

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

## F MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING (NOTE omitted)

### ENGINES OR PUMPS

#### F01 MACHINES OR ENGINES IN GENERAL; ENGINE PLANTS IN GENERAL; STEAM ENGINES

#### F01K STEAM ENGINE PLANTS; STEAM ACCUMULATORS; ENGINE PLANTS NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR; ENGINES USING SPECIAL WORKING FLUIDS OR CYCLES (gas-turbine or jet-propulsion plants [F02](#); nuclear power plants, engine arrangements therein [G21D](#))

##### NOTE

Attention is drawn to the notes preceding class [F01](#), especially as regards the definitions of "steam" and "special vapour".

##### WARNING

In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

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| <b>1/00</b> | <b>Steam accumulators (use of accumulators in steam engine plants <a href="#">F01K 3/00</a>)</b>  | 3/08        | . Use of accumulators and the plant being specially adapted for a specific use  |
| 1/02        | . for storing steam otherwise than in a liquid  | 3/10        | . . for vehicle drive, e.g. for accumulator locomotives   |
| 1/04        | . for storing steam in a liquid, e.g. Ruth's type (in alkali to increase steam pressure <a href="#">F22B 1/20</a> )   | 3/12        | . having two or more accumulators   |
| 1/06        | . . Internal fittings facilitating steam distribution, steam formation, or circulation (acting during charging or discharging <a href="#">F01K 1/08</a> ; fittings facilitating circulation through multiple accumulators <a href="#">F01K 1/14</a> ) | 3/14        | . having both steam accumulator and heater, e.g. superheating accumulator (steam superheaters <a href="#">per se</a> <a href="#">F22G</a> )       |
| 1/08        | . Charging or discharging of accumulators with steam (peculiar to multiple accumulators <a href="#">F01K 1/12</a> )   | 3/16        | . . Mutual arrangement of accumulator and heater  |
| 1/10        | . specially adapted for superheated steam   | 3/18        | . having heaters (having both steam accumulator and heater <a href="#">F01K 3/14</a> ; steam heaters <a href="#">per se</a> <a href="#">F22</a> ) |
| 1/12        | . Multiple accumulators; Charging, discharging or control specially adapted therefor  | 3/181       | . . {using nuclear heat ( <a href="#">F01K 3/26</a> takes precedence)}  |
| 1/14        | . . Circulation   | 3/183       | . . . {one heater being a fired superheater}  |
| 1/16        | . Other safety or control means   | 3/185       | . . {using waste heat from outside the plant ( <a href="#">F02G 5/00</a> takes precedence)}   |
| 1/18        | . . for steam pressure  | 3/186       | . . {using electric heat}   |
| 1/20        | . Other steam-accumulator parts, details, or accessories  | 3/188       | . . {using heat from a specified chemical reaction}   |
|             |   | 3/20        | . . with heating by combustion gases of main boiler   |
|             |   | 3/205       | . . . {more than one circuit being heated by one boiler}  |
|             |   | 3/22        | . . . Controlling, e.g. starting, stopping ( <a href="#">F01K 7/00</a> , <a href="#">F01K 13/02</a> take precedence)                              |
|             |   | 3/24        | . . with heating by separately-fired heaters  |
|             |   | 3/242       | . . . {delivering steam to a common mains}  |
|             |   | 3/245       | . . . {delivering steam at different pressure levels ( <a href="#">F01K 3/247</a> takes precedence)}  |
|             |   | 3/247       | . . . {one heater being an incinerator}   |
|             |   | 3/26        | . . with heating by steam   |
|             |   | 3/262       | . . . {by means of heat exchangers}   |
|             |   | 3/265       | . . . . {using live steam for superheating or reheating}  |
|             |   | 3/267       | . . . . {by mixing with steam, e.g. LOFFLER-boiler}   |
|             |   | <b>5/00</b> | <b>Plants characterised by use of means for storing steam in an alkali to increase steam pressure, e.g. of Honigmann or Koenemann type</b>        |

##### Steam engine plants

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| <b>3/00</b> | <b>Plants characterised by the use of steam or heat accumulators, or intermediate steam heaters, therein (regenerating exhaust steam <a href="#">F01K 19/00</a>)</b> |
| 3/002       | . {Steam conversion}   |
| 3/004       | . {Accumulation in the liquid branch of the circuit}   |
| 3/006       | . {Accumulators and steam compressors}   |
| 3/008       | . {Use of steam accumulators of the Ruth type for storing steam in water; Regulating thereof ( <a href="#">Ruth accumulators per se</a> <a href="#">F01K 1/04</a> )} |
| 3/02        | . Use of accumulators and specific engine types; Control thereof   |
| 3/04        | . . the engine being of multiple-inlet-pressure type   |
| 3/06        | . the engine being of extraction or non-condensing type ( <a href="#">F01K 3/004</a> takes precedence)   |

