

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****D04H**

**MAKING TEXTILE FABRICS, e.g. FROM FIBRES OR FILAMENTARY MATERIAL** (weaving D03; knitting D04B; braiding { or lace-making} D04C; net-making { or making knotted carpets} D04G; sewing D05B; tufting D05C, { e.g. [D05C 15/04](#)}; finishing non-woven fabrics D06); **FABRICS MADE BY SUCH PROCESSES OR APPARATUS, e.g. FELTS, NON-WOVEN FABRICS; COTTON-WOOL; WADDING** { Non-woven fabrics from staple fibres, filaments or yarns, bonded with at least one web-like material during their consolidation}(non-woven fabrics having an intermediate or external layer of a different kind, e.g. of woven fabric, B32B; { manufacturing hats A42C; filtering material [B01D 39/00](#); making board or the like from wood fibre B27N; producing shaped articles from mixtures containing fibres [B28B 1/52](#); making layered products from solid layers, at least one of which contains synthetic resin as an essential component [B32B 27/00](#); making or treating glass wool and mineral wool [C03B 37/00](#); compounding ingredients used as fillers for mortars and the like [C04B 14/38](#), [C04B 16/06](#), [C04B 20/0048](#); sintering plastics particles [C08J 9/24](#); manufacturing by extrusion of synthetic filaments and fibres in general D01D; paper D21C to D21H; making shaped articles from liquid suspensions of cellulose fibres D21J})

**NOTE**

In this subclass, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:

- "non-woven fabrics" means fabrics formed wholly or partly of textile material by processes comprising operations other than the weaving, knitting, braiding, lacing, or knotting of yarns, threads, or filaments for which provision is made in other subclasses of Section D. This expression includes felts, cotton-wool, and wadding.

In this subclass:

- some of the non-woven fabrics can also be regarded as "layered products" within the meaning of subclass B32B, and further classification in that subclass should be considered in accordance with the notes thereto;  
 - in cases where the making of non-woven fabrics involves the use of particular chemical compounds or compositions, e.g. for treating or bonding fibres, filaments, or yarns, further classification in other appropriate subclasses should also be considered.

By varying the proportions of fibres or threads, and the chemical compounds or compositions, the final products may be given the appearance of paper, cardboard, leather or the like.

In this subclass, a number of groups, e.g. [D04H 1/067](#), correspond to IPC2012.01

**WARNING**

1. Documents of the complete subclass D04H including all subgroups are in the process of being reorganised to the new groups corresponding to the IPC 2012.01 classification scheme defined below.

## Kinds or types of non-woven fabrics; Apparatus or processes for making such products

### **D04H 1/00** Non-woven fabrics formed wholly or mainly of staple fibres or like relatively short fibres

- D04H 1/005 . { Making three-dimensional articles by consolidation ([D04H 1/22](#) takes precedence)}

#### **WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backfile is being reclassified into groups [D04H 1/00](#), [D04H 1/42](#)

- D04H 1/02 . Cotton wool; Wadding

- D04H 1/04 . from fleeces or layers composed of fibres having existing or potential cohesive properties, e.g. natural fibres, prestretched or fibrillated artificial fibres ([felting apparatus D04H 17/00](#))

- D04H 1/06 . . by treatment to produce shrinking, swelling, crimping or curling of fibres

#### **WARNING**

Groups [D04H 1/067](#) and [D04H 1/073](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 1/06](#)

- D04H 1/067 . . . Regenerated cellulose series  
 D04H 1/073 . . . Acrylonitrile series  
 D04H 1/08 . . and hardened by felting; Felts or felted products  
 D04H 1/09 . . . Silk

#### **WARNING**

Group [D04H 1/09](#) is not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 1/08](#)

- D04H 1/10 . . . Felts made from mixtures of fibres  
 D04H 1/12 . . . . and incorporating artificial organic fibres  
 D04H 1/14 . . . . and incorporating inorganic fibres  
 D04H 1/16 . . . Laminated felts in which the separate layers are united by a felting process  
 D04H 1/20 . . . Felts incorporating inserts or attachments, e.g. for ornamental purposes  
 D04H 1/22 . . . Three-dimensional articles formed by felting processes {(formed by other consolidation processes [D04H 1/005](#))}  
 D04H 1/24 . . . Covers felted on to three-dimensional articles  
 D04H 1/26 . . Wood pulp  
 D04H 1/28 . . Regenerated cellulose series  
 D04H 1/30 . . Collagen  
 D04H 1/32 . . Synthetic pulp

