

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

## E FIXED CONSTRUCTIONS

### EARTH DRILLING; MINING

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**E21D SHAFTS; TUNNELS; GALLERIES; LARGE UNDERGROUND CHAMBERS** (soil-conditioning or soil-stabilising materials [C09K 17/00](#); drilling or cutting machines for mining or quarrying [E21C](#); safety devices, transport, rescue, ventilation or drainage [E21F](#))

#### WARNINGS

- The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:
 

<a href="#">E21D 13/02</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 13/00</a>
<a href="#">E21D 13/04</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 13/00</a>
<a href="#">E21D 15/582</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 15/58</a>
<a href="#">E21D 15/59</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 15/44</a> , <a href="#">E21D 15/58</a>
<a href="#">E21D 17/022</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 17/02</a>
<a href="#">E21D 17/05</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 17/0206</a> , <a href="#">E21D 17/04</a>
<a href="#">E21D 17/054</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 17/04</a>
<a href="#">E21D 19/06</a>	covered by	<a href="#">E21D 19/02</a> , <a href="#">E21D 19/04</a>
- 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.

#### Shafts

##### **1/00 Sinking shafts**

- 1/02 . by hand
- 1/03 . mechanically, {e.g. by loading shovels or loading buckets, scraping devices, conveying screws} ([E21D 1/08](#) takes precedence)
- 1/04 . . with grabs {(boring grabs [E21D 1/04](#), [E21B 27/00](#); grab buckets for digging in general [E02F 3/47](#))}
- 1/06 . . with shaft-boring cutters (drilling machines [E21B](#), [E21C](#))
- 1/08 . while moving the lining downwards {(lowering the lining into a ready shaft [E21D 5/01](#); sheet piles [E02D 5/02](#))}
- 1/10 . Preparation of the ground {(for galleries or tunnels [E21D 9/001](#); improving or preserving foundation soil or rock [E02D 3/00](#))}
- 1/105 . . {by water level modification}
- 1/12 . . by freezing {(freezing of foundation soil [E02D 3/115](#))}
- 1/14 . . . Freezing apparatus
- 1/16 . . by petrification (grouting anchoring-bolts [E21D 20/02](#) ; consolidating foundation soil by placing solidifying or pore-filling substances in the soil [E02D 3/12](#))}

##### **3/00 Raising shafts, i.e. working upwards from the bottom**

##### **5/00 Lining shafts; Linings therefor** ([E21D 11/00](#) takes precedence ; sinking with simultaneous lowering of the lining [E21D 1/08](#))

- 5/01 . using prefabricated lining lowered into a hole filled with liquid or viscous mass

- 5/012 . Use of fluid-tight or anti-friction material on outside of, or between, lining layers
- 5/016 . Bearer curbs
- 5/02 . with wood ([E21D 5/01](#), [E21D 5/012](#), [E21D 5/016](#) take precedence)
- 5/04 . with brick, concrete, stone, or similar building materials ([E21D 5/01](#), [E21D 5/012](#), [E21D 5/016](#) take precedence)
- 5/06 . with iron or steel ([E21D 5/01](#), [E21D 5/012](#), [E21D 5/016](#) take precedence)
- 5/08 . . in the form of profiled parts
- 5/10 . . in the form of tubing {or of rings composed of profile elements}
- 5/11 . with combinations of different materials, e.g. wood, metal, concrete ([E21D 5/01](#), [E21D 5/012](#), [E21D 5/016](#) take precedence)
- 5/12 . Accessories for making shaft linings, e.g. suspended cradles, shutterings

##### **7/00 Shaft equipment, e.g. timbering within the shaft** {(lifts in hoistways or mines [B66B 15/00](#) - [B66B 19/00](#))}

- 7/005 . {Determination of shaft lining deformation}
- 7/02 . Arrangement of guides for cages in shafts; Connection of guides for cages to shaft walls (guideways or guides for elevators [B66B 7/02](#))

