

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F01C****ROTARY-PISTON OR OSCILLATING-PISTON MACHINES OR ENGINES** (internal-combustion aspects [F02B 53/00](#), [F02B 55/00](#))**NOTES**

1. This subclass covers:
  - rotary-piston or oscillating-piston engines for elastic fluids, e.g. steam;
  - rotary-piston or oscillating-piston engines for liquids and elastic fluids;
  - rotary-piston or oscillating-piston machines for elastic fluids;
  - rotary-piston or oscillating-piston machines for liquids and elastic fluids.
2. In this subclass, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:
  - "rotary-piston machine" includes the German expressions "Drehkolbenmaschinen", "Kreiskolbenmaschinen" and "Umlaufkolbenmaschinen".
3. Attention is drawn to the Notes preceding class [F01](#), especially as regards the definitions of "rotary-piston machine", "oscillating-piston machine", "rotary piston", "co-operating members", "movement of co-operating members", "teeth or tooth-equivalents" and "internal-axis".

**F01C 1/00**

**Rotary-piston machines or engines** (with axes of co-operating members non parallel [F01C 3/00](#); with the working-chamber walls at least partly resiliently deformable [F01C 5/00](#); with fluid ring or the like [F01C 7/00](#); rotary-piston machines or engines in which the working fluid is exclusively displaced by, or exclusively displaces, one or more reciprocating pistons [F01B 13/00](#))

**NOTE**

Group [F01C 1/30](#) takes precedence over groups [F01C 1/02](#) - [F01C 1/28](#).

**F01C 1/02**

- of arcuate-engagement type, i.e. with circular translatory movement of co-operating members, each member having the same number of teeth or tooth-equivalents

**F01C 1/0207**

- . {both members having co-operating elements in spiral form}

**F01C 1/0215**

- . . {where only one member is moving}

**F01C 1/0223**

- . . . {with symmetrical double wraps}

**F01C 1/023**

- . . . {where both members are moving}

**F01C 1/0238**

- . . . . {with symmetrical double wraps}

**F01C 1/0246**

- . . . {Details concerning the involute wraps or their base, e.g. geometry}

**F01C 1/0253**

- . . . . {Details concerning the base}

**F01C 1/0261**

- . . . . . {Details of the ports, e.g. location, number, geometry}

**F01C 1/0269**

- . . . . . {Details concerning the involute wraps}

**F01C 1/0276**

- . . . . . {Different wall heights}

**F01C 1/0284**

- . . . . . {Details of the wrap tips}

**F01C 1/0292**

- . . . . . {Ports or channels located in the wrap}

**F01C 1/04**

- . of internal-axis type

**F01C 1/045**

- . . {having a C-shaped piston}

- F01C 1/06 . . of other than internal-axis type ([F01C 1/063 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 1/063 . . with coaxially-mounted members having continuously-changing circumferential spacing between them
- F01C 1/067 . . . having cam-and-follower type drive
- F01C 1/07 . . . having crankshaft-and-connecting-rod type drive
- F01C 1/073 . . . having pawl-and-ratchet type drive
- F01C 1/077 . . . having toothed-gearing type drive
- F01C 1/08 . of intermeshing engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co- operating members similar to that of toothed gearing
- F01C 1/082 . . {Details specially related to intermeshing engagement type machines or engines}
- F01C 1/084 . . . {Toothed wheels}
- F01C 1/086 . . . {Carter}
- F01C 1/088 . . . {Elements in the toothed wheels or the carter for relieving the pressure of fluid imprisoned in the zones of engagement}
- F01C 1/10 . . of internal-axis type with the outer member having more teeth or tooth-equivalents, e.g. rollers, than the inner member
- F01C 1/101 . . . {Moineau-type}
- F01C 1/102 . . . {with a crescent shaped filler element located between the intermeshing elements}
- F01C 1/103 . . . {the two members rotating simultaneously around their respective axes}
- F01C 1/104 . . . {one member having simultaneously a rotational movement about its own axis and an orbital movement}
- F01C 1/105 . . . . {and having an articulated driving shaft}
- F01C 1/107 . . . with helical teeth
- F01C 1/113 . . . the inner member carrying rollers intermeshing with the outer member
- F01C 1/12 . of other than internal-axis type
- F01C 1/123 . . . {with tooth-like elements, extending generally radially from the rotor body cooperating with recesses in the other rotor, e.g. one tooth}
- F01C 1/126 . . . {with elements extending radially from the rotor body not necessarily cooperating with corresponding recesses in the other rotor, e.g. lobes, Roots type}
- F01C 1/14 . . . with toothed rotary pistons
- F01C 1/16 . . . . with helical teeth, e.g. chevron-shaped, screw type {(for non-parallel axes of movement [F01C 3/00](#))}
- F01C 1/165 . . . . . {having more than two rotary pistons with parallel axes}
- F01C 1/18 . . . . with similar tooth forms ([F01C 1/16 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 1/20 . . . . with dissimilar tooth forms ([F01C 1/16 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 1/22 . of internal-axis type with equidirectional movement of co-operating members at the point of engagement, or with one of the co-operating members being stationary, the inner member having more teeth or tooth- equivalents than the outer member
- F01C 1/24 . of counter-engagement type, i.e. the movement of co-operating members at the points of engagement being in opposite directions