- 5/02 . used in regenerative installation
- 7/00** **Steam engine plants characterised by the use of specific types of engine** ([F01K 3/02](#) takes precedence); **Plants or engines characterised by their use of special steam systems, cycles or processes** (reciprocating-piston engines using uniflow principle [F01B 17/04](#)); **Control means specially adapted for such systems, cycles or processes; Use of withdrawn or exhaust steam for feed-water heating**
- 7/02 . the engines being of multiple-expansion type (the engines being only of turbine type [F01K 7/16](#); the engines using steam of critical or supercritical pressure [F01K 7/32](#); the engines being of extraction or non-condensing type [F01K 7/34](#))
- 7/025 . . {Consecutive expansion in a turbine or a positive displacement engine}
- 7/04 . . Control means specially adapted therefor
- 7/06 . the engines being of multiple-inlet-pressure type ([F01K 7/02](#) takes precedence; the engines being only of turbine type [F01K 7/16](#); the engines using steam of critical or supercritical pressure [F01K 7/32](#); the engines being of extraction or non-condensing type [F01K 7/34](#))
- 7/08 . . Control means specially adapted therefor
- 7/10 . characterised by the engine exhaust pressure (the engines being only of turbine type [F01K 7/16](#); the engines using steam of critical or supercritical pressure [F01K 7/32](#); the engines being of extraction or non-condensing type [F01K 7/34](#))
- 7/12 . . of condensing type
- 7/14 . . . Control means specially adapted therefor
- 7/16 . the engines being only of turbine type (the engines using steam of critical or supercritical pressure [F01K 7/32](#); the engines being of extraction or non-condensing type [F01K 7/34](#))
- 7/165 . . {Controlling means specially adapted therefor}
- 7/18 . . the turbine being of multiple-inlet-pressure type
- 7/20 . . . Control means specially adapted therefor
- 7/22 . . the turbines having inter-stage steam heating
- 7/223 . . . {Inter-stage moisture separation}
- 7/226 . . . {Inter-stage steam injection}
- 7/24 . . . Control or safety means specially adapted therefor
- 7/26 . . the turbines having inter-stage steam accumulation
- 7/28 . . . Control means specially adapted therefor
- 7/30 . . the turbines using exhaust steam only
- 7/32 . the engines using steam of critical or supercritical pressure
- 7/34 . the engines being of extraction or non-condensing type; Use of steam for feed-water heating (feed-water heaters in general [F22D](#))
- 7/345 . . {Control or safety-means particular thereto}
- 7/36 . . the engines being of positive-displacement type
- 7/38 . . the engines being of turbine type
- 7/40 . . Use of two or more feed-water heaters in series
- 7/42 . . Use of desuperheaters for feed-water heating
- 7/44 . . Use of steam for feed-water heating and another purpose
- 9/00** **Plants characterised by condensers arranged or modified to co-operate with the engines** (by condensers structurally combined with engines [F01K 11/00](#); steam condensers per se [F28B](#)) ([F01K 23/04](#) takes precedence)
- 9/003 . {condenser cooling circuits}
- 9/006 . {Vacuum-breakers}
- 9/02 . Arrangements or modifications of condensate or air pumps
- 9/023 . . {Control thereof}
- 9/026 . . {Returning condensate by capillarity}
- 9/04 . with dump valves to by-pass stages
- 11/00** **Plants characterised by the engines being structurally combined with boilers or condensers**
- 11/02 . the engines being turbines
- 11/04 . the boilers or condensers being rotated in use
- 13/00** **General layout or general methods of operation of complete plants**
- 13/003 . {Arrangements for measuring or testing (in general [G01](#))}
- 13/006 . {Auxiliaries or details not otherwise provided for}
- 13/02 . Controlling, e.g. stopping or starting
- 13/025 . . {Cooling the interior by injection during idling or stand-by}
- 15/00** **Adaptations of plants for special use** ([F01K 7/02](#) takes precedence)
- 15/02 . for driving vehicles, e.g. locomotives (arrangements in vehicles, see the relevant vehicle classes)
- 15/025 . . {the vehicle being a steam locomotive}
- 15/04 . . the vehicles being waterborne vessels
- 15/045 . . . {Control thereof ([F01K 3/22](#), [F01K 7/00](#), [F01K 13/02](#) take precedence)}
- 17/00** **Using steam or condensate extracted or exhausted from steam engine plant** (for heating feed-water [F01K 7/34](#); returning condensate to boiler [F22D](#) ([F01K 7/36](#) takes precedence))
- 17/005 . {by means of a heat pump (heat pumps systems per se [F25B](#))}
- 17/02 . for heating purposes, e.g. industrial, domestic ([F01K 17/06](#) takes precedence; domestic- or space-heating systems, e.g. central-heating systems, in general [F24D 1/00](#), [F24D 3/00](#), [F24D 9/00](#))
- 17/025 . . {in combination with at least one gas turbine, e.g. a combustion gas turbine}
- 17/04 . for specific purposes other than heating ([F01K 17/06](#) takes precedence)
- 17/06 . Returning energy of steam, in exchanged form, to process, e.g. use of exhaust steam for drying solid fuel or plant
- 19/00** **Regenerating or otherwise treating steam exhausted from steam engine plant** ([F01K 3/006](#) takes precedence) plants characterised by use of means for storing steam in an alkali to increase steam pressure [F01K 5/00](#); returning condensate to boiler [F22D](#))
- 19/02 . Regenerating by compression
- 19/04 . . in combination with cooling or heating
- 19/06 . . in engine cylinder
- 19/08 . . compression done by injection apparatus, jet blower, or the like