##### **8/00 Shafts not provided for in groups [E21D 1/00](#) - [E21D 7/00](#)**

**Tunnels; Galleries; Large underground chambers; Linings therefor** (galleries protecting against falling rocks or avalanches [E01F 7/04](#); pressure galleries, galleries specially adapted to house pressure water conduits [E02B 9/06](#); tunnels or galleries specially adapted to house conduits in general [E02D 29/10](#); sewers [E03F](#))

**9/00 Tunnels or galleries, with or without linings; Methods or apparatus for making thereof**

([E02D 29/045](#), [E02D 29/063](#) take precedence; linings *per se* [E21D 11/00](#)); **Layout of tunnels or galleries**

- 9/001 . {Improving soil or rock, e.g. by freezing; Injections (for sinking shafts [E21D 1/10](#); injection of liquids for binding dust [E21F 5/18](#); improving or preserving foundation soil or rock [E02D 3/00](#); borehole closures, i.e. packers, for use during the injection process [E21B 33/12](#))}
- 9/002 . . {Injection methods characterised by the chemical composition used}
- 9/003 . {Arrangement of measuring or indicating devices for use during driving of tunnels, e.g. for guiding machines}
- 9/004 . . {using light beams for direction or position control}
- 9/005 . {by forcing prefabricated elements through the ground, e.g. by pushing lining from an access pit (driving shields [E21D 9/06](#))}
- 9/006 . {by making use of blasting methods (explosive compositions [C06B](#); blasting *per se* [F42](#))}
- 9/008 . {Driving transverse tunnels starting from existing tunnels}
- 9/01 . Methods or apparatus for enlarging or restoring the cross-section of tunnels, e.g. by restoring the floor to its original level
- 9/02 . Driving inclined tunnels or galleries
- 9/03 . {Driving non-circular tunnels}
- 9/04 . Driving tunnels or galleries through loose materials; Apparatus therefor not otherwise provided for ([E21D 9/005](#), [E21D 9/06](#) take precedence; soil improvement [E21D 9/001](#); provisional protective covers [E21D 19/04](#))}
- 9/06 . Making by using a driving shield {, i.e. advanced by pushing means bearing against the already placed lining (pushing prefabricated elements through the ground from an access pit [E21D 9/005](#))}
- 9/0607 . . {the shield being provided with devices for lining the tunnel, e.g. shuttering ([E21D 9/0873](#), [E21D 9/0879](#) take precedence; tail sealing means used as end shuttering [E21D 9/0635](#))}
- 9/0609 . . . {with means for applying a continuous liner, e.g. sheets of plastics, between the main concrete lining and the rock}
- 9/0621 . . {Shield advancing devices}
- 9/0635 . . {Tail sealing means, e.g. used as end shuttering}
- 9/0642 . . {the shield having means for additional processing at the front end}
- 9/065 . . . {with devices for provisionally supporting the front face}
- 9/0657 . . . {structurally associated with rock crushers}
- 9/0664 . . . {with means for applying a coating layer to the front face, e.g. by spraying}
- 9/0671 . . . {with means for consolidating the rock in front of the shield by injection of consolidating substances through boreholes}

