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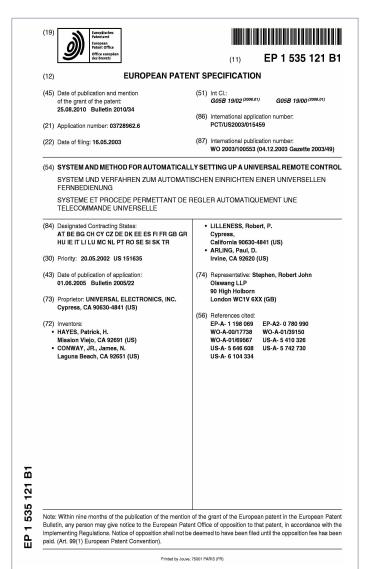








What is a patent?



- A legal title which grants the holder
 - the exclusive right to prevent others from making, using or offering for sale, selling or importing a product that infringes his patent without his authorisation
 - in countries for which the patent was granted
 - for a limited time (up to 20 years).
- In return for this protection, the holder has to disclose the invention to the public.
- Source : adaptation of EPO training material.

The role of the patent system

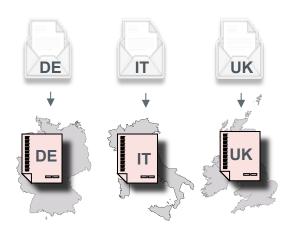
Pros (and cons)

- To encourage technological innovation / through greed?
- To promote competition and investment / through monopoly ?
- To provide information on the latest technical developments / despite / through minimal disclosure, legal wording and patent jargon ?
- To promote technology transfer / through patent thickets and trolls?

How to obtain patent protection in Europe 1/2

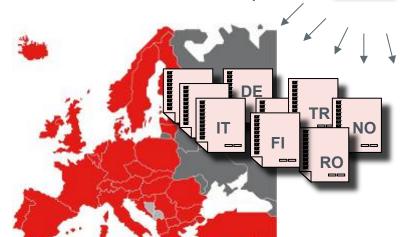
Option 1: The national route

- Separate procedures for each state
- Procedures differ according to national law



Option 2 / The regional route: European Patent Convention

- One application filed at one office for up to 40 states
- One procedure
- Applicant selects the desired states
- One European patent for up to 40 states
- Results in a bundle of national patents





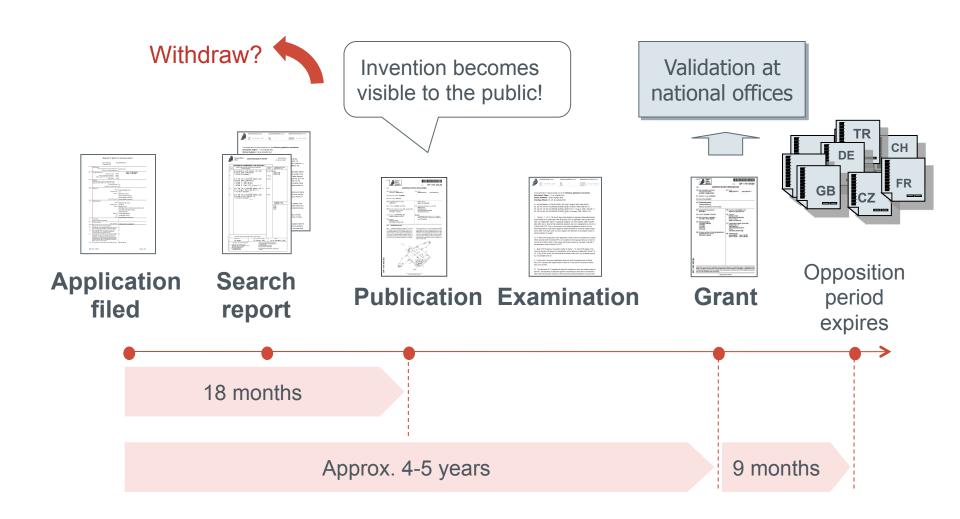
How to obtain patent protection in Europe 2/2

Option 3 / The international route: Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

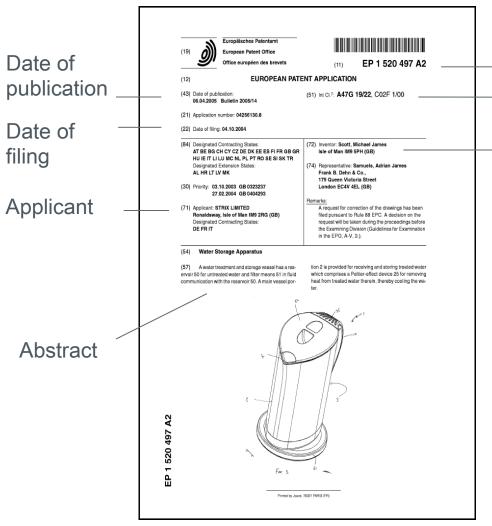
- One single application for up to 148 countries*
- Harmonisation of formal standards (language, patent agent, fees)
- Search report and opinion on patentability
- After 30-31 months, decision by applicant on which countries to proceed in.