- 19/10 . . . . . Cooling exhaust steam other than by condenser; Rendering exhaust steam invisible
- 21/00 Steam engine plants not otherwise provided for**
- 21/005 . . . . . {using mixtures of liquid and steam or evaporation of a liquid by expansion}
- 21/02 . . . . . with steam-generation in engine-cylinders
- 21/04 . . . . . using mixtures of steam and gas; Plants generating or heating steam by bringing water or steam into direct contact with hot gas ([F01K 25/005](#), [F02B 47/02](#) take precedence; injecting water or steam into a gas turbine plant [F02C 3/305](#); direct-contact steam generators in general [F22B](#))
- 21/042 . . . . . {pure steam being expanded in a motor somewhere in the plant ([F01K 21/045](#) takes precedence)}
- 21/045 . . . . . {Introducing gas and steam separately into the motor, e.g. admission to a single rotor through separate nozzles}
- 21/047 . . . . . {having at least one combustion gas turbine}
- 21/06 . . . . . Treating live steam, other than thermodynamically, e.g. for fighting deposits in engine
- 23/00 Plants characterised by more than one engine delivering power external to the plant, the engines being driven by different fluids**
- 23/02 . . . . . the engine cycles being thermally coupled
- 23/04 . . . . . condensation heat from one cycle heating the fluid in another cycle
- 23/06 . . . . . combustion heat from one cycle heating the fluid in another cycle
- 23/061 . . . . . {with combustion in a fluidised bed (plants with a fluidised-bed combustor comprising only gas-turbines [F02C 3/205](#); fluidised-bed apparatus per se [B01J 8/18](#); fluidised-bed combustors [F23C 10/00](#); fluidised-bed steam-boilers [F22B 31/0007](#))}
- 23/062 . . . . . {the combustion bed being pressurised (pressurised fluid bed combustion per se [F23C 10/16](#))}
- 23/064 . . . . . {in combination with an industrial process, e.g. chemical, metallurgical (particularly adapted for a specific process see the relevant classes)}
- 23/065 . . . . . {the combustion taking place in an internal combustion piston engine, e.g. a diesel engine}
- 23/067 . . . . . {the combustion heat coming from a gasification or pyrolysis process, e.g. coal gasification (gas turbines with fuel gasifiers [F02C 3/28](#))}
- 23/068 . . . . . {in combination with an oxygen producing plant, e.g. an air separation plant}
- 23/08 . . . . . with working fluid of one cycle heating the fluid in another cycle
- 23/10 . . . . . with exhaust fluid of one cycle heating the fluid in another cycle ([F01K 17/025](#) takes precedence)
- 23/101 . . . . . {Regulating means specially adapted therefor ([F01K 23/105](#), [F01K 23/108](#) take precedence)}
- 23/103 . . . . . {with afterburner in exhaust boiler}
- 23/105 . . . . . {Regulating means specially adapted therefor}
- 23/106 . . . . . {with water evaporated or preheated at different pressures in exhaust boiler}
- 23/108 . . . . . {Regulating means specially adapted therefor}
- 23/12 . . . . . the engines being mechanically coupled ([F01K 23/02](#) takes precedence)
- 23/14 . . . . . including at least one combustion engine
- 23/16 . . . . . all the engines being turbines ([F01K 23/14](#) takes precedence)
- 23/18 . . . . . characterised by adaptation for specific use
- 25/00 Plants or engines characterised by use of special working fluids, not otherwise provided for; Plants operating in closed cycles and not otherwise provided for**
- 25/005 . . . . . {the working fluid being steam, created by combustion of hydrogen with oxygen}
- 25/02 . . . . . the fluid remaining in the liquid phase
- 25/04 . . . . . the fluid being in different phases, e.g. foamed
- 25/06 . . . . . using mixtures of different fluids (plants using mixtures of steam and gas [F01K 21/04](#))
- 25/065 . . . . . {with an absorption fluid remaining at least partly in the liquid state, e.g. water for ammonia ([F01K 5/00](#) takes precedence)}
- 25/08 . . . . . using special vapours
- 25/085 . . . . . {the vapour being sulfur}
- 25/10 . . . . . the vapours being cold, e.g. ammonia, carbon dioxide, ether
- 25/103 . . . . . {Carbon dioxide ([F01K 25/065](#) takes precedence)}
- 25/106 . . . . . {Ammonia ([F01K 25/065](#) takes precedence)}
- 25/12 . . . . . the vapours being metallic, e.g. mercury
- 25/14 . . . . . using industrial or other waste gases
- 27/00 Plants for converting heat or fluid energy into mechanical energy, not otherwise provided for**
- 27/005 . . . . . {by means of hydraulic motors}
- 27/02 . . . . . Plants modified to use their waste heat, other than that of exhaust, e.g. engine-friction heat