

CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

B PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING

(NOTES omitted)

SEPARATING; MIXING

B08 CLEANING

B08B CLEANING IN GENERAL; PREVENTION OF FOULING IN GENERAL ([brushes A46](#); devices for domestic or like cleaning [A47L](#); {cleaning golf-clubs or golf accessories [A63B 57/60](#); cleaning grips of bats on rackets [A63B 60/36](#)} ; separation of particles from liquids or gases [B01D](#); separation of solids [B03](#), [B07](#); spraying or applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces in general [B05](#); cleaning devices for conveyors [B65G 45/10](#); concurrent cleaning, filling and closing of bottles [B67C 7/00](#); inhibiting corrosion or incrustation in general [C23](#); cleaning streets, permanent ways, beaches or land [E01H](#); parts, details or accessories of swimming or splash baths or pools, specially adapted for cleaning [E04H 4/16](#); preventing or removing electrostatic charges [H05F](#))

NOTE

This subclass covers only inventions relating to cleaning which are usually classified according to one (or more) of the aspects mentioned below if they are not fully classifiable in a subclass a subclass providing for any of the following aspects:

- the articles cleaned, e.g. bed-pans, urinal or other sanitary devices for bed-ridden persons [A61G 9/02](#), filters, semi-permeable membranes [B01D](#), castings and moulds [B22D 29/00](#), vehicles [B60S](#), coke ovens [C10B 43/00](#), building forms [E04G](#), boilers [F22](#), combustion apparatus [F23](#), furnaces [F27](#); the general nature of the cleaning, e.g. preparing for sugar manufacture [A23N](#), domestic cleaning [A47L](#), treatment of textiles [D06](#), laundry [D06F](#), air-conditioning [F24F](#);
- the particular operation performed, e.g. filtering [B01D](#), separating of solids [B03](#), [B07](#), sand-blasting [B24C](#);
- the particular apparatus or device, e.g. brushes [A46B](#), mops [A47L](#), centrifuges [B04](#), hand tools [B25](#) { [devices for cleaning paint-applying hand tools after use B44D 3/006](#) } ;
- the substance cleaned, e.g. metals [B21C](#), [C23](#), water [C02](#), glass [C03B](#), leather [C14B](#), textile fibres [D01](#);
- the substance removed (or prevented from depositing or forming) e.g. { [removing paint B44D 3/00](#), e.g. } implements or apparatus for removing dry paint from surfaces [B44D 3/16](#);
- chemical paint-removers [C09D 9/00](#);
- preventing rust [C23F](#);
- the substance used, e.g. macromolecular compounds or compositions [C08](#), anti-icing materials [C09K](#), detergents [C11D](#);
- the operation in connection with which cleaning is done, e.g. metal rolling [B21B](#), metal boring [B23B](#), soldering [B23K](#), textile fabrication [D01G](#), [D01H](#), [D03J](#), [D04B](#);
- the surroundings of a surface to be cleaned or kept clean, e.g. water in a boiler [C02F](#), air in a room [F24F](#).

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.

1/00 **Cleaning by methods involving the use of tools**
(cleaning hollow articles by methods or apparatus specially adapted thereto [B08B 9/00](#))

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/00](#) is impacted by reclassification into groups [B08B 1/14](#), [B08B 1/143](#), [B08B 1/145](#), [B08B 1/16](#), [B08B 1/165](#) and [B08B 1/40](#).

All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

1/10 . characterised by the type of cleaning tool

WARNING

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1/12 . . Brushes

- 1/14 . . Wipes; Absorbent members, e.g. swabs or sponges (with integrated means for dispensing fluids [B08B 1/40](#))

WARNING

Groups [B08B 1/14](#), [B08B 1/143](#) and [B08B 1/145](#) are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups [B08B 1/00](#) and [B08B 1/10](#).

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- 1/143 . . . {Wipes}

- 1/145 . . . {Swabs}

- 1/16 . . Rigid blades, e.g. scrapers; Flexible blades, e.g. wipers

WARNING

Groups [B08B 1/16](#) and [B08B 1/165](#) are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups [B08B 1/00](#) and [B08B 1/10](#).

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- 1/165 . . . {Scrapers}

- 1/20 . . Cleaning of moving articles, e.g. of moving webs or of objects on a conveyor

- 1/30 . . by movement of cleaning members over a surface

- 1/32 . . using rotary cleaning members

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/32](#) is impacted by reclassification into groups [B08B 1/34](#) and [B08B 1/36](#).

