

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****B42F****SHEETS TEMPORARILY ATTACHED TOGETHER; FILING****APPLIANCES; FILE CARDS; INDEXING** ([reading desks A47B 19/00](#); [book rests A47B 23/00](#))**NOTE**

The words "filing appliance" in this subclass mean holders for collections of papers, sheets, cards, or units thereof, each paper, sheet, card, or unit being individually insertable and extractable. These words may thus include a calendar, an instruction manual, or a letter file

Guidance heading: Sheets temporarily attached together; Means therefor; Albums**B42F 1/00** Sheets temporarily attached together without perforating; Means therefor

- B42F 1/003 . {Devices for applying fasteners, e.g. clips, to bundles of sheets }
- B42F 1/006 . {Fasteners comprising two co-operating jaws closed by spring action and that can be manually opened, e.g. clamps }
- B42F 1/02 . Paper-clips or like fasteners ([B42F 1/12 takes precedence](#))
- B42F 1/04 . . . metallic
- B42F 1/06 . . . of flat cross-section, {e.g. made of a piece of metal sheet }
- B42F 1/08 . . . of round cross-section, {e.g. made of wire }
- B42F 1/10 . . non-metallic
- B42F 1/12 . Means for attaching together sheet corners exclusively

B42F 3/00 Sheets temporarily attached together involving perforations; Means therefor; Sheet details therefor ([staples, fasteners in general F16B](#))

- B42F 3/003 . {Perforated or punched sheets }
- B42F 3/006 . . {with edge reinforcing means }
- B42F 3/02 . Attachment by means of bifurcated form
- B42F 3/04 . Attachment means of ring, finger or claw form ([ring files B42F 13/16](#); [using such means for permanent attachment B42B 5/08](#))
- B42F 3/06 . Attachment means of coiled form

B42F 5/00 Sheets and objects temporarily attached together; Means therefor; Albums ([bookbinding aspects of albums B42D 1/08](#); [advertising or display aspects G09](#))

- B42F 5/005 . {Albums for record carriers, e.g. for disc records }

- B42F 5/02 . Stamp or like filing arrangements in albums
- B42F 5/04 . . with transparent pockets
- B42F 5/06 . Corner-holding devices, e.g. for photographs

Guidance heading: Filing appliances

B42F 7/00 **Filing appliances without fastening means** ([B42F 17/00](#) takes precedence; suspension files [B42F 15/00](#); wallets, notecases, briefcases [A45C](#) , e.g. [A45C 1/00](#); furniture features [A47B](#) , [A47F](#) ; envelopes [B65D](#) , e.g. [B65D 27/00](#))

- B42F 7/02 . { Filing appliances comprising only one pocket or compartment, e.g. } single gusseted pockets
- B42F 7/025 . . {made of transparent material }
- B42F 7/04 . Covers with retention means
- B42F 7/06 . { Filing appliances comprising a plurality of pockets or compartments, e.g. } portfolios or cases with a plurality of compartments ([indexing features B42F 21/00](#))
- B42F 7/065 . . {made of transparent material }
- B42F 7/08 . . expandible
- B42F 7/10 . Trays
- B42F 7/12 . . Stacked trays
- B42F 7/14 . Boxes ([box features in general B65D](#))
- B42F 7/145 . . {for vertically storing documents }

B42F 9/00 **Filing appliances with devices clamping file edges; Covers with clamping backs** ([B42F 13/00](#), [B42F 17/00](#) take precedence)

- B42F 9/001 . {Clip boards }
- B42F 9/002 . . {combined with auxiliary devices, e.g. pencils }
- B42F 9/004 . . . {with illuminating means }
- B42F 9/005 . . . {with auxiliary filing means }
- B42F 9/007 . {with sliding clamping means }
- B42F 9/008 . {with symmetrical generally U-shaped clamps }

B42F 11/00 **Filing appliances with separate intermediate holding means** ([B42F 17/00](#) takes precedence; with adhesive strips for mounting papers or sheets [B42D 1/10](#))

- B42F 11/02 . engaging folds { ([B42F 11/04](#) takes precedence) }
- B42F 11/04 . magnetic

B42F 13/00 **Filing appliances with means for engaging perforations or slots** ([B42F 17/00](#) takes

precedence; indexing features [B42F 21/00](#))

- B42F 13/0006 . {Covers for loose-leaf binders (book covers [B42D 3/00](#)) }
- B42F 13/0013 .. {made of special materials }
- B42F 13/002 .. {with hinges }
- B42F 13/0026 .. {with locks or closures }
- B42F 13/0033 .. {with two or more filing appliances (books with two or more sets of sheets [B42D 1/001](#)) }
- B42F 13/004 .. { Devices for protecting or reinforcing covers, e.g. edges or corners (attaching said devices [B42C 7/007](#)) }
- B42F 13/0046 ... {against ring damage }
- B42F 13/0053 .. {Indexing means on file covers }
- B42F 13/006 ... {applied on the back of file covers }
- B42F 13/0066 .. {with means for attaching the filing appliance to the cover }
- B42F 13/0073 ... {removable }
- B42F 13/008 .. {Slots or openings in covers for rings }
- B42F 13/0086 .. {Auxiliary ring supports on covers }
- B42F 13/0093 . {Binding devices co-operating with corner or back cut-outs of the stack }
- B42F 13/02 . with flexible or resilient means { (with flexible or resilient claws or rings [B42F 13/165](#)) }
- B42F 13/04 .. with cords, coils, or chains
- B42F 13/06 .. with strips or bands
- B42F 13/08 ... of metal
- B42F 13/10 ... of plastic
- B42F 13/12 . with pillars, posts, rods, or tubes ([B42F 13/30](#) takes precedence)
- B42F 13/14 .. with clamping or locking means ([pressure bars B42F 13/36](#))
- B42F 13/16 . with claws or rings ([B42F 13/30](#) takes precedence; for permanent binding [B42B 5/08](#))
- B42F 13/165 .. { with flexible or resilient claws or rings (using comb-like elements for permanent binding [B42B 5/10](#); using coils for permanent binding [B42B 5/12](#)) }
- B42F 13/18 .. on two bars relatively movable longitudinally
- B42F 13/20 .. pivotable about an axis or axes parallel to binding edges
- B42F 13/22 ... in two sections engaging each other when closed
- B42F 13/24 wherein one section is in the form of fixed rods
- B42F 13/26 and locked when so engaged, e.g. snap-action
- B42F 13/28 ... in two staggered sections
- B42F 13/30 . having a set of rods within a set of tubes for a substantial distance when closed
- B42F 13/32 .. the nesting portions of the rods and tubes being straight
- B42F 13/34 ... with the rods locking in the tubes
- B42F 13/36 . Locking followers; Pressure bars