- 9/0678 . . . {Adding additives, e.g. chemical compositions, to the slurry or the cuttings}
- NOTE**
- When classifying in this group, bentonite shall not be classified
- 9/0685 . . . . {Foaming agents}
  - 9/0692 . . {Cutter drive shields}
  - 9/08 . . with additional boring or cutting means {other than the conventional cutting edge of the shield}
  - 9/087 . . . with a rotary drilling-head cutting simultaneously the whole cross-section, i.e. full-face machines
  - 9/0873 . . . . {the shield being provided with devices for lining the tunnel, e.g. shuttering}
  - 9/0874 . . . {with rotary drilling heads having variable diameter}
  - 9/0875 . . . {with a movable support arm carrying cutting tools for attacking the front face, e.g. a bucket}
  - 9/0879 . . . . {the shield being provided with devices for lining the tunnel, e.g. shuttering}
  - 9/093 . . Control of the driving shield {, e.g. of the hydraulic advancing cylinders (arrangement of measuring or indicating devices for use during driving of tunnels [E21D 9/003](#))}
  - 9/10 . Making by using boring or cutting machines ([E21D 9/08](#) takes precedence; mining picks [E21C 35/18](#))
  - 9/1006 . . {with rotary cutting tools (for cutting simultaneously the whole cross-section [E21D 9/11](#); drill bits [E21B 10/00](#))}
  - 9/1013 . . . {on a tool-carrier supported by a movable boom}
  - 9/102 . . . . {by a longitudinally extending boom being pivotable about a vertical and a transverse axis}
  - 9/1026 . . . . . {the tool-carrier being rotated about a transverse axis}
  - 9/1033 . . . . {by a transversely extending boom being pivotable about a longitudinal axis}
  - 9/104 . . . {Cutting tool fixtures (devices with percussive tools [E21D 9/106](#))}
  - 9/1046 . . . . {Vibrating}
  - 9/1053 . . {for making a slit along the perimeter of the tunnel profile, the remaining core being removed subsequently, e.g. by blasting}
  - 9/106 . . {with percussive tools, e.g. pick-hammers}
  - 9/1066 . . {with fluid jets (projecting hot gases [E21D 9/1073](#); drilling by liquid or gas jets [E21B 7/18](#); slitting by liquid jets [E21C 25/60](#))}
  - 9/1073 . . {applying thermal energy, e.g. by projecting flames or hot gases, by laser beams (flame drilling [E21B 7/14](#))}
  - 9/108 . . {Remote control specially adapted for machines for driving tunnels or galleries (for machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral [E21C 35/24](#))}
  - 9/1086 . . {Drives or transmissions specially adapted therefor}
  - 9/1093 . . {Devices for supporting, advancing or orientating the machine or the tool-carrier (measuring devices for guiding machines [E21D 9/003](#); anchoring in the borehole [E21B 4/18](#))}

