

Patent Right	Date	June 30, 2020	Court	Tokyo District Court, 46th Civil Division
	Case number	2018(Wa)31428		
- A case in which the court dismissed the Plaintiff's claim against the Defendant seeking compensation for damages arising from its use of an onboard ticket inspection system based on a patent right for an invention titled "Seat management system."				

### Summary of the Judgment

In this case, the Plaintiff, a holder of a patent right for an invention titled "Seat management system," sought compensation for damages from the Defendant by alleging that an onboard ticket inspection system used by the Defendant (the "Defendant's System") falls under the technical scope of an invention covered by the patent right (the "Invention").

The issues disputed in this case are as follows: [i] whether the Defendant's System falls under the technical scope of the Invention; and [ii] whether the Plaintiff suffered any damages and the amount thereof.

In this judgment, the court determined that the Defendant's System does not satisfy, at least partially, the constitutional features of the Invention, based on such grounds as that whereas a "seat display information" relating to the Invention means information that is generated based on at least two types of information, namely, ticket information and ticket issue information, on a "host computer" and then transmitted to a terminal, the Defendant's System does not generate or transmit a single piece of information based on the two types of information on the server. In addition, with respect to the allegation of infringement based on the doctrine of equivalents, the court also dismissed the Plaintiff's claim, holding that at least the first and second requirements for the application of the doctrine are not satisfied.