- B42F 13/38 . Expansible cover splines { or spines }
- B42F 13/40 . combined or formed with other articles, e.g. punches, stands
- B42F 13/402 .. {enabling the cover to be positioned upright (for books [B42D 3/126](#)) }
- B42F 13/404 .. {with punches }
- B42F 13/406 .. {with means for holding pencils }
- B42F 13/408 .. {with sheet rests or sheet lifters }
- B42F 13/42 . Content transfer devices; Converting into permanent binders
- B42F 15/00** **Suspended filing appliances** (indexing features [B42F 21/00](#); hanging of books, newspapers or the like [B42D 17/00](#); {manufacturing suspended files [B42C 7/001](#) })
- B42F 15/0005 . {for record carriers, e.g. for disc records }
- B42F 15/0011 . {for sheets, stacks of temporarily bound sheets }
- B42F 15/0017 .. {for filing individual loose sheets }
- B42F 15/0023 ... {with single suspension means }
- B42F 15/0029 {suspended in the middle }
- B42F 15/0035 {suspended at both extremities }
- B42F 15/0041 {suspended at other than the middle and the extremity }
- B42F 15/0047 ... {with two ore more of suspension means }
- B42F 15/0052 .. {for suspending stacks of temporarily bound sheets }
- B42F 15/0058 ... {with fixed suspension means }
- B42F 15/0064 ... {with movable suspension means }
- B42F 15/007 . {Support structures for suspended files (hanging large drawings [B42F 15/06](#)) }
- B42F 15/0076 .. {rotatable around a vertical axis }
- B42F 15/0082 .. {with a fixed support }
- B42F 15/0088 ... {with access from the side }
- B42F 15/0094 ... {with access from above }
- B42F 15/02 . in concertina form
- B42F 15/023 .. {joined from above }
- B42F 15/026 .. {joined on the side }
- B42F 15/04 . Backs or the like therefor
- B42F 15/06 . for hanging large drawings or the like
- B42F 15/063 .. {with two sets of rods }
- B42F 15/066 .. {for hanging a single drawing, e.g. with self-locking means }
- B42F 17/00** **Card-filing arrangements, e.g. card indexes or catalogues or filing cabinets** (indexing features [B42F 21/00](#); furniture features [A47B](#) , [A47F](#))
- B42F 17/02 . in which the cards are stored substantially at right angles to the bottom of their

containers

- B42F 17/04 . . the cards being staggered sideways ([with means for staggering cards already in the file B42F 17/32](#))
- B42F 17/06 . . with separable or loose card separating means
- B42F 17/08 . . Construction of the containers, e.g. trays or drawers
- B42F 17/10 . . . Hinged walls
- B42F 17/12 . . . Dividing means
- B42F 17/14 . . . Locking followers
- B42F 17/16 . . . with card-retaining means
- B42F 17/18 . in which the cards are stored in a flat position
- B42F 17/20 . . and are pivotable relative to the bottom of their containers
- B42F 17/22 . . . Connections between the cards and their containers
- B42F 17/24 . . . Special adaptations for use of index strips
- B42F 17/26 . . . Stands for the containers
- B42F 17/28 . in the form of endless bands or revolving drums
- B42F 17/30 . modified for particular uses
- B42F 17/32 . with means for staggering cards already in the file
- B42F 17/34 . with card selection means, e.g. telephone number list finders ([selecting devices for data cards G06K 21/00](#))
- B42F 17/343 . . {with sliding movement of selected cards }
- B42F 17/346 . . {with pivoting movement of selected cards }

B42F 19/00 **File cards** ([B42F 21/00](#) takes precedence; punched cards for information retrieval, e.g. for manual use, [G06K 21/00](#))

- B42F 19/02 . folded
- B42F 19/04 . with receptacles or other holding devices

B42F 21/00 **Indexing means; Indexing tabs or protectors therefor**

- B42F 21/02 . Tabs integral with sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files
- B42F 21/025 . . {for suspension files }
- B42F 21/04 . Tabs permanently fastened to sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files
- B42F 21/045 . . {for suspension files }
- B42F 21/06 . Tabs detachably mounted on sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files
- B42F 21/065 . . {for suspension files }
- B42F 21/08 . . in one of a number of predetermined positions
- B42F 21/10 . . . represented by slits

B42F 21/12

- . Sheets, papers, or cards having edges cut away to facilitate indexing, e.g. thumb cuts on books

B42F 23/00

Filing appliances not provided for in other groups of this subclass