- 9/11 . . with a rotary drilling-head cutting simultaneously the whole cross-section, i.e. full-face machines
- 9/111 . . . {by means of heads or tool-carrying sectors implementing an oscillating rotary motion}
- 9/112 . . . {by means of one single rotary head or of concentric rotary heads ([E21D 9/111](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/113 . . . . {having a central part for making a pilot tunnel and a follow-up part for enlarging the pilot tunnel ([E21D 9/115](#) takes precedence; similar apparatus for enlarging drilled boreholes [E21B 7/28](#))}
- 9/115 . . . . {with cutting tools mounted pivotably or slidable on the head}
- 9/116 . . . {by means of non-concentric rotary heads ([E21D 9/111](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/117 . . . . {mounted for orientating or sideways shifting relative to the frame}
- 9/118 . . . . {with independently driven central head}
- 9/12 . . Devices for removing or hauling away excavated material or spoil; Working or loading platforms ([underground transport E21F 13/00](#))
- 9/122 . . {Working or loading platforms ([underground transport E21F 13/00](#))}
- 9/124 . . {Helical conveying means therefor ([E21D 9/13](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/126 . . {Loading devices or installations (loading platforms [E21D 9/122](#); soil-shifting machines [E02F 3/00](#))}
- 9/128 . . . {Loader-conveyors with gathering arms}
- 9/13 . . using hydraulic or pneumatic conveying means
- 9/14 . . Layout of tunnels or galleries; Constructional features of tunnels or galleries, not otherwise provided for, e.g. portals, day-light attenuation at tunnel openings
- 11/00 Lining tunnels, galleries or other underground cavities, e.g. large underground chambers; Linings therefor; Making such linings *in situ*, e.g. by assembling ([E21D 15/00](#) - [E21D 23/00](#) take precedence; specially for shafts [E21D 5/00](#); {driving shields in combination with means for lining the tunnel [E21D 9/06](#)}; lining pressure water galleries, linings therefor [E02B 9/06](#))**
- 11/003 . . {Linings or provisions thereon, specially adapted for traffic tunnels, e.g. with built-in cleaning devices ([E21D 11/38](#) takes precedence)}
- 11/006 . . {Lining anchored in the rock (setting anchoring-bolts [E21D 20/00](#); anchoring-bolts [E21D 21/00](#))}
- 11/02 . . Lining predominantly with wood
- 11/03 . . using timber- setting machines
- 11/04 . . Lining with building materials ([E21D 11/02](#), [E21D 11/14](#) take precedence ; compositions of mortars, concrete or like building materials [C04B](#); placing filling-up materials in underground workings [E21F 15/00](#))}
- 11/05 . . using compressible insertions
- 11/06 . . with bricks
- 11/07 . . . using brick- laying machines ({brick-laying machines *per se* [E04G 21/22](#))}
- 11/08 . . with preformed concrete slabs ({backfilling the space between the slabs and the rock [E21D 11/105](#))}
- 11/083 . . . {Methods or devices for joining adjacent concrete segments}
- 11/086 . . . {Methods of making concrete lining segments}
- 11/10 . . with concrete cast *in situ*; Shuttering {also lost shutterings, e.g. made of blocks, of metal plates} or other equipment adapted therefor
- 11/102 . . . {Removable shuttering; Bearing or supporting devices therefor}
- 11/105 . . . {Transport or application of concrete specially adapted for the lining of tunnels or galleries ([in building E04F 21/08](#), [E04G 21/02](#)); Backfilling the space between main building element and the surrounding rock, e.g. with concrete}
- 11/107 . . . {Reinforcing elements therefor; Holders for the reinforcing elements}
- 11/12 . . Temporary supports for use during building ({removable shutterings [E21D 11/102](#)}); Accessories ({provisional protective covers [E21D 19/04](#))}
- 11/14 . . Lining predominantly with metal ({backfilling the space between the lining elements and the rock [E21D 11/105](#))}
- 11/15 . . Plate linings; Laggings, i.e. linings designed for holding back formation material or for transmitting the load to main supporting members ([insulation E21D 11/38](#))
- 11/152 . . . {Laggings made of grids or nettings}
- 11/155 . . . {Laggings made of strips, slats, slabs or sheet piles (longitudinal struts for mine arches [E21D 11/28](#))}
- 11/157 . . . {Laggings making use of fluid cushions, e.g. the fluid containing a hardenable material (chocks made of flexible containers [E21D 15/483](#))}
- 11/18 . . Arch members ; Network made of arch members ([E21D 11/36](#) takes precedence); Ring elements; Polygon elements; Polygon elements inside arches (caps for arches [E21D 17/00](#))}
- 11/183 . . . {Supporting means for arch members, not provided for in [E21D 11/22](#)}
- 11/186 . . . {Pre-stressing or dismantling devices therefor}
- 11/20 . . . Special cross- sections, e.g. corrugated ({for props [E21D 15/502](#); for caps [E21D 17/01](#))}
- 11/22 . . . Clamps or other yieldable means for interconnecting adjacent arch members either rigidly, or allowing arch member parts to slide when subjected to excessive pressure
- 11/24 . . . Knuckle joints or links between arch members
- 11/26 . . . Shoes for connecting arch members to longitudinal struts
- 11/28 . . Longitudinal struts {, i.e. longitudinal connections between adjoining arches}
- 11/30 . . Bases for lower arch members (for props [E21D 15/54](#))}
- 11/34 . . Joints between vertical props and horizontal top bars (end caps forming part of the props [E21D 15/54](#) ; retaining plates on caps for engaging the tops of pit-props [E21D 17/10](#))}
- 11/36 . . Linings or supports specially shaped for tunnels or galleries of irregular cross-section
- 11/362 . . . {for loading areas (lining shafts [E21D 5/00](#))}
- 11/365 . . . {for intersecting galleries}
- 11/367 . . . {for junction with the longwall coal face (walking supports therefor [E21D 23/0091](#))}
- 11/38 . . Waterproofing ([in general E02D 31/00](#)); Heat insulating; Soundproofing; Electric insulating (for building constructions in general [E04B 1/62](#))}

