

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F01B**

**MACHINES OR ENGINES, IN GENERAL OR OF POSITIVE-DISPLACEMENT TYPE, e.g. STEAM ENGINES** ( of rotaty-piston or oscillating-piston type [F01C](#); of non-positive-displacement type [F01D](#); internal-combustion aspects of reciprocating-piston engines [F02B 57/00](#), [F02B 59/00](#); crankshafts, crossheads, connecting-rods [F16C](#); flywheels [F16F](#); gearings for interconverting rotary motion and reciprocating motion in general [F16H](#); pistons, piston rods, cylinders, for engines in general [F16J](#) )

**NOTE**

This subclass covers, with the exception of the matter provided for in subclasses [F01C](#) to [F01P](#):

- engines for elastic fluids, e.g. steam engines;
- engines for liquids and elastic fluids;
- machines for elastic fluids;
- machines for liquids and elastic fluids.

Attention is drawn to the note preceding class [F01](#), especially as regards the definitions of "steam" and "special vapour".

**F01B 1/00**

**Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by number or relative disposition of cylinders or by being built-up from separate cylinder-crankcase elements** ( [F01B 3/00](#), [F01B 5/00](#) take precedence )

**F01B 1/01**

- . with one single cylinder

**F01B 1/02**

- . with cylinders all in one line

**F01B 1/04**

- . with cylinders in V-arrangement

**F01B 1/06**

- . with cylinders in star or fan arrangement

**F01B 1/0603**

- .. { the connection of the pistons with an element being at the outer ends of the cylinders }

**F01B 1/0606**

- ... { with cam-actuated distribution member(s) }

**F01B 1/061**

- ... { with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units }

**F01B 1/0613**

- .... { directly located side by side }

**F01B 1/0617**

- .... { coupling of several cylinders-barrels }

**F01B 1/062**

- .. { the connection of the pistons with an actuating or actuated element being at the inner ends of the cylinders }

**F01B 1/0624**

- ... { with cam-actuated distribution member(s) }

**F01B 1/0627**

- .... { each machine piston being provided with channels, which are coacting with the cylinder and are used as a distribution member for another piston-cylinder unit }

**F01B 1/0631**

- ... { the piston-driving or -driven cam being provided with an inlet or an outlet }

**F01B 1/0634**

- ... { with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units }

**F01B 1/0637**

- .... { directly located side by side }

- F01B 1/0641 . . { Details, component parts specially adapted for such machines }
- F01B 1/0644 . . . { Pistons }
- F01B 1/0648 . . . { Cams }
- F01B 1/0651 . . . . { consisting of several cylindrical elements, e.g. rollers }
- F01B 1/0655 . . . { cylinders }
- F01B 1/0658 . . . { Arrangements for pressing or connecting the pistons against the actuating or actuated cam }
- F01B 1/0662 . . . . { hydraulically }
- F01B 1/0665 . . . { Disconnecting the pistons from the actuating or actuated cam ( [in general F01B 31/24](#) ) }
- F01B 1/0668 . . . { Supporting and guiding means for the piston }
- F01B 1/0672 . . . { Draining of the machinehousing; arrangements dealing with leakage fluid }
- F01B 1/0675 . . { Controlling }
- F01B 1/0679 . . . { by using a valve in a system with several pump or motor chambers, wherein the flow path through the chambers can be changed, e.g. series-parallel }
- F01B 1/0682 . . . { by changing the effective cross sectional piston working surface }
- F01B 1/0686 . . . { by changing the effective piston stroke }
- F01B 1/0689 . . . . { by changing the excentricity of one element relative to another element }
- F01B 1/0693 . . . { by changing the phase relationship between two actuating or actuated cams }
- F01B 1/0696 . . . { by changing the phase relationship between the actuating or actuated cam and the distributing means }
  
- F01B 1/08 . with cylinders arranged oppositely relative to main shaft and of "flat" type
  
- F01B 1/10 . with more than one main shaft, e.g. coupled to common output shaft ( [combinations of two or more machines or engines F01B 21/00](#) )
  
- F01B 1/12 . Separate cylinder-crankcase elements coupled together to form a unit
  
- F01B 3/00** **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with cylinder axes coaxial with, or parallel or inclined to, main shaft axis**
  