- D04H 1/40 . from fleeces or layers composed of fibres without existing or potential cohesive properties

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 1/407](#) and [D04H 1/413](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation.  
See also group [D04H 1/40](#)  
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- D04H 1/407 . . containing absorbing substances, e.g. activated carbon  
D04H 1/413 . . containing granules other than absorbent substances  
D04H 1/42 . . characterised by the use of certain kinds of fibres insofar as this use has no preponderant influence on the consolidation of the fleece

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 1/4209](#) to [D04H 1/52](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 1/4209](#) and other subgroups of [D04H 1/42](#)

- D04H 1/4209 . . . Inorganic fibres  
D04H 1/4218 . . . . Glass fibres  
D04H 1/4226 . . . . . characterised by the apparatus for manufacturing the glass fleece  
D04H 1/4234 . . . . Metal fibres  
D04H 1/4242 . . . . Carbon fibres  
D04H 1/425 . . . Cellulose series  
D04H 1/4258 . . . . Regenerated cellulose series  
D04H 1/4266 . . . Natural fibres not provided for in group [D04H 1/425](#)  
D04H 1/4274 . . . Rags; Fabric scraps  
D04H 1/4282 . . . Addition polymers  
D04H 1/4291 . . . . Olefin series  
D04H 1/43 . . . . Acrylonitrile series  
D04H 1/4309 . . . . Polyvinyl alcohol  
D04H 1/4318 . . . . Fluorine series  
D04H 1/4326 . . . Condensation or reaction polymers  
D04H 1/4334 . . . . Polyamides  
D04H 1/4342 . . . . . Aromatic polyamides  
D04H 1/435 . . . . Polyesters  
D04H 1/4358 . . . . Polyurethanes  
D04H 1/4366 . . . . Phenol series  
D04H 1/4374 . . . using different kinds of webs, e.g. by layering webs  
D04H 1/4382 . . . Stretched reticular film fibres; Composite fibres; Mixed fibres; Ultrafine fibres; Fibres for artificial leather  
D04H 1/4391 . . . characterized by the shape of the fibres  
D04H 1/44 . . the fleeces or layers being consolidated by mechanical means, e.g. by rolling

- D04H 1/45 . . . by forming intermeshing loops or stitches from some of the fibres
- D04H 1/46 . . . by needling or like operations to cause entanglement of fibres ([D04H 1/45](#) takes precedence; [needling machines D04H 18/00](#))
- D04H 1/465 . . . { Hydraulic needling}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 1/42](#) and sub-groups, [D04H 1/46](#), [D04H 1/492](#), [D04H 1/495](#) and [D04H 18/04](#)

- D04H 1/48 . . . . in combination with at least one other method of consolidation
- D04H 1/482 . . . . . in combination with shrinkage
- D04H 1/485 . . . . . in combination with weld-bonding
- D04H 1/488 . . . . . in combination with bonding agents
- D04H 1/49 . . . . . entanglement by fluid jet in combination with another consolidation means
- D04H 1/492 . . . . by fluid jet ([D04H 1/49](#) takes precedence)
- D04H 1/495 . . . . . for formation of patterns, e.g. drilling or rearrangement
- D04H 1/498 . . . . entanglement of layered webs
- D04H 1/50 . . . by treatment to produce shrinking, swelling, crimping or curling of fibres ([in combination with needling D04H 1/482](#))
- D04H 1/52 . . . by applying or inserting filamentary binding elements
- D04H 1/54 . . by welding together the fibres, e.g. by partially melting or dissolving ([in combination with needling D04H 1/485](#))

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 1/54](#) to [D04H 1/565](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 1/541](#) and other subgroups of [D04H 1/54](#)

- D04H 1/5405 . . . { at spaced points or locations}

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- D04H 1/541 . . . Composite fibres e.g. sheath-core, sea-island or side-by-side; Mixed fibres
- D04H 1/542 . . . Adhesive fibres
- D04H 1/544 . . . . Olefin series
- D04H 1/545 . . . . Polyvinyl alcohol
- D04H 1/546 . . . . Polyvinyl acetate
- D04H 1/548 . . . . Acrylonitrile series
- D04H 1/549 . . . . Polyamides
- D04H 1/55 . . . . Polyesters
- D04H 1/551 . . . . Resins thereof not provided for in groups [D04H 1/544-D04H 1/55](#)

