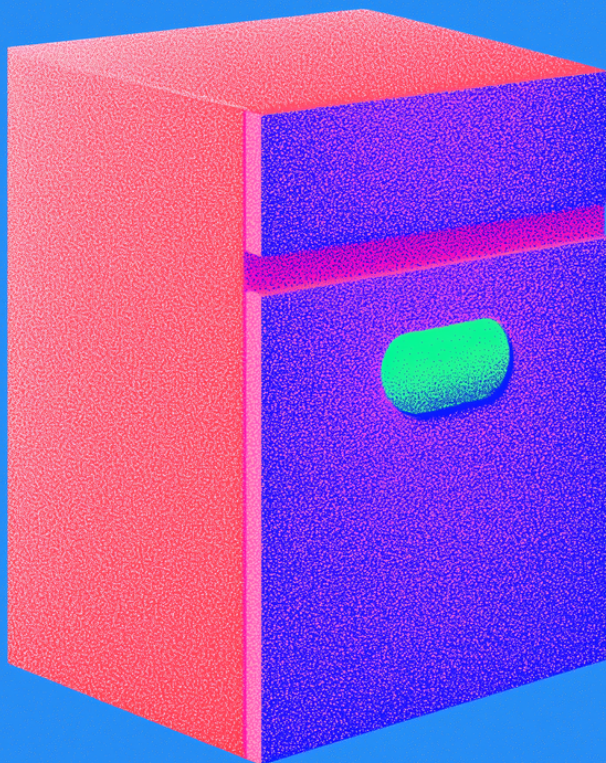


Provisional Patents

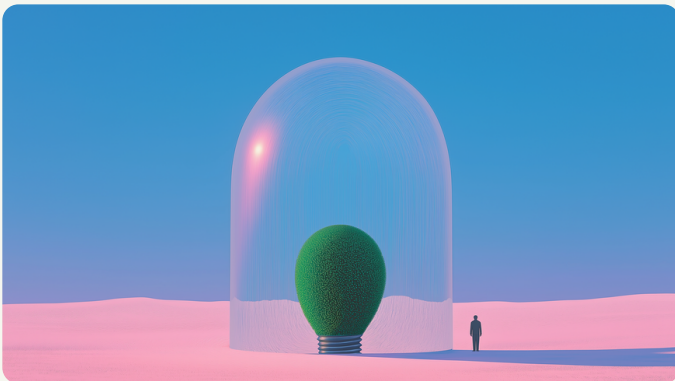


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What is a Provisional Patent?

Meet Sarah, a solo inventor from Texas with a big idea: a reusable, eco-friendly silicone wrap that seals around any dish without needing lids. Sarah knows her invention could disrupt the plastic wrap market, but with limited savings and no legal background, she feels daunted by the patenting process.

Enter the provisional patent, a lifesaver for inventors like Sarah. A provisional patent allows her to establish an early filing date and gives her "patent pending" status, which lends credibility to investor meetings or product pitches. With a provisional patent, Sarah can test her product in the real world, talking freely about it while maintaining her rights. However, this provisional status is just a placeholder; within 12 months, Sarah will need to file a non-provisional patent to secure her rights long-term. For now, though, the provisional patent is the bridge she needs.



Why Use a Provisional Patent?

Why should Sarah, and thousands like her, choose a provisional patent? Here's why it's such a game-changer:

- **Early Filing Date:** Sarah's product is officially recorded with the USPTO as of her filing date, giving her priority over competitors who might try to develop similar products.
- **Patent Pending Status:** With her product "patent pending," Sarah can confidently speak to retailers and investors, knowing her idea is protected.
- **12-month Preparation Period:** This period gives Sarah time to refine her design, gather feedback, and prepare for a non-provisional patent application (which provides exclusive rights for twenty years).
- **Lower Cost:** Provisional patents are affordable and ideal for small businesses, startups, and solo inventors like Sarah.

Without the provisional patent option, Sarah might be forced to keep her idea under wraps (no pun intended) or risk losing out to someone who filed first. This early protection is vital for inventors needing time to test and refine their concepts.



Filing a Provisional Patent: Traditional Route vs. SenselP

Sarah's provisional patent story could go two ways. She could hire a patent lawyer or firm and dive into consultations, research, and paperwork with legal terms, or use a platform like SenselP to make her filing process faster, with better quality, and at a fraction of the cost. Here's how both paths compare.

The Old Way

Resources

Hire a costly patent lawyer or firm. Back & forth communications creates errors.

Time

Slow: weeks to months.

Quality

Slow and manual research combined with misunderstandings with the legal team weakens your application's strength.

Cost

\$2,500-7,500

The SenselP Way

Resources

AI-powered research, drafting, and filing of provisional patents.

Time

From idea to "patent pending" in under an hour.

