreements.
- A class action lawsuit brought on behalf of indirect purchasers of electrolytic and film capacitors (“Capacitors”) is currently pending. Capacitors are electronic components that store electric charges between one or more pairs of conductors separated by an insulator.
- Plaintiffs claim that Defendants (listed below) and co-conspirators engaged in an unlawful conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of Capacitors. Plaintiffs allege that, as a result of the unlawful price-fixing conspiracy involving Capacitors, they and other indirect purchasers paid more for Capacitors than they would have paid absent the conspiracy. Defendants deny Plaintiffs’ claims.
- New Settlements totaling approximately \$300,000 have now been reached with Defendants Shinyei Kaisha, Shinyei Technology Co., Ltd., Shinyei Capacitor Co., Ltd., Shinyei Kaisha Electronics (M) SDN. BHD., and Shinyei Corporation of America (“Shinyei”) and Taitso Corp. (“Taitso”) (collectively, “Settling Defendants”). These Settling Defendants manufactured film Capacitors.
- Your legal rights will be affected whether you act or do not act. This Notice includes information on the Settlements and the lawsuit. Please read the entire Notice carefully.
- The following rights and options – and deadlines to exercise them – are explained in this Notice.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS		
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	The only way to be eligible to receive a payment. If you already submitted a Claim Form in response to previous notices, then you do not need to submit another Claim Form, unless you intend to supplement the information in your previous Claim Form with additional purchase information. If you did not previously submit a Claim Form and want to participate in the Settlements, you must submit your Claim Form prior to the deadline.	February 18, 2022
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	You will not be included in the Settlement(s) from which you exclude yourself. You will receive no benefits from the Settlement(s) from which you exclude yourself, but you will keep any rights you currently have to sue the Settling Defendants about the claims in the case(s) from which you exclude yourself.	February 18, 2022
DO NOTHING NOW	You will be included in these Settlements. If you did not previously submit a Claim Form and do not submit a Claim Form now, you will not be eligible to receive a payment. If you do not exclude yourself from these Settlements, you will give up your rights to sue these Settling Defendants about the claims in the lawsuit.	_____
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	If you do not exclude yourself, you can write to the Court explaining why you disagree with these Settlements.	February 18, 2022
GO TO THE HEARING	The Court will consider whether the Settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate.	March 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide on final approval of the Settlements. Payments will be made only (1) if the Court approves the Settlements and after any appeals are resolved, and (2) after the Court approves a Distribution Plan to distribute the Settlement Funds minus expenses and any Court-approved attorneys’ fees (“Net Settlement Funds”) to Class Members. The proposed Distribution Plan for these Settlements is to make a *pro rata* distribution to each Class Member that purchased film capacitors in California, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and New York (the “Indirect Purchaser States”).

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. What Is This Notice About?

This Notice is to inform you about new Settlements reached in this litigation before the Court decides whether to grant final approval to them. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the new Settlements, your legal rights in relation to the new Settlements, and the Claim Form filing process. The Court in charge is the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. This litigation is known as *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation – All Indirect Purchaser Actions*, No. 3:14-cv-03264-JD. The people who sued are called the “Plaintiffs.” The companies they sued are called the “Defendants.”

2. What Is This Lawsuit About?

The lawsuit alleges that Defendants and co-conspirators conspired to raise and fix the prices of Capacitors for more than ten years, resulting in overcharges to indirect purchasers of Capacitors. The complaint describes how the Defendants and co-conspirators allegedly violated the U.S. and state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws by agreeing to fix prices and restrict output of Capacitors by, among other things, face-to-face meetings and other communications, customer allocation, and the use of trade associations. Defendants deny Plaintiffs’ allegations. The Court has not decided who is right.

3. Why Are There New Settlements?

In addition to the Settling Defendants listed above, ELNA Co., Ltd. and ELNA America, Inc. (“ELNA”); Matsuo Electric Co., Ltd. (“Matsuo”); Nichicon Corporation and Nichicon (America) Corporation (“Nichicon”); Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic Corporation of North America, SANYO Electric Co., Ltd., and SANYO Electronic Device (U.S.A.) Corporation (“Panasonic”); NEC TOKIN Corp. and NEC TOKIN America, Inc. (“NEC TOKIN”); Okaya Electric Industries Co., Ltd. (“OEI”); Nitsuko Electronics Corporation (“Nitsuko”); Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd., Hitachi AIC Inc., and Hitachi Chemical Co. America, Ltd. (“Hitachi”); Soshin Electric Co., Ltd. and Soshin Electronics of America, Inc. (“Soshin”); Rubycon Corp. and Rubycon America, Inc. (“Rubycon”); Holy Stone Enterprise Co., Ltd., Holy Stone Holdings Co., Ltd., Holy Stone Polytech Co., Ltd., and Milestone Global Technology, Inc. (“Holystone”); and Nippon Chemi-Con Corp. and United Chemi-Con, Inc. (“NCC/UCC”) have previously agreed to settlements. All actively-litigating Defendants have now settled.

