

ECLA EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION

E21C MINING OR QUARRYING

[N: **WARNING**

The following IPC groups are not used in the internal ECLA classification scheme. Subject matter covered by these groups is classified in the following ECLA groups:

E21C1/02	covered by	E21B3/02
E21C1/04	" "	E21B3/02S
E21C1/06	" "	E21B3/02B
E21C1/08	" "	E21B3/02D
E21C1/12	" "	E21B6/00
E21C3/08	" "	B25D9/06 , B25D15/00
E21C3/10	" "	B25D15/02
E21C3/12	" "	B25D11/00
E21C3/14	" "	B25D11/00
E21C3/20	" "	B25D9/12
E21C3/22	" "	B25D9/12B
E21C3/28	" "	B25D16/00B
E21C3/30	" "	B25D16/00B2
E21C3/32	" "	B25D9/26B
E21C3/34	" "	B25D17/08
E21C5/02	" "	E21B19/08B
E21C5/04	" "	E21B19/08D
E21C5/06	" "	E21B19/08F
E21C5/11	" "	E21B19/08K , E21B19/08L
E21C5/12	" "	E21B19/08S
E21C5/14	" "	E21B44/00G2
E21C5/16	" "	E21B44/00
E21C7/02	" "	E21B21/00P
E21C7/06	" "	E21B21/14
E21C11/02	" "	E21B7/02
E21C37/24	" "	B25D
E21C37/26	" "	B25D
E21C41/18	" "	E21C41/16
E21C41/20	" "	E21C41/16
E21C41/22	" "	E21C41/16
E21C41/24	" "	E21C41/16
E21C41/28	" "	E21C41/26
E21C41/30	" "	E21C41/26
E21C45/02	" "	E21C25/60 , E21C45/00
E21C45/04	" "	E21C25/60 , E21C45/00
E21C45/06	" "	E21C25/60 , E21C45/00
E21C45/08	" "	E21C25/60 , E21C45/00
E21C50/00	" "	E02F3/88
E21C50/02	" "	E02F3/88 , E21C7/00B

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Notes

1. This subclass covers methods or apparatus specific to mining or quarrying
2. This subclass does not cover, even though they may be disclosed only for mining or quarrying, drill bits, bore reamers, core taking devices, drilling pipes or rods, handling, racking or connecting arrangements for drilling pipes or rods, counterboring or enlarging drilled holes, flame drilling, or other drilling apparatus, which are covered by subclass [E21B](#)

Guide heading: Drilling machines

- E21C1/00** [N: IPC6] **Rotary-drilling machines** (rotary-drilling machines in general B23B; rotary earth drilling [E21B3/00](#); driving of shafts, galleries or tunnels [E21D](#)) [N: not used, see subgroup and [E21B3/00](#)]
- E21C1/10** . [N: IPC6] with a built-in feeding device (feeding devices [E21C5/00](#))
- E21C3/00** [N: IPC6] **Drilling machines with reciprocating tool that is intermittently turned when out of contact with the working face**(portable percussion tools in general [B25D](#))
- E21C3/02** . [N: IPC6] Machines in which the tool is connected to an impulse member
- E21C3/04** . [N: IPC6] Hammer drilling machines in which the tool is hit by an impulse member
- E21C3/06** . [N: IPC6] Means for driving the impulse member [N: (not used, see subgroups and [B25D](#))]
- E21C3/16** . . [N: IPC6] by electromagnets
- E21C3/18** . . [N: IPC6] directly by a piston of an internal-combustion engine
- E21C3/24** . . [N: IPC6] directly by air, steam, or gas pressure
- E21C3/26** . . . [N: IPC6] working with pulses
- Guide heading:** Details of drilling apparatus
- E21C5/00** [N: IPC6] **Devices for feeding tool to working face (feeding devices for metal-boring machines B23B)** [N: not used, see subgroups and [E21B19/08](#)]
- E21C5/08** . [N: IPC6] Means for driving feed mechanism [N: not used, see subgroups and [E21B19/08](#)]
- E21C5/10** . . [N: IPC6] Separate motor, e.g. compressed-air motor or cylinder
- E21C7/00** [N: IPC6] **Dust eliminating or dust removing while drilling** ([N: see also [E21B21/00](#)]; equipment for preventing the formation of dust by slitting or dislodging machines [E21C35/22](#); [N: by foam [E21B21/14](#)]; exhausting dust from mines [E21F5/20](#))
- E21C7/04** . [N: IPC6] using exhaust air from the drill motor for blowing-off the dust
- E21C7/08** . [N: IPC6] by liquids
- E21C7/10** . . [N: IPC6] Liquid flushing installations
- E21C7/12** . [N: IPC6] Preventing exhaust air from the drill motor from blowing-off towards the working face
- E21C11/00** [N: IPC6] **Supports or guides for drilling machines; Columns to which the machine is clamped** (feed legs [E21C5/11](#); slitting machines mounted on supports [E21C25/64](#); guiding, slitting, or dislodging machines [E21C35/08](#))
- Guide heading:** Cutting, Slitting, Dislodging

