

Apple and Samsung's Patent Battle

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Apple sues Samsung-- claiming its Galaxy smartphones and tablets "slavishly" copy the iPhone and iPad.

The lawsuit continues, for 38 pages, alleging Samsung violates Apple's patents and trademarks due to its copying, well, everything off it-- from the look, product design and UI down to the packaging.

Samsung meanwhile releases its own statement, saying it will take counter-action against Apple-- who, in a worthy twist, is also one of Samsung's major buyers of semiconductors and display panels, accounting for 4% of its annual revenues. There's no word out yet, but legal issues could possibly complicate thar relationship.

This far from Apple's first legal battle, as it's also involved in the courts with HTC, Motorola, Amazon, Nokia, Kodak and Microsoft.

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