

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F21S****NON-PORTABLE LIGHTING DEVICES OR SYSTEMS THEREOF ( burners [F23D](#) )****NOTE**

1. This subclass covers devices or systems intended for fixed installation, e.g. vehicle lighting, or for use at a permanent location, e.g. free-standing floor- or table-lamps.
2. This subclass does not cover devices or systems specially adapted for transportation, which are covered by subclass [F21L](#).
3. Non-electric lighting devices or systems are classified in groups [F21S 11/00](#) to [F21S 15/00](#) only if a special adaptation related to the use of a non-electric light source is of interest.

**Guidance heading:** Electric lighting**F21S 2/00** Systems of lighting devices, not provided for in main groups [F21S 4/00](#) to [F21S 10/00](#) or [F21S 19/00](#), e.g. of modular construction

F21S 2/005 . { of modular construction }

**F21S 4/00** Lighting devices or systems using a string or strip of light sources

F21S 4/001 . { using a string of light sources, i.e. lighting devices or systems where the light sources are supported by loose electric cables, e.g. Christmas tree lights }

F21S 4/002 .. { the strings forming a grid, net or web structure }

F21S 4/003 . { using a strip of light sources, i.e. lighting devices or systems where the light sources are supported on a linear support }

F21S 4/005 .. { the lighting device being flexible or deformable, e.g. into a curved shape }

F21S 4/006 ... { the lighting device being a LED tape }

F21S 4/007 ... { the lighting device being a LED rope light }

F21S 4/008 .. { the lighting device being rigid or comprising an elongated rigid housing, e.g. LED bars }

**F21S 6/00** Lighting devices intended to be free-standing ( [F21S 9/00](#), [F21S 10/00](#), { [F21S 13/12](#) } take precedence ) { lighting devices specially adapted to be transported from place to place, e.g. lighting devices carried on wheeled supports [F21L](#); details of supports for lighting devices [F21V 21/00](#) }F21S 6/001 . { being candle-shaped ( with varying lighting effect of simulating flames [F21S 10/04](#); string of light sources [F21S 4/00](#) ) }

F21S 6/002 . { Table lamps, e.g. for ambient lighting }

F21S 6/003 .. { for task lighting, e.g. for reading or desk work, e.g. angle poise lamps }

- F21S 6/004 . { with a lamp housing in direct contact with the floor or ground }
- F21S 6/005 . { with a lamp housing maintained at a distance from the floor or ground via a support, e.g. standing lamp for ambient lighting }
- F21S 6/006 .. { for direct lighting only, e.g. task lighting }
- F21S 6/007 .. { for indirect lighting only, e.g. torchiere with reflector bowl directed towards ceiling }
- F21S 6/008 .. { with a combination of direct and indirect lighting }

**F21S 8/00** **Lighting devices intended for fixed installation** ( [F21S 9/00](#) , [F21S 10/00](#) take precedence; using a string or strip of light sources [F21S 4/00](#) )

- F21S 8/003 . { Searchlights, i.e. outdoor lighting device producing powerful beam of parallel rays, e.g. for military or attraction purposes ( searchlights mounted on a vehicle [B60Q 1/24](#) ) }
- F21S 8/006 . { Solar simulators, e.g. for testing photovoltaic panels }
- F21S 8/02 . of recess-mounted type, e.g. downlighters ( [F21S 8/10](#) takes precedence; { details of recessed bases [F21V 21/04](#) } )
- F21S 8/022 .. { intended to be recessed in a floor or like ground surface, e.g. pavement or false floor }
- F21S 8/024 .. { intended to be recessed in a wall or like vertical structure, e.g. building facade }
- F21S 8/026 .. { intended to be recessed in a ceiling or like overhead structure, e.g. suspended ceiling }
- F21S 8/028 .. { being retractable, i.e. having two fixed positions, one recessed, e.g. in a wall, floor or ceiling, and one extended when in use }
- F21S 8/03 . { of surface-mounted type ( [F21S 8/02](#) , [F21S 8/04](#) take precedence; details of wall or floor bases [F21V 21/02](#) ) }

**WARNING**

Group [F21S 8/03](#) does not correspond to former or future IPC groups.  
Correspondence CPC : IPC for this group is as following: - [F21S 8/03](#) :  
[F21S 8/00](#)

