

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****B60V**

AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (devices for short-distance movement of heavy loads by providing a high-pressure fluid cushion, supplied from an independent source, between load and ground [B65G 7/06](#))

NOTE

The term "air-cushion vehicles" in this subclass includes all vehicles which are wholly or partly supported on land or water by air or other gaseous cushions

Guidance heading:**B60V 1/00**

Air-cushion (land vehicles, waterborne vessels, or aircraft adapted or modified to travel on air cushion [B60V 3/00](#))

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- wherein the cushion is generated and contained by at least one peripheral fluid curtain

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- wherein the cushion is contained at least in part by walls

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- { the walls being flexible ([skirt details B60V 1/16](#)) }

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- { the walls or a part of them being rigid }

B60V 1/06

- wherein the cushion is formed within plenum chamber

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- wherein the cushion is created during forward movement of the vehicle by ram effect

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- in which the curtain-forming nozzle or the vehicle base is shaped to create a vortex curtain

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- Stability or attitude control

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- { by ground or water engaging means, e.g. rudders or wheels }

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- by dividing the cushion

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- Propulsion; Control thereof ([B60V 1/11](#) takes precedence)

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- { using a water propeller }

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- using part of the cushion-forming fluid

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- Flexible skirts

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- Body structure

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- Spray deflectors

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- provided with hydrofoils ([hydrofoils per se B63B 1/24](#))

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Land vehicles, waterborne vessels, or aircraft, adapted or modified to travel on air cushions

- B60V 3/02
 - . Land vehicles, e.g. road vehicles
- B60V 3/025
 - . . { co-operating with a flat surface, e.g. transporting loads on platforms }
- B60V 3/04
 - . . co-operating with rails or other guiding means, e.g. with air cushion between rail and vehicle
- B60V 3/06
 - . Waterborne vessels
- B60V 3/065
 - . . { hulls therefor }
- B60V 3/08
 - . Aircraft, e.g. air-cushion alighting-gear therefor