- F01B 3/0002 . { having stationary cylinders }
- F01B 3/0005 . . { having two or more sets of cylinders or pistons }
- F01B 3/0008 . . { having self-acting distribution members, e.g. actuated by working fluid }
- F01B 3/0011 . . . { Cylindrical distribution members }
- F01B 3/0014 . . . { Conical distribution members }
- F01B 3/0017 . . { Component parts, details, e.g. sealings, lubrication }
- F01B 3/002 . . . { Cylinders }
- F01B 3/0023 . . . { Actuating or actuated elements }
- F01B 3/0026 . . . . { Actuating or actuated element bearing means or driving or driven axis bearing means }
- F01B 3/0029 . . . { Casings, housings }
  
- F01B 3/0032 . { having rotary cylinder block }
- F01B 3/0035 . . { having two or more sets of cylinders or pistons }

- F01B 3/0038 ... { inclined to main shaft axis }
- F01B 3/0041 .. { Arrangements for pressing the cylinder barrel against the valve plate, e.g. fluid pressure }
- F01B 3/0044 .. { Component parts, details, e.g. valves, sealings, lubrication }
- F01B 3/0047 ... { Particularities in the contacting area between cylinder barrel and valve plate }
- F01B 3/005 .... { Bearing arrangements }
- F01B 3/0052 ... { Cylinder barrel }
- F01B 3/0055 ... { Valve means, e.g. valve plate }
- F01B 3/0058 .... { Cylindrical valve means }
- F01B 3/0061 .... { Conical valve means }
- F01B 3/0064 ... { Machine housing }
- F01B 3/0067 .... { cylinder barrel bearing means }
- F01B 3/007 ... { Swash plate }
- F01B 3/0073 .... { swash plate bearing means or driving or driven axis bearing means }
- F01B 3/0076 .. { Connection between cylinder barrel and inclined swash plate }
  
- F01B 3/0079 . { having pistons with rotary and reciprocating motion, i.e. spinning pistons }
  
- F01B 3/0082 . { Details }
- F01B 3/0085 .. { Pistons }
- F01B 3/0088 ... { Piston shoe retaining means }
- F01B 3/0091 .. { Casings, housings }
- F01B 3/0094 .. { Driving or driven means }
  
- F01B 3/02 . with wobble-plate
  
- F01B 3/04 . the piston motion being transmitted by curved surfaces
- F01B 3/045 .. { by two or more curved surfaces, e.g. for two or more pistons in one cylinder }
- F01B 3/06 .. by multi-turn helical surfaces and automatic reversal
- F01B 3/08 ... the helices being arranged on the pistons
  
- F01B 3/10 . Control of working-fluid admission or discharge peculiar thereto ( [suitable for more general application F01L](#) )
- F01B 3/101 .. { for machines with stationary cylinders }
- F01B 3/102 ... { Changing the piston stroke by changing the position of the swash plate }
- F01B 3/103 .. { for machines with rotary cylinder block }
- F01B 3/104 ... { by turning the valve plate }
- F01B 3/105 ... { by moving the swash plate in a direction perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the cylinder barrel }
- F01B 3/106 ... { by changing the inclination of the swash plate }
- F01B 3/107 .... { using wedges }
- F01B 3/108 ... { by turning the swash plate ( [with fixed inclination](#) ) }
- F01B 3/109 ... { by changing the inclination of the axis of the cylinder barrel relative to the swash plate ( [F01B 3/106 takes precedence](#) ) }

## **F01B 5/00      Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with cylinder axes arranged**

**substantially tangentially to a circle centred on main shaft axis**

- F01B 5/003 . { the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders }
- F01B 5/006 . { the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders }

**F01B 7/00**      **Machines or engines with two or more pistons reciprocating within same cylinder or within essentially coaxial cylinders ( in opposite arrangement relative to main shaft [F01B 1/08](#) )**

- F01B 7/02 . with oppositely reciprocating pistons
- F01B 7/04 . . acting on same main shaft
- F01B 7/06 . . . using only connecting-rods for conversion of reciprocatory into rotary motion or vice-versa
- F01B 7/08 . . . . with side rods
- F01B 7/10 . . . . having piston-rod of one piston passed through other piston
- F01B 7/12 . . . using rockers and connecting-rods
- F01B 7/14 . . acting on different main shafts
- F01B 7/16 . with pistons synchronously moving in tandem arrangement
- F01B 7/18 . with differential piston ( [F01B 7/20](#) takes precedence )
- F01B 7/20 . with two or more pistons reciprocating one within another, e.g. one piston forming cylinder of the other

**F01B 9/00**      **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by connections between pistons and main shafts and not specific to preceding groups ( connections disengageable during idling [F01B 31/24](#) )**