- F21S 8/031 .. { the device consisting essentially only of a light source holder with an exposed light source, e.g. a fluorescent tube }
- F21S 8/032 .. { the surface being a floor or like ground surface, e.g. pavement }
- F21S 8/033 .. { the surface being a wall or like vertical structure, e.g. building facade }
- F21S 8/035 ... { by means of plugging into a wall outlet, e.g. night light }
- F21S 8/036 ... { by means of a rigid support, e.g. bracket or arm }
- F21S 8/037 ... { for mounting in a corner, i.e. between adjacent walls or wall and ceiling }
- F21S 8/038 .. { intended to be mounted on a light track ( suspended from a light track [F21S 8/066](#) ; details of supporting elements displaceable along a guiding element [F21V 21/34](#) ) }
- F21S 8/04 . intended only for mounting on a ceiling or the like overhead structures ( [F21S 8/02](#) takes precedence; { details of ceiling bases [F21V 21/03](#) } )
- F21S 8/043 .. { mounted by means of a rigid support, e.g. bracket or arm }

- F21S 8/046 . . { having multiple lighting devices, e.g. connected to a common ceiling base }
- F21S 8/06 . . by suspension
- F21S 8/061 . . . { with a non-rigid pendant, i.e. a cable, wire or chain }
- F21S 8/063 . . . { with a rigid pendant, i.e. a pipe or rod }
- F21S 8/065 . . . { multi-branched, e.g. a chandelier }
- F21S 8/066 . . . { from a light track ( details of supporting elements displaceable along a guiding element [F21V 21/34](#) ) }
- F21S 8/068 . . . { from a stretched wire }
  
- F21S 8/08 . with a standard { ( [F21S 6/00](#) takes precedence ) }
- F21S 8/081 . . { of low-built type, e.g. landscape light }
- F21S 8/083 . . . { of bollard type, i.e. with lighting fixture integrated into the standard or mounted on top of it and having substantially the same diameter }
- F21S 8/085 . . { of high-built type, e.g. street light }
- F21S 8/086 . . . { with lighting device attached sideways of the standard, e.g. for roads and highways }
- F21S 8/088 . . . { with lighting device mounted on top of the standard, e.g. for pedestrian zones }
  
- F21S 8/10 . specially adapted for vehicles

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- F21S 8/12 . . providing single shaped beams or asymmetric beams, e.g. for penetrating fog or for preventing glare

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## **F21S 9/00      Lighting devices with a built-in power supply ; Systems employing lighting devices with a built-in power supply**

- F21S 9/02 . the power supply being a battery or accumulator
- F21S 9/022 . . { Emergency lighting devices }
- F21S 9/024 . . . { using a supplementary light source for emergency lighting }
- F21S 9/026 . . { rechargeable by using wind power, e.g. using wind turbines }
- F21S 9/028 . . { rechargeable by using hydropower, e.g. using water powered turbines }
- F21S 9/03 . . rechargeable by exposure to light
- F21S 9/032 . . . { the solar unit being separate from the lighting unit }
- F21S 9/035 . . . { the solar unit being integrated within the support for the lighting unit, e.g. within or on a pole }
- F21S 9/037 . . . { the solar unit and the lighting unit being located within or on the same housing }

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- F21S 9/04 . the power supply being a generator
- F21S 9/043 . . { driven by wind power, e.g. by wind turbines }
- F21S 9/046 . . { driven by hydropower, e.g. by water powered turbines }

## **F21S 10/00 Lighting devices or systems producing a varying lighting effect**

- F21S 10/002 . { using liquids, e.g. water ( [F21S 8/00P7](#) takes precedence ) }
- F21S 10/005 . { using light guides ( light guides specially adapted for lighting devices [G02B 6/0001](#) ) }
- F21S 10/007 . { using rotating transparent or colored disks, e.g. gobo wheels }
- F21S 10/02 . changing colors { ( [F21S 10/002](#) to [F21S 10/007](#) , [F21S 10/04](#) take precedence ) }
- F21S 10/023 . . { by selectively switching fixed light sources }
- F21S 10/026 . . { by movement of parts, e.g. by movement of reflectors or light sources ( [F21S 10/007](#) takes precedence ) }
- F21S 10/04 . simulating flames
- F21S 10/043 . . { by selectively switching fixed light sources }
- F21S 10/046 . . { by movement of parts, e.g. by movement of reflectors or light sources }
- F21S 10/06 . flashing, e.g. with rotating reflector or light source { ( signalling lighting devices mounted on vehicles [B60Q 1/26](#) ) }
- F21S 10/063 . . { for providing a rotating light effect }
- F21S 10/066 . . . { by selectively switching fixed light sources }

