

# Discovery sues Amazon.com over Kindle patent

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(AP) -- Discovery Communications Inc. says the Kindle electronic book readers from Amazon.com Inc. violate a patent that Discovery registered in 2007. Discovery sued Amazon in Delaware on Tuesday.

Discovery spokeswoman Michelle Russo said the company is seeking "fair compensation" through damages, future [royalty payments](#) and legal fees but will not seek an injunction stopping sales of the [Kindle](#).

An Amazon.com spokeswoman declined to comment.

Discovery, which runs the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet cable TV networks, said Amazon.com was "willful" in infringing the [patent](#). Discovery says the patent covers the security of electronic book files.

Amazon.com shares were up 3.6 percent to \$69.40 in afternoon trading, while Discovery shares were up 9 cents at \$16.75.

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