TimeBinder.io

FREE CHECKLIST · INVENTORS & DEVELOPERS

Before you disclose, publish or hand over: a one-page checklist for inventors and developers

Date the exact notes, drawings and code before anyone else sees them

When to make a TimeBind

- Before you show an invention to a manufacturer, investor or collaborator.
- Before you open-source code, publish a paper or launch a campaign.
- Before a client or contractor receives a deliverable.
- At each key stage: notebook entries, test results, prototype photos, releases.

What to put in a TimeBind (up to 10 files)

- [ ] Notebook pages or sketches (scans or PDFs).
- [ ] CAD, drawings or 3D files for the current design.
- [ ] Prototype and test photos or video, and test data.
- [ ] A source archive or tagged release of the code (zip or tarball).
- [ ] The design document or README as it stands.
- [ ] A signed NDA, if you have one, and the pitch deck you will use.

Steps

1. Freeze the set. Zip a code release so the archive is a single exact file.
2. Drag the files into the TimeBinder app. The fingerprint is made in your browser; the files stay on your device.
3. Save the Proof of Time Certificate with the originals. Keep a backup.
4. Record in your notebook what the TimeBind covers and when you made it.
5. Disclose only after you have taken advice on what you may safely reveal.

Before you disclose

Public disclosure, including publishing or posting online, can affect patent options and grace periods differ by country. Speak to a patent attorney first. An NDA and a timestamp do different jobs.

WHAT IT SHOWS
These exact files existed no later than the recorded time and still match their fingerprints.

WHAT IT DOES NOT SHOW
Who invented or wrote anything, that it is novel or patentable, ownership, or any filing date with a patent office. It is not a substitute for a patent filing or for legal advice.

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