Groups [B08B 1/32](#), [B08B 1/34](#) and [B08B 1/36](#) should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

- 1/34 . . . rotating about an axis parallel to the surface

- 1/36 . . . rotating about an axis orthogonal to the surface

- 1/40 . . Cleaning tools with integrated means for dispensing fluids, e.g. water, steam or detergents (cleaning by the force of jets or sprays [B08B 3/02](#))

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/40](#) is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups [B08B 1/00](#) and [B08B 1/10](#).

Groups [B08B 1/00](#), [B08B 1/10](#) and [B08B 1/40](#) should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

- 1/50 . . involving cleaning of the cleaning members

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/50](#) is impacted by reclassification into groups [B08B 1/52](#) and [B08B 1/54](#).

Groups [B08B 1/50](#), [B08B 1/52](#) and [B08B 1/54](#) should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

- 1/52 . . using fluids

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/52](#) is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group [B08B 1/50](#).

Groups [B08B 1/50](#) and [B08B 1/52](#) should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

- 1/54 . . using mechanical tools

WARNING

Group [B08B 1/54](#) is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group [B08B 1/50](#).

Groups [B08B 1/50](#) and [B08B 1/54](#) should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

3/00 Cleaning by methods involving the use or presence of liquid or steam ([B08B 9/00](#) takes precedence)

- 3/003 . {Cleaning involving contact with foam}

- 3/006 . {Cabinets or cupboards specially adapted for cleaning articles by hand}

- 3/02 . Cleaning by the force of jets or sprays

- 3/022 . . {Cleaning travelling work ([B08B 3/042](#) takes precedence)}

- 3/024 . . {Cleaning by means of spray elements moving over the surface to be cleaned}

- 3/026 . . {Cleaning by making use of hand-held spray guns; Fluid preparations therefor}

- 3/028 . . . {Spray guns}

WARNING

This group is no longer used for classification. Documents are in the process of being reclassified to subclass [B05B](#)

- 3/04 . Cleaning involving contact with liquid

- 3/041 . . {Cleaning travelling work}

- 3/042 . . . {the loose articles or bulk material travelling gradually through a drum or other container, e.g. by helix or gravity}

- 3/044 . . {using agitated containers in which the liquid and articles or material are placed (by means of ultrasonic vibrations [B08B 3/12](#); cleaning casks or barrels by agitating [B08B 9/0817](#); mixers with shaking, oscillating or vibrating mechanisms [B01F 31/00](#))}

- 3/045 . . {using perforated containers, e.g. baskets, or racks immersed and agitated in a liquid bath (using perforated drums [B08B 3/06](#))}

- 3/047 . . . {Containers specially adapted therefor}

- 3/048 . . {Overflow-type cleaning, e.g. tanks in which the liquid flows over the tank in which the articles are placed}

- 3/06 . . using perforated drums in which the article or material is placed {([B08B 3/042](#) takes precedence)}

- 3/08 . . the liquid having chemical or dissolving effect (substances used, see the relevant classes)

- 3/10 . . with additional treatment of the liquid or of the object being cleaned, e.g. by heat, by electricity or by vibration