## **Guidance heading: Non-electric lighting**

- F21S 11/00 Non-electric lighting devices or systems using daylight { ( roofs with sky-light opening [E04D 13/03](#) ; sun blinds for windows with means for redirecting light onto ceiling of a room [E06B 9/00](#) ; hybrid lighting devices combining artificial and natural light [F21S 19/00](#) ; solar heat collectors [F24J 2/00](#) ; solar cells or solar cell modules [H01L 31/00](#) ) }**
- F21S 11/002 . { characterised by the means for collecting or concentrating the sunlight, e.g. parabolic reflectors or Fresnel lenses }
- F21S 11/005 . . { with tracking means for following the position of the sun }
- F21S 11/007 . { characterised by the means for transmitting light into the interior of a building }
- F21S 13/00 Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing a point-like light source ( candle holders [F21V 35/00](#) ) ; Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing a light source of unspecified shape**
- F21S 13/02 . Devices intended to be fixed, e.g. ceiling lamp, wall lamp
- F21S 13/04 . . with a pendant

F21S 13/06	. . . multi-branched, e.g. chandelier
F21S 13/08	. . with suspension from a stretched wire
F21S 13/10	. . with a standard, e.g. street lamp
F21S 13/12	. Devices intended to be free-standing, e.g. table lamp, floor lamp
F21S 13/14	. Lighting systems
<b>F21S 15/00</b>	<b>Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing light sources not covered by main groups <a href="#">F21S 11/00</a> , <a href="#">F21S 13/00</a> or <a href="#">F21S 19/00</a></b>

#### Guidance heading:

<b>F21S 2017/00</b>	<b>Details solely applicable to the devices covered by groups <a href="#">F21S 13/00</a> and <a href="#">F21S 15/00</a></b>
F21S 2017/02	. Fastening and lifting of the lamp-glass
<b>F21S 19/00</b>	<b>Lighting devices or systems employing combinations of electric and non-electric light sources ; Replacing or exchanging electric light sources with non-electric light sources or vice-versa</b>
F21S 19/005	. { Combining sunlight and electric light sources for indoor illumination }
<b>F21S 48/00</b>	{ Lighting devices or systems specially adapted for vehicles ( arrangements or adaptations for ships or waterborne vessels <a href="#">B63B 45/00</a> ) }

#### **WARNING**

Groups [F21S 48/00](#) to [F21S 48/34](#) do not correspond to former or current IPC groups. Concordance CPC : IPC for these groups is as follows: - [F21S 48/00](#) - [F21S 48/34](#) : [F21S 8/10](#)

F21S 48/10	. { Headlamps }
F21S 48/11	. . { characterised by the light source }
F21S 48/1104	. . . { Attachment of light sources; Lamp holders; Terminals or connectors therefor ( <a href="#">F21S 48/1742</a> takes precedence ) }
F21S 48/1109	. . . . { Details of lamp holders, terminals or connectors ( mounting of a ballast for a high intensity discharge lamp on the housing wall of a headlamp <a href="#">B60Q</a> ) }
F21S 48/1113	. . . . { Bayonet attachments }
F21S 48/1118	. . . . { Wire spring attachments }
F21S 48/1122	. . . . { Snap-fit attachments }
F21S 48/1127	. . . { Type of emitted light }
F21S 48/1131	. . . . { Colored light }
F21S 48/1136	. . . . { Ultraviolet (UV) or infrared (IR) light }
F21S 48/114	. . . . { Polarized light }

