

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****B08B****CLEANING IN GENERAL; PREVENTION OF FOULING IN**

**GENERAL** (brushes [A46](#); devices for domestic or like cleaning [A47L](#); { cleaning golf-clubs or golf accessories [A63B 57/0087](#) ; cleaning grips of bats on rackets [A63B 59/0062](#) } ; separation of particles from liquids or gases [B01D](#); separation of solids [B03](#), [B07](#); spraying or applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces in general [B05](#); cleaning devices for conveyers [B65G 45/10](#) ; concurrent cleaning, filling and closing of bottles [B67C 7/00](#) ; inhibiting corrosion or incrustation in general [C23](#); cleaning streets, permanent ways, beaches or land [E01H](#); parts, details or accessories of swimming or splash baths or pools, specially adapted for cleaning [E04H 4/16](#) ; preventing or removing electrostatic charges [H05F](#))

**NOTE**

This subclass covers only inventions relating to cleaning which are usually classified according to one (or more) of the aspects mentioned below if they are not fully classifiable in a subclass a subclass providing for any of the following aspects: the articles cleaned, e.g. bed-pans, urinal or other sanitary devices for bed-ridden persons [A61G 9/02](#) , filters, semi-permeable membranes [B01D](#), castings and moulds [B22D 29/00](#) , vehicles [B60S](#), coke ovens [C10B 43/00](#) , building forms [E04G](#), boilers [F22](#), combustion apparatus [F23](#), furnaces [F27](#); the general nature of the cleaning, e.g. preparing for sugar manufacture [A23N](#), domestic cleaning [A47L](#), treatment of textiles [D06](#), laundry [D06F](#), air-conditioning [F24F](#); the particular operation performed, e.g. filtering [B01D](#), separating of solids [B03](#), [B07](#), sand-blasting [B24C](#); the particular apparatus or device, e.g. brushes [A46B](#), mops [A47L](#), centrifuges [B04](#), hand tools [B25](#) { devices for cleaning paint-applying hand tools after use [B44D 3/006](#) } ; the substance cleaned, e.g. metals [B21C](#), [C23](#), water [C02](#), glass [C03B](#), leather [C14B](#), textile fibres [D01](#); the substance removed (or prevented from depositing or forming) e.g. { removing paint [B44D 3/00](#) , e.g. } implements or apparatus for removing dry paint from surfaces [B44D 3/16](#) ; chemical paint-removers [C09D 9/00](#) ; preventing rust [C23F](#); the substance used, e.g. macromolecular compounds or compositions [C08](#), anti-icing materials [C09K](#), detergents [C11D](#); the operation in connection with which cleaning is done, e.g. metal rolling [B21B](#), metal boring [B23B](#), soldering [B23K](#), textile fabrication [D01G](#), [D01H](#), [D03J](#), [D04B](#); the surroundings of a surface to be cleaned or kept clean, e.g. water in a boiler [C02F](#), air in a room [F24F](#).

**B08B 1/00**

**Cleaning by methods involving the use of tools, brushes, or analogous members** ([B08B 3/12](#) , [B08B 6/00](#) , {[B08B 7/02](#) } , [B08B 9/00](#) take precedence)

**B08B 1/001**

. {characterised by the type of cleaning tool}

**B08B 1/002**

.. {Brushes}

**B08B 1/003**

.. {Swabs}

**B08B 1/005**

.. {Scrapers}

**B08B 1/006**

.. {Wipes}

**B08B 1/007**

. {having means to clean the cleaning members before, during or after use}

**B08B 1/008**

. {using translating operative members}

- B08B 1/02 . Cleaning travelling work, e.g. a web, articles on a conveyer
- B08B 1/04 . using rotary operative members ([B08B 1/02](#) takes precedence)

