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(April 4, 2008 – Medina, Ohio) Rhino Industries, the leader in Drop Down Spare Tire Carriers, has just been awarded U.S. Patent D562,206 on their most recent tire carrier design.

“Drop Down Spare Tire Carriers are getting a lot of attention lately as automotive OEM’s continually look to improve vehicle ergonomics,” said Dave Mueller, president of Rhino Industries, Inc. “This most recent patent was based on our 2nd generation H2 tire carrier design. It’s a drop in replacement for the factory tire carrier except that our design provides additional functionality.”

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Newbill		(45) Date of Patent: Feb. 19, 2008
(54) SPARE TIRE CARRIER ASSEMBLY	D469,725 S * 2/2003 Markon D12/202	
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Related U.S. Application Data		(57) CLAIM
(63) Continuation-in-part of application No. 11/688,781, filed on Mar. 20, 2007, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 10/784,654, filed on Feb. 23, 2004, now abandoned.	The ornamental design for a spare tire carrier assembly, as shown.	
(51) LOC (B) CL. 12-16	DESCRIPTION	
(52) U.S. CL. D12/202	FIG. 1 is a left front perspective view of a spare tire carrier assembly.	
(58) Field of Classification Search D12/202; 414/462-466, 400; 290/146.11; 352/496, 352/500, 505, 320, 42, 540-541; 224/518, 224/520, 509, 400, 488-489, 4228, 4221, 42, 23 See application file for complete search history.	FIG. 2 is a right front perspective view of the spare tire carrier assembly.	
(56) References Cited	FIG. 3 is a front side view of the spare tire carrier assembly.	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
D316,507 S * 9/1999 Ware D12/202	FIG. 4 is a back side view of spare tire carrier assembly.	
D424,005 S * 5/2000 Hony D12/202	FIG. 5 is a right side view of the spare tire carrier assembly.	
	FIG. 6 is a left side view of the spare tire carrier assembly.	
	FIG. 7 is top view of the spare tire carrier assembly; and,	
	FIG. 8 is bottom view of the spare tire carrier assembly.	
1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets		

The Drop Down Spare Tire Carrier is a patented spare tire carrier that raises and lowers a tire in excess of 165 lbs with an electric or manual actuator. It is designed to swing out 180-degrees in order to access the rear of a vehicle without obstruction.

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