- 3/102 . . . {with means for agitating the liquid (by agitating the container [B08B 3/042](#), [B08B 3/044](#), [B08B 3/045](#), [B08B 3/06](#))}
- 3/104 {using propellers}
- 3/106 . . . {by boiling the liquid}
- 3/108 . . . {by lowering and raising the level of the cleaning liquid}
- 3/12 . . . by sonic or ultrasonic vibrations (washing or rinsing machines for crockery or tableware using sonic or ultrasonic waves [A47L 15/13](#); of natural teeth, of prostheses using ultrasonic techniques similar to those used for natural teeth [A61C 17/20](#); application of ultrasonic vibrations to chemical, physical or physico-chemical processes in general [B01J 19/10](#))
- 3/123 {Cleaning travelling work, e.g. webs, articles on a conveyor (conveyors [B65G](#); handling webs [B65H](#))}
- 3/126 {in particular moving bottles}
- 3/14 . . . Removing waste, e.g. labels, from cleaning liquid; {Regenerating cleaning liquids}(treatment of water in general [C02F](#))
- 5/00** **Cleaning by methods involving the use of air flow or gas flow** ([B08B 6/00](#) takes precedence)
- 5/02 . . . Cleaning by the force of jets, e.g. blowing-out cavities {(airguns or nozzles *per se* [B05B 1/005](#))}
- 5/023 . . . {Cleaning travelling work}
- 5/026 . . . {Cleaning moving webs}
- 5/04 . . . Cleaning by suction, with or without auxiliary action ({[B08B 9/035](#) takes precedence; } suction cleaners [A47L](#))
- 5/043 . . . {Cleaning travelling work}
- 5/046 . . . {Cleaning moving webs}
- 6/00** **Cleaning by electrostatic means** (domestic cleaning implements functioning electrostatically [A47L 13/40](#); cleaning of grooved record carriers [G11B 3/58](#))
- 7/00** **Cleaning by methods not provided for in a single other subclass or a single group in this subclass**
- 7/0007 . . . {by explosions}
- 7/0014 . . . {by incorporation in a layer which is removed with the contaminants}
- 7/0021 . . . {by liquid gases or supercritical fluids}
- 7/0028 . . . {by adhesive surfaces}
- 7/0035 . . . {by radiant energy, e.g. UV, laser, light beam or the like}
- 7/0042 . . . {by laser}
- 7/005 . . . {by infrared radiation}
- 7/0057 . . . {by ultraviolet radiation}
- 7/0064 . . . {by temperature changes}
- 7/0071 . . . {by heating ([B08B 7/0035](#) takes precedence)}
- 7/0078 {in a fluidized bed}
- 7/0085 {by pyrolysis}
- 7/0092 . . . {by cooling}
- 7/02 . . . by distortion, beating, or vibration of the surface to be cleaned ({[B08B 7/0007](#) takes precedence})
- 7/022 . . . {Needle scalers}
- 7/024 . . . {Rotary scalers}
- 7/026 . . . {Using sound waves}
- 7/028 {Using ultrasounds}
- 7/04 . . . by a combination of operations
- 9/00** **Cleaning hollow articles by methods or apparatus specially adapted thereto** ([B08B 6/00](#) takes precedence)
- 9/02 Cleaning pipes or tubes or systems of pipes or tubes (apparatus for cleaning metal pipes by chemical methods [C23G 3/04](#) {; removing obstructions in waste pipes or sinks [E03C 1/30](#); cleaning sewer pipes [E03F 9/00](#); cleaning boreholes or wells [E21B 37/00](#); cleaning furnace tubes, flues, chimneys [F23J 3/02](#); cleaning heat-transfer conduits, e.g. water tubes of boilers [F28G](#))
- 9/021 {Cleaning pipe ends or pipe fittings, e.g. before soldering (grinding tube ends [B24B 9/007](#))}
- 9/023 Cleaning the external surface ([B08B 9/021](#) takes precedence)
- 9/027 Cleaning the internal surfaces; Removal of blockages
- 9/032 by the mechanical action of a moving fluid, e.g. by flushing ([B08B 9/04](#) takes precedence {; by fluid jets mounted on cleaning devices [B08B 9/0433](#))}
- 9/0321 {using pressurised, pulsating or purging fluid ([E04F 17/126](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/0322 {in combination with a plug, e.g. inflatable mole, to isolate a part of the tube (plugging pigs for stopping flow in pipes [F16L 55/1283](#))}
- 9/0323 {Arrangements specially designed for simultaneous and parallel cleaning of a plurality of conduits}
- 9/0325 {Control mechanisms therefor}
- 9/0326 {Using pulsations}
- 9/0327 {the fluid being in the form of a mist}
- 9/0328 {by purging the pipe with a gas or a mixture of gas and liquid}
- 9/035 by suction
- 9/04 using cleaning devices introduced into and moved along the pipes
- 9/043 moved by externally powered mechanical linkage, e.g. pushed or drawn through the pipes
- 9/0433 {provided exclusively with fluid jets as cleaning tools}
- 9/0436 {provided with mechanical cleaning tools, e.g. scrapers, with or without additional fluid jets ([B08B 9/045](#), [B08B 9/047](#) take precedence)}
- 9/045 the cleaning devices being rotated while moved {, e.g. flexible rotating shaft or "snake"}([B08B 9/047](#) takes precedence)
- 9/047 the cleaning devices having {internal} motors {, e.g. turbines} for powering cleaning tools
- 9/049 having self-contained propelling means for moving the cleaning devices along the pipes {, i.e. self-propelled}
- 9/0492 {Heavy-type cleaning devices, e.g. crawlers with plural cleaning members ([B08B 9/051](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/0495 {Nozzles propelled by fluid jets}
- 9/0497 {provided with additional mechanical cleaning tools}
- 9/051 the cleaning devices having {internal} motors {, e.g. turbines} for powering cleaning tools