**B08B 3/00**

**Cleaning by methods involving the use or presence of liquid or steam**  
[\(B08B 9/00](#) takes precedence)

- B08B 3/003 . {Cleaning involving contact with foam}
- B08B 3/006 . {Cabinets or cupboards specially adapted for cleaning articles by hand}
- B08B 3/02 . Cleaning by the force of jets or sprays
- B08B 3/022 . . {Cleaning travelling work ([B08B 3/042](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 3/024 . . {Cleaning by means of spray elements moving over the surface to be cleaned}
- B08B 3/026 . . {Cleaning by making use of hand-held spray guns; Fluid preparations therefor}
- B08B 3/028 . . . {Spray guns}

**WARNING**

This group is no longer used for classification. Documents are in the process of being reclassified to subclass [B05B](#)

- B08B 3/04 . Cleaning involving contact with liquid
- B08B 3/041 . . {Cleaning travelling work}
- B08B 3/042 . . . {the loose articles or bulk material travelling gradually through a drum or other container, e.g. by helix or gravity}
- B08B 3/044 . . {using agitated containers in which the liquid and articles or material are placed (by means of ultrasonic vibrations [B08B 3/12](#) ; cleaning casks or barrels by agitating [B08B 9/0817](#) ; mixers with shaking, oscillating or vibrating mechanisms [B01F 11/00](#))}
- B08B 3/045 . . {using perforated containers, e.g. baskets, or racks immersed and agitated in a liquid bath ([using perforated drums](#) [B08B 3/06](#))}
- B08B 3/047 . . . {Containers specially adapted therefor}
- B08B 3/048 . . {Overflow-type cleaning, e.g. tanks in which the liquid flows over the tank in which the articles are placed}
- B08B 3/06 . . using perforated drums in which the article or material is placed {([B08B 3/042](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 3/08 . . the liquid having chemical or dissolving effect ([substances used, see the relevant classes](#))
- B08B 3/10 . . with additional treatment of the liquid or of the object being cleaned, e.g. by heat, by electricity, by vibration
- B08B 3/102 . . . {with means for agitating the liquid (by agitating the container [B08B 3/042](#) , [B08B 3/044](#) , [B08B 3/045](#) , [B08B 3/06](#))}
- B08B 3/104 . . . . {using propellers}
- B08B 3/106 . . . {by boiling the liquid}
- B08B 3/108 . . . {by lowering and raising the level of the cleaning liquid}

- B08B 3/12 . . . by sonic or ultrasonic vibrations (washing or rinsing machines for crockery or tableware using sonic or ultrasonic waves [A47L 15/13](#) ; of natural teeth, of protheses using ultrasonic techniques similar to those used for natural teeth [A61C 17/20](#) ; application of ultrasonic vibrations to chemical, physical, or physico-chemical processes in general [B01J 19/10](#))
- B08B 3/123 . . . . {Cleaning travelling work, e.g. webs, articles on a conveyer (conveyers [B65G](#) ; handling webs [B65H](#))}
- B08B 3/126 . . . . . {in particular moving bottles}
- B08B 3/14 . . . Removing waste, e.g. labels, from cleaning liquid; {Regenerating cleaning liquids } (treatment of water in general [C02F](#))

**B08B 5/00** **Cleaning by methods involving the use of air flow or gas flow** ([B08B 6/00](#) takes precedence)

- B08B 5/02 . Cleaning by the force of jets, e.g. blowing-out cavities {(airguns or nozzles per se [B05B 1/005](#))}
- B08B 5/023 . . {Cleaning travelling work}
- B08B 5/026 . . . {Cleaning moving webs}
- B08B 5/04 . Cleaning by suction, with or without auxiliary action ({[B08B 9/035](#) takes precedence; }suction cleaners [A47L](#))
- B08B 5/043 . . {Cleaning travelling work}
- B08B 5/046 . . . {Cleaning moving webs}

**B08B 6/00** **Cleaning by electrostatic means** (domestic cleaning implements functioning electrostatically [A47L 13/40](#) ; cleaning of grooved record carriers [G11B 3/58](#))