- F01C 1/26 . . . of internal-axis type
- F01C 1/28 . . . of other than internal-axis type
- F01C 1/30 . . . having the characteristics covered by two or more groups [F01C 1/02](#), [F01C 1/08](#), [F01C 1/22](#), [F01C 1/24](#) or having the characteristics covered by one of these groups together with some other type of movement between co-operating members
- F01C 1/32 . . . having both the movement defined in group [F01C 1/02](#) and relative reciprocation between the co-operating members
- F01C 1/321 . . . {with vanes hinged to the inner member and reciprocating with respect to the inner member}
- F01C 1/322 . . . {with vanes hinged to the outer member and reciprocating with respect to the outer member}
- F01C 1/324 . . . with vanes hinged to the inner member and reciprocating with respect to the outer member
- F01C 1/328 . . . . and hinged to the outer member
- F01C 1/332 . . . with vanes hinged to the outer member and reciprocating with respect to the inner member
- F01C 1/336 . . . . and hinged to the inner member
- F01C 1/34 . . . having the movement defined in group [F01C 1/08](#) or [F01C 1/22](#) and relative reciprocation between the co-operating members
- F01C 1/344 . . . with vanes reciprocating with respect to the inner member
- F01C 1/3441 . . . . {the inner and outer member being in contact along one line or continuous surface substantially parallel to the axis of rotation}
- F01C 1/3442 . . . . . {the surfaces of the inner and outer member, forming the working space, being surfaces of revolution}
- F01C 1/3443 . . . . . {with a separation element located between the inlet and outlet opening}
- F01C 1/3445 . . . . . {the vanes having the form of rollers, slippers or the like}
- F01C 1/3446 . . . . {the inner and outer member being in contact along more than one line or surface}
- F01C 1/3447 . . . . . {the vanes having the form of rollers, slippers or the like}
- F01C 1/3448 . . . . . {with axially movable vanes}
- F01C 1/348 . . . . the vanes positively engaging, with circumferential play, an outer rotatable member
- F01C 1/352 . . . . the vanes being pivoted on the axis of the outer member
- F01C 1/356 . . . with vanes reciprocating with respect to the outer member
- F01C 1/3562 . . . . {the inner and outer member being in contact along one line or continuous surface substantially parallel to the axis of rotation}
- F01C 1/3564 . . . . . {the surfaces of the inner and outer member, forming the working space, being surfaces of revolution}
- F01C 1/3566 . . . . {the inner and outer member being in contact along more than one line or surface}
- F01C 1/3568 . . . . . {with axially movable vanes}
- F01C 1/36 . . . having both the movements defined in sub-groups [F01C 1/22](#) and [F01C 1/24](#)

- F01C 1/38
  - . having the movement defined in group [F01C 1/02](#) and having a hinged member ([F01C 1/32](#) takes precedence)
- F01C 1/39
  - . . with vanes hinged to the inner as well as to the outer member
- F01C 1/40
  - . having the movement defined in group [F01C 1/08](#) or [F01C 1/22](#) and having a hinged member
- F01C 1/44
  - . . with vanes hinged to the inner member
- F01C 1/46
  - . . with vanes hinged to the outer member
- F01C 3/00**

**Rotary-piston machines or engines with non-parallel axes of movement of co-operating members** (with the working-chamber walls being at least partly resiliently deformable [F01C 5/00](#))
- F01C 3/02
  - the axes being arranged at an angle of 90 degrees
- F01C 3/025
  - . {of intermeshing engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co-operating members similar to that of toothed gearing}
- F01C 3/04
  - . with axially sliding vanes
- F01C 3/06
  - the axes being arranged otherwise than at an angle of 90 degrees
- F01C 3/08
  - . of intermeshing-engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co-operating members similar to that of toothed gearing
- F01C 3/085
  - . . {the axes of cooperating members being on the same plane}
- F01C 5/00**

**Rotary-piston machines or engines with the working-chamber walls at least partly resiliently deformable**
- F01C 5/02
  - the resiliently-deformable wall being part of the inner member, e.g. of a rotary piston
- F01C 5/04
  - the resiliently-deformable wall being part of the outer member, e.g. of a housing
- F01C 5/06
  - the resiliently-deformable wall being a separate member
- F01C 5/08
  - . of tubular form, e.g. hose
- F01C 7/00**