The grant procedure before the EPO



What do patent documents look like?



Application number Technical class Inventor

Claims

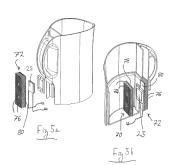
- A portable water treatment and storage vessel comprising:
 - a reservoir for untreated water;
 - filter means in fluid communication with said reservoir; and
 - a main vessel portion for receiving and storing treated water:

wherein said main vessel portion comprises electro-thermal cooling means for removing heat from the treated water therein, thereby cooling the water.

Claim(s)

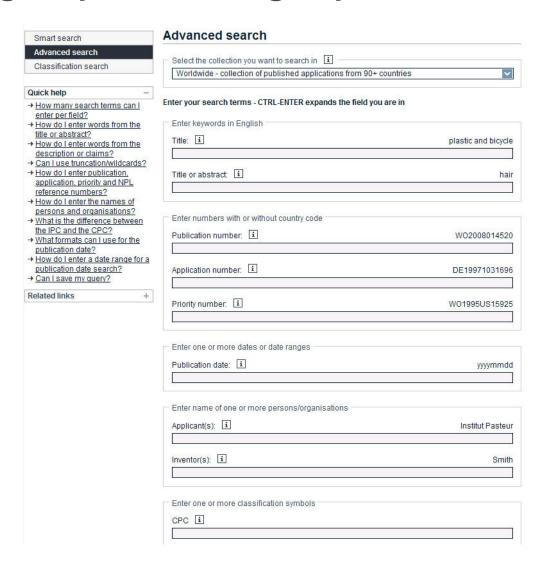


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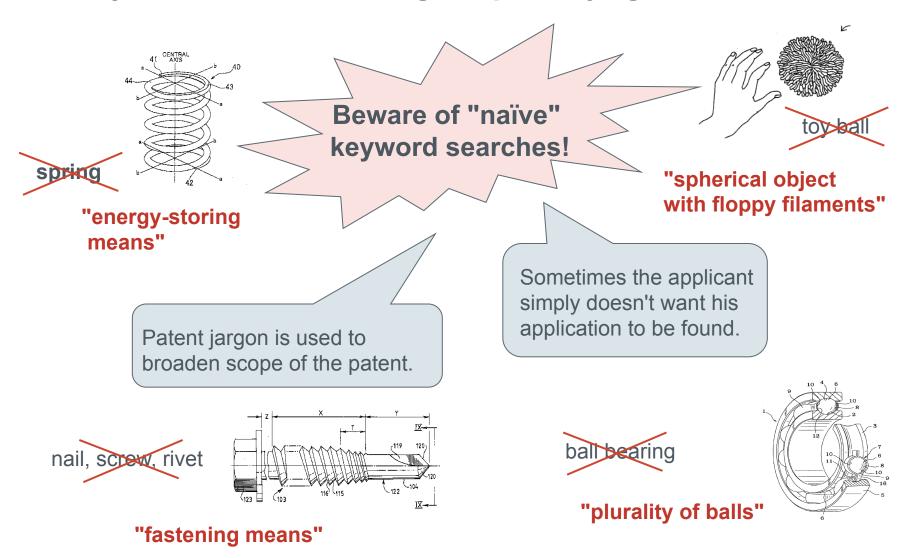


Drawing(s)

Searching for patents using Espacenet



Easy but a basic knowledge of patent jargon is needed!



Online access to Espacenet

- www.espacenet.com
- Specify the access gateway (EP)
- Go (rather) for the advanced search
- Choose (rather) the database worldwide as the collection you want to search in
- A nice « Help » is available (including tutorials), useful for boolean search and format for date range, number etc.

Patent Search using Espacenet

- Think consulting the original document and exploring Inpadoc patent families. Reminder: a family = priority patents (first filings) and extensions (geographical and other)
- Only the first 500 search results are displayed —> limit the time period and the offices
- Possibility to export selection of patents
- Compact / Load more results for export / Export (CSV | XLS)
- Possibility to analyze the patents using the IPC codes.
 'classification search' on the Espacenet site using the following concordance table « technologies IPC code ». The corresponding pdf document (in the Risis Patent training Dropbox folder) can be searched with lexical queries.

