

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****B60V**

AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES (devices for short-distance movement of heavy loads by providing a high-pressure fluid cushion, supplied from an independent source, between load and ground [B65G 7/06](#))

NOTE

The term "air-cushion vehicles" in this subclass includes all vehicles which are wholly or partly supported on land or water by air or other gaseous cushions

B60V 1/00

Air-cushion (land vehicles, waterborne vessels, or aircraft adapted or modified to travel on air cushion [B60V 3/00](#))

- B60V 1/02 . wherein the cushion is generated and contained by at least one peripheral fluid curtain
- B60V 1/04 . wherein the cushion is contained at least in part by walls
- B60V 1/043 . . {the walls being flexible (skirt details [B60V 1/16](#))}
- B60V 1/046 . . {the walls or a part of them being rigid}
- B60V 1/06 . wherein the cushion is formed within plenum chamber
- B60V 1/08 . wherein the cushion is created during forward movement of the vehicle by ram effect
- B60V 1/10 . in which the curtain-forming nozzle or the vehicle base is shaped to create a vortex curtain
- B60V 1/11 . Stability or attitude control
- B60V 1/115 . . {by ground or water engaging means, e.g. rudders or wheels}
- B60V 1/12 . . by dividing the cushion
- B60V 1/14 . Propulsion; Control thereof ([B60V 1/11](#) takes precedence)
- B60V 1/145 . . {using a water propeller}
- B60V 1/15 . . using part of the cushion-forming fluid
- B60V 1/16 . Flexible skirts
- B60V 1/18 . Body structure
- B60V 1/20 . Spray deflectors
- B60V 1/22 . provided with hydrofoils ([hydrofoils per se B63B 1/24](#))

B60V 3/00

Land vehicles, waterborne vessels, or aircraft, adapted or modified to travel on air cushions

- B60V 3/02 . Land vehicles, e.g. road vehicles
- B60V 3/025 . . {co-operating with a flat surface, e.g. transporting loads on platforms}
- B60V 3/04 . . co-operating with rails or other guiding means, e.g. with air cushion between rail and vehicle
- B60V 3/06 . Waterborne vessels
- B60V 3/065 . . {hulls therefor}
- B60V 3/08 . Aircraft, e.g. air-cushion alighting-gear therefor