

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****E03B**

INSTALLATIONS OR METHODS FOR OBTAINING, COLLECTING, OR DISTRIBUTING WATER (drilling wells, obtaining fluids in general from wells [E21B](#) ; pipe-line systems in general [F17D](#))

Guidance heading:

E03B 1/00 **Methods or layout of installations for water supply** ([E03B 3/00](#), [E03B 9/00](#) take precedence)

[E03B 1/02](#) . for public or like main supply {for industrial use }

[E03B 1/04](#) . for domestic or like local supply

[E03B 1/041](#) .. { Greywater supply systems }

[E03B 1/042](#) ... { Details thereof, e.g. valves or pumps }

[E03B 1/044](#) { Switch valves in waste pipes }

[E03B 1/048](#) .. { Systems for collecting not used fresh water }

E03B 3/00 **Methods or installations for obtaining or collecting drinking water or tap water** (treatment of water [C02F](#))

[E03B 3/02](#) . from rain-water

[E03B 3/03](#) .. Special vessels for collecting or storing rain-water for use in the household, e.g. water-butts { (containers for storage, in general, [B65D](#)) }

[E03B 3/04](#) . from surface water {Barrages [E02B 7/00](#) }

[E03B 3/06](#) . from underground {consolidating foundation soil by draining, e.g. by lowering the water level [E02D 3/00](#); subsoil filtering [E21B 43/02](#) }

[E03B 3/08](#) .. Obtaining and confining water by means of wells (applicable to a combination of water and other liquids or to other liquids only [E21B 43/00](#))

[E03B 3/10](#) ... by means of pit wells

[E03B 3/11](#) in combination with tubes, e.g. perforated, extending horizontally, or upwardly inclined, exterior to the pits

[E03B 3/12](#) ... by means of vertical pipe wells

[E03B 3/14](#) ... by means of horizontal or oblique wells

[E03B 3/15](#) ... Keeping wells in good condition, e.g. by cleaning, repairing, regenerating; Maintaining or enlarging the capacity of wells or water-bearing layers (with artificial enrichment [E03B 3/32](#)) { (cleaning, in general [B08B](#)) }

[E03B 3/16](#) ... Component parts of wells

[E03B 3/18](#) Well filters (filters in general [B01D 24/00](#) to [B01D 35/00](#))

[E03B 3/20](#) of elements of special shape

[E03B 3/22](#) Selection of specified materials {not used, documents in [E03B 3/20](#) }

[E03B 3/24](#) formed of loose materials, e.g. gravel

- E03B 3/26 with packed filtering material
- E03B 3/28 . from humid air (condensing of vapours in general [B01D 5/00](#); dehumidification of air for air-conditioning [F24F 3/14](#))
- E03B 3/30 . from snow or ice
- E03B 3/32 . with artificial enrichment, e.g. by adding water from a pond or a river {consolidating foundation soil by draining e.g. by lowering the water level [E02D 3/00](#) }
- E03B 3/34 . . of underground water
- E03B 3/36 . . of surface water
- E03B 3/38 . Curbs for springs
- E03B 3/40 . Other devices for confining, e.g. trenches, drainage
- E03B 5/00** **Use of pumping plants or installations; Layouts thereof** (pumps; pumping plants or installations per se [F04](#))
- E03B 5/02 . arranged in buildings
- E03B 5/025 . . {with surface tanks }
- E03B 5/04 . arranged in wells
- E03B 5/045 . . {with surface tanks }
- E03B 5/06 . . Special equipment, {e.g. well seals and connections for well casings or the like }
- E03B 7/00** **Water main or service pipe systems** (pipes or tubes in general [F16L](#))
- E03B 7/003 . { Arrangement for testing of watertightness of water supply conduits }
- E03B 7/006 . { Arrangements or methods for cleaning or refurbishing water conduits }
- E03B 7/02 . Public or like main pipe systems
- E03B 7/04 . Domestic or like local pipe systems (domestic plumbing [E03C 1/02](#))
- E03B 7/045 . . { diverting initially cold water in warm water supply }
- E03B 7/07 . Arrangement of devices, e.g. filters, flow controls, measuring devices, siphons, valves, in the pipe systems (devices per se, see the relevant classes for these devices)
- E03B 7/071 . . { Arrangement of safety devices in domestic pipe systems, e.g. devices for automatic shut-off }
- E03B 7/072 . . { Arrangement of flowmeters }
- E03B 7/074 . . { Arrangement of water treatment devices }
- E03B 7/075 . . { Arrangement of devices for control of pressure or flow rate }
- E03B 7/077 . . { Arrangement of backflow preventing devices }
- E03B 7/078 . . { Combined units with different devices; Arrangement of different devices with respect to each other }
- E03B 7/08 . . Arrangement of draining devices, { e.g. manual shut-off valves } (draining devices

in general [F16K](#) , [F16L](#))

