

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 prostheses 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . {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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. {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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . {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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . using chambers or hoods covering the area {(B08B 15/002 takes precedence)}
B08B 15/023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. {Fume cabinets or cupboards, e.g. for laboratories}
B08B 15/026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. {Boxes for removal of dirt, e.g. for cleaning brakes, glove- boxes}
B08B 15/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Preventing deposition of fouling or of dust
B08B 17/025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. {Prevention of fouling with liquids by means of devices for containing or collecting said liquids}
B08B 17/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. by using removable coverings
B08B 17/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. by giving articles subject to fouling a special shape or arrangement
B08B 17/065	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... {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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . the liquid being a degassed liquid
B08B 2203/005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . the liquid being ozonated
B08B 2203/007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Heating the liquid
B08B 2203/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the force of jets or sprays
B08B 2203/0205	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Bypass pressure relief valves
B08B 2203/0211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Case coverings
B08B 2203/0217	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Use of a detergent in high pressure cleaners; arrangements for supplying the same
B08B 2203/0223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Electric motor pumps
B08B 2203/0229	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Suction chambers for aspirating the sprayed liquid
B08B 2203/0235	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Cooling the motor pump
B08B 2203/0241	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Combustion motor pumps
B08B 2203/0247	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Hose joints, e.g. quick joints, rotating joints
B08B 2203/0252	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Ecological type pressure cleaners, e.g. by pressure intensifiers
B08B 2203/0258	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Multiple lance high pressure cleaning station
B08B 2203/0264	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Splash guards
B08B 2203/027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Pump details
B08B 2203/0276	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. 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
B08B 2205/00		Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the use of gas or air flow
B08B 2205/005	.	Using the coanda effect of the gas flow/stream
B08B 2209/00		Details of machines or methods for cleaning hollow articles
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
B08B 2215/00		Preventing escape of dirt or fumes from the area where they are produced; Collecting or removing dirt or fumes from that area
B08B 2215/003	.	with the assistance of blowing nozzles
B08B 2215/006	.	Suction tables
B08B 2220/00		Type of materials or objects being removed
B08B 2220/01	.	Adhesive materials
B08B 2220/02	.	Chewing gum
B08B 2220/04	.	Polymers
B08B 2230/00		Other cleaning aspects applicable to all B08B range
B08B 2230/01	.	Cleaning with steam
B08B 2240/00		Type of materials or objects being cleaned
B08B 2240/02	.	Optical fibers or optical fiber connectors