- E21C25/00** **Cutting machines, i.e. for making slits approximately parallel or perpendicular to the seam (dislodging machines with slitting means [E21C27/02](#), [E21C27/10](#), [E21C27/18](#))**
- E21C25/02 . Machines slitting solely by one or more percussive tools moved through the seam
 - E21C25/04 . . Cutting crowns or other tools ([percussion drill bits E21B10/36](#))
 - E21C25/06 . Machines slitting solely by one or more cutting rods or cutting drums which rotate, move through the seam, and may or may not reciprocate
 - E21C25/08 . . Mountings for the rods or drums
 - E21C25/10 . . Rods; Drums
 - E21C25/14 . . with equipment for cleaning the slit ([associated with cutter chain machines E21C25/50](#))
 - E21C25/14B . . . [N: Cowls]
 - E21C25/16 . Machines slitting solely by one or more rotating saws, cutting discs, or wheels
 - E21C25/18 . . Saws; Discs; Wheels
 - E21C25/20 . Machines slitting solely by one or more reciprocating sawing implements or reciprocating cutter chains; Shaker conveyers with cutting means
 - E21C25/22 . Machines slitting solely by one or more cutter chains moving unidirectionally along jibs
 - E21C25/24 . . with flat jibs only
 - E21C25/26 . . with curved jibs only
 - E21C25/28 . . Chains or chain guides
 - E21C25/30 . . . Chain guides
 - E21C25/32 specially adapted for curved jibs
 - E21C25/34 . . . Chains
 - E21C25/36 . . . Couplings for links
 - E21C25/36B [N: allowing the bending into at least two planes ([chains for conveyers which are allowed to bend into at least two planes B65G17/38B](#))]
 - E21C25/40 . . . having links with integrally formed picks
 - E21C25/50 . . with equipment for cleaning the slit ([associated with rotary-rod or rotary-drum machines E21C25/14](#))
 - E21C25/52 . Machines incorporating two or more of the slitting means according to groups [E21C25/02](#), [E21C25/06](#), [E21C25/16](#), [E21C25/20](#) and [E21C25/22](#)
 - E21C25/54 . Slitting by unguided cutter cables or cutter chains, or by unguided tools drawn along the working face by cables or the like ([dislodging by planing means E21C27/32](#); [propulsion by haulage cables E21C29/14](#))
 - E21C25/56 . Slitting by cutter cables or cutter chains or by tools drawn along the working face by cables or the like, in each case guided parallel to the face, e.g. by a conveyer, by a guide parallel to a conveyer ([pressing the conveyer equipped with tools towards the working face E21C35/14](#))
 - E21C25/58 . Machines slitting by drilling hole on hole
 - E21C25/60 . Slitting by jets of water or other liquid ([picks with arrangements of fluid-spraying](#))

nozzles [E21C35/187](#); distribution of spraying fluids in rotating cutter-heads [E21C35/23](#))

