

# U.S. Patent Awarded To Iron Sleek Backyard Rinks Manufacturer For Innovative New Bracket System

*Iron Sleek brackets are 100% steel supports designed specifically for Iron Sleek's backyard ice rink kits or any natural outdoor rink.*

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL, USA, June 15, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Iron Sleek](#), a manufacturer of backyard ice rink kits and ice rink liners, has been awarded a U.S. Patent for their "Iron Sleek Bracket." Patent Number 9022335 was awarded to the company on May 5, 2015 for their compact and versatile steel rink bracket.



Rink brackets hold the boards of [backyard rinks](#) in place. Iron Sleek's 100% steel brackets are extremely strong, which means they can be placed further apart than other types of brackets. This reduces the number of brackets required for a rink. In addition to these benefits, the brackets are easy to install and remain firm in the soil. One reason for the exceptional strength of the bracket system is that it acts as a ground spike with kicker to help prevent tipping and buckling due to ice pressure. A hinge allows the horizontal piece to fold up when not in use, making it easier to store.

"We are really proud of and excited about this patent. We started working on these brackets in 2012. We wanted a bracket that would stand up to the worst of winter weather all season long, even after heavy rink use, but it still had to be simple enough that the average homeowner could set up their own rink. What we came up with was this 100% steel bracket, which provides outstanding support, can be folded up for storage, and doesn't require any special skills or tools to install," explained [Michael Barbanente](#), Principal at Iron Sleek ([www.ironleek.com](http://www.ironleek.com)).

Iron Sleek's steel brackets are strong enough to support the force of the water and ice and contoured to grab the earth and stay in place. Brackets can even be added after the rink has been built or even while it is being filled with water. Trip hazards have been eliminated because the traditional cross member diagonal is not a required part of the steel bracket design. Iron Sleek rinks have build depths of up to 18", making them suitable for locations with up to 15" of pitch.

"Designing and perfecting a versatile, compact, easy-to-use bracket was the impetus for starting our company. This patent represents many years of hard work and is the ultimate reward. It means we have achieved our goal. Even better, along the way we ended up building a business that is respected among casual and serious rinkers alike and has brought the casual hockey game back to communities across the U.S. and Canada," said Matthew Randazzo, President at Iron Sleek.

The bracket patent isn't the only product the company is celebrating. This summer they expect to release a Poly-Steel board, which will provide backyard ice rinkers with a strong, durable alternative to the traditional wooden boards used in many rink kits.

Visit [www.ironstleek.com](http://www.ironstleek.com) to learn more about the company's products or to place an order.

About Iron Sleek: Iron Sleek is a full-service provided of backyard rinks, engineering and manufacturing the systems themselves. The company was founded by life-long friends who wanted to develop a better, easier way to build a backyard ice rink using an "Exact Bracket". The end result was "Iron Sleek" a compact, versatile, strong steel bracket that stores and ships efficiently, and eliminates the tripping hazard around the rink.

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