

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****C21D**

**MODIFYING THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF FERROUS METALS; GENERAL DEVICES FOR HEAT TREATMENT OF FERROUS OR NON-FERROUS METALS OR ALLOYS; MAKING METAL MALLEABLE BY DECARBURISATION, TEMPERING OR OTHER TREATMENTS** ([cementation by diffusion processes C23C](#); [surface treatment of metallic material involving at least one process provided for in class C23 and at least one process covered by this subclass, C23F 17/00](#) ; [unidirectional solidification of eutectic materials or unidirectional demixing of eutectoid materials C30B](#))

**C21D 1/00**

**General methods or devices for heat treatments, e.g. annealing, hardening, quenching, tempering** ([furnaces in general F27](#) ; [electric heating per se H05B](#))

## C21D 1/02

- . Hardening articles or materials formed by forging or rolling, with no further heating beyond that required for the formation

## C21D 1/04

- . with simultaneous application of supersonic waves, magnetic or electric fields

## C21D 1/06

- . Surface hardening

## C21D 1/08

- .. with flames

## C21D 1/09

- .. by direct application of electrical or wave energy; by particle radiation

## C21D 1/10

- ... by electric induction

## C21D 1/18

- . Hardening ([C21D 1/02 takes precedence](#)); Quenching with or without subsequent tempering ([quenching devices C21D 1/62](#))

## C21D 1/185

- .. {from an intercritical temperature}

## C21D 1/19

- .. by interrupted quenching

## C21D 1/20

- ... Isothermal quenching, e.g. bainitic hardening

## C21D 1/22

- ... Martempering

## C21D 1/25

- .. Hardening, combined with annealing between 300 degrees Celsius and 600 degrees Celsius, i.e. heat refining ("Vergüten")

## C21D 1/26

- . Methods of annealing

## C21D 1/28

- .. Normalising

## C21D 1/30

- .. Stress-relieving

## C21D 1/32

- .. Soft annealing, e.g. spheroidising

## C21D 1/34

- . Methods of heating ([C21D 1/06 takes precedence](#))

## C21D 1/38

- .. Heating by cathodic discharges

## C21D 1/40

- .. Direct resistance heating

## C21D 1/42

- .. Induction heating

## C21D 1/44

- .. in heat-treatment baths

## C21D 1/46

- ... Salt baths

## C21D 1/48

- ... Metal baths

## C21D 1/50

- ... Oil baths

## C21D 1/52

- .. with flames

- C21D 1/53 . . Heating in fluidised beds
- C21D 1/54 . Determining when the hardening temperature has been reached by measurement of magnetic or electrical properties
- C21D 1/55 . Hardenability tests, e.g. end-quench tests ([investigating chemical or physical properties of materials in general G01N](#))
- C21D 1/56 . characterised by the quenching agents
- C21D 1/58 . . Oils
- C21D 1/60 . . Aqueous agents
- C21D 1/607 . . Molten salts
- C21D 1/613 . . Gases; Liquefied or solidified normally gaseous material
- C21D 1/62 . Quenching devices
- C21D 1/63 . . for bath quenching
- C21D 1/64 . . . with circulating liquids ([in general F28D](#))
- C21D 1/667 . . for spray quenching
- C21D 1/673 . . for die quenching
- C21D 1/68 . Temporary coatings or embedding materials applied before or during heat treatment
- C21D 1/70 . . while heating or quenching
- C21D 1/72 . . during chemical change of surfaces
- C21D 1/74 . Methods of treatment in inert gas, controlled atmosphere, vacuum, or pulverulent material ([production of gases C01](#) , [C10](#))
- C21D 1/76 . . Adjusting the composition of the atmosphere
- C21D 1/763 . . . {[using a catalyst](#)}
- C21D 1/767 . . with forced gas circulation; Reheating thereof
- C21D 1/773 . . under reduced pressure or vacuum
- C21D 1/78 . Combined heat-treatments not provided for above
- C21D 1/785 . . {[Thermocycling](#)}
- C21D 1/82 . Descaling by thermal stresses ([mechanically B21](#) , [B23](#) ; [chemically C23](#) ; [electrolytically C25F](#))
- C21D 1/84 . Controlled slow cooling ([cooling-beds for metal rolling B21B 43/00](#))
  
