

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****G04F**

**TIME-INTERVAL MEASURING** (measuring pulse characteristics [G01R](#) , e.g. [G01R 29/02](#); in radar or like systems [G01S](#) ; masers [H01S 1/00](#); generation of oscillations [H03B](#) ; generation or counting of pulses, frequency dividing, analogue/digital conversion [H03K](#) ) { time fuzes [F42C 9/00](#) }

**NOTE**

This subclass covers:

- apparatus for measuring-off predetermined time intervals;
- apparatus for producing such intervals as timing standards, e.g. metronomes;
- apparatus for measuring unknown intervals, e.g. precision systems for short time interval measurement.

**WARNING**

The following IPC groups are not used in the CPC scheme. Subject matter covered by these groups is classified in the following CPC groups:

[G04F 10/08](#) covered by [G04F 5/16](#)

**Guidance heading:****G04F 1/00**

**Apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined or adjustably-fixed time intervals without driving mechanisms, e.g. egg timer** (electric time and time-programme switches [H01H 43/00](#))

## G04F 1/005

- . {using electronic timing, e.g. counting means (pulse time delay arrangements [H03K 5/13](#); modifications of electronic switches for introducing a time delay before switching [H03K 17/28](#)) }

## G04F 1/02

- . by consuming prefixed quantities of materials, e.g. by burning candle

## G04F 1/04

- . by movement or acceleration due to gravity

## G04F 1/06

- .. by flowing-away of a prefixed quantity of fine-granular or liquid materials, e.g. sand-glass, water-clock

## G04F 1/063

- ... {using acoustic signalling }

## G04F 1/066

- ... {using electrical contact device }

## G04F 1/08

- .. by a body falling a prefixed distance in air or in a viscous material

**G04F 3/00**

**Apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined or adjustably-fixed time intervals with driving mechanisms, e.g. dosimeter with clockwork** (electric time or time-programme switches [H01H 43/00](#))

## G04F 3/02

- . with mechanical driving mechanisms

## G04F 3/022

- .. {using mechanical signalling device }

- G04F 3/025 . . {mechanically actuated (cigar or cigarette receptacles or boxes with means for limiting the frequency of smoking [A24F 15/005](#)) }
- G04F 3/027 . . {using electrical contacts, e.g. for actuating electro-acoustic device }
- G04F 3/04 . . Additional arrangements in connection with ordinary non-electric clocks for this purpose
- G04F 3/06 . with electric driving mechanisms
- G04F 3/08 . . Additional arrangements in connection with ordinary electric clocks for this purpose

**G04F 5/00**

**Apparatus for producing preselected time intervals for use as timing standards**  
(generating clock signals for electric digital computers [G06F 1/04](#); regulating frequency in general [H03C](#) , [H03L](#) )

- G04F 5/02 . Metronomes {periodic signalisation by acoustic signals in general [G04B 21/005](#) }
- G04F 5/022 . . {Mechanic metronomes }
- G04F 5/025 . . { Electronic metronomes } {rhytem generation for electrophonic musical instruments [G10H 1/36](#) }
- G04F 5/027 . . {using electro-mechanical driving e.g. of optical scanned recordings (electrophonic musical instruments in which tones are generated by electromechanical means e.g. by using pick-up means for reading recorded waves [G10H 3/00](#)) }
- G04F 5/04 . using oscillators with electromechanical resonators {producing electric oscillations or timing pulses }
- G04F 5/06 . . using piezoelectric resonators
- G04F 5/063 . . . {Constructional details } (details of resonators in general [H03H 9/02](#))
- G04F 5/066 . . . . {Trimmer condensators (capacitors in general [H01G](#) ) }
- G04F 5/08 . . using magnetostrictive resonators
- G04F 5/10 . using electric or electronic resonators ([G04F 5/14](#) takes precedence)
- G04F 5/12 . using fluidic devices
- G04F 5/14 . using atomic clocks
- G04F 5/145 . . { using Coherent Population Trapping }
- G04F 5/16 . using pulses produced by radioisotopes

**G04F 7/00**

**Apparatus for measuring unknown time intervals by mechanical means**

- G04F 7/02 . by measuring the distance of fall or the final velocity of a falling body
- G04F 7/04 . using a mechanical oscillator

**WARNING**

The subgroups of G04F/04 are not complete pending reclassification; see also this group

- G04F 7/06 . . running only during the time interval to be measured, e.g. stop-watch