- F01B 9/02 . with crankshaft
- F01B 9/023 . . { of Bourke-type or Scotch yoke }
- F01B 9/026 . . { Rigid connections between piston and rod; Oscillating pistons }
- F01B 9/04 . with rotary main shaft other than crankshaft
- F01B 9/042 . . { the connections comprising gear transmissions }
- F01B 9/047 . . { with rack and pinion }
- F01B 9/06 . . the piston motion being transmitted by curved surfaces
- F01B 9/08 . . with ratchet and pawl

**F01B 11/00**      **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines without rotary main shaft, e.g. of free-piston type**

- F01B 11/001 . { in which the movement in the two directions is obtained by one double acting piston motor }

- F01B 11/002 . . { one side of the double acting piston motor being always under the influence of the fluid under pressure }
- F01B 11/003 . . . { the fluid under pressure being continuously delivered to one motor chamber and reacting the other chamber through a valve located in the piston, to bring the piston back in its start-position }
- F01B 11/004 . { in which the movement in the two directions is obtained by two single acting piston motors, each acting in one direction }
- F01B 11/006 . . { one single acting piston motor being always under the influence of the fluid under pressure }
- F01B 11/007 . { in which the movement in only one direction is obtained by a single acting piston motor, e.g. with actuation in the other direction by spring means }
- F01B 11/008 . . { with actuation in the other direction by gravity }
- F01B 11/009 . { in which the movement in two directions is obtained by two or more double acting piston motors }
- F01B 11/02 . Equalising or cushioning devices
- F01B 11/04 . Engines combined with reciprocatory driven devices, e.g. hammers ( with pumps [F01B 23/08](#); predominating aspects of driven devices, see the relevant classes for the devices )
- F01B 11/06 . . for generating vibration only
- F01B 11/08 . with direct fluid transmission link ( [F01B 11/02](#) takes precedence )
- F01B 13/00** **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with rotating cylinders in order to obtain the reciprocating-piston motion ( machines or engines of flexible-wall type [F01B 19/00](#) )**
- F01B 13/02 . with one cylinder only
- F01B 13/04 . with more than one cylinder ( ( [F01B 3/0032](#) takes precedence ) )
- F01B 13/045 . . { with cylinder axes arranged substantially tangentially to a circle centred on main shaft axis }
- F01B 13/06 . . in star arrangement
- F01B 13/061 . . . { the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders }
- F01B 13/062 . . . . { cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating ( [F01B 13/064](#) and [F01B 13/066](#) take precedence ) }
- F01B 13/063 . . . . { with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units }
- F01B 13/064 . . . . . { cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating ( [F01B 13/066](#) takes precedence ) }
- F01B 13/065 . . . . . { directly located side by side }
- F01B 13/066 . . . . . { cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating }
- F01B 13/067 . . . . { with pistons and cylinders having two different parallel axis of rotation }
- F01B 13/068 . . . { the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders }
- F01B 15/00** **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with movable cylinders other than**

provided for in group [F01B 13/00](#) ( with movable cylinder sleeves for working fluid control [F01L](#) )

- [F01B 15/002](#) . { having cylinders in star or fan arrangement, the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders }
- [F01B 15/005](#) . { having cylinders in star or fan arrangement, the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders }
- [F01B 15/007](#) . { having spinning cylinders, i.e. the cylinders rotating about their longitudinal axis }
- [F01B 15/02](#) . with reciprocating cylinders ( with one piston within another [F01B 7/20](#) )
- [F01B 15/04](#) . with oscillating cylinder
- [F01B 15/06](#) . . . Control of working-fluid admission or discharge peculiar thereto
- [F01B 15/065](#) . . . { by cam-actuated distribution members }

**[F01B 17/00](#) Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by use of uniflow principle**

- [F01B 17/02](#) . Engines
- [F01B 17/022](#) . . { with fluid heating }
- [F01B 17/025](#) . . { using liquid air }
- [F01B 17/027](#) . . { using separators }
- [F01B 17/04](#) . . Steam engines

**NOTE**

- in this group the following indexing codes are used:  
[F01B 2170/0411](#) to [F01B 2170/0494](#)

**[F01B 19/00](#) Positive-displacement machines or engines of flexible-wall type**

- [F01B 19/02](#) . with plate-like flexible members
- [F01B 19/04](#) . with tubular flexible members

**[F01B 21/00](#) Combinations of two or more machines or engines ( [F01B 23/00](#) takes precedence; regulating or controlling, see the relevant groups; combinations of two or more pumps [F04](#); fluid gearing [F16H](#) )**