- C21D 3/00** **Diffusion processes for extraction of non-metals; Furnaces therefor** ([local protective coatings C21D 1/72](#) ; [furnaces in general F27](#))
- C21D 3/02 . Extraction of non-metals
- C21D 3/04 . . Decarburising
- C21D 3/06 . . Extraction of hydrogen
- C21D 3/08 . . Extraction of nitrogen
- C21D 3/10 . Furnaces therefor
  
- C21D 5/00** **Heat treatments of cast-iron**
- C21D 5/02 . improving the malleability of grey cast-iron
- C21D 5/04 . of white cast-iron
- C21D 5/06 . . Malleabilising

- C21D 5/08 . . . with oxidation of carbon
- C21D 5/10 . . . . in gaseous agents
- C21D 5/12 . . . . in solid agents
- C21D 5/14 . . . Graphitising
- C21D 5/16 . . . . Packing agents

#### **C21D 6/00 Heat treatment of ferrous alloys**

- C21D 6/001 . {containing Ni ([C21D 6/004](#) takes precedence)}
- C21D 6/002 . {containing Cr ([C21D 6/004](#) takes precedence)}
- C21D 6/004 . {containing Cr and Ni}
- C21D 6/005 . {containing Mn}
- C21D 6/007 . {containing Co}
- C21D 6/008 . {containing Si}
- C21D 6/02 . Hardening by precipitation
- C21D 6/04 . Hardening by cooling below 0 degrees Celsius

#### **C21D 7/00 Modifying the physical properties of iron or steel by deformation ([apparatus for mechanical working of metal B21](#) , [B23](#) , [B24](#))**

- C21D 7/02 . by cold working
- C21D 7/04 . . of the surface
- C21D 7/06 . . . by shot-peening or the like
- C21D 7/08 . . . by burnishing or the like
- C21D 7/10 . . of the whole cross-section, e.g. of concrete reinforcing bars
- C21D 7/105 . . . {of concrete reinforcing bars}
- C21D 7/12 . . . by expanding tubular bodies
- C21D 7/13 . by hot working

#### **C21D 8/00 Modifying the physical properties by deformation combined with, or followed by, heat treatment ([hardening articles or materials formed by forging or rolling with no further heating beyond that required for the formation C21D 1/02](#))**

- C21D 8/005 . {of ferrous alloys ([C21D 8/02](#) to [C21D 8/12](#) take precedence)}
- C21D 8/02 . during manufacturing of plates or strips ([C21D 8/12](#) takes precedence)

#### **NOTE**

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- C21D 8/0205 . . {of ferrous alloys}
- C21D 8/021 . . {involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}
- C21D 8/0215 . . . {Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}
- C21D 8/0221 . . {characterised by the working steps}
- C21D 8/0226 . . . {Hot rolling}
- C21D 8/0231 . . . {Warm rolling}

C21D 8/0236	...	{Cold rolling}
C21D 8/0242	...	{Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}
C21D 8/0247	..	{characterised by the heat treatment}
C21D 8/0252	...	{with application of tension}
C21D 8/0257	...	{with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}
C21D 8/0263	...	{following hot rolling}
C21D 8/0268	...	{between cold rolling steps}
C21D 8/0273	...	{Final recrystallisation annealing}
C21D 8/0278	..	{involving a particular surface treatment ( <a href="#">C21D 8/0294</a> takes precedence)}
C21D 8/0284	...	{Application of a separating or insulating coating}
C21D 8/0289	...	{Application of a tension-inducing coating}
C21D 8/0294	..	{involving a localised treatment}
C21D 8/04	..	to produce plates or strips for deep-drawing