- E21C25/62 . Machines for making slits approximately perpendicular to the seams either level with, or above or below the level of, the machine
 - E21C25/64 . Slitting machines guided solely by hand and either carried by hand or mounted on supports (supports or guides for drilling machines [E21C11/00](#); hand-held power-operated tools [E21C37/22](#))
 - E21C25/66 . Machines for making slits with additional arrangements for drilling
 - E21C25/68 . Machines for making slits combined with equipment for removing, e.g. by loading, material won by other means (slitting machines combined with planing means [E21C27/18](#); removing chippings [E21C35/20](#))
- E21C27/00 Machines which completely free the mineral from the seam**
- E21C27/01 . specially adapted for removing overhanging coal
 - E21C27/02 . solely by slitting (rods, drums, for same [E21C25/10](#); saws, discs, wheels [E21C25/18](#); chains, chain guides, for same [E21C25/28](#))
 - E21C27/04 . . by a single chain guided on a frame with or without auxiliary slitting means
 - E21C27/06 . . . with a slewing frame
 - E21C27/08 . . with additional means for cutting the mineral into blocks
 - E21C27/10 . by both slitting and breaking-down
 - E21C27/12 . . breaking-down effected by acting on the vertical face of the mineral, e.g. by percussive tools
 - E21C27/12B . . . [N: with breaking-down members having a striking action]
 - E21C27/12C . . . [N: with rotatable cutters provided with breaking-down members]
 - E21C27/12D . . . [N: with slitting and breaking-down members situated in parallel on an intermediary level]
 - E21C27/12E . . . [N: with breaking-down members functioning on the slitting level]
 - E21C27/14 . . breaking-down effected by force or pressure applied to side of slit, e.g. by wedges (breaking-down by means inserted in boreholes [E21C37/00](#))
 - E21C27/16 . . . with means for both slitting and breaking-down
 - E21C27/18 . by both slitting and planing
 - E21C27/20 . Mineral freed by means not involving slitting
 - E21C27/22 . . by rotary drills with breaking-down means, e.g. wedge-shaped drills, [N: i.e. the rotary axis of the tool carrier being substantially perpendicular to the working face, e.g. MARIETTA-type (similar machines for tunneling [E21D9/10B2B](#))]
 - E21C27/24 . . by milling means acting on the full working face, [N: i.e. the rotary axis of the tool carrier being substantially parallel to the working face (similar machines for tunneling [E21D9/10B2B](#))]
 - E21C27/26 . . by closely adjacent cutter chains acting on the full working face
 - E21C27/28 . . by percussive drills with breaking-down means, e.g. wedge-shaped tools

- E21C27/30 . . by jaws, buckets or scoops that scoop-out the mineral
- E21C27/32 . . by adjustable or non-adjustable planing means with or without loading arrangements (by percussed planing means [E21C27/46](#))
- E21C27/34 . . . Machine propelled along the working face by cable or chain
- E21C27/35 Ram-ploughs
- E21C27/36 . . . Machine self-propelled along the working face
- E21C27/38 . . . Machine stationary while planing in an arc
- E21C27/40 . . . Machine and its planing tool making alternative step-wise movements along the working face
- E21C27/42 . . . combined with scraper or collector box
- E21C27/44 . . . Planing knives (mining picks [E21C35/18](#))
- E21C27/46 . . by percussed planing means

E21C29/00 Propulsion of machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the seam

- E21C29/02 . by means on the machine exerting a thrust against fixed supports
- E21C29/04 . by cable or chains
- E21C29/06 . . anchored at one or both ends to the mine working face [N: (propulsion using fixed racks along which the machine is running [E21C29/02](#))]
- E21C29/08 . . . Anchoring arrangements (for anchoring of conveyers only [E21F13/00](#))
- E21C29/10 . . . Cable or chain co-operating with a winch or the like on the machine
- E21C29/12 . . . Machines propelled by thrust or pull against a part alternately anchored to and released from a cable or chain
- E21C29/14 . . by haulage cable or chain pulling the machine along the working face
- E21C29/14B . . . [N: Means for tensioning the haulage chains or cables]
- E21C29/16 . . . Winches or other means for pulling cable or chain (winches in general [B66D](#))
- E21C29/18 . . . Coupling and uncoupling machine to cable or chain
- E21C29/18B [N: with coupling or uncoupling of the machine at will]
- E21C29/20 . . with safety devices operating in the event of breakage of the cable or chain
- E21C29/22 . by wheels, endless tracks or the like [N: (propulsion using fixed racks along which the machine is running [E21C29/02](#))]
- E21C29/24 . . Trucks carrying the machine while working
- E21C29/26 . . . with means for adjustably positioning the machine on the truck
- E21C29/28 adjusting the height of the whole machine

E21C31/00 Driving means incorporated in machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the seam