**B08B 7/00** **Cleaning by methods not provided for in a single other subclass or a single group in this subclass**

- B08B 7/0007 . {by explosions}
- B08B 7/0014 . {by incorporation in a layer which is removed with the contaminants}
- B08B 7/0021 . {by liquid gases or supercritical fluids}
- B08B 7/0028 . {by adhesive surfaces}
- B08B 7/0035 . {by radiant energy, e.g. UV, laser, light beam or the like}
- B08B 7/0042 . . {by laser}
- B08B 7/005 . . {by infrared radiation}
- B08B 7/0057 . . {by ultraviolet radiation}
- B08B 7/0064 . {by temperature changes}
- B08B 7/0071 . . {by heating ([B08B 7/0035](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 7/0078 . . . {in a fluidized bed}
- B08B 7/0085 . . . {by pyrolysis}
- B08B 7/0092 . . {by cooling}
- B08B 7/02 . by distortion, beating, or vibration of the surface to be cleaned {([B08B 7/0007](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 7/022 . . {Needle scalers}
- B08B 7/024 . . {Rotary scalers}
- B08B 7/026 . . {Using sound waves}

- B08B 7/028 . . . {Using ultrasounds}
- B08B 7/04 . by a combination of operations

**B08B 9/00** **Cleaning hollow articles by methods or apparatus specially adapted thereto**  
([B08B 3/12](#) , [B08B 6/00](#) take precedence)

- B08B 9/02 . Cleaning pipes or tubes or systems of pipes or tubes (apparatus for cleaning metal pipes by chemical methods [C23G 3/04](#) ; { removing obstructions in waste pipes or sinks [E03C 1/30](#) ; cleaning sewer pipes [E03F 9/00](#); cleaning boreholes or wells [E21B 37/00](#) ; cleaning furnace tubes, flues, chimneys [F23J 3/02](#) ; cleaning heat-transfer conduits, e.g. water tubes of boilers [F28G](#)})
- B08B 9/021 . . {Cleaning pipe ends or pipe fittings, e.g. before soldering (grinding tube ends [B24B 9/007](#))}
- B08B 9/023 . . Cleaning the external surface ([B08B 9/021](#) takes precedence)
- B08B 9/027 . . Cleaning the internal surfaces; Removal of blockages
- B08B 9/032 . . . by the mechanical action of a moving fluid, e.g. by flushing ([B08B 9/04](#) takes precedence; { by fluid jets mounted on cleaning devices [B08B 9/0433](#)})
- B08B 9/0321 . . . . {using pressurised, pulsating or purging fluid ([E04F 17/126](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 9/0322 . . . . . {in combination with a plug, e.g. inflatable mole, to isolate a part of the tube (plugging pigs for stopping flow in pipes [F16L 55/1283](#))}
- B08B 9/0323 . . . . . {Arrangements specially designed for simultaneous and parallel cleaning of a plurality of conduits}
- B08B 9/0325 . . . . . {Control mechanisms therefor}
- B08B 9/0326 . . . . . {Using pulsations}
- B08B 9/0327 . . . . . {the fluid being in the form of a mist}
- B08B 9/0328 . . . . . {by purging the pipe with a gas or a mixture of gas and liquid}
- B08B 9/035 . . . . by suction
- B08B 9/04 . . . using cleaning devices introduced into and moved along the pipes

**WARNING**

Group [B08B 9/04](#) and subgroups are not complete. See also [B08B 9/02](#) and subgroups