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C21D 8/0405	...	{of ferrous alloys}
C21D 8/041	...	{involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}
C21D 8/0415	....	{Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}
C21D 8/0421	...	{characterised by the working steps}
C21D 8/0426	....	{Hot rolling}
C21D 8/0431	....	{Warm rolling}
C21D 8/0436	....	{Cold rolling}
C21D 8/0442	....	{Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}
C21D 8/0447	...	{characterised by the heat treatment}
C21D 8/0452	....	{with application of tension}
C21D 8/0457	....	{with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}
C21D 8/0463	....	{following hot rolling}
C21D 8/0468	....	{between cold rolling steps}
C21D 8/0473	....	{Final recrystallisation annealing}
C21D 8/0478	...	{involving a particular surface treatment ( <a href="#">C21D 8/0494</a> takes precedence)}
C21D 8/0484	....	{Application of a separating or insulating coating}
C21D 8/0489	....	{Application of a tension-inducing coating}
C21D 8/0494	...	{involving a localised treatment}
C21D 8/06	.	during manufacturing of rods or wires
C21D 8/065	..	{of ferrous alloys}
C21D 8/08	..	for concrete reinforcement
C21D 8/10	.	during manufacturing of tubular bodies
C21D 8/105	..	{of ferrous alloys}

C21D 8/12 . during manufacturing of articles with special electromagnetic properties

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C21D 8/1205 . . {involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}

C21D 8/1211 . . . {Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}

C21D 8/1216 . . {the working step(s) being of interest}

C21D 8/1222 . . . {Hot rolling}

C21D 8/1227 . . . {Warm rolling}

C21D 8/1233 . . . {Cold rolling}

C21D 8/1238 . . . {Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}

C21D 8/1244 . . {the heat treatment(s) being of interest}

C21D 8/125 . . . {with application of tension}

C21D 8/1255 . . . {with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}

C21D 8/1261 . . . {following hot rolling}

C21D 8/1266 . . . {between cold rolling steps}

C21D 8/1272 . . . {Final recrystallisation annealing}

C21D 8/1277 . . {involving a particular surface treatment ([C21D 8/1294](#) takes precedence)}

C21D 8/1283 . . . {Application of a separating or insulating coating}

C21D 8/1288 . . . {Application of a tension-inducing coating}

C21D 8/1294 . . {involving a localized treatment}

**C21D 9/00**

**Heat treatment, e.g. annealing, hardening, quenching, tempering, adapted for particular articles; Furnaces therefor** ([furnaces in general F27](#))

C21D 9/0006 . {Details, accessories not peculiar to any of the following furnaces ([control devices C21D 11/00](#))}

C21D 9/0012 . . {Rolls; Roll arrangements}

C21D 9/0018 . . {for charging, discharging or manipulation of charge}

C21D 9/0025 . . {Supports; Baskets; Containers; Covers}

C21D 9/0031 . {Rotary furnaces with horizontal or slightly inclined axis}

C21D 9/0037 . {Rotary furnaces with vertical axis; Furnaces with rotating floor}

C21D 9/0043 . {Muffle furnaces; Retort furnaces}

C21D 9/005 . {Furnaces in which the charge is moving up or down ([for wire, strip C21D 9/54](#))}

C21D 9/0056 . {Furnaces through which the charge is moved in a horizontal straight path ([C21D 9/0043](#) takes precedence)}