D04H 1/552	...	by applying solvents or auxiliary agents
D04H 1/554	...	by radio-frequency heating
D04H 1/555	...	by ultrasonic heating
D04H 1/556	...	by infrared heating
D04H 1/558	...	in combination with mechanical or physical treatments other than embossing
D04H 1/559	...	the fibres being within layered webs
D04H 1/56	...	in association with fibre formation, e.g. immediately following extrusion of staple fibres
D04H 1/565	....	{ by melt-blowing}

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D04H 1/58	..	by applying, incorporating or activating chemical or thermoplastic bonding agents, e.g. adhesives ( <a href="#">in combination with needling D04H 1/488</a> )
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Groups [D04H 1/587](#) to [D04H 1/68](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also groups [D04H 1/64](#) and other subgroups of [D04H 1/58](#)

D04H 1/587	...	characterised by the bonding agents used
D04H 1/593	...	to layered webs
D04H 1/60	...	the bonding agent being applied in dry state, e.g. thermo-activatable agents in solid or molten state, and heat being applied subsequently
D04H 1/62	....	at spaced points or locations
D04H 1/64	...	the bonding agent being applied in wet state, e.g. chemical agents in dispersions or solutions
D04H 1/641	....	{ characterised by the chemical composition of the bonding agent}

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D04H 1/642	....	{ characterised by the impregnation or treatment-process or apparatus}
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This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 1/42](#) and sub-groups and [D04H 1/645](#) and sub-groups

D04H 1/643	....	{ characterised by a combination of the chemical composition and the impregnation or treatment process or apparatus}
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**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 1/42](#) and sub-groups and [D04H 1/645](#) and sub-groups

- D04H 1/645 . . . . Impregnation followed by a solidification process
- D04H 1/65 . . . . . using mixed or composite fibres
- D04H 1/655 . . . . characterised by the apparatus for applying bonding agents
- D04H 1/66 . . . . at spaced points or locations ([D04H 1/68](#) takes precedence)
- D04H 1/68 . . . . the bonding agent being applied in the form of foam
  
- D04H 1/70 . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of fibres

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 1/72](#) to [D04H 1/76](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 1/72](#)

- D04H 1/72 . . the fibres being randomly arranged
- D04H 1/724 . . . forming webs during fibre formation, e.g. flash-spinning
- D04H 1/728 . . . by electro-spinning { [Electro-spinning methods and apparatus](#) [D01D 5/0007](#) }
- D04H 1/732 . . . by fluid current, e.g. air-lay
- D04H 1/736 . . . characterised by the apparatus for arranging fibres ([D04H 1/728](#), [D04H 1/732](#) take precedence)
  
- D04H 1/74 . . the fibres being orientated, e.g. in parallel { [\(anisotropic fleeces\)](#) }
- D04H 1/76 . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way

**D04H 3/00      Non-woven fabrics formed wholly or mainly of yarns or like filamentary material of substantial length**

- D04H 3/002 . Inorganic yarns or filaments
- D04H 3/004 . . Glass yarns or filaments
  
- D04H 3/005 . Synthetic yarns or filaments ([D04H 3/013](#) takes precedence)
- D04H 3/007 . . Addition polymers
- D04H 3/009 . . Condensation or reaction polymers
- D04H 3/011 . . . Polyesters
  
- D04H 3/013 . Regenerated cellulose series
  
- D04H 3/015 . Natural yarns or filaments
  
- D04H 3/016 . characterised by the fineness
  
- D04H 3/018 . characterised by the shape

- D04H 3/02 . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of yarns or filaments
- D04H 3/03 . . at random
- D04H 3/033 . . . reorientation immediately after yarn or filament formation
- D04H 3/037 . . . reorientation by liquid
- D04H 3/04 . . in rectilinear paths, e.g. crossing at right angles
- D04H 3/045 . . . for net manufacturing
- D04H 3/05 . . in another pattern, e.g. zig-zag, sinusoidal {(D04H 3/04 takes precedence)}
- D04H 3/07 . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way
- D04H 3/073 . . . Hollow cylinder shaped
- D04H 3/077 . . . Stick, rod or solid cylinder shaped

- D04H 3/08 . characterised by the method of strengthening or consolidating
- D04H 3/10 . . with bonds between yarns or filaments made mechanically
- D04H 3/102 . . . { by needling}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 3/002-D04H 3/018](#), [D04H 3/105](#) and [D04H 3/11](#)