**Rotary-piston machines or engines with fluid ring or the like**
- F01C 9/00**

**Oscillating-piston machines or engines**
- F01C 9/002
  - {the piston oscillating around a fixed axis}
- F01C 9/005
  - {the piston oscillating in the space, e.g. around a fixed point (rotary piston machines or engines with non-parallel axes of rotation between co-operating members [F01C 3/00](#))}
- F01C 9/007
  - {the points of the moving element describing approximately an alternating movement in axial direction with respect to the other element}
- F01C 11/00**

**Combinations of two or more machines or engines, each being of rotary-piston or oscillating-piston type** ([F01C 13/00](#) takes precedence; combinations of two or more pumps [F04](#); fluid gearing [F16H](#))
- F01C 11/002
  - {of similar working principle}
- F01C 11/004
  - . {and of complementary function, e.g. internal combustion engine with supercharger}
- F01C 11/006
  - {of dissimilar working principle}

F01C 11/008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {and of complementary function, e.g. internal combustion engine with supercharger}</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>Multi-stage steam engines or similar machines are not considered as having complementary function</p>
<b>F01C 13/00</b>	<b>Adaptations of machines or engines for special use; Combinations of engines with devices driven thereby</b> (aspects predominantly concerning driven devices, see the relevant classes for these devices)
F01C 13/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for driving hand-held tools or the like</li> </ul>
F01C 13/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for driving pumps or compressors</li> </ul>
<b>F01C 17/00</b>	<b>Arrangements for drive of co-operating members, e.g. for rotary piston and casing</b>
F01C 17/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of toothed-gearing type (<a href="#">F01C 1/077</a> takes precedence)</li> </ul>
F01C 17/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of cam-and-follower type (<a href="#">F01C 1/067</a> takes precedence)</li> </ul>
F01C 17/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using cranks, universal joints or similar elements (<a href="#">F01C 1/07</a> takes precedence)</li> </ul>
F01C 17/063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {with only rolling movement}</li> </ul>
F01C 17/066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {with an intermediate piece sliding along perpendicular axes, e.g. Oldham coupling}</li> </ul>
<b>F01C 19/00</b>	<b>Sealing arrangements in rotary-piston machines or engines</b> (sealings in general <a href="#">F16J</a> )
F01C 19/005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {Structure and composition of sealing elements such as sealing strips, sealing rings and the like; Coating of these elements (vane construction <a href="#">F01C 21/0809</a>; piston rings and ring sealings of similar construction in general <a href="#">F16J 9/00</a>)}</li> </ul>
F01C 19/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radially-movable sealings for working fluid</li> </ul>
F01C 19/025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {Radial sealing elements specially adapted for intermeshing engagement type machines or engines, e.g. gear machines or engines}</li> </ul>
F01C 19/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of rigid material</li> </ul>
F01C 19/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of resilient material</li> </ul>
F01C 19/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axially-movable sealings for working fluid</li> </ul>
F01C 19/085	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {Elements specially adapted for sealing of the lateral faces of intermeshing-engagement type machines or engines, e.g. gear machines or engines}</li> </ul>
F01C 19/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealings for working fluids between radially and axially movable parts</li> </ul>
F01C 19/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for other than working fluid</li> </ul>
F01C 19/125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {Shaft sealings specially adapted for rotary or oscillating-piston machines or engines}</li> </ul>
<b>F01C 20/00</b>	<b>Control of, monitoring of, or safety arrangements for, machines or engines</b>
F01C 20/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specially adapted for several machines or engines connected in series or in parallel</li> </ul>
F01C 20/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specially adapted for reversible machines or engines</li> </ul>
F01C 20/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specially adapted for stopping, starting, idling or no-load operation</li> </ul>
F01C 20/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• characterised by varying the rotational speed</li> </ul>

- F01C 20/10
  - characterised by changing the position of the inlet or outlet openings with respect to the working chamber
- F01C 20/12
  - . using sliding valves
- F01C 20/125
  - . . {with sliding valves controlled by the use of fluid other than the working fluid}
- F01C 20/14
  - . using rotating valves
- F01C 20/16
  - . using lift valves
- F01C 20/18
  - characterised by varying the volume of the working chamber (by changing the positions of inlet or outlet openings [F01C 20/10](#))
- F01C 20/185
  - . {by varying the useful pumping length of the cooperating members in the axial direction}
- F01C 20/20
  - . by changing the form of the inner or outlet contour of the working chamber
- F01C 20/22
  - . by changing the eccentricity between cooperating members
- F01C 20/24
  - characterised by using valves regulating pressure or flow rate, e.g. discharge valves, unloading valves ([F01C 20/10](#) takes precedence)
- F01C 20/26
  - . using bypass channels
- F01C 20/265
  - . . {being obtained by displacing a lateral sealing face}
- F01C 20/28
  - Safety arrangements; Monitoring
- F01C 21/00**