Concordance IPC / champs technologiques – Classification WIPO 1

Field of Technology	International Patent Classification (IPC) Symbols
I - Electrical engineering	
Electrical machinery, apparatus,	F21#, H01B, H01C, H01F, H01G, H01H, H01J, H01K, H01M, H01R, H01T, H02#,
energy	H05B, H05C, H05F, H99Z
Audio-visual technology	G09F, G09G, G11B, H04N-003, H04N-005, H04N-009, H04N-013, H04N-015,
	H04N-017, H04R, H04S, H05K
Telecommunications	G08C, H01P, H01Q, H04B, H04H, H04J, H04K, H04M, H04N-001, H04N-007,
	H04N-011, H04Q
Digital communication	H04L
Basic communication processes	H03#
Computer technology	(G06# not G06Q), G11C, G10L
IT methods for management	G06Q
Semiconductors	H01L

II - Instruments	
Optics	G02#, G03B, G03C, G03D, G03F, G03G, G03H, H01S
Measurement	G01B, G01C, G01D, G01F, G01G, G01H, G01J, G01K, G01L, G01M,
	(G01N not G01N-033), G01P, G01R, G01S; G01V, G01W, G04#, G12B, G99Z
Analysis of biological materials	G01N-033
Control	G05B, G05D, G05F, G07#, G08B, G08G, G09B, G09C, G09D
Medical technology	A61B, A61C, A61D, A61F, A61G, A61H, A61J, A61L, A61M, A61N, H05G

Concordance IPC / champs technologiques – Classification WIPO 2

III - Chemistry	
Organic fine chemistry	(C07B, C07C, C07D, C07F, C07H, C07J, C40B) not A61K, A61K-008, A61Q
Biotechnology	(C07G, C07K, C12M, C12N, C12P, C12Q, C12R, C12S) not A61K
Pharmaceuticals	A61K not A61K-008
Macromolecular chemistry, polymers	C08B, C08C, C08F, C08G, C08H, C08K, C08L
Food chemistry	A01H, A21D, A23B, A23C, A23D, A23F, A23G, A23J, A23K, A23L, C12C, C12F,
	C12G, C12H, C12J, C13D, C13F, C13J, C13K
Basic materials chemistry	A01N, A01P, C05#, C06#, C09B, C09C, C09F, C09G, C09H, C09K, C09D, C09J,
	C10B, C10C, C10F, C10G, C10H, C10J, C10K, C10L, C10M, C10N, C11B, C11C,
	C11D, C99Z
Materials, metallurgy	C01#, C03C, C04#, C21#, C22#, B22#
Surface technology, coating	B05C, B05D, B32#, C23#, C25#, C30#
Micro-structural and nano-technology	B81#, B82#
Chemical engineering	B01B, B01D-000#, B01D-01##, B01D-02##, B01D-03##, B01D-041, B01D-043,
	B01D-057, B01D-059, B01D-06##, B01D-07##, B01F, B01J, B01L, B02C, B03#, B04#,
	B05B, B06B, B07#, B08#, D06B, D06C, D06L, F25J, F26#, C14C, H05H
Environmental technology	A62D, B01D-045, B01D-046, B01D-047, B01D-049, B01D-050, B01D-051, B01D-052,
	B01D-053, B09#, B65F, C02#, F01N, F23G, F23J, G01T, E01F-008, A62C

Concordance IPC / champs technologiques – Classification WIPO 3

IV - Mechanical engineering	
Handling	B25J, B65B, B65C, B65D, B65G, B65H, B66#, B67#
Machine tools	B21#, B23#, B24#, B26D, B26F, B27#, B30#, B25B, B25C, B25D, B25F, B25G, B25H,
	B26B
Engines, pumps, turbines	F01B, F01C, F01D, F01K, F01L, F01M, F01P, F02#, F03#, F04#, F23R, G21#, F99Z
Textile and paper machines	A41H, A43D, A46D, C14B, D01#, D02#, D03#, D04B, D04C, D04G, D04H, D05#,
	D06G, D06H, D06J, D06M, D06P, D06Q, D99Z, B31#, D21#, B41#
Other special machines	A01B, A01C, A01D, A01F, A01G, A01J, A01K, A01L, A01M, A21B, A21C, A22#,
	A23N, A23P, B02B, C12L, C13C, C13G, C13H, B28#, B29#, C03B, C08J, B99Z, F41#,
	F42#
Thermal processes and apparatus	F22#, F23B, F23C, F23D, F23H, F23K, F23L, F23M, F23N, F23Q, F24#, F25B, F25C,
	F27#, F28#
Mechanical elements	F15#, F16#, F17#, G05G
Transport	B60#, B61#, B62#, B63B, B63C, B63G, B63H, B63J, B64#

V - Other fields	
Furniture, games	A47#, A63#
Other consumer goods	A24#, A41B, A41C, A41D, A41F, A41G, A42#, A43B, A43C, A44#, A45#, A46B,
	A62B, B42#, B43#, D04D, D07#, G10B, G10C, G10D, G10F, G10G, G10H, G10K,
	B44#, B68#, D06F, D06N, F25D, A99Z
Civil engineering	E02#, E01B, E01C, E01D, E01F-001, E01F-003, E01F-005, E01F-007, E01F-009,
	E01F-01#, E01H, E03#, E04#, E05#, E06#, E21#, E99Z