- E03B 7/09
 - Component parts or accessories (tools for cleaning pipes [B08B 9/02](#); devices for preventing contamination of drinking water pipes for domestic use [E03C 1/10](#); devices for preventing damage in case of bursts of pipes [F16L](#) ; heating of pipes in general [F16L 53/00](#))
- E03B 7/095
 - .. { Component holders or housings, e.g. boundary boxes }
- E03B 7/10
 - .. Devices preventing bursting of pipes by freezing (devices preventing bursting of pipes in general [F16L 55/00](#))
- E03B 7/12
 - ... by preventing freezing
- E03B 7/14
 - .. Devices for thawing frozen pipes

E03B 9/00 **Methods or installations for drawing-off water** (domestic water-drawing devices [E03C](#) ; taps or valves per se [F16K](#))

- E03B 9/02
 - Hydrants; Arrangements of valves therein; Keys for hydrants
- E03B 9/025
 - .. { Taps specially designed for outdoor use, e.g. wall hydrants, sill cocks }
- E03B 9/027
 - ... { with features preventing frost damage }
- E03B 9/04
 - .. Column hydrants
- E03B 9/06
 - ... Covers
- E03B 9/08
 - .. Underground hydrants
- E03B 9/10
 - ... Protective plates or covers
- E03B 9/12
 - ... Stand-pipes
- E03B 9/14
 - .. Draining devices for hydrants
- E03B 9/16
 - .. Devices for retaining foreign matter, e.g. sand
- E03B 9/18
 - .. Cleaning tools for hydrants
- E03B 9/20
 - .. Pillar fountains or like apparatus for dispensing drinking water

E03B 11/00 **Arrangements or adaptations of tanks for water supply** (water-butts [E03B 3/03](#); storage aspects [B65D](#) , [B65G](#) , [F17B](#) , [F17C](#) ; foundations [E02D 27/38](#); construction or assembling of bulk storage containers employing civil engineering techniques [E04H 7/00](#); tower aspects [E04H 12/00](#))

- E03B 11/02
 - for domestic or like local water supply
- E03B 11/04
 - .. without air regulators {i.e. without air inlet or outlet valves; water tanks provided with flexible walls }
- E03B 11/06
 - .. with air regulators {air receivers for water conduits [F16L 55/04](#); pressure control devices for fluids [G05D](#) }
- E03B 11/08
 - ... Air regulators
- E03B 11/10
 - for public or like main water supply
- E03B 11/12
 - .. of high-level tanks
- E03B 11/14
 - .. of underground tanks
- E03B 11/16
 - .. Adaptations of devices for putting pumping plants in and out of operation, e.g. automatic control devices {not used, documents in [F04](#) }

Guidance heading:

- E03B 2001/00** **Methods or layout of installations for water supply** ([E03B 3/00](#), [E03B 9/00](#) take precedence)
- E03B 2001/04 . for domestic or like local supply
- E03B 2001/041 . . { **Greywater supply systems** }
- [E03B 2001/045](#) . . . using household water
- [E03B 2001/047](#) . . . using rainwater
- E03B 2009/00** **Methods or installations for drawing-off water** (domestic water-drawing devices [E03C](#) ; taps or valves per se [F16K](#))
- E03B 2009/02 . Hydrants; Arrangements of valves therein; Keys for hydrants
- [E03B 2009/022](#) . . Hydrants with a tubular valve seat
- E03B 2011/00** **Arrangements or adaptations of tanks for water supply** (water-butts [E03B 3/03](#); storage aspects [B65D](#) , [B65G](#) , [F17B](#) , [F17C](#) ; foundations [E02D 27/38](#); construction or assembling of bulk storage containers employing civil engineering techniques [E04H 7/00](#); tower aspects [E04H 12/00](#))
- [E03B 2011/005](#) . Tanks with two or more separate compartments divided by e.g. a flexible membrane