- 11/381 . . {Setting apparatus or devices}
- 11/383 . . {by applying waterproof flexible sheets; Means for fixing the sheets to the tunnel or cavity wall}
- 11/385 . . {Sealing means positioned between adjacent lining members (for joints in foundation structures [E02D 29/16](#); for sewers [E03F 3/04](#); for building structures in general [E04B 1/68](#))}
- 11/386 . . . {inflatable sealing means}
- 11/388 . . . {having longitudinal cavities communicating with the exterior on the outer side of the lining elements}
- 11/40 . Devices or apparatus specially adapted for handling or placing units of linings {or supporting units} for tunnels or galleries {(combined with tunnelling shields [E21D 9/06](#))}
- 11/403 . . {combined with the head machine}
- 11/406 . . {Placing endless lining elements, e.g. from reels (in combination with a tunneling shield [E21D 9/0609](#))}
- 13/00 Large underground chambers; Methods or apparatus for making them ([lining E21D 11/00](#))**

**Working-face supports**

- 15/00 Props (in the building art [E04G 25/00](#)); Chocks {, e.g. made of flexible containers filled with backfilling material}**
- 15/002 . {Auxiliary devices in which the prop type is not essential (setting or withdrawing props or chocks [E21D 15/58](#), [E21D 15/60](#))}
- 15/005 . {characterised by the material}
- 15/007 . . {spark-reducing}
- 15/02 . Non-telescopic props
- 15/04 . . with wooden prop parts joined by double conical connectors
- 15/06 . . with parts joined by a lock, with or without slight axial adjustability
- 15/08 . . . with toggle joint connection
- 15/10 . . . with dog-clutch or pin-and-hole connection
- 15/12 . . . with locking devices located near head or foot {([E21D 15/08](#) and [E21D 15/10](#) take precedence)}
- 15/14 . Telescopic props (general means for fixing telescopic parts together {[F16B 7/10](#)})
- 15/15 . . Means counteracting entry of dirt; Built-in cleaning devices
- 15/155 . . . {Built-in cleaning devices}
- 15/16 . . with parts held together by positive means, with or without relative sliding movement when the prop is subject to excessive pressure
- 15/18 . . . with one part resting on a supporting medium, e.g. rubber, sand, bitumen, lead, located in the other part, with or without expulsion or displacement of the medium upon excessive pressure {(clamping pressure between telescopic prop elements by means of granular material [E21D 15/303](#))}
- 15/20 . . . with pawl, pin, cross-piece, or the like engaging with ratchet teeth, notches, holes, or the like, spaced apart at intervals
- 15/22 . . . with member, pin, cross- piece, or the like, ruptured, sheared through, or permanently deformed upon excessive pressure