**Component parts, details or accessories not provided for in groups [F01C 1/00](#) - [F01C 20/00](#)**
- F01C 21/001
  - {Injection of a fluid in the working chamber for sealing, cooling and lubricating (sealing only [F01C 17/00](#); lubrication only [F01C 21/04](#); cooling only [F01C 21/06](#); injecting water or steam in internal combustion engines [F02B 47/02](#), [F02D 21/00](#), [F02M 25/00](#))}
- F01C 21/002
  - . {with control systems for the injection of the fluid}
- F01C 21/003
  - {Systems for the equilibration of forces acting on the elements of the machine (interstice adjustment other than by fluid pressure [F01C 21/102](#))}
- F01C 21/005
  - . {Internal leakage control}
- F01C 21/006
  - . {Equalization of pressure pulses (silencing for compressors [F04C 29/06](#))}
- F01C 21/007
  - {General arrangements of parts; Frames and supporting elements}
- F01C 21/008
  - {Driving elements, brakes, couplings, transmissions specially adapted for rotary or oscillating-piston machines or engines (brakes, couplings, transmissions per se [F16](#), [B60](#))}
- F01C 21/02
  - Arrangements of bearings (bearing constructions [F16C](#))
- F01C 21/04
  - Lubrication (of machines or engines in general [F01M](#))
- F01C 21/045
  - . {Control systems for the circulation of the lubricant}
- F01C 21/06
  - Heating; Cooling (of machines or engines in general [F01P](#)); Heat insulation (heat insulation in general [F16L](#))
- F01C 21/08
  - Rotary pistons (reciprocating piston in general [F16J](#))
- F01C 21/0809
  - . {Construction of vanes or vane holders}
- F01C 21/0818
  - . . {Vane tracking; control therefor}
- F01C 21/0827
  - . . . {by mechanical means}
- F01C 21/0836
  - . . . . {comprising guiding means, e.g. cams, rollers}

F01C 21/0845	. . . . . {comprising elastic means, e.g. springs}
F01C 21/0854	. . . . {by fluid means}
F01C 21/0863	. . . . . {the fluid being the working fluid}
F01C 21/0872	. . . . . {the fluid being other than the working fluid}
F01C 21/0881	. . . {the vanes consisting of two or more parts}
F01C 21/089	. . . {for synchronised movement of the vanes}
F01C 21/10	. Outer members for co-operation with rotary pistons; Casings (casings for rotary engines or machines in general <a href="#">F16M</a> )
F01C 21/102	. . {Adjustment of the interstices between moving and fixed parts of the machine by means other than fluid pressure}
F01C 21/104	. . {Stators; Members defining the outer boundaries of the working chamber}
F01C 21/106	. . . {with a radial surface, e.g. cam rings}
F01C 21/108	. . . {with an axial surface, e.g. side plates}
F01C 2021/12	. {Control of working fluid admission or discharge}
F01C 2021/125	. . {Arrangements for supercharging the working space}
F01C 2021/14	. . {for variable fluid distribution}
F01C 2021/16	. {Other regulation or control}
F01C 2021/1606	. . {Variation of the working chamber}
F01C 2021/1612	. . . {by changing the eccentricity of an element with respect to another element}
F01C 2021/1618	. . . {by changing the positions of the inlet and outlet openings with respect to the working chambers}
F01C 2021/1625	. . . . {with sliding or rotating valves, adjustable in position}
F01C 2021/1631	. . . . . {with sliding valves controlled by the use of fluid other than the working fluid}
F01C 2021/1637	. . . {by changing the form of the radially inner or the radially outer contour of the working chamber}
F01C 2021/1643	. . {by using valves regulating pressure and flow rate, e.g. discharge valves}
F01C 2021/165	. . . {using a by-pass channel}
F01C 2021/1656	. . . . {being obtained by displacing a lateral sealing face}
F01C 2021/1662	. . . {with venting means}
F01C 2021/1668	. . {with several machines or engines connected in series or in parallel}
F01C 2021/1675	. . {with reversible machines or engines}
F01C 2021/1681	. . {by varying the rotational speed}
F01C 2021/1687	. . {Safety arrangements}
F01C 2021/1693	. . {Stopping or starting, idling or no-load operation}
F01C 21/18	. Arrangements for admission or discharge of the working fluid, e.g. constructional features of the inlet or outlet
F01C 21/183	. . {Arrangements for supercharging the working space (similar arrangements for internal combustion engines <a href="#">F02B 33/00</a> , <a href="#">F02B 27/00</a> )}
F01C 21/186	. . {for variable fluid distribution}