- B08B 9/043 . . . . moved by externally powered mechanical linkage, e.g. pushed or drawn through the pipes
- B08B 9/0433 . . . . . {provided exclusively with fluid jets as cleaning tools}
- B08B 9/0436 . . . . . {provided with mechanical cleaning tools, e.g. scrapers, with or without additional fluid jets ([B08B 9/045](#) , [B08B 9/047](#) take precedence)}
- B08B 9/045 . . . . . the cleaning devices being rotated while moved{, e.g. flexible rotating shaft or "snake" }(B08B 9/047 takes precedence)
- B08B 9/047 . . . . . the cleaning devices having {internal}motors [e.g. turbines] for powering cleaning tools
- B08B 9/049 . . . . having self-contained propelling means for moving the cleaning devices along the pipes (i.e. self-propelled)
- B08B 9/0492 . . . . . {Heavy-type cleaning devices, e.g. crawlers with plural cleaning members ([B08B 9/051](#) takes precedence)}

- B08B 9/0495 . . . . . {Nozzles propelled by fluid jets}
- B08B 9/0497 . . . . . {provided with additional mechanical cleaning tools}
- B08B 9/051 . . . . . the cleaning devices having {internal}motors [e.g. turbines] for powering cleaning tools
- B08B 9/053 . . . . . moved along the pipes by a fluid, e.g. by fluid pressure or by suction
- B08B 9/0535 . . . . . {the cleaning device being restricted in its movement by a cable or the like}
- B08B 9/055 . . . . . the cleaning devices conforming to, or being conformable to, substantially the same cross-section of the pipes, {e.g. pigs or moles (pigs or moles per se [F16L 55/26](#) ; their launching and detection [F16L 55/46](#) ; separating pigs in pipelines [F17D 3/00](#))}
- B08B 9/0551 . . . . . {Control mechanisms therefor}
- B08B 9/0552 . . . . . {Spherically shaped pigs}
- B08B 9/0553 . . . . . {Cylindrically shaped pigs}
- B08B 9/0554 . . . . . {Diablo shaped pigs}
- B08B 9/0555 . . . . . {Gelled or degradable pigs}
- B08B 9/0556 . . . . . {at least partially formed of a frozen liquid or gas}
- B08B 9/0557 . . . . . {Pigs with rings shaped cleaning members, e.g. cup shaped pigs}
- B08B 9/0558 . . . . . {with additional jet means}
- B08B 9/057 . . . . . the cleaning devices being entrained discrete elements, e.g. balls, grinding elements, brushes
- B08B 9/08 . . . Cleaning containers, e.g. tanks
- B08B 9/0804 . . . {Cleaning containers having tubular shape, e.g. casks, barrels, drums ([B08B 9/20](#) take precedence)}
- B08B 9/0808 . . . {by methods involving the use of tools, e.g. by brushes, scrapers}
- B08B 9/0813 . . . {by the force of jets or sprays}
- B08B 9/0817 . . . {by agitating or tumbling containers filled with liquid or liquid and abrasive, e.g. chain}
- B08B 9/0821 . . . {Handling or manipulating containers, e.g. moving or rotating containers in cleaning devices, conveying to or from cleaning devices ([B08B 9/20](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 9/0826 . . . {the containers being brought to the cleaning device}
- B08B 9/083 . . . {Removing scrap from containers, e.g. removing labels}
- B08B 9/0835 . . . {Removing remnants of closures from bottle necks}
- B08B 9/0839 . . . {Cleaning milk churns ([B08B 9/0804](#) , [B08B 9/20](#) take precedence)}
- B08B 9/0843 . . . {for large numbers of milk churns}
- B08B 9/0848 . . . {Devices for inverting or emptying milk churns, applying or unseating covers}
- B08B 9/0852 . . . {Drainage racks ([see also A47J 47/20](#))}
- B08B 9/0856 . . . {Cleaning of water-treatment installations}
- B08B 9/0861 . . . {Cleaning crates, boxes or the like ([B08B 9/083](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 9/0865 . . . {by burning-out ([B08B 9/40](#) takes precedence)}
- B08B 9/087 . . . by methods involving the use of tools, e.g. brushes, scrapers ({[B08B 9/0808](#)} , [B08B 9/20](#) take precedence)
- B08B 9/093 . . . by the force of jets or sprays ({[B08B 9/0813](#)} , [B08B 9/20](#) take precedence)