Quality

Live updates, no lawyers needed, accurate and complete filings.

Cost

\$200-500



The Old Process: Requires IP Firms and Attorneys - Expensive and Time Consuming

Using traditional IP researchers and lawyers can be time-consuming, expensive, and involve lots of back-and-forth communication. Here's a typical process:

1. Consultation: Sarah explains her product idea to a patent attorney. The attorney is paid by the hour for this consultation.

- **Time:** 2 hours.
- **Cost:** \$500-1,000.

2. Research: The attorney or researcher in their firm conducts a prior art search to confirm her idea's uniqueness. They probably get back to her via email or phone with questions to define the invention's uniqueness. At this point, there is sometimes miscommunication as the attorney may not understand the technical terms of each invention, and the inventor may not initially understand the legal language of the questions, requiring additional time and research.

- **Time:** Several weeks.
- **Cost:** Up to \$5,000.
- **Quality:** Varies. Depends on the researcher. Research is one and done.



3. Drafting: If the idea is unique, the attorney will email Sarah requesting a description of the product's technical details. Then, the attorney drafts the application in legal language, aiming for broad protection.

- **Time:** Weeks to months.
- **Cost:** \$2,500-5,000.
- **Quality:** Varies. Depends on the attorney.

4. Review and Revision: A few weeks later, Sarah receives the draft with a few questions to answer. She reviews the draft, often leading to back-and-forth edits and revisions to ensure accuracy and clarity.

- **Time:** Weeks.
- **Cost:** Attorney's hourly rates.
- **Quality:** Varies. Depends on the attorney.

5. Submission: After weeks, her application is finally filed, and then she awaits the coveted "patent pending" status. Except in some cases, if the attorney's research wasn't up-to-date or accurate enough, there may be some questions sent by the patent office (also known as "**office actions**"). This is less common with provisional patents. Additional hourly attorney rates and time may apply.

This route costs between \$2,500 and \$7,500 as IP firms bill by the hour and may take weeks to months. The traditional method can leave room for misunderstandings, weakening the final application.



SenseIP Process: Quick, Inexpensive, Higher Quality Research and Analysis

With SenseIP, Sarah's journey is much simpler. By automating research, ideation, and drafting, SenseIP transforms the provisional patent journey into a straightforward process. Here's how it works:

1. Share the Idea: Sarah types her product description into SenseIP's platform, where SenseIP's AI patent guide analyzes it immediately.

- **Time:** A few minutes.
- **Cost:** \$0.

2. Guided Research: The platform conducts prior-art research to assess uniqueness and assure freedom-to-operate (FTO).

- **Time:** A few minutes.
- **Cost:** \$0.
- **Quality:** Research is better as the AI can quickly access any patent and highlight the relevant paragraphs. It is also better because it is ongoing with SenseIP to ensure the inventor isn't blindsided when deciding to move to a non-provisional patent. This assures that SenseIP patents are stronger and move faster through examination than attorney-written patents.



3. Refining the Concept: SenselP asks questions in chat format and helps Sarah to clarify further and highlight unique aspects of her product.

- **Time:** A few minutes.
- **Cost:** \$0.
- **Quality:** There are no miscommunications as the AI understands all terms immediately and can provide clear descriptions immediately.

4. AI-Driven Drafting: SenselP's AI generates a professional draft that meets USPTO requirements.

- **Time:** A few minutes.
- **Cost:** \$0.
- **Quality:** Considered by top IP professionals to be as good or better than any attorney.

5. Final Review & Submission: Sarah reviews and submits the draft with one click.

- **Time:** A few minutes to an hour.
- **Cost:** \$200 (for her first time).
- **Quality:** Faster and better due to continuous monitoring and updates. Any office actions are handled through the SenselP platform.

Sarah submits her patent application in under an hour, spending just \$200. This process is efficient and affordable, and eliminates the risk of misunderstanding between the inventor and the patent attorney.



Why is Good IP Protection Crucial for Business Strategy?

Intellectual Property (IP) for inventors and startups, isn't just a legal formality; it's a powerful strategic asset. Imagine a startup launching a revolutionary product without IP protection—only to be undercut by a competitor who files a similar patent first. Unfortunately, this scenario plays out all too often when IP isn't prioritized early.

Studies from the [World Intellectual Property Organization](#) (WIPO) and the [European Patent Office](#) (EPO) highlight a critical truth: businesses with proactive IP strategies experience higher revenue growth and more robust market positioning. IP protection allows companies to secure competitive advantages, attract investors, and confidently move forward without fear of losing their ideas to rivals.

As SenseIP's CEO, Ophir Katzir, says, "IP cannot be something only patent attorneys deal with. It's too important for inventors not to be involved." Good IP protection aligns with business strategy, giving innovators like Sarah the confidence to market their ideas without risking their competitive edge.