- D04H 3/105 . . . by needling (needling machines [D04H 18/00](#))
- D04H 3/11 . . . by fluid jet
- D04H 3/115 . . . by applying or inserting filamentary binding elements
- D04H 3/12 . . with filaments or yarns secured together by chemical or thermo-activatable bonding agents, e.g. adhesives, applied or incorporated in liquid or solid form
- D04H 3/14 . . with bonds between thermoplastic yarns or filaments produced by welding
- D04H 3/147 . . . Composite yarns or filaments
- D04H 3/153 . . . Mixed yarns or filaments
- D04H 3/16 . . with bonds between thermoplastic filaments produced in association with filament formation, e.g. immediately following extrusion
- D04H 3/163 . . . { at spaced points or locations}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 3/002-D04H 3/018](#), and [D04H 3/16](#)

- D04H 3/166 . . . { the filaments being flash-spun}

**WARNING**

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**D04H 5/00**      **Non woven fabrics formed of mixtures of relatively short fibres and yarns or like filamentary material of substantial length**

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 5/02](#) to [D04H 5/12](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H 5/02](#) and other subgroups of [D04H 5/00](#)

- [D04H 5/02](#)      . strengthened or consolidated by mechanical methods, e.g. needling ([needling machines D04H 18/00](#))
- [D04H 5/03](#)      . . by fluid jet
- [D04H 5/04](#)      . strengthened or consolidated by applying or incorporating chemical or thermo-activatable bonding agents in solid or liquid form
- [D04H 5/06](#)      . strengthened or consolidated by welding-together thermoplastic fibres, filaments, or yarns
- [D04H 5/08](#)      . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of fibres or yarns
- [D04H 5/10](#)      . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way
- [D04H 5/12](#)      . Glass fibres

**D04H 11/00**      **Non-woven pile fabrics ([layered products forming non-woven pile fabrics B32B](#))**

- [D04H 11/04](#)      . formed by zig-zag folding of a fleece or layer of staple fibres, filaments, or yarns, strengthened or consolidated at the folds
- [D04H 11/08](#)      . formed by creation of a pile on at least one surface of a non-woven fabric without addition of pile-forming material, e.g. by needling, by differential shrinking ([needling machines D04H 18/00](#))

**D04H 13/00**      **Other non-woven fabrics**

- [D04H 13/001](#)      . { Making non-woven fabrics from staple fibres, filaments or yarns, bonded to at least one web-like material, e.g. woven, knitted non-woven fabric, paper, leather, during consolidation}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 13/00](#), [D04H 1/4374](#) and B32B

- [D04H 13/002](#)      . . { characterised by the disposition or nature of their elements}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from



April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 13/00](#), [D04H 1/4374](#) and B32B

- D04H 13/003      ..      { strengthened or consolidated by mechanical methods (**needling machines** [D04H 18/00](#); **knitting D04B**, **sewing D05B**)}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 13/00](#), [D04H 1/4374](#), [D04H 1/44](#), [D04H 1/45](#) and sub-groups, [D04H 1/52](#), [D04H 3/105](#), [D04H 3/11](#), [D04H 3/115](#), [D04H 5/02-D04H 5/08](#) and B32B

- D04H 13/005      ...      { by needling}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 13/00](#), [D04H 1/46](#) and sub-groups, [D04H 1/593](#), [D04H 3/105](#), [D04H 3/11](#), [D04H 3/115](#), [D04H 5/02-D04H 5/08](#) and B32B

- D04H 13/006      ..      { strengthened or consolidated by the use of bonding agents in solid or liquid form}

**WARNING**

[D04H 13/00](#) , [D04H 1/48](#) and sub-groups, [D04H 1/498](#) ,[D04H 5/04](#) and B32B

- D04H 13/007      ..      { strengthened or consolidated by welding together the various components}

**WARNING**

[D04H 13/00](#) , [D04H 1/54](#) and sub-groups, [D04H 1/559](#), [D04H 5/06](#) and B32B

- D04H 13/008      .      { Glass fibre products; Complete installations for making them}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H 1/4218](#), [D04H 1/4226](#); [D04H 3/002](#) and [D04H 5/12](#)

- D04H 13/02      .      Production of non-woven fabrics by partial defibrillation of oriented thermoplastics films

**D04H 17/00      Felting apparatus**

- D04H 17/10      .      for felting between rollers, e.g. heated rollers

- D04H 17/12      ..      Multi-roller apparatus

**D04H 18/00**

**Needling machines**

**WARNING**

Groups [D04H 18/02](#) and [D04H 18/04](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation.  
See also group [D04H 18/00B](#)

**D04H 18/02**

- . with needles

**D04H 18/04**

- . with water jets