- 15/24 . . . with axial screw-and-nut, rack-and-worm, or like mechanism
- 15/26 . . . . with screw, worm, or the like, not self-locking but normally prevented from rotation by friction members which slip upon excessive pressure
- 15/28 . . with parts held relatively to each other by friction or gripping
- 15/285 . . . {by means of wedges or wedge combinations (details of wedges [E21D 15/43](#))}
- 15/30 . . . by means expanded or contracted by pressure applied through the medium of a fluid or quasi-fluid, e.g. rubber {(setting props [E21D 15/588](#), [E21D 15/589](#))}
- 15/303 . . . . {by means of granular material (supporting by means of granular material [E21D 15/18](#))}
- 15/306 . . . . {by means of a liquid}
- 15/32 . . . by a deformable collar {or clamping means applied symmetrically inside a locking ring}
- 15/325 . . . . {by a clamping ring}
- 15/34 . . . by axially- moving balls, rollers, or the like
- 15/36 . . . by a tiltable collar surrounding one or both parts
- 15/38 . . . with longitudinally-divided upper or lower prop parts, e.g. interfitting laminations
- 15/40 . . . Collar or other support gripped to one or both parts by toggle-action, cam, or other member pivoted or similarly mounted
- 15/42 . . . with special parts to influence the friction
- 15/43 . . . Details of wedges (friction linings or pads [E21D 15/42](#))
- 15/435 . . . . {hydraulic}
- 15/44 . . Hydraulic, pneumatic, or hydraulic-pneumatic props {(see also [E21D 15/51](#))}
- 15/445 . . . {comprising a fluid cushion}
- 15/45 . . . having closed fluid system, e.g. with built-in pumps or accumulators
- 15/46 . . with load-measuring devices; with alarm devices
- 15/465 . . . {with essential hydraulic or pneumatic details}
- 15/48 . Chocks or the like
- 15/483 . . {made of flexible containers, e.g. inflatable, with or without reinforcement, e.g. filled with water, backfilling material or the like (laggings making use of fluid cushions [E21D 11/157](#))}
- 15/486 . . {with essential hydraulic or pneumatic details}
- 15/50 . Component parts or details of props ([E21D 15/43](#), [E21D 15/58](#), [E21D 15/60](#) take precedence)
- 15/502 . . Prop bodies characterised by their shape, e.g. of specified cross-section
- 15/51 . . specially adapted to hydraulic, pneumatic, or hydraulic-pneumatic props, e.g. arrangements of relief valves {(not used, see subgroups and [E21D 15/44](#))}
- 15/512 . . . {Arrangement of valves (external control of roof support installations [E21D 23/12](#), [E21D 23/26](#))}
- 15/515 . . . {Particular fluids not covered by any chemical subdivision}
- 15/517 . . . {Extension elements}
- 15/52 . . Extensible units located above or below standard props (for allowing step-by-step movement of cap [E21D 23/06](#); setting props or chocks [E21D 15/58](#))
- 15/523 . . . {with hydraulic or pneumatic control}
- 15/526 . . . {for step-by-step extension of the prop}