- B08B 9/0933 . . . {Removing sludge or the like from tank bottoms}
- B08B 9/0936 . . . {using rotating jets}
- B08B 9/20 . . by using apparatus into or on to which containers e.g. bottles, jars, cans are brought {(washing or rinsing crockery or tableware [A47L 15/00](#))}
- B08B 9/205 . . . {Conveying containers to or from the cleaning machines}
- B08B 9/22 . . . the apparatus cleaning by soaking alone
- B08B 9/24 . . . . and having conveyers
- B08B 9/26 . . . . . Rotating conveyers
- B08B 9/28 . . . the apparatus cleaning by splash, spray, or jet application, with or without soaking
- B08B 9/283 . . . . {by gas jets}
- B08B 9/286 . . . . . {the gas being ionized}
- B08B 9/30 . . . . and having conveyers
- B08B 9/32 . . . . . Rotating conveyers
- B08B 9/34 . . . . Arrangements of conduits or nozzles
- B08B 9/36 . . . the apparatus cleaning by using brushes
- B08B 9/38 . . . the apparatus cleaning by using scrapers, chains, grains of shot, sand or other abrasive means (abrasive blasting in general [B24C](#))
- B08B 9/40 . . . the apparatus cleaning by burning out
- B08B 9/42 . . . the apparatus being characterised by means for conveying or carrying containers therethrough
- B08B 9/423 . . . . {Holders for bottles, cell construction}
- B08B 9/426 . . . . {Grippers for bottles}
- B08B 9/44 . . . . the means being for loading or unloading the apparatus
- B08B 9/46 . . . Inspecting cleaned containers for cleanliness
- B08B 11/00** **Cleaning flexible or delicate articles by methods or apparatus specially adapted thereto ([B08B 3/12](#) , [B08B 6/00](#) take precedence)**
- B08B 11/02 . . Devices for holding articles during cleaning {(B08B 9/42 takes precedence)}
- B08B 11/04 . . specially adapted for plate glass, e.g. prior to manufacture of windshields (cleaning the gap between permanently secured panes [E06B 3/677](#))
- B08B 13/00** **Accessories or details of general applicability for machines or apparatus for cleaning**
- B08B 15/00** **Preventing escape of dirt or fumes from the area where they are produced; Collecting or removing dirt or fumes from that area (parts, details or accessories of cooking-vessels for withdrawing or condensing cooking vapours from such vessels [A47J 36/38](#) ; refuse disposal [B65F](#) ; devices for conducting smoke or fumes, e.g. flues, [F23J 11/00](#) ; removing cooking fumes from domestic stoves or ranges [F24C 15/20](#) ; air conditioning, ventilation [F24F](#))**
- B08B 15/002 . . {using a central suction system, e.g. for collecting exhaust gases in workshops (removing dust from textile machines [D01H 11/00](#) ; ventilation of mines, galleries or tunnels, e.g. traffic tunnels, [E21F 1/00](#))}

- B08B 15/005 . . {comprising a stationary main duct with one or more branch units, the branch units being freely movable along a sealed longitudinal slit in the main duct}
- B08B 15/007 . {Fume suction nozzles arranged on a closed or semi-closed surface, e.g. on a circular, ring-shaped or rectangular surface adjacent the area where fumes are produced (B08B 15/04 takes precedence)}
- B08B 15/02 . using chambers or hoods covering the area {(B08B 15/002 takes precedence)}
- B08B 15/023 . . {Fume cabinets or cupboards, e.g. for laboratories}
- B08B 15/026 . . {Boxes for removal of dirt, e.g. for cleaning brakes, glove- boxes}
- B08B 15/04 . from a small area, e.g. a tool {(removing chips B23Q 11/0042)}