- 9/053 moved along the pipes by a fluid, e.g. by fluid pressure or by suction
- 9/0535 {the cleaning device being restricted in its movement by a cable or the like}
- 9/055 the cleaning devices conforming to, or being conformable to, substantially the same cross-section of the pipes, {e.g. pigs or moles (pigs or moles [per se F16L 55/26](#); their launching and detection [F16L 55/46](#); separating pigs in pipelines [F17D 3/00](#))}
- 9/0551 {Control mechanisms therefor}
- 9/0552 {Spherically shaped pigs}
- 9/0553 {Cylindrically shaped pigs}
- 9/0554 {Diablo shaped pigs}
- 9/0555 {Gelled or degradable pigs}
- 9/0556 {at least partially formed of a frozen liquid or gas}
- 9/0557 {Pigs with rings shaped cleaning members, e.g. cup shaped pigs}
- 9/0558 {with additional jet means}
- 9/057 the cleaning devices being entrained discrete elements, e.g. balls, grinding elements, brushes
- 9/08 Cleaning containers, e.g. tanks
- 9/0804 {Cleaning containers having tubular shape, e.g. casks, barrels, drums ([B08B 9/20 take precedence](#))}
- 9/0808 {by methods involving the use of tools, e.g. by brushes, scrapers}
- 9/0813 {by the force of jets or sprays}
- 9/0817 {by agitating or tumbling containers filled with liquid or liquid and abrasive, e.g. chain}
- 9/0821 {Handling or manipulating containers, e.g. moving or rotating containers in cleaning devices, conveying to or from cleaning devices ([B08B 9/20 takes precedence](#))}
- 9/0826 {the containers being brought to the cleaning device}
- 9/083 {Removing scrap from containers, e.g. removing labels}
- 9/0835 {Removing remnants of closures from bottle necks}
- 9/0839 {Cleaning milk churns ([B08B 9/0804](#), [B08B 9/20 take precedence](#))}
- 9/0843 {for large numbers of milk churns}
- 9/0848 {Devices for inverting or emptying milk churns, applying or unseating covers}
- 9/0852 {Drainage racks ([see also A47J 47/20](#))}
- 9/0856 {Cleaning of water-treatment installations}
- 9/0861 {Cleaning crates, boxes or the like ([B08B 9/083 takes precedence](#))}
- 9/0865 {by burning-out ([B08B 9/40 takes precedence](#))}
- 9/087 by methods involving the use of tools, e.g. brushes, scrapers ([B08B 9/0808](#)), [B08B 9/20 take precedence](#))}
- 9/093 by the force of jets or sprays ([B08B 9/0813](#)), [B08B 9/20 take precedence](#))}
- 9/0933 {Removing sludge or the like from tank bottoms}
- 9/0936 {using rotating jets}
- 9/20 by using apparatus into or on to which containers, e.g. bottles, jars, cans are brought {(washing or rinsing crockery or tableware [A47L 15/00](#))}
- 9/205 {Conveying containers to or from the cleaning machines}
- 9/22 the apparatus cleaning by soaking alone
- 9/24 and having conveyors
- 9/26 Rotating conveyors
- 9/28 the apparatus cleaning by splash, spray, or jet application, with or without soaking
- 9/283 {by gas jets}
- 9/286 {the gas being ionized}
- 9/30 and having conveyors
- 9/32 Rotating conveyors
- 9/34 Arrangements of conduits or nozzles
- 9/36 the apparatus cleaning by using brushes
- 9/38 the apparatus cleaning by using scrapers, chains, grains of shot, sand or other abrasive means ([abrasive blasting in general B24C](#))
- 9/40 the apparatus cleaning by burning out
- 9/42 the apparatus being characterised by means for conveying or carrying containers therethrough
- 9/423 {Holders for bottles, cell construction}
- 9/426 {Grippers for bottles}
- 9/44 the means being for loading or unloading the apparatus
- 9/46 Inspecting cleaned containers for cleanliness
- 11/00** **Cleaning flexible or delicate articles by methods or apparatus specially adapted thereto ([B08B 3/12](#), [B08B 6/00 take precedence](#))**
- 11/02 Devices for holding articles during cleaning {([B08B 9/42 takes precedence](#))}
- 11/04 specially adapted for plate glass, e.g. prior to manufacture of windshields ([cleaning the gap between permanently secured panes E06B 3/677](#))
- 13/00** **Accessories or details of general applicability for machines or apparatus for cleaning**
- 15/00** **Preventing escape of dirt or fumes from the area where they are produced; Collecting or removing dirt or fumes from that area (parts, details or accessories of cooking-vessels for withdrawing or condensing cooking vapours from such vessels [A47J 36/38](#); refuse disposal [B65E](#); devices for conducting smoke or fumes, e.g. flues, [F23J 11/00](#); removing cooking fumes from domestic stoves or ranges [F24C 15/20](#); air conditioning, ventilation [F24F](#))**
- 15/002 {using a central suction system, e.g. for collecting exhaust gases in workshops ([removing dust from textile machines D01H 11/00](#); ventilation of mines, galleries or tunnels, e.g. traffic tunnels, [E21F 1/00](#))}
- 15/005 {comprising a stationary main duct with one or more branch units, the branch units being freely movable along a sealed longitudinal slit in the main duct}
- 15/007 {Fume suction nozzles arranged on a closed or semi-closed surface, e.g. on a circular, ring-shaped or rectangular surface adjacent the area where fumes are produced ([B08B 15/04 takes precedence](#))}
- 15/02 using chambers or hoods covering the area {([B08B 15/002 takes precedence](#))}
- 15/023 {Fume cabinets or cupboards, e.g. for laboratories}
- 15/026 {Boxes for removal of dirt, e.g. for cleaning brakes, glove-boxes}