- [F01B 21/02](#) . the machines or engines being all of reciprocating-piston type
- [F01B 21/04](#) . the machines or engines being not all of reciprocating-piston type, e.g. of reciprocating steam engine with steam turbine

**[F01B 23/00](#) Adaptations of machines or engines for special use; Combinations of engines with devices driven thereby ( [F01B 11/00](#) takes precedence; fluid gearing [F16H](#); aspects**

predominantly concerning driven devices, see the relevant classes for these devices;  
regulating or controlling, see the relevant groups )

- F01B 23/02 . Adaptations for driving vehicles, e.g. locomotives ( [arrangements in vehicles, see the relevant classes for vehicles](#) )
- F01B 23/04 . . the vehicles being waterborne vessels
- F01B 23/06 . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, hand-held tools or the like
- F01B 23/08 . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, pumps
- F01B 23/10 . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, electric generators
- F01B 23/12 . Adaptations for driving rolling mills or other heavy reversing machinery

**F01B 25/00** **Regulating, controlling, or safety means** ( [regulating or controlling in general G05](#) )

**NOTE**

- in this group the following indexing codes are used:  
[F01B 2250/001](#) to [F01B 2250/009](#)

- F01B 25/02 . Regulating or controlling by varying working-fluid admission or exhaust, e.g. by varying pressure or quantity ( [distributing or expansion valve gear F01L](#) )
- F01B 25/04 . . Sensing elements
- F01B 25/06 . . . responsive to speed
- F01B 25/08 . . Final actuators
- F01B 25/10 . . . Arrangements or adaptations of working-fluid admission or discharge valves ( [valves in general F16K](#) )
- F01B 25/12 . . Devices dealing with sensing elements or final actuators or transmitting means between them, e.g. power-assisted ( [sensing elements alone F01B 25/04](#); [final actuators alone F01B 25/08](#) )
- F01B 25/14 . . peculiar to particular kinds of machines or engines
- F01B 25/16 . Safety means responsive to specific conditions ( [against water hammer or the like in steam engines F01B 31/34](#) )
- F01B 25/18 . . preventing rotation in wrong direction
- F01B 25/20 . Checking operation on safety devices
- F01B 25/22 . Braking by redirecting working-fluid
- F01B 25/24 . . thereby regenerating energy
- F01B 25/26 . Warning devices
- F01B 27/00** **Starting of machines or engines** ( [starting combustion engines F02N](#) )
- F01B 27/02 . of reciprocating-piston engines

- F01B 27/04 . . . by directing working-fluid supply, e.g. by aid of by-pass steam conduits
- F01B 27/06 . . . specially for compound engines
- F01B 27/08 . . Means for moving crank off dead-centre ( [turning-gear in general F16H](#) )
  
- F01B 29/00** **Machines or engines with pertinent characteristics other than those provided for in preceding main groups**
  
- F01B 29/02 . Atmospheric engines, i.e. atmosphere acting against vacuum
  
- F01B 29/04 . characterised by means for converting from one type to a different one
- F01B 29/06 . . from steam engine into combustion engine
  
- F01B 29/08 . Reciprocating-piston machines or engines not otherwise provided for
- F01B 29/10 . . Engines ( [refrigeration machines F25B](#) )
- F01B 29/12 . . . Steam engines ( [toy steam engines A63H 29/16](#) )
  
- F01B 31/00** **Component parts, details, or accessories not provided for in, or of interest apart from, other groups ( [machine or engine casings, other than those peculiar to steam engines, F16M](#) )**
  
- F01B 31/005 . { [Silencing equipment \( silencing for steam engines F01B 31/16 \)](#) }
  
- F01B 31/02 . De-icing means for engines having icing phenomena
  
- F01B 31/04 . Means for equalising torque in reciprocating-piston machines or engines ( [compensation of inertial forces, suppression of vibration in systems F16F](#) )
  
- F01B 31/06 . Means for compensating relative expansion of component parts
  
- F01B 31/08 . Cooling of steam engines ( [cooling of fluid machines or engines in general F01P](#) ); Heating; Heat insulation ( [heat insulation in general F16L 59/00](#) )
  
- F01B 31/10 . Lubricating arrangements of steam engines ( [of fluid machines or engines in general F01M](#) )
  
- F01B 31/12 . Arrangements of measuring or indicating devices ( [warning apparatus F01B 25/26; measuring instruments or the like per se G01](#) )
  