**B08B 17/00** **Methods preventing fouling** {(preventing accumulation of deposits in pneumatic conveyers B65G 53/521)}

- B08B 17/02 . Preventing deposition of fouling or of dust
- B08B 17/025 . . {Prevention of fouling with liquids by means of devices for containing or collecting said liquids}
- B08B 17/04 . . by using removable coverings
- B08B 17/06 . . by giving articles subject to fouling a special shape or arrangement
- B08B 17/065 . . . {the surface having a microscopic surface pattern to achieve the same effect as a lotus flower}

**B08B 2200/00** **Dummy title**

**B08B 2203/00** **Details of cleaning machines or methods involving the use or presence of liquid or steam**

- B08B 2203/002 . the liquid being a degassed liquid
- B08B 2203/005 . the liquid being ozonated
- B08B 2203/007 . Heating the liquid
- B08B 2203/02 . Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the force of jets or sprays
- B08B 2203/0205 . . Bypass pressure relief valves
- B08B 2203/0211 . . Case coverings
- B08B 2203/0217 . . Use of a detergent in high pressure cleaners; arrangements for supplying the same
- B08B 2203/0223 . . Electric motor pumps
- B08B 2203/0229 . . Suction chambers for aspirating the sprayed liquid
- B08B 2203/0235 . . Cooling the motor pump
- B08B 2203/0241 . . Combustion motor pumps
- B08B 2203/0247 . . Hose joints, e.g. quick joints, rotating joints
- B08B 2203/0252 . . Ecological type pressure cleaners, e.g. by pressure intensifiers
- B08B 2203/0258 . . Multiple lance high pressure cleaning station
- B08B 2203/0264 . . Splash guards
- B08B 2203/027 . . Pump details
- B08B 2203/0276 . . Hose reels specific for high pressure cleaners
- B08B 2203/0282 . . Safety devices
- B08B 2203/0288 . . Ultra or megasonic jets

B08B 2203/0294	.. Wobbling swash plates for high pressure cleaners
<b>B08B 2205/00</b>	<b>Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the use of gas or air flow</b>
B08B 2205/005	. Using the coanda effect of the gas flow/stream
<b>B08B 2209/00</b>	<b>Details of machines or methods for cleaning hollow articles</b>
B08B 2209/005	. Use of ultrasonics or cavitation, e.g. as primary or secondary action
B08B 2209/02	. Details of apparatuses or methods for cleaning pipes or tubes
B08B 2209/022	.. making use of the reversal flow of the cleaning liquid
B08B 2209/024	.. by creating a shock wave in the cleaning liquid
B08B 2209/027	.. for cleaning the internal surfaces
B08B 2209/032	... by the mechanical action of a moving fluid
B08B 2209/04	... using cleaning devices introduced into and moved along the pipes
B08B 2209/045	.... Making cleaning devices buoyant within a pipeline to be cleaned
B08B 2209/053	.... being moved along the pipes by a fluid, e.g. by fluid pressure or by suction
B08B 2209/055	..... the cleaning devices conforming to, or being conformable to, substantially the same cross-section of the pipes, e.g. pigs or moles
B08B 2209/0553	..... Pigs provided with detection means
B08B 2209/0556	..... the detection means being magnets
B08B 2209/08	. Details of machines or methods for cleaning containers, e.g. tanks
B08B 2209/085	.. Cleaning flexible bags
<b>B08B 2215/00</b>	<b>Preventing escape of dirt or fumes from the area where they are produced; Collecting or removing dirt or fumes from that area</b>
B08B 2215/003	. with the assistance of blowing nozzles
B08B 2215/006	. Suction tables
<b>B08B 2220/00</b>	<b>Type of materials or objects being removed</b>
B08B 2220/01	. Adhesive materials
B08B 2220/02	. Chewing gum
B08B 2220/04	. Polymers
<b>B08B 2230/00</b>	<b>Other cleaning aspects applicable to all <a href="#">B08B</a> range</b>
B08B 2230/01	. Cleaning with steam
<b>B08B 2240/00</b>	<b>Type of materials or objects being cleaned</b>
B08B 2240/02	. Optical fibers or optical fiber connectors