- E21C31/02 . for cutting or breaking-down devices
- E21C31/02B . . [N: by another slitting or extracting member]
- E21C31/04 . . imparting both a rotary and reciprocating motion
- E21C31/06 . . actuated by an endless cable or chain
- E21C31/08 . for adjusting parts of the machines

- E21C31/10 . for slewing parts of the machines
- E21C31/12 . Component parts
- E21C33/00 Trucks or other devices for transporting machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the seam**
- E21C33/02 . with equipment for loading or unloading the machine on to or from the truck
- E21C33/02B . . [N: the unloaded machine remaining connected to the transport vehicle]
- E21C35/00 Miscellaneous items relating to machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the seam**
- E21C35/02 . Locking equipment for slewable parts
- E21C35/04 . Safety devices (operating in the event of breakage of a haulage cable or chain [E21C29/20](#))
- E21C35/04B . . [N: Protection against overload during transfer of machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral from the seam]
- E21C35/04C . . [N: Protection of cables or pipes for supplying power]
- E21C35/06 . Equipment for positioning the whole machine in relation to its substructure
- E21C35/08 . Guiding the machine
- E21C35/10 . . by feelers contacting the working face
- E21C35/12 . . along a conveyer for the cut mineral
- E21C35/12B . . . [N: Means for inclining the conveyer]
- E21C35/14 . . . Equipment for pressing the conveyer towards the working face
- E21C35/16 . . by making use of the timbering, filling, or other supports
- E21C35/18 . Mining picks; Holders therefor (planing knives [E21C27/44](#); [N: pick-like bits for milling stone like materials [B28D1/18E](#)] [C0812])
- E21C35/183 . . with inserts or layers of wear-resistant material [N: (drill bits with wear-resistant parts [E21B10/46](#))]
- E21C35/187 . . with arrangement of fluid-spraying nozzles (supply of fluid to the nozzles [E21C35/22](#))
- E21C35/19 . . Means for fixing picks or holders
- E21C35/193 . . . using bolts as main fixing elements
- E21C35/193B [N: the picks having a cylindrical shank] [N0310]
- E21C35/193D [N: the picks having a square- or rectangular-section shank] [N0310]
- E21C35/197 . . . using sleeves, rings or the like, as main fixing elements
- E21C35/20 . General features of equipment for removal of chippings e.g. for loading on conveyer
- E21C35/22 . Equipment for preventing the formation of, or for removal of, dust (removing dust while drilling [E21C7/00](#); picks with arrangement of fluid-spraying nozzles [E21C35/187](#))
- E21C35/22D . . [N: Equipment associated with mining machines for sucking dust-laden air from the

- cutting area, with or without cleaning of the air]
- E21C35/23 . . Distribution of spraying-fluids in rotating cutter-heads
- E21C35/24 . Remote control specially adapted for machines for slitting or completely freeing the mineral ([control in general G05](#))
- E21C37/00** **Other methods or devices for dislodging with or without loading (breaking-down by means inserted in slits [E21C27/14](#))**
- E21C37/00B . [N: [by projectiles](#)]
- E21C37/02 . by wedges
- E21C37/04 . by devices with parts pressed mechanically against the wall of a borehole [N: [or a slit](#)]
- E21C37/06 . by making use of hydraulic or pneumatic pressure in a borehole
- E21C37/08 . . Devices with pistons, plungers, or the like, pressed locally against the wall of the borehole [N: ([E21C37/10](#) takes precedence)]
- E21C37/10 . . Devices with expanding elastic casings
- E21C37/12 . . by injecting into the borehole a liquid, either initially at high pressure or subsequently subjected to high pressure, e.g. by pulses, by explosive cartridges acting on the liquid ([slitting by jets of water E21C25/60](#); [blasting by explosives F42D](#))
- E21C37/14 . . by compressed air; by gas blast; by gasifying liquids
- E21C37/16 . by fire-setting or by similar methods based on a heat effect ([drilling by use of heat E21B7/14](#))
- E21C37/18 . by electricity
- E21C37/20 . by ultrasonics
- E21C37/22 . Hand tools or hand-held power-operated tools specially adapted for dislodging minerals ([slitting machines guided solely by hand E21C25/64](#))
- E21C37/24 . . Pick hammers ([pneumatic hammers in general B25D](#); [percussion drilling E21B1/00](#)) [N1203]
- E21C37/26 . Chisels or other cutting tools not mentioned before [N1203]
- E21C39/00** **Devices for testing in situ the hardness or other properties of minerals, e.g. for giving information as to the selection of suitable mining tools**
- Guide heading:** **Methods of mining or quarrying; Open-pit mining; Layouts therefor (methods or apparatus for obtaining oil, gas, water, soluble or meltable materials or a slurry of minerals from wells [E21B43/00](#))**
- E21C41/00** **Methods of underground or surface mining ([E21C45/00](#) takes precedence); Lay-outs therefor (for peat [E21C49/00](#))**
- [N: **WARNING**]