- F01B 31/14 . Changing of compression ratio
  
- F01B 31/16 . Silencers specially adapted for steam engines ( [arrangements of exhaust pipes or tubes on steam engines F01B 31/30; gas-flow silencers or exhaust silencers for machines or engines in general F01N](#) )
  
- F01B 31/18 . Draining
- F01B 31/20 . . of cylinders
  
- F01B 31/22 . Idling devices, e.g. having by-passing valves
- F01B 31/24 . . Disengagement of connections between pistons and main shafts
  
- F01B 31/26 . Other component parts, details, or accessories, peculiar to steam engines



- F01B 31/28 . . Cylinders or cylinder covers
- F01B 31/30 . . Arrangements of steam conduits
- F01B 31/32 . . Arrangements or adaptations of vacuum breakers
- F01B 31/34 . . Safety means against water hammers or against the penetration of water ( [steam traps F16T](#) )
- F01B 31/36 . . . automatically cutting-off steam supply
  
- F01B 2003/00      Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with cylinder axes coaxial with, or parallel or inclined to, main shaft axis**
  
- F01B 2003/0082 . { [Details](#) }
- F01B 2003/0094 . . { [Driving or driven means](#) }
- F01B 2003/0097 . . . Z-shafts, i.e. driven or driving shafts in Z-form
  
- F01B 2009/00      Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by connections between pistons and main shafts and not specific to preceding groups ( [connections disengageable during idling F01B 31/24](#) )**
  
- F01B 2009/04 . with rotary main shaft other than crankshaft
- F01B 2009/042 . . { [the connections comprising gear transmissions](#) }
- F01B 2009/045 . . . Planetary gearings
- F01B 2009/06 . . the piston motion being transmitted by curved surfaces
- F01B 2009/061 . . . by cams
- F01B 2009/063 . . . . Mono-lobe cams
- F01B 2009/065 . . . . Bi-lobe cams
- F01B 2009/066 . . . . Tri-lobe cams
- F01B 2009/068 . . . . Quadri-lobe cams
  
- F01B 2011/00      Reciprocating-piston machines or engines without rotary main shaft, e.g. of free-piston type**
  
- F01B 2011/004 . { [in which the movement in the two directions is obtained by two single acting piston motors, each acting in one direction](#) }
- F01B 2011/005 . . with oscillating pistons, i.e. the pistons are arranged in ring like cylinder sections and oscillate with respect to the center of the ring
  
- F01B 2170/00      Steam engines, e.g. for locomotives or ships**
  
- F01B 2170/04 . To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
- F01B 2170/0405 . . To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
- F01B 2170/0411 . . . for locomotives
- F01B 2170/0417 . . . for locomobiles driven by small motors
- F01B 2170/0423 . . . Single acting steam engines with 1, 2 or 3 cylinders
- F01B 2170/0429 . . . Double acting high pressure machines
- F01B 2170/0435 . . . Compound machines with double or plural expansion; Auxiliaries driven by main

		engine
F01B 2170/0441	...	Compound engines with monolytic pistons in same cylinder
F01B 2170/0447	...	Machines with more than one piston in a cylinder and with counter moving pistons
F01B 2170/0452	...	Engines without connecting rods
F01B 2170/0458	...	Moving cylinders for steam engines, e.g. with telescopic cylinder arrangements
F01B 2170/0464	...	Oscillating cylinders for steam engines
F01B 2170/047	...	mGeneral arrangements for steam engines
F01B 2170/0476	...	Components or parts for steam engines
F01B 2170/0482	...	with toroidal cylinder space
F01B 2170/0488	....	To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
F01B 2170/0494	.....	with fixed cylinder space
<b>F01B 2250/00</b>		<b>Accessories of steam engines; Arrangements or control devices of piston pumps, compressors without crank shafts or condensers for so far as they influence the functioning of the engines</b>
F01B 2250/001	.	Valves for steam inlet or outlet
F01B 2250/002	.	Valves, brakes, control or safety devices for steam engines
F01B 2250/003	.	Apparatus for control or receiver or condensor pressure
F01B 2250/004	.	Devices for draining or idling of steam cylinders or for uncoupling piston and connecting rod
F01B 2250/005	.	Oil separators for steam engines
F01B 2250/006	.	Arrangement of or controlling of piston pumps or compressors without crank shaft
F01B 2250/007	.	Condensing devices for steam engines
F01B 2250/008	.	Surface condensers for so far as they influence the functioning of the engine
F01B 2250/009	.	Condensor pumps for steam engines