4. What Are Capacitors?

Capacitors are one of the most common electronic components in the world today. They store electric charges between one or more pairs of conductors separated by an insulator. Most electronic products – from cellphones to personal computers to home appliances – contain them, sometimes hundreds of them. The three basic types of capacitors are ceramic, electrolytic, and film, the latter two of which are the subject of this lawsuit. Electrolytic and film capacitors are widely used in a range of industries, such as information and telecommunications, audiovisual, and electronic games. An “electrolytic capacitor” uses an electrolyte (an ionic conducting liquid) as one of its plates to achieve a relatively larger capacitance per unit volume. A “film capacitor” uses insulating plastic film and one of two conductive materials, propylene or polyester. These new Settlements with Shinyei and Taitso only concern film capacitors.

5. Why Is This a Class Action?

In a class action, one or more people called the “class representatives” sue on behalf of themselves and other people with similar claims in the specific class action. All of these people together are the “Class” or “Class Members.” In a class action, one court may resolve the issues for all Class Members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

THE SETTLEMENTS

6. How Do I Know If I May Be Included in the Class?

The Settlement Classes for the Settlement Agreements with Shinyei and Taitso include the following:

All persons and entities in the Indirect Purchaser States who, during the period from January 1, 2002 to February 28, 2014, purchased one or more Capacitor(s) from a distributor (or from an entity other than a Defendant) that a Defendant or alleged co-conspirator manufactured. “Indirect Purchaser States” means California, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and New York.

Excluded from the foregoing Classes are Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries, and Affiliates, any co-conspirators, Defendants’ attorneys in this case, federal government entities and instrumentalities, states and their subdivisions, all judges assigned to the case, all jurors in the case, and all persons and entities who directly purchased Capacitors from a Defendant.

The specific definition of who is included in each of the Settlement Classes is set forth in the Settlement Agreements and in the order preliminarily approving the Settlements. The Settlement Agreements, the preliminary approval order, and the related Complaints are accessible on the website www.capacitorsindirectcase.com.

7. What Do the Settlements Provide?

The combined Settlement Fund from these new Settlements is \$300,000. After deduction of notice and administration costs, the remaining net Settlement Fund will be available for distribution to Class Members that have filed, or do file, valid claims.

QUESTIONS? VISIT WWW.CAPACITORSINDIRECTCASE.COM OR CALL 1-866-217-4245.

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More details about the Settlements are set forth in the Settlement Agreements, available at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS

8. How Can I Get a Payment from the Settlements?

To receive money, you must submit a valid Claim Form. If you already submitted a Claim Form in response to previous notices and you made your qualifying purchases in California, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, or New York, then you do not need to submit another Claim Form. If you did not previously submit a Claim Form, you may submit an online Claim Form at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com. Please read this Notice and the Claim Form carefully, fill out the form, including all the information and documents it asks for, sign it, and submit it to the Settlement Administrator by mail or online no later than February 18, 2022.

9. How Much Money Can I Get?

At this time, it is unknown how much each Class Member that submits (or previously submitted) a valid claim will receive. Payments will be based on a number of factors, including the number of valid claims filed by all Class Members and the dollar value of each Class Member's purchase(s) of film Capacitors in proportion to the total claims filed for film Capacitors. No matter how many claims are filed, no money will be returned to the Settling Defendants once the Court finally approves the Settlements. In order to receive a payment, you will need to file a valid claim form no later than February 18, 2022. As noted, if you already filed a Claim Form in connection with previous settlements in this matter, you do not need to file a new one.

Payments to Class Members will be made only: (1) if the Court approves the Settlements and after any appeals are resolved; and (2) in accordance with the Distribution Plan to distribute the Settlement Funds ("Net Settlement Fund") to Class Members. The proposed Distribution Plan for these Settlements is to make a *pro rata* distribution to each Class Member that made a qualifying purchase of film Capacitor(s) in a state that permits indirect purchaser antitrust claims based upon the number of approved purchases of film Capacitors per Class Member during the Settlement class period. The indirect purchaser states for purposes of these Settlements are: California, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and New York.

10. When Will I Get a Payment?

Payments from the Settlements will not be distributed until the Court grants final approval of the Settlements, any objections or appeals are resolved, and all claims are processed and validated. Updates will be provided on the Settlements' website at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com.

