

Motorola stops RAZR copycat in South Korea

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Motorola succeeded in stopping a South Korean manufacturer from making copycats of its popular RAZR handset model.

The U.S. mobile giant said it reached an agreement in a lawsuit filed in January against KBT Mobile for infringements of patents, trademarks and design. KBT will stop making and selling RAZR look-alikes as a result, Motorola said.

"We are very pleased that KBT has acknowledged Motorola's legitimate and protected rights to Motorola RAZR-related patents, trademarks and designs," Yvonne Verse, vice president of global intellectual-property management and licensing for Motorola's mobile devices business, said in a news release. "To create competitive advantage, Motorola invests extensive human and financial resources to bring compelling innovations to market. ... We are committed to protecting our investments -- and we are prepared to vigorously defend our innovations through enforcement of our intellectual property rights."

Motorola had filed the lawsuit in Korea against KBT Mobile under Korea's unfair competition prevention act. The act expressly prohibits the copying of another company's product designs.

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