- G04F 7/062 . . . { with reset mechanisms }
- G04F 7/065 . . . { with start-stop control arrangements }
- G04F 7/067 . . . . { with a single push-button or actuation member for start-stop and reset }
- G04F 7/08 . . Watches or clocks with stop devices, e.g. chronograph
- G04F 7/0804 . . . { with reset mechanisms }
- G04F 7/0809 . . . . { with single hammers, i.e. one hammer acts on each counter }
- G04F 7/0814 . . . . { with double hammer , i.e. one hammer acts on two counters }
- G04F 7/0819 . . . . { with triple hammer, i.e. one hammer acts on three counters }
- G04F 7/0823 . . . { with couplings between the chronograph mechanism and the base movement }
- G04F 7/0828 . . . . { acting in the plane of the movement }
- G04F 7/0833 . . . . { acting perpendicular to the plane of the movement }
- G04F 7/0838 . . . . { involving a tilting movement }
- G04F 7/0842 . . . { with start-stop control mechanisms }
- G04F 7/0847 . . . . { with column wheel }
- G04F 7/0852 . . . . { with member having a rotational two-way movement, e.g. navette }
- G04F 7/0857 . . . . { with single push-button or actuation member for start-stop and reset }
- G04F 7/0861 . . . . { actuated by other than push-buttons, e.g. bezel or lever }
- G04F 7/0866 . . . { Special arrangements }
- G04F 7/0871 . . . . { with multiple chronograph functions, i.e. to count multiple running times (alternate time counting [G07C](#) ) }
- G04F 7/0876 . . . . { Split-time function e.g. rattrapante }
- G04F 7/088 . . . . { with display of fraction of seconds, e.g. foudroyante }
- G04F 7/0885 . . . . { Modular constructions involving interchangeability with one or more chronograph modules on a single base movement }
- G04F 7/089 . . . . { indicating measured time by other than hands; e.g. numbered bands, drums, discs or sheet (current time indication other than by hand [G04B 19/20](#)) }
- G04F 7/0895 . . . . { with a separate barrel for the chronograph functions (barrel in a separable module [G04F 7/08S08](#)) }
- G04F 7/10 . . Means used apart from the time-piece for starting or stopping same {see provisionally too : [G04F 8/08](#) }

## **G04F 8/00      Apparatus for measuring unknown time intervals by electromechanical means**

- G04F 8/003 . . {using continuously running driving means }
- G04F 8/006 . . {running only during the time interval to be measured, e.g. stop-watch }
- G04F 8/02 . . using an electromechanical oscillator {[G04F 5/00](#), [G04F 10/00](#) take precedence }
- G04F 8/04 . . using a piezoelectric oscillator {not used }
- G04F 8/06 . . using a magnetostrictive oscillator {not used }
- G04F 8/08 . . Means used apart from the time-piece for starting or stopping same

## **G04F 10/00      Apparatus for measuring unknown time intervals by electric means { timing devices }**

for clocks or watches for comparing the rate of the oscillating member with a standard [G04D 7/12](#); radar systems, analogous systems [G01S 7/00](#); measuring frequency [G01R 23/00](#); measuring phase angle [G01R 25/00](#) }

- [G04F 10/005](#) . { Time-to-digital converters [TDC] (analog-to-digital converters with intermediate conversion to time or phase [H03M 1/50](#), [H03M 1/60](#)) }

#### **WARNING**

This group is not complete pending reclassification; see also groups [G04F 10/04](#) and [G04F 10/06](#)

- [G04F 10/02](#) . using oscillators with passive electric resonator, e.g. lumped LC {[G04F 10/04](#), [G04F 10/06](#) and [G04F 10/10](#) take precedence }

- [G04F 10/04](#) . by counting pulses or half-cycles of an alternating current { ([G04F 10/005](#) takes precedence) }

- [G04F 10/06](#) . by measuring phase { ([G04F 10/005](#) takes precedence) }

- [G04F 10/10](#) . by measuring electric or magnetic quantities changing in proportion to time

- [G04F 10/105](#) .. {with conversion of the time-intervals }

**[G04F 13/00](#)** **Apparatus for measuring unknown time intervals by means not provided for in groups [G04F 5/00](#) to [G04F 10/00](#)**

- [G04F 13/02](#) . using optical means

- [G04F 13/023](#) .. {using cathode-ray oscilloscopes (circuits for inserting reference time markers for cathode-ray oscilloscopes [G01R 13/305](#)) }

- [G04F 13/026](#) .. {Measuring duration of ultra-short light pulses, e.g. in the pico-second range; particular detecting devices therefor (non-linear optics [G02F 1/35](#); monitoring arrangements for lasers in general [H01S 3/0014](#); photometry, radiation pyrometry [G01J 1/00](#), [G01J 5/00](#)) }

- [G04F 13/04](#) . using electrochemical means

#### **WARNING**

Not complete, see also [G04F 10/00](#)

- [G04F 13/06](#) . using fluidic means

#### **WARNING**

Not complete, see also [G04F 10/00](#)