Groups [E21C41/02](#) to [E21C41/14](#) are no longer used for classification. Documents are reclassified to groups [E21C41/16](#), [E21C41/26](#) and [E21C41/32](#)
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- [E21C41/04](#) . [N: IPC4] for hard coal
- [E21C41/10](#) . [N: IPC4] for oil-bearing deposits
- [E21C41/14](#) . [N: IPC4] for other specified minerals, e.g. gold, mercury, other heavy metals, sulfur, slate; for clay
- [E21C41/16](#) . Methods of underground mining (winning machines therefor [E21C25/00](#) to [E21C39/00](#)); Layouts therefor
- [N: **WARNING**
Group [E21C41/16](#) is incomplete. See Warning after [E21C41/00](#)
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- [E21C41/18](#) . . for brown or hard coal [N1203]
- [E21C41/20](#) . . for rock salt or potash salt [N1203]
- [E21C41/22](#) . . for ores, e.g. mining placers [N1203]
- [E21C41/24](#) . . for oil-bearing deposits [N1203]
- [E21C41/26](#) . Methods of surface mining (machines for obtaining, or the removal of, materials in open-pit mines [E21C47/00](#)); Layouts therefor
- [N: **WARNING**
Group [E21C41/26](#) is incomplete. See Warning after [E21C41/00](#)
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- [E21C41/28](#) . . for brown or hard coal [N1203]
- [E21C41/30](#) . . for ores, e.g. mining placers [N1203]
- [E21C41/31](#) . . [N: for oil-bearing deposits] [N1203]
- [E21C41/32](#) . Reclamation of surface-mined areas (machines or methods for treating or working soil for agricultural purposes [A01B77/00](#), [A01B79/00](#); machines for back-filling [E02F5/22](#))
- [N: **WARNING**
Group [E21C41/32](#) is incomplete, see other groups of [E21C41/00](#)
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- [E21C43/00](#)** [N: IPC4] **Methods for preparing for the gasification of coal underground (methods for generating gas C10B)**
- [E21C45/00](#)** **Methods of hydraulic mining; Hydraulic monitors** ([E21C25/60](#) takes precedence)
- [E21C45/02](#) . Means for generating pulsating fluid jets [N1203]
- [E21C45/04](#) . . by use of highly pressurised liquid [N1203]
- [E21C45/06](#) . . by use of compressed gases [N1203]
- [E21C45/08](#) . Automatic or remote control of hydraulic monitors [N1203]

- E21C47/00** **Machines for obtaining or the removal of materials in open-pit mines** ([obtaining peat E21C49/00](#))
- E21C47/02 . for coal, brown coal, or the like ([dredgers or soil-shifting machines in general E02F](#))
- E21C47/04 . . Conveyer bridges used in co-operation with the winning apparatus
- E21C47/06 . . Cableway conveyers used in co-operation with the winning apparatus
([underground hauling E21F13/00](#))
- E21C47/08 . . Devices for cutting-out partings, e.g. layers of sand between seams of coal
- E21C47/10 . for quarrying stone, sand, gravel, or clay
- E21C49/00** **Obtaining peat; Machines therefor** ([treating peat C10F](#))
- E21C49/02 . by excavating
- E21C49/04 . by digging in the form of peat sods
- E21C50/00** **Obtaining minerals from underwater, not otherwise provided for** ([suction dredgers or component parts thereof E02F3/88](#); [equipment for conveying or separating excavated material E02F7/00](#); [dippers G01N1/12](#)) [N1203]
- E21C50/02 . dependent on the ship movements ([vessels or floating structures adapted for special purposes B63B35/00](#)) [N1203]
- E21C51/00** **Apparatus for, or methods of, winning materials from extraterrestrial sources**
([cosmonautics B64G](#))