F21S 48/1145	...	{ Type of light source }
F21S 48/115	....	{ Light emitting diodes (LEDs) }
F21S 48/1154	.....	{ the main emission direction of the LED being parallel to the optical axis of the headlamp }
F21S 48/1159	.....	{ the main emission direction of the LED being angled to the optical axis of the headlamp }
F21S 48/1163	.....	{ Surface emitters, e.g. OLEDs }
F21S 48/1168	....	{ Incandescent light sources, e.g. filament or halogen lamps }
F21S 48/1172	.....	{ having two or more filaments }
F21S 48/1177	.....	{ characterised by the shape of the filament }
F21S 48/1181	.....	{ having a filament being arranged transversally to the optical axis of the headlamp }
F21S 48/1186	....	{ High intensity discharge (HID) light source }
F21S 48/119	....	{ Fluorescent, elongated light source }
F21S 48/1195	....	{ Combination of light sources of different types or shapes }
F21S 48/12	..	{ characterised by refractors, transparent cover plates or filters }
F21S 48/1208	...	{ Attachment of refractors, transparent cover plates or filters ( <a href="#">F21S 48/1721</a> takes precedence ) }
F21S 48/1216	....	{ specially adapted to projection lenses }
F21S 48/1225	...	{ Type of refractor, transparent cover plates or filters }
F21S 48/1233	....	{ Cover glass }
F21S 48/1241	....	{ Light guides ( <a href="#">light guides per se G02B 6/0001</a> ) }
F21S 48/125	....	{ Projection lenses }
F21S 48/1258	.....	{ Lenses with a circular or truncated circular outline, when seen from the front }
F21S 48/1266	.....	{ Elongated lenses }
F21S 48/1275	.....	{ Composite lenses; Lenses with a patch like shape }
F21S 48/1283	.....	{ Lens surfaces, e.g. coatings, surface structures }
F21S 48/1291	.....	{ Thick lenses for providing the final automotive light distribution }
F21S 48/13	..	{ characterised by reflectors }
F21S 48/1305	...	{ Attachment of reflectors ( <a href="#">F21S 48/1757</a> takes precedence ) }
F21S 48/1311	....	{ specially adapted to extension reflectors }
F21S 48/1317	...	{ Optical design }
F21S 48/1323	....	{ the reflector being a surface of revolution or a planar surface, e.g. truncated }
F21S 48/1329	....	{ the reflector using total internal reflection }
F21S 48/1335	....	{ the reflector having two perpendicular cross sections having regular geometrical curves of a distinct nature }
F21S 48/1341	....	{ the reflector consisting of complete annular areas }
F21S 48/1347	.....	{ with continuity at the junction between adjacent areas }
F21S 48/1352	.....	{ with discontinuity at the junction between adjacent areas }
F21S 48/1358	....	{ the reflector consisting of patch like sectors }
F21S 48/1364	.....	{ with continuity at the junction between adjacent areas }
F21S 48/137	.....	{ with discontinuity at the junction between adjacent areas }

