

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming
Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 15-2666 (JNE/DTS)

This Document Relates to All Actions.

PLAINTIFF(S)
Gwendolyn Pierce

**MASTER SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

VS.

**3M COMPANY AND ARIZANT
HEALTHCARE, INC.**

1. Plaintiff, Gwendolyn Pierce, states and brings this civil action in MDL No. 15-2666, entitled *In Re: Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming Products Liability Litigation*. Plaintiff(s) [is/~~are~~] filing this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Pretrial Order #8 of this Court.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Plaintiff, Gwendolyn Pierce, is a resident and citizen of the State of **Texas** and claims damages as set forth below.

~~3. Plaintiff's Spouse, _____, is a resident and citizen of the State of _____, and claims damages as set forth below. [Cross out Spousal Claim if not applicable.]~~

4. Jurisdiction is proper based upon diversity of Citizenship.

5. Proper Venue: The District Court in which remand trial is proper and where

this Complaint would have been filed absent the direct filing order by this Court is USDC ED of Texas.

6. Plaintiff brings this action *[check the applicable designation]*:

X On behalf of ~~[himself/herself]~~;

~~In a representative capacity as the _____ of the _____ having been duly appointed as the _____ by the _____ Court of _____.~~

~~A copy of the Letters of Administration for a wrongful death claim is annexed hereto if such letters are required for the commencement of such a claim by the Probate, Surrogate or other appropriate court of the jurisdiction of the decedent.~~

~~*[Cross out if not applicable.]*~~

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. On or about May 11, 2020, Plaintiff underwent surgery during which the Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming system (hereinafter “Bair Hugger”) was used during the course and scope of ~~[his/her]~~ surgery at the ^{Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Frisco, 5601 Warren Pkwy} _____ [medical center and address], in Frisco, TX [city and state], by Dr. Alexander I. Glogau.

8. Contaminants introduced into Plaintiff’s open surgical wound as a direct and proximate result of use of the Bair Hugger during the subject surgery resulted in Plaintiff developing a periprosthetic joint infection (“PJI”), also known as a deep joint infection (“DJI”). The Pathogen identified was Escherichia coli *if known*).

9. As a result of Plaintiff’s infection caused by the Bair Hugger, Plaintiff has undergone revision left total knee replacement ~~[Describe treatment(s) received, e.g.,~~ excision, insertion of drug-delivery device, intra-articular, negative pressure wound therapy

~~revision arthroplasty, wound vac treatment, multiple staged procedures, etc.] on or about~~

11/13/2024

_____, at _____, Medical City Dallas, 7777 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75230 [medical center(s) and

address(es)] by Dr(s). Justin Cardenas. [*Cross out if not applicable.*]

ALLEGATIONS AS TO INJURIES

10. (a) Plaintiff claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable):

X INJURY TO HERSELF/~~HIMSELF~~

~~_____ INJURY TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED~~

~~_____ WRONGFUL DEATH~~

~~_____ SURVIVORSHIP ACTION~~

X ECONOMIC LOSS

~~(b) Plaintiff's spouse claims damages as a result of (check all that are applicable): [*Cross out if not applicable.*]~~

~~_____ LOSS OF SERVICES~~

~~_____ LOSS OF CONSORTIUM~~

11. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff(s).

DEFENDANT-SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY

12. The following claims and allegations are asserted by Plaintiff(s) and are herein adopted by reference (check all that are applicable):

X FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION - NEGLIGENCE;

X SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION - STRICT LIABILITY;

X FAILURE TO WARN

X DEFECTIVE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE

- X THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY;

- X FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION- BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY LAW OF THE STATE OF Texas, Tex Bus & Com Code §§ 2.314, et seq. ;

- X FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA PREVENTION OF CONSUMER FRAUD ACT;

- X SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION – VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT;

- X SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES ACT;

- X EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION- VIOLATION OF THE MINNESOTA FALSE ADVERTISING ACT;

- X NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION- CONSUMER FRAUD AND/OR UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES UNDER LAW OF THE STATE OF Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 17.41 et seq ;

- X TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION;

- X ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION- FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION;

- X TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION – FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT;

- ~~_____~~ ~~THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – LOSS OF CONSORTIUM; and~~

- X FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION – UNJUST ENRICHMENT.

In addition to the above, Plaintiff(s) assert the following additional causes of action under applicable state law:

Punitive Damages, Common Law Fraud, Constructive Fraud, Gross Negligence, and Negligent Infection of Emotional Distress.

[Cross out if not applicable.]

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages;
2. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
3. Statutory damages and relief of the state whose laws will govern this action;
4. Costs and expenses of this litigation;
5. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as provided by law;
6. Equitable relief in the nature of disgorgement;
7. Restitution of remedy Defendants' unjust enrichment; and
8. All other relief as the Court deems necessary, just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in Complaint so triable.

Dated: February 26, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph Fantini

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Gwendolyn Pierce

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Collin County, TX (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

3M Company, et al.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, PTF DEF, 1 1, 2 2, 3 3, 4 4, 5 5, 6 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

Table with columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Includes codes like 110 Insurance, 310 Airplane, 365 Personal Injury, etc.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District, 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer, 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 USC 1332. Brief description of cause: Re: Bair Huger warming blanket: Product liability, defective design, failure to warn, fraud, etc.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: [X] Yes [] No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 2/26/2026 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Joseph J. Fantini

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.