- 15/04 . from a small area, e.g. a tool {(removing chips [B23Q 11/0042](#))}
- 17/00 Methods preventing fouling** {(preventing accumulation of deposits in pneumatic conveyors [B65G 53/521](#))}
- 17/02 . Preventing deposition of fouling or of dust
- 17/025 . . {Prevention of fouling with liquids by means of devices for containing or collecting said liquids}
- 17/04 . . by using removable coverings
- 17/06 . . by giving articles subject to fouling a special shape or arrangement
- 17/065 . . . {the surface having a microscopic surface pattern to achieve the same effect as a lotus flower}
- 2203/00 Details of cleaning machines or methods involving the use or presence of liquid or steam**
- 2203/002 . the liquid being a degassed liquid
- 2203/005 . the liquid being ozonated
- 2203/007 . Heating the liquid
- 2203/02 . Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the force of jets or sprays
- 2203/0205 . . Bypass pressure relief valves
- 2203/0211 . . Case coverings
- 2203/0217 . . Use of a detergent in high pressure cleaners; arrangements for supplying the same
- 2203/0223 . . Electric motor pumps
- 2203/0229 . . Suction chambers for aspirating the sprayed liquid
- 2203/0235 . . Cooling the motor pump
- 2203/0241 . . Combustion motor pumps
- 2203/0247 . . Hose joints, e.g. quick joints, rotating joints
- 2203/0252 . . Ecological type pressure cleaners, e.g. by pressure intensifiers
- 2203/0258 . . Multiple lance high pressure cleaning station
- 2203/0264 . . Splash guards
- 2203/027 . . Pump details
- 2203/0276 . . Hose reels specific for high pressure cleaners
- 2203/0282 . . Safety devices
- 2203/0288 . . Ultra or megasonic jets
- 2203/0294 . . Wobbling swash plates for high pressure cleaners
- 2205/00 Details of machines or methods for cleaning by the use of gas or air flow**
- 2205/005 . Using the coanda effect of the gas flow/stream
- 2209/00 Details of machines or methods for cleaning hollow articles**
- 2209/005 . Use of ultrasonics or cavitation, e.g. as primary or secondary action
- 2209/02 . Details of apparatuses or methods for cleaning pipes or tubes
- 2209/022 . . making use of the reversal flow of the cleaning liquid
- 2209/024 . . by creating a shock wave in the cleaning liquid
- 2209/027 . . for cleaning the internal surfaces
- 2209/032 . . . by the mechanical action of a moving fluid
- 2209/04 . . . using cleaning devices introduced into and moved along the pipes
- 2209/045 Making cleaning devices buoyant within a pipeline to be cleaned
- 2209/053 being moved along the pipes by a fluid, e.g. by fluid pressure or by suction
- 2209/055 the cleaning devices conforming to, or being conformable to, substantially the same cross-section of the pipes, e.g. pigs or moles
- 2209/0553 Pigs provided with detection means
- 2209/0556 the detection means being magnets
- 2209/08 . Details of machines or methods for cleaning containers, e.g. tanks
- 2209/085 . . Cleaning flexible bags
- 2215/00 Preventing escape of dirt or fumes from the area where they are produced; Collecting or removing dirt or fumes from that area**
- 2215/003 . with the assistance of blowing nozzles
- 2215/006 . Suction tables
- 2220/00 Type of materials or objects being removed**
- 2220/01 . Adhesive materials
- 2220/02 . Chewing gum
- 2220/04 . Polymers
- 2230/00 Other cleaning aspects applicable to all [B08B](#) range**
- 2230/01 . Cleaning with steam
- 2240/00 Type of materials or objects being cleaned**
- 2240/02 . Optical fibers or optical fiber connectors