F21S 48/1376	....	{ the reflector having a structured surface, e.g. with facets or corrugations }
F21S 48/1382	....	{ the reflector having surface portions added to its general concavity }
F21S 48/1388	....	{ Combination of two or more reflectors }
F21S 48/1394	...	{ Material, surface treatment or coating of the reflector }
F21S 48/14	..	{ characterised by screens, non-reflecting members, light-shielding members or fixed shades }
F21S 48/142	...	{ Attachment thereof ( <a href="#">F21S 48/1768</a> takes precedence ) }
F21S 48/145	...	{ Details of the shape of screens, non-reflecting members, light-shielding members or fixed shades }
F21S 48/147	....	{ Hoods or cap-shaped }
F21S 48/15	..	{ characterised by aesthetical components or components other than light sources, reflectors, refractors or screens, e.g. partition walls, covers, decorative trims }
F21S 48/155	...	{ Attachment thereof }
F21S 48/17	..	{ characterised by a variable light distribution }
F21S 48/1705	...	{ Light distributions being switched }
F21S 48/171	....	{ between right and left traffic side }
F21S 48/1715	...	{ by acting on refractors, filters or transparent cover plates }
F21S 48/1721	....	{ by moving refractors, filters or transparent cover plates }
F21S 48/1726	....	{ by changing the light transmissivity of the refractors, filters or transparent cover plates }
F21S 48/1731	.....	{ by electro-optic means, e.g. liquid crystal or electrochromic devices }
F21S 48/1736	...	{ by acting on light sources }
F21S 48/1742	....	{ by moving light sources }
F21S 48/1747	....	{ by switching light sources ( <a href="#">F21S 48/1168</a> takes precedence ) }
F21S 48/1752	...	{ by acting on reflectors }
F21S 48/1757	....	{ by moving reflectors }
F21S 48/1763	...	{ by acting on screens }
F21S 48/1768	....	{ by moving screens }
F21S 48/1773	.....	{ Blades, i.e. screens moving in a vertical plane }
F21S 48/1778	.....	{ Flaps, i.e. screens pivoting around one of its edges }
F21S 48/1784	.....	{ Shields, i.e. screens not creating an image meant to be projected, e.g. shielding a part of the light source or a part of an additional optical element }
F21S 48/1789	.....	{ Rotating screens, i.e. screens rotating around a vertical axis }
F21S 48/1794	.....	{ Shafts, i.e. screens being a rotating shaft }
F21S 48/20	.	{ Signal lamps, e.g. brake lamps or turn signal lamps }
F21S 48/21	..	{ characterised by the light source }
F21S 48/211	...	{ Attachment of light sources; Lamp holders, terminals or connectors therefor }
F21S 48/212	....	{ Details of lamp holders, terminals or connectors }
F21S 48/214	...	{ Type of the light source }
F21S 48/215	....	{ Light emitting diodes (LEDs) }
F21S 48/217	.....	{ Surface emitters, e.g. OLEDs }
F21S 48/218	....	{ Strips of light sources }



F21S 48/22	..	{ characterised by refractors, filters or transparent cover plates }
F21S 48/2206	...	{ Attachment thereof }
F21S 48/2212	...	{ Type of refractors, filters or transparent cover plates }
F21S 48/2218	....	{ Filters }
F21S 48/2225	....	{ Light guides ( <a href="#">light guides per se G02B 6/0001</a> ) }
F21S 48/2231	.....	{ characterised by the shape of the light guide }
F21S 48/2237	.....	{ Bar or rod-like light guides }
F21S 48/2243	.....	{ Plate-like light guides }
F21S 48/225	.....	{ Light guides of complex shape or comprising a portion having a complex shape }

**NOTE**

additional classification should be given in the groups characterising the shape of the light guides

F21S 48/2256	.....	{ characterised by the emission area }
F21S 48/2262	.....	{ the light guide emitting on its extremity }
F21S 48/2268	.....	{ the light guide emitting on its surface }
F21S 48/2275	.....	{ characterised by the number of light sources coupled into the light guide }
F21S 48/2281	.....	{ Multiple light sources }
F21S 48/2287	.....	{ Single light source }
F21S 48/2293	.....	{ the light guide being used to transport light from a remote light source, e.g. from light generators }
F21S 48/23	..	{ characterised by reflectors }
F21S 48/232	...	{ Attachment thereof }
F21S 48/234	...	{ Optical design thereof }
F21S 48/236	....	{ using total internal reflection }
F21S 48/238	...	{ Materials thereof, e.g. coatings }
F21S 48/24	..	{ characterised by the combination of reflectors and refractors }
F21S 48/25	..	{ characterised by aesthetical components or components other than light sources, reflectors, refractors, e.g. partition walls, covers or decorative trims }
F21S 48/255	...	{ Attachment thereof }
F21S 48/30	.	{ Arrangements dedicated to purposes other than light emission or distribution }
F21S 48/31	..	{ Protection of the lighting devices }
F21S 48/32	..	{ Cooling of the lighting devices }
F21S 48/321	...	{ Attachment of the means for cooling; Cooling arrangements }
F21S 48/323	...	{ Forced cooling }
F21S 48/325	....	{ using air or other gas }
F21S 48/326	....	{ using liquid }
F21S 48/328	...	{ Passive cooling }
F21S 48/33	..	{ Waterproofing }
F21S 48/332	...	{ Provisions for ventilation or drainage }



F21S 48/335	....	{ specifically adapted for headlamps }
F21S 48/337	....	{ specifically adapted for signal lamps }
F21S 48/34	..	{ Heating of the lighting devices, e.g. for de-fogging }