15/54	. . Details of the ends of props (for permitting step-by-step movement <a href="#">E21D 23/06</a> )	20/00	<b>Setting anchoring-bolts</b> (anchoring bolts for shafts, tunnels or galleries <a href="#">E21D 21/00</a> ; means for anchoring structural elements or bulkheads specially adapted to foundation engineering <a href="#">E02D 5/74</a> ; dowels or other devices fastened in walls or the like by inserting them in holes made therein for that purpose <a href="#">F16B 13/00</a> )
15/545	. . . {hydraulic or pneumatic}	20/003	. {Machines for drilling anchor holes and setting anchor bolts}
15/55	. . . of prop heads {or feet}	20/006	. . {having magazines for storing and feeding anchoring-bolts (combined feeding from racks and connecting of drill rods or the like <a href="#">E21B 19/20</a> )}
15/56	. . Details of locks of telescopic props	20/02	. with provisions for grouting
15/563	. . . {by which a series of similarly shaped props can obtain an almost equal load-capacity (setting props or chocks <a href="#">E21D 15/584</a> , <a href="#">E21D 15/589</a> )}	20/021	. . {Grouting with inorganic components, e.g. cement}
15/566	. . . {comprising a fluid cushion}	20/023	. . . {Cartridges; Grouting charges}
15/58	. Devices for setting props or chocks	20/025	. . {Grouting with organic components, e.g. resin}
15/581	. . {in which the props are pre-loaded (extensible elements at strut extremities <a href="#">E21D 15/52</a> )}	20/026	. . . {Cartridges; Grouting charges}
15/5813	. . . {by means of power accumulators to be pre-charged by rock pressure (by means of hydraulically operated devices <a href="#">E21D 15/587</a> )}	20/028	. . {Devices or accessories for injecting a grouting liquid in a bore-hole ( <a href="#">E21D 20/003</a> takes precedence; improving soil or rock by injections <a href="#">E21D 9/001</a> )}
15/5817	. . . {in which the lock is also activated}	21/00	<b>Anchoring-bolts for roof, floor {in galleries or longwall working}, or shaft-lining protection</b> ((ground anchors <a href="#">E02D 5/80</a> ; anchorings for building constructions <a href="#">E04B 1/41</a> , <a href="#">E21D 21/00</a> ); dowels or other devices fastened in walls or the like by inserting them in holes made therein for that purpose <a href="#">F16B 13/00</a> ; bolts with visible load <a href="#">G01L 1/00</a> ))
15/584	. . {in which a series of similarly shaped props obtain an almost equal load capacity by removable devices (idem for extensible props <a href="#">E21D 15/563</a> )}	21/0006	. {characterised by the bolt material}
15/585	. . {by means of hydraulically operated devices for mechanical props, or hydraulic props in which the hydraulic part is not important (hydraulic props in which the hydraulic part is important <a href="#">E21D 15/44</a> )}	21/0013	. {Protection against corrosion}
15/586	. . . {the props being pre-loaded}	21/002	. {using explosives charges}
15/587	. . . . {by means of power accumulators to be pre-charged by rock pressure}	21/0026	. {characterised by constructional features of the bolts}
15/588	. . . . {the lock also being activated}	21/0033	. . {having a jacket or outer tube}
15/589	. . . {in which a series of similarly shaped props are given almost equal load capacity by removable devices}	21/004	. . {Bolts held in the borehole by friction all along their length, without additional fixing means}
15/60	. Devices for withdrawing props or chocks	21/0046	. . {formed by a plurality of elements arranged longitudinally}
15/603	. . {by means of hydraulic devices}	21/0053	. . {Anchoring-bolts in the form of lost drilling rods}
15/606	. . {the props being moved systematically (mine roof supports for step-by-step movement <a href="#">E21D 23/00</a> )}	21/006	. . {Anchoring-bolts made of cables or wires}
17/00	<b>Caps for supporting mine roofs</b>	21/0066	. . {Anchoring-bolts formed by a bundle of radially arranged rigid elements}
17/003	. {with essential hydraulic elements}	21/0073	. . {Anchoring-bolts having an inflatable sleeve, e.g. hollow sleeve expanded by a fluid}
17/006	. {characterised by the material}	21/008	. {Anchoring or tensioning means}
17/01	. characterised by the shape of the cap, e.g. of specified cross-section	21/0086	. {Bearing plates}
17/02	. Cantilever extension or similar protecting devices	21/0093	. {Accessories}
17/0206	. . {Hydraulically operated extension devices}	21/02	. having means for indicating tension (screwed connections specially modified for indicating tensile load <a href="#">F16B 31/02</a> )
17/0213	. . {Assembling devices for pivoting caps upwardly}	23/00	<b>Mine roof supports for step- by- step movement, e.g. in combination with provisions for shifting of conveyors, mining machines, or guides therefor</b> ((transport of mine roof support units <a href="#">E21F 13/008</a> ; ) shifting of mine conveyors at the working face <a href="#">E21F 13/08</a> )
17/03	. . Brackets for roof-supporting bars	23/0004	. {along the working face}
17/04	. . for use in longwall working	23/0008	. . {comprising a pair of joined struts}
17/06	. . for use in drifting galleries	23/0013	. . {Frame type supports}
17/08	. . Cap joints for obtaining a coal-face free of pit-props	23/0017	. . {Pile type supports}
17/082	. . . of sliding type	23/0021	. . . {comprising two walking elements}
17/086	. . . or articulated type	23/0026	. . . {comprising three walking elements}
17/10	. Details of mine caps for engaging the tops of pit-props, with or without retaining-plates; Retaining-plates		
19/00	<b>Provisional protective covers for working space</b> ( <a href="#">E21D 9/06</a> , <a href="#">E21D 23/00</a> take precedence)		
19/02	. for use in longwall working		
19/04	. for use in drifting galleries		

