

CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

B PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING

(NOTES omitted)

PRINTING

B41 **PRINTING; LINING MACHINES; TYPEWRITERS; STAMPS** (reproduction or duplication of pictures or patterns by scanning and converting into electrical signals [H04N](#))

B41D **APPARATUS FOR THE MECHANICAL REPRODUCTION OF PRINTING SURFACES FOR STEREOTYPE PRINTING; SHAPING ELASTIC OR DEFORMABLE MATERIAL TO FORM PRINTING SURFACES** ({[engraving by spark erosion B23H;](#)} marking or engraving metal by the action of a high concentration of electric current [B23H 9/06](#); type, machines or accessories for making, setting, or distributing type [B41B](#); processes for the manufacture or reproduction of printing surfaces [B41C](#); machines or apparatus for engraving in general, or for embossing [B44B 3/00](#), [B44B 5/00](#); chemical etching of metal [C23F 1/00](#); electrolytic etching [C25F 3/00](#); photomechanical reproduction [G03F](#))

1/00	Preparing or treating stereotype matrices	7/02	. by impression
1/02	. using brushes	7/04	. Forming printing surfaces by covering printing forms with a thin elastic skin, e.g. rubber foil, and retaining the latter thereon; Obtaining reduced or enlarged printing surfaces by using thin elastic transfer foils (pantographic instruments for copying, reducing, or enlarging B43L 13/10)
1/04	. using cylinders or rollers		
1/06	. using presses, e.g. toggle or like lever-and-link type presses		
1/08	. . using hydraulic presses		
1/10	. Performing secondary operations on matrices		
1/12	. . Humidifying or moistening	99/00	Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass
1/14	. . Drying		

Producing printing surfaces

3/00	Casting stereotype plates; Machines, moulds, or devices therefor
3/02	. Horizontal moulds for casting flat plates
3/04	. Moulds, e.g. horizontal, for casting curved, e.g. semi-cylindrical, plates
3/06	. . Vertical moulds
3/08	. Moulds, e.g. horizontal, for casting tubular, i.e. cylindrical, plates
3/10	. . Vertical moulds
3/12	. Multiple mould stereotype casting machines
3/14	. Details
3/16	. . Matrix clamps
3/18	. . Devices for closing or opening moulds
3/20	. . Melting pots
3/22	. . . with pumps for conveying the molten metal into the casting chambers or boxes
3/24	. . . with control valves
3/26	. . . with devices for stirring the molten metal
3/28	. . Devices for cooling the moulds
5/00	Working, treating, or handling stereotype plates
5/02	. by bending
5/04	. of flat plates
5/06	. of curved plates
7/00	Shaping elastic or deformable material, e.g. rubber, plastics material, to form printing surfaces (making rubber printing blocks B41C 3/04)