REMAINING IN THE CLASS

11. What Happens If I Remain in the Class?

You will give up your right to sue the Settling Defendants on your own for the claims described in the Settlement Agreements unless you exclude yourself from one or more of the Settlement Classes. You also will be bound by any decisions by the Court relating to the Settlements. In return for paying the Settlement Amount, the Settling Defendants (and certain related entities defined in the Settlement Agreements) will be released from claims relating to the alleged conduct involving the Capacitors identified in the Settlement Agreements. The Settlement Agreements describe the released claims in detail, so read them carefully, since those releases will be binding on you if the Court approves the Settlements. If you have any questions, you can talk with Class Counsel for free, or you can, of course, talk with your own lawyer (at your own expense) if you have questions about what this means. The Settlement Agreements and the specific releases are available at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASSES

12. How Do I Get Out of the Settlement Classes?

To exclude yourself from one or more of the Settlement Classes, you must send a letter by mail stating that you want to be excluded from *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation – All Indirect Purchaser Actions*, No. 3:14-cv-03264-JD. Your letter must also include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A statement saying that you want to be excluded from *In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation – All Indirect Purchaser Actions*, No. 3:14-cv-03264-JD;
- A statement indicating, by Defendant name, the Settlements from which you wish to be excluded; and
- Your signature.

You must include the following statement with your exclusion request: "I want to be excluded from the Capacitors Antitrust Litigation class action Settlement with [SPECIFY THE NAME OF EACH SETTLING DEFENDANT WHOSE SETTLEMENT YOU WISH TO EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM]. I understand that by so doing, I will not be able to get any money or benefits from the Settlement with that/those Settling Defendant(s) in this case."

You must mail your exclusion request, postmarked no later than February 18, 2022, to:

Capacitors Indirect Settlement
EXCLUSIONS
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.
P.O. Box 173001
Milwaukee, WI 53217-8042

13. If I Don't Exclude Myself, Can I Sue for the Same Thing Later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Settling Defendants for the claims being released in this litigation.

If you have a pending lawsuit against any of the Defendants, speak to your lawyer in that lawsuit immediately, because you need to exclude yourself from the Class(es) to continue your own lawsuit.

14. If I Exclude Myself, Can I Still Get Money Benefits?

No. If you exclude yourself from any Settlement Class in the Settlements, you will not get any money as a result of the Settlement.

THE LAWYER REPRESENTING YOU

15. Do I Have a Lawyer Representing Me?

The Court has appointed the following lawyer as Class Counsel to represent you and all other members of the Classes:

Adam J. Zapala, Esq.
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP
San Francisco Airport Office Center
840 Malcolm Road, Suite 200
Burlingame, CA 94010

You will not be charged for contacting this lawyer. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

16. How Will the Lawyers Be Paid?

Class Counsel are not seeking an award of attorneys' fees in connection with these two Settlements.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENTS

17. How Do I Object to or Comment on the Settlements?

If you have objections to or comments about any aspect of the Settlements, you may express your views to the Court. You can object to or comment on one or more Settlements only if you do not exclude yourself from that Settlement Class. To object to or comment on the Settlements, you must do the following:

- Specify in writing your name, address, and telephone number;
- Clearly identify in writing the case name, number, and Settlement (*In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation – All Indirect Purchaser Actions*, No. 3:14-cv-03264-JD);
- Submit your letter to the Court either by mailing it to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, or by filing it in person at any location of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California;
- Also submit your letter or objection to Class Counsel; and
- Make sure that the letter is filed or postmarked on or before February 18, 2022.

18. What Is the Difference Between Excluding Myself From the Class and Objecting to the Settlements?

If you exclude yourself, you are telling the Court that you do not want to participate in the Settlement(s). Therefore, you will not be eligible to receive any benefits from the Settlement(s), and you will not be able to object to the Settlement(s). Objecting to a Settlement simply means telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. Objecting does not make you ineligible to receive a payment.

THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the Settlements. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to do so.

19. When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlements?

The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing at 10 a.m. on March 24, 2022, at the United States Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Courtroom 11, 19th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so check the Court's PACER site, <http://cand.uscourts.gov/cm-ecf>; or www.capacitorsindirectcase.com; or call 1-866-217-4245 to confirm that the date has not been changed. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections or comments, the Court will consider them at that time and may listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlements.

20. Do I Have to Attend the Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But you are welcome to attend at your expense. If you send an objection or comment, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you filed or mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also hire your own lawyer at your own expense to attend on your behalf, but you are not required to do so.

21. May I Speak at the Hearing?

If you send an objection or comment on the Settlements, you may have the right to speak at the Final Fairness Hearing as determined by the Court. You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself.

GET MORE INFORMATION

22. How Do I Get More Information?

This Notice summarizes the Settlements and the Claim Form filing process. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlements, please see the Settlement Agreements available at www.capacitorsindirectcase.com, by contacting class counsel at (650) 697-6000, by accessing the Court docket in this case for a fee, through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov>, or by visiting the office of the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94012, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Court holidays.

You also may write with questions to the Settlement Administrator: Capacitors Indirect Settlement, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 173020, Milwaukee, WI 53217-8042 or call the toll-free number 1-866-217-4245.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.

Dated: November 4, 2021

By Order of the Court
United States District Court
Northern District of California