- 23/003 . . . {consisting of a rigid pile}
- 23/0034 . . {comprising a goaf shield articulated to a base member}
- 23/0039 . . . {and supported by a strut or by a row of struts parallel to the working face}
- 23/0043 . . . {and supported by two or more rows of struts parallel to the working face}
- 23/0047 . {without essential shifting devices}
- 23/0052 . {with advancing shifting devices connected therewith}
- 23/0056 . {with individual advancing shifting devices}
- 23/006 . {provided with essential hydraulic devices}
- 23/0065 . . {driven, or automatically, e.g. electrically-hydraulically controlled}
- 23/0069 . . {without essential advancing shifting devices}
- 23/0073 . . {with advancing shifting devices connected therewith}
- 23/0078 . . {with individual shifting devices}
- 23/0082 . {specially adapted for vertical or steep gradient seams}
- 23/0086 . {in galleries}
- 23/0091 . . {at the junction with the working face}
- 23/0095 . . {Temporary supports at the driving front}
- 23/03 . having protective means, e.g. shields, for preventing or impeding entry of loose material into the working space or support
- 23/04 . Structural features of the supporting construction, e.g. linking members between adjacent frames or sets of props; Means for counteracting lateral sliding on inclined floor ([E21D 23/14 takes precedence](#))
- 23/0409 . . {Aligning or guiding means for the supports or for the constitutive parts of the supports}
- 23/0418 . . {Positioning devices and stabilizing means for the props}
- 23/0427 . . {Shield operating devices; Hinges therefor}
- 23/0436 . . {Means for inclining the base member of the support}
- 23/0445 . . {Extensions of the base member supporting the conveyor}
- 23/0454 . . {Trailing plates; Coal face or goaf side sprags (specially adapted for the placing of filling-up materials [E21D 23/0481](#))}
- 23/0463 . . {Hanging or shifting means for tubes, electric feeding cables or the like}
- 23/0472 . . {Supports specially adapted for people walking or transporting material}
- 23/0481 . . {Supports specially adapted for use in combination with the placing of filling-up materials (placing filling-up materials in underground workings [per se E21F 15/00](#))}
- 23/049 . . {Connecting devices between the head or foot of a prop and the cap or base of the roof support}
- 23/06 . . Special mine caps or special tops of pit-props for permitting step-by-step movement
- 23/063 . . . {Retractable cantilever extensions therefor}
- 23/066 . . . {Pivoted cantilever extensions therefor}
- 23/08 . Advancing mechanisms ([E21D 23/16 takes precedence](#))
- 23/081 . . {forming parts of the roof supports}
- 23/082 . . . {acting solely on the elements of the supports}
- 23/083 . . . {acting on a firm abutment adapted thereto}
- 23/085 . . . {acting on a conveyor or a guide for the mining machine}
- 23/086 . . . . {Details of fixing devices therefor}
- 23/087 . . . {acting directly on the walls of the seam}
- 23/088 . . . . {by means of wheels, rollers, caterpillars, belts or worm screws}
- 23/10 . . with advancing devices separate from the supporting construction
- 23/12 . Control, e.g. using remote control ([E21D 23/16 takes precedence](#))
- 23/14 . . Effecting automatic sequential movement of supports, e.g. one behind the other {(advancing of mining machines toward the working face [E21C 29/02](#); advancing of conveyors toward the working face [E21D 23/085](#))}
- 23/142 . . . {Measuring the advance of support units with respect to external points of reference}
- 23/144 . . . {Measuring the advance of support units with respect to internal points of reference, e.g. with respect to neighboring support units or extension of a cylinder}
- 23/146 . . . {Transmission of signals and commands by cable}
- 23/148 . . . {Wireless transmission of signals or commands}
- 23/16 . Hydraulic or pneumatic features, e.g. circuits, arrangement or adaptation of valves, setting or retracting devices
- 23/18 . . of advancing mechanisms
- 23/20 . . . for sequential movement, e.g. one behind the other
- 23/22 . . . incorporated in mine caps
- 23/24 . . . the advancing mechanisms being separate from the supporting construction
- 23/26 . . Hydraulic or pneumatic control