

**Subject:** FW: egrips are great

**Date:** Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 8:15:57 AM Central Daylight Time

**From:** Fred Antonini

**To:** Cheryl Marshall, Matt Malone, Cindy Cox

Thanks so much Cindy for verifying that Bill Nye IS the Science Guy! I wrote him a short email you can read at the bottom and here is his reply.

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**From:** Bill Nye, Chief Scientist

**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2006 8:12 AM

**To:** Fred Antonini

**Cc:** Christine Sposari

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Dear Mr. Antonini,

I am very pleased indeed with e-grips. Before I had the appliques, I really didn't like my Treo phone, because it was as slippery as a pumpkin seed. I was constantly having it squirt out of my hand. It does all these cool things-- just don't touch it. I used to carry it in especially thick rubber cases of various designs. After a professor friend of mine at Cornell showed me his e-grips, I ordered a set. My relationship with the phone has changed. I can use it without having to worry where it's going to fall or slip while I'm trying to get it out of a pocket or off of a belt clip.

I will order another set soon for a friend of mine. I also put some generically shaped patches on my iPod. It's such a nice feature. I imagine you're trying to get Apple to put them on as Original Equipment. I look forward to the day. I envision made-for recesses incorporated in future iPods. and Macintosh computers. I imagine that some day Apple will make a cell-phone-iVideo-style device. Having, say, white or pink or green e-grips built in might become as much of a recognizable feature as the white earphones. Hope so...

The remarkable thing about the material is that it has so much grip, yet stays clean in everyday use. I show my e-grip-fitted phone off all the time. I like to place it on the back side of a laptop screen and see how steeply we can tilt it, before the e-grips start to slip. Nicely done. Best of luck with your patent.

Let's change the world,  
Bill Nye

P.S. Christine Sposari is my assistant. I'm sure she'll be delighted to read your very nice message. Thanks for being a fan.

On 25 May, 2006, at 4:20, Fred Antonini wrote:

Bill Nye,

I am honored that you have bought our product before and are now purchasing it again.

I developed the material in 2003 and the patent on the material should issue by the end of the year.

An Admirer,  
Fred Antonini