

Lawsuit takes a swing at Wii motion controller

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Japanese video game giant Nintendo has been hit with a lawsuit alleging patent infringement.

Hillcrest Labs of Maryland, USA, has filed a complaint with the International Trade Commission and a lawsuit in the US District Court in Maryland against the company.

Hillcrest Labs makes and licenses many handheld interactive media devices for consumer electronics companies. The lawsuit alleges that Kyoto-based Nintendo has infringed four patents owned by Hillcrest related to a handheld, motion-sensitive device similar to the game controller that comes prepackaged with Nintendo's Wii video game console.

For its part, Nintendo claims it has yet to see the lawsuit filed by Hillcrest Labs.

"We have not been served with any lawsuit or other action by Hillcrest and therefore have no comment," Charlie Scibetta, a Nintendo of America spokesperson, told the *E-Commerce Times*.

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