C21D 9/0062 . {Heat-treating apparatus with a cooling or quenching zone}

C21D 9/0068 . {for particular articles not mentioned below}

C21D 9/0075 . {for rods of limited length ([of unlimited length C21D 9/52](#))}

C21D 9/0081 . {for slabs; for billets}

C21D 9/0087 . {for chains, for chain links}

C21D 9/0093	. {for screws; for bolts}
C21D 9/02	. for springs
C21D 9/04	. for rails (apparatus for heat treatment of railway rails on the spot <a href="#">E01B 31/18</a> )
C21D 9/06	.. with diminished tendency to become wavy
C21D 9/08	. for tubular bodies or pipes
C21D 9/085	.. {Cooling or quenching}
C21D 9/10	.. shotgun barrels
C21D 9/12	.. barrels for ordnance
C21D 9/14	.. wear- or pressure-resistant pipes
C21D 9/16	. for explosive shells
C21D 9/18	. for knives, scythes, scissors, or like hand cutting tools
C21D 9/20	. for blades for skates
C21D 9/22	. for drills; for milling cutters; for machine cutting tools
C21D 9/24	. for saw blades
C21D 9/26	. for needles; for teeth for card-clothing
C21D 9/28	. for plain shafts
C21D 9/30	. for crankshafts; for camshafts
C21D 9/32	. for gear wheels, worm wheels, or the like
C21D 9/34	. for tyres; for rims
C21D 9/36	. for balls; for rollers
C21D 9/38	. for roll bodies
C21D 9/40	. for rings; for bearing races
C21D 9/42	. for armour plate
C21D 9/44	. for equipment for lining mine shafts, e.g. segments, rings, props
C21D 9/46	. for sheet metals
C21D 9/48	.. deep-drawing sheets
C21D 9/50	. for welded joints
C21D 9/505	.. {Cooling thereof}
C21D 9/52	. for wires; for strips;{for rods of unlimited length}
C21D 9/525	.. {for wire, for rods ( <a href="#">C21D 9/54</a> takes precedence)}
C21D 9/54	.. Furnaces for treating strips or wire
C21D 9/56	... Continuous furnaces for strip or wire
C21D 9/561	.... {with a controlled atmosphere or vacuum}
C21D 9/562	.... {Details}
C21D 9/563	..... {Rolls; Drums; Roll arrangements}
C21D 9/564	..... {Tension control}
C21D 9/565	..... {Sealing arrangements}
C21D 9/567	.... with heating in fluidised beds
C21D 9/573	.... with cooling
C21D 9/5732	..... {of wires; of rods}

C21D 9/5735	..... {Details}
C21D 9/5737	..... {Rolls; Drums; Roll arrangements}
C21D 9/58	.... with heating by baths
C21D 9/60	.... with induction heating
C21D 9/62	.... with direct resistance heating
C21D 9/63	.... the strip being supported by a cushion of gas
C21D 9/64	... Patenting furnaces
C21D 9/66	... Tower-type furnaces
C21D 9/663	... Bell-type furnaces
C21D 9/665	.... inverted or side-facing
C21D 9/667	.... Multi-station furnaces
C21D 9/67	..... adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
C21D 9/673	.... Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to bell-type furnaces
C21D 9/675	.... Arrangements of charging or discharging devices
C21D 9/677	.... Arrangements of heating devices
C21D 9/68	... Furnace coilers; hot coilers (cold coilers <a href="#">B21C</a> )
C21D 9/70	. Furnaces for ingots, i.e. soaking pits
<b>C21D 10/00</b>	<b>Modifying the physical properties by methods other than heat treatment or deformation</b>
C21D 10/005	. {by laser shock processing}
<b>C21D 11/00</b>	<b>Process control or regulation for heat treatments (controlling or regulating in general <a href="#">G05</a>)</b>
C21D 11/005	. {for cooling}
<b>C21D 2201/00</b>	<b>Treatment for obtaining particular effects</b>
C21D 2201/01	. Shape memory effect
C21D 2201/02	. Superplasticity
C21D 2201/03	. Amorphous or microcrystalline structure
C21D 2201/04	. Single or very large crystals
C21D 2201/05	. Grain orientation
<b>C21D 2211/00</b>	<b>Microstructure comprising significant phases</b>
C21D 2211/001	. Austenite
C21D 2211/002	. Bainite
C21D 2211/003	. Cementite
C21D 2211/004	. Dispersions; Precipitations
C21D 2211/005	. Ferrite
C21D 2211/006	. Graphite
C21D 2211/007	. Ledeburite
C21D 2211/008	. Martensite

- C21D 2211/009
  - . Pearlite
- C21D 2221/00**
  - Treating localised areas of an article**
- C21D 2221/01
  - . End parts (e.g. leading, trailing end)
- C21D 2221/02
  - . Edge parts
- C21D 2221/10
  - . Differential treatment of inner with respect to outer regions, e.g. core and periphery, respectively
- C21D 2241/00**
  - Treatments in a special environment**
- C21D 2241/01
  - . under pressure
- C21D 2241/02
  - . . Hot isostatic pressing
- C21D 2241/03
  - . in zero gravity (e.g. in spce)
- C21D 2251/00**
  - Treating composite or clad material**
- C21D 2251/02
  - . Clad material
- C21D 2251/04
  - . Welded or brazed overlays
- C21D 2261/00**
  - Machining or cutting being involved**
- C21D 2281/00**
  - Making use of special physico-chemical means**
- C21D 2281/01
  - . Seed crystals being used
- C21D 2281/02
  - . temperature gradient