Defence and Counterclaim
(unspecified amount, non-money and return of goods claims)

- Fill in this form if you wish to dispute all or part of the claim and/or make a claim against the claimant (a counterclaim).
- You have a limited number of days to complete and return this form to the court.
- Before completing this form, please read the notes for guidance attached to the claim form.
- Please ensure that all the boxes at the top right of this form are completed. You can obtain the correct names and number from the claim form. The court cannot trace your case without this information.

How to fill in this form

- Set out your defence in section 1. If necessary continue on a separate piece of paper making sure that the claim number is clearly shown on it. In your defence you must state which allegations in the particulars of claim you deny and your reasons for doing so. If you fail to deny an allegation it may be taken that you admit it.
- If you dispute only some of the allegations you must
  - specify which you admit and which you deny; and
  - give your own version of events if different from the claimant's.
- If the claim is for money and you dispute the claimant's statement of value, you must say why and if possible give your own statement of value.

Name of court	
Claim No.	
Claimant (including ref.)	
Defendant	

- If you wish to make a claim against the claimant (a counterclaim) complete section 2.
- Complete and sign section 3 before returning this form.

Where to send this form

- send or take this form immediately to the court at the address given on the claim form.
- keep a copy of the claim form and the defence form.

Need help with your legal problems?

You may qualify for assistance from Civil Legal Advice (CLA) (this used to be called 'Legal Aid') to meet some or all of your legal costs. You can ask about the CLA at any county court office or contact Civil Legal Advice on www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice or call 0845 345 4345

Why not issue your claim online? It is cheap, efficient and quick. Please go to www.possessionclaim.gov.uk to find out more.

1. Defence

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Claim No.	

Defence (continued)

2. If you wish to make a claim against the claimant (a counterclaim)

- To start your counterclaim, you will have to pay a fee. Please refer to leaflet EX50 Civil and Family court fees.
- You may not be able to make a counterclaim where the claimant is the Crown (e.g. a Government Department). Ask at your local county court office for further information.

If your claim is for a specific sum of money, how much are you claiming? £

I enclose the counterclaim fee of £

My claim is for (please specify nature of claim)

What are your reasons for making the counterclaim?
If you need to continue on a separate sheet put the claim number in the top right hand corner.

Statement of truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

☐ **I believe** that the facts stated in this form and any attached sheets are true.

☐ **The defendant** believes that the facts stated in this form and any attached sheets are true. **I am authorised** by the defendant to sign this statement.

Signature

☐ Defendant

☐ Litigation friend (where claimant is a child or protected party)

☐ Defendant's legal representative (as defined by CPR 2.3(1))

Date

Day | Month | Year

Full name

Name of legal representative's firm

If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held

Claimant’s or claimant’s legal representative’s address to which documents should be sent.

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

If applicable

Phone number

DX number

Your Ref.

Email