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Dear Valued Partner,

Symmetry Surgical, now a part of Aspen Surgical, is the only approved vendor of the Bookwalter® Retractor System and is also the only company with exclusive rights to the Bookwalter name. We are proud to work directly with Dr. John Bookwalter on all design, manufacturing, and quality control functions of the Bookwalter Retractor system to ensure the highest quality materials and workmanship available.

The Bookwalter Retractor System is manufactured to exact specifications so that all parts can be used together. The Bookwalter product line is manufactured exclusively for Symmetry Surgical in the United States and Germany. No other table-mounted retractor systems are manufactured at facilities producing genuine Bookwalter Retractor System components.

We have become aware that some companies are selling "knock-off" or lower-quality versions of the Bookwalter Retractor System. Symmetry has not granted any license to these companies to use the Bookwalter name, and some appear to be attempting to deceive customers into mistakenly purchasing the wrong product. Additionally, some companies are claiming that their systems are manufactured at the same facility where the Symmetry Bookwalter product line is manufactured. This is a false claim as Symmetry retains an exclusive manufacturing contract for the Bookwalter product line.

Symmetry is not responsible for performance and safety characteristics of the Bookwalter Retractor System when used in conjunction with retractor parts that are not genuine parts produced and provided by us. We therefore recommend that only Bookwalter parts from Symmetry be used in conjunction with other Bookwalter Retractor Systems.

Our goal at Symmetry Surgical is to develop and market the highest quality products with patient safety as our first consideration. Our patented Bookwalter Retractor System brings a four-decade legacy of proven performance, reliability, and satisfaction to healthcare providers around the world.

Best regards,
Matt Bruggeman
VP, Product Management