New Product Development Process with SenseIP's IP Protection

1. Ideation

Prepares Idea Summary with All Concepts

2. Research

Prior Art / FTO Research in Minutes (Precise Information)

3. Go / No-Go

Decide Whether to Develop the Product or Work on Something Better

4. Product Development

Advice on How to Protect the Idea

5. Engineering Development & Testing

Continuous Verification & Validation on R&D

6. Launch

Strategic Insights & Business Value for IP

7. Go-To-Market

Continuous FTO Updates & Monitoring All Countries



Provisional Patents for Different Innovators

With SenselP, good IP protection is accessible to everyone, from solo inventors to large corporations and institutes.



Inventors

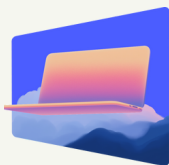
For solo innovators, a provisional patent protects your idea affordably. SenselP automates drafting to give you a professional, “patent pending” application at a fraction of the time and cost (compared with IP law firms).



Startups

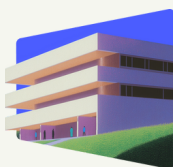
Startups can protect their inventions affordably with a provisional patent, making it easier to pitch to investors. The SenselP platform helps you secure IP protection quickly, ensuring your startup's ideas are protected while you develop and refine them.





R&D Teams

R&D teams can use provisional patents to secure priority dates for innovations across teams. This prevents competitors from filing similar inventions first. SenseIP's rapid submission and thorough research reduce legal costs and administrative burdens, helping companies innovate freely without IP concerns.



Universities & Research Institutes

Universities can use provisional patents to secure priority dates for innovations across teams. Thus preventing competitors from filing similar inventions first. SenseIP's rapid submission and thorough research reduce legal costs and administrative burdens, helping universities innovate freely without IP concerns, while increasing the institution's prestige, partnerships, and investments.



Provisional Patents and Non-Provisional Patents: The Next Step

For Sarah and other inventors, the provisional patent isn't the final goal; it's a stepping stone. Within 12 months, they should file a non-provisional patent to secure lasting IP rights. The good news? With SenseIP, transitioning from a provisional to a non-provisional patent is smooth, ensuring continuity and complete protection.

The non-provisional application includes detailed claims and formal documentation that USPTO examiners review. Without this step, your provisional patent will expire, and you'll lose the initial filing date.

"Law firms can't match the speed and precision of SenseIP! Beyond saving tens of thousands of dollars, the key benefit is the visibility and control over the patent process."

Lyron Bentovim, CEO, The Glimpse Group
NASDAQ-listed VR Company



Why Choose SenseIP?

SenseIP's platform makes filing a provisional patent fast, easy, and affordable, particularly for innovators seeking to avoid the high costs associated with traditional IP law firms. It increases prestige and the chances that companies will attract investors early on. Here's what makes SenseIP such a great choice:

- **Cost Savings:** No high fees. SenseIP is a fraction of the cost.
- **Speedy:** Gain "patent pending" status in minutes, not weeks.
- **Automated & Accurate Research:** In-depth, real-time, and continuous patent research and insights to strengthen applications without delays.
- **One-Click Submission:** Review, revise, and file in one place.

Take Control of Your Innovation.

Gain an Unfair Advantage.

In today's fast-paced market, IP knowledge isn't a luxury; it's a necessity. With SenseIP, you can protect your innovations quickly, affordably, and strategically without attorneys. Whether launching your first product or expanding a corporate IP portfolio, make IP part of your product development and business strategy, and watch your competitive advantage grow.



SenseIP's Value Proposition

Ideation & Patentability Assessment

Use AI to iterate and validate new ideas so that you develop the ideas with the greatest uniqueness and potential to succeed in the market.

Prior Art Search

Search global databases instantly to get all relevant and actionable findings. Then refine and strengthen your invention by making it more unique.

Freedom to Operate

Precise concept overlap mapping with a step by step conflict review. Continuous updates that quickly test variations until you reach a low-risk design, in minutes.

AI Patent Drafting

With a click, the platform immediately creates detailed, high-quality patent drafts. Gain clarity on what you are claiming without relying on law firms.



Provisional Patent Filing

With your detailed, ready-to-file application, click to file directly through the platform and secure your priority date. Get “Patent Pending” status in minutes.

Non Provisional Patent Filing

Protect your invention for 20 years with applications that exceed the quality of any attorney thanks to examiner simulations. Advance your business faster.

IP Portfolio Management

Track, strengthen, and get full AI analysis on your entire IP portfolio in one place. Get auto-generated tasks and reminders to keep you on track.

Want to give your ideas an unfair advantage?
Take a look at SenseIP's Provisional Patent module and make your ideas unstoppable.

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