

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

**B23H** **WORKING OF METAL BY THE ACTION OF A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF ELECTRIC CURRENT ON A WORKPIECE USING AN ELECTRODE WHICH TAKES THE PLACE OF A TOOL; SUCH WORKING COMBINED WITH OTHER FORMS OF WORKING OF METAL** (processes for the electrolytic or electrophoretic production of coatings, electroforming, or apparatus therefor [C25D](#); processes for the electrolytic removal of material from objects [C25F](#); manufacturing printed circuits using precipitation techniques to apply the conductive material to form the desired conductive pattern [H05K 3/18](#))

## NOTE

This subclass covers the working of metal described as "electroerosion"

<b>1/00</b>	<b>Electrical discharge machining, i.e. removing metal with a series of rapidly recurring electrical discharges between an electrode and a workpiece in the presence of a fluid dielectric</b>	<b>7/00</b>	<b>Processes or apparatus applicable to both electrical discharge machining and electrochemical machining</b>
1/02	. Electric circuits specially adapted therefor, e.g. power supply, control, preventing short circuits or other abnormal discharges	7/02	. Wire-cutting
1/022	. . {for shaping the discharge pulse train ( <a href="#">B23H 1/024</a> takes precedence)}	7/04	. . Apparatus for supplying current to working gap; Electric circuits specially adapted therefor
1/024	. . {Detection of, and response to, abnormal gap conditions, e.g. short circuits (preventing short circuits or other abnormal discharges by altering machining parameters using adaptive control <a href="#">B23H 7/16</a> )}	7/06	. . Control of the travel curve of the relative movement between electrode and workpiece
1/026	. . {Power supply protection, e.g. detection of power switch breakdown}	7/065	. . . {Electric circuits specially adapted therefor}
1/028	. . {for multiple gap machining}	7/08	. . Wire electrodes
1/04	. Electrodes specially adapted therefor or their manufacture ( <a href="#">B23H 9/00</a> takes precedence)	7/10	. . . Supporting, winding or electrical connection of wire-electrode
1/06	. . Electrode material	7/101	. . . . {Supply of working media}
1/08	. Working media	7/102	. . . . {Automatic wire threading}
1/10	. Supply or regeneration of working media	7/104	. . . . {Wire tension control}
<b>3/00</b>	<b>Electrochemical machining, i.e. removing metal by passing current between an electrode and a workpiece in the presence of an electrolyte</b>	7/105	. . . . {Wire guides}
3/02	. Electric circuits specially adapted therefor, e.g. power supply, control, preventing short circuits	7/107	. . . . {Current pickups}
3/04	. Electrodes specially adapted therefor or their manufacture ( <a href="#">B23H 9/00</a> takes precedence)	7/108	. . . . {Used wire disposal devices}
3/06	. . Electrode material	7/12	. Rotating-disc electrodes
3/08	. Working media	7/14	. Electric circuits specially adapted therefor, e.g. power supply {( <a href="#">B23H 3/02</a> takes precedence)}
3/10	. Supply or regeneration of working media	7/16	. . for preventing short circuits or other abnormal discharges {by altering machining parameters using adaptive control}
<b>5/00</b>	<b>Combined machining</b>	7/18	. . for maintaining or controlling the desired spacing between electrode and workpiece
5/02	. Electrical discharge machining combined with electrochemical machining	7/20	. . for programme-control, e.g. adaptive ( <a href="#">programme-control systems in general G05B 19/00</a> )
5/04	. Electrical discharge machining combined with mechanical working	7/22	. Electrodes specially adapted therefor or their manufacture ( <a href="#">B23H 7/08</a> , <a href="#">B23H 7/12</a> , <a href="#">B23H 9/00</a> take precedence)
5/06	. Electrochemical machining combined with mechanical working, e.g. grinding or honing	7/24	. . Electrode material
5/08	. . Electrolytic grinding	7/26	. Apparatus for moving or positioning electrode relatively to workpiece; Mounting of electrode
5/10	. Electrodes specially adapted therefor or their manufacture ( <a href="#">B23H 1/04</a> , <a href="#">B23H 3/04</a> take precedence)	7/265	. . {Mounting of one or more thin electrodes}
5/12	. Working media	7/28	. . Moving electrode in a plane normal to the feed direction, e.g. orbiting
5/14	. Supply or regeneration of working media	7/30	. . Moving electrode in the feed direction ( <a href="#">B23H 7/32</a> takes precedence)
		7/32	. . Maintaining desired spacing between electrode and workpiece {, e.g. by means of particulate material}
		7/34	. Working media
		7/36	. Supply or regeneration of working media

- 7/38 . Influencing metal working by using specially adapted means not directly involved in the removal of metal, e.g. ultrasonic waves, magnetic fields or laser irradiation

**9/00 Machining specially adapted for treating particular metal objects or for obtaining special effects or results on metal objects (heat treatment by cathodic discharge C21D 1/38)**

- 9/001 . {Disintegrating}
- 9/003 . {Making screw-threads or gears}
- 9/005 . {Machining elongated bodies, e.g. rods}
- 9/006 . {Cavity sinking (B23H 9/14 takes precedence)}
- 9/008 . {Surface roughening or texturing}
- 9/02 . Trimming or deburring {(B23H 9/003 takes precedence)}
- 9/04 . Treating surfaces of rolls
- 9/06 . Marking or engraving
- 9/08 . Sharpening
- 9/10 . Working turbine blades or nozzles
- 9/12 . Forming parts of complementary shape, e.g. punch-and-die
- 9/14 . Making holes
- 9/16 . . using an electrolytic jet
- 9/18 . Producing external conical surfaces or spikes (B23H 9/08 takes precedence)

**11/00 Auxiliary apparatus or details, not otherwise provided for**

- 11/003 . {Mounting of workpieces, e.g. working-tables}
- 11/006 . {Electrical contacts or wires (B23H 7/10 takes precedence)}

**2200/00 Specific machining processes or workpieces**

- 2200/10 . for making bearings
- 2200/20 . for making conical bores
- 2200/30 . for making honeycomb structures

**2300/00 Power source circuits or energization**

- 2300/10 . Pulsed electrochemical machining
- 2300/12 . . Positive and negative pulsed electrochemical machining
- 2300/20 . Relaxation circuit power supplies for supplying the machining current, e.g. capacitor or inductance energy storage circuits
- 2300/22 . . Circuits using or taking into account line impedance to shape the discharge pulse

**2400/00 Moving mechanisms for tool electrodes**

- 2400/10 . for rotating the electrode

**2500/00 Holding and positioning of tool electrodes**

- 2500/20 . Methods or devices for detecting wire or workpiece position

**2600/00 Machining conditions**

- 2600/10 . Switching of machining conditions during machining
- 2600/12 . . Switching from rough cutting to finish machining