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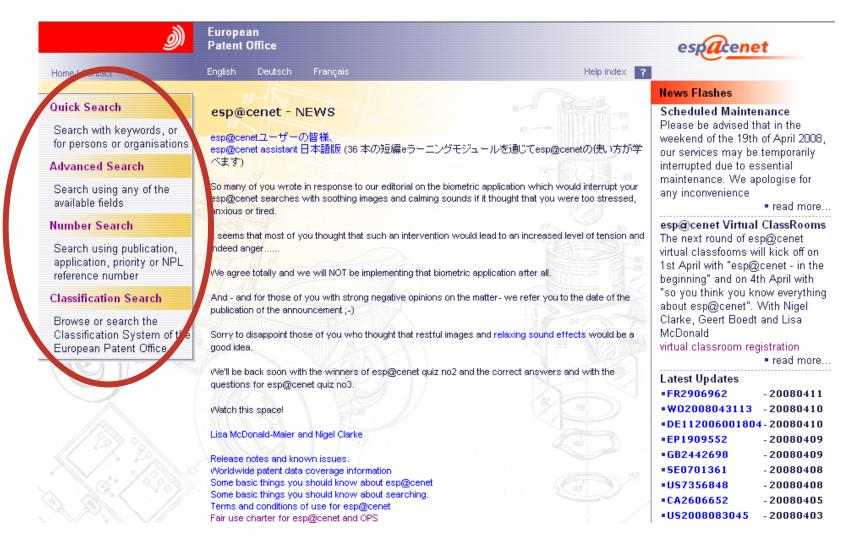


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### Keyword searches or technology class searches?

#### Keyword searches

- Patent applicants don't use a common language
  - Legal implications
  - Scope of protection
  - Hide from competitors
- Hard to find the right keywords
- Good results usually require professional patent search experience

#### Technology class searches

- Each patent classified by patent professionals
- IPC is hierarchical and very detailed: you can gradually narrow down searches
- Descriptions of classes written in such a way as to be easily found and understood
- Little experience required
- BUT: IPC classes won't match your needs 100%

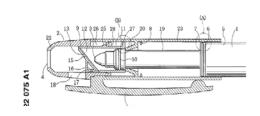
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# Patent jargon

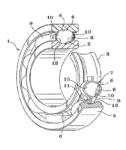
writing instrument

= pen



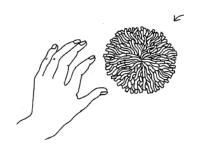
a plurality of balls

= ball bearing



spherical object with floppy filaments to promote sure capture

= toy ball

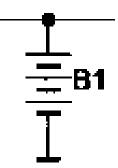




# Patent jargon in electronics

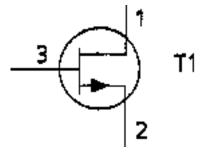
electrical power source for electronic circuits

= battery



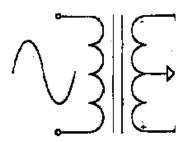
semiconductor switching device with a control electrode

= transistor



galvanically isolated electrical coupling means

= transformer





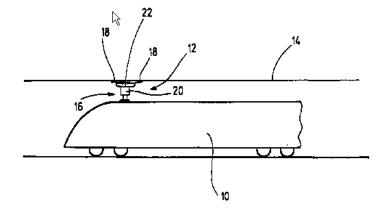
# Patent jargon in electronics

photo-transmitting device = LED (light-emitting diode)



arrangement for tapping power from an electrical cable

= current collector

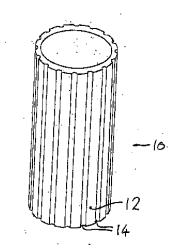




# Patent jargon in general technology

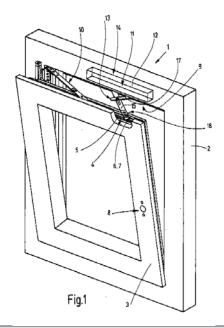
elongate member

= pipe, riser, cable or optical fibre



wing

= door or window



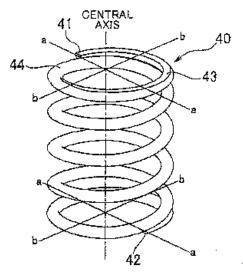
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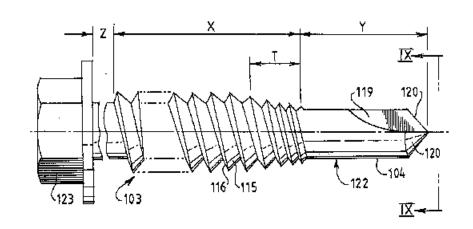
energy-storing means

= spring



fastening means

= nail, screw or rivet, etc.

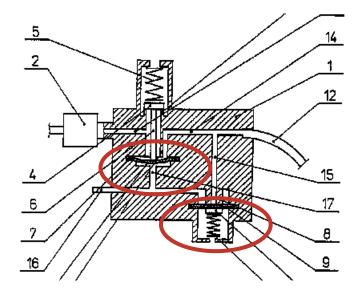




# Patent jargon in general technology

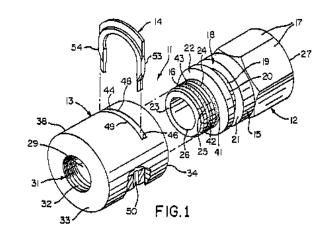
a flexible member

= membrane or diaphragm



locking means

= U-shaped retain etc.





### Patent jargon in chemistry

- water- and oil-repellent surface
- water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer
- superabsorbent
- expanded styrenic (co)polymer
- polyisoprene
- ionomer
- graft copolymer of vinyl aromatic monomers on a butadiene rubber
- aromatic polyester

**Teflon®** 

polyacrylic acid (salt) or polyvinyl alcohol

gel of polyacrylic acid (salt)

polystyrene foam; Styrofoam®

natural rubber

copolymer of ethylene and salts of acrylic acid

ABS (the plastic of which LEGO bricks are made)

PET (polyethylene terephthalate)



→ Wine!

### Patent jargon in chemistry

- A composition *comprising* A, B and C
   a mixture of at least A, B and C, and possibly other components
   Example: A composition comprising a solution of lactic acid in alcohol/water
- A composition consisting of A, B and C
   = a mixture in which only A, B and C are present
   Example: A composition consisting of a solution of lactic acid in alcohol/water
   → Wine is now excluded, since it comprises many more products than just lactic acid, alcohol and water.
- A composition consisting essentially of A, B, and C
   = a mixture of A, B and C which may include further components provided they
   do not negatively affect the effect of the invention
   Example: A composition consisting essentially of a solution of lactic acid
   in alcohol/water
  - → Wine might be included if the other components in wine do not prevent the effect of the invention being obtained.

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# Patent jargon in chemistry/pharmaceuticals

A composition comprising water and glycerol

"comprising" = further ingredients may also be present

"containing" = further ingredients may also be present

"consisting of" = only the ingredients listed are present

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### Patent jargon in pharmaceuticals

ophthalmic solution

a solution suitable for the application to the eye
 (for example, NOT a sodium hydroxide solution with a pH of 13)

pharmaceutically acceptable carrier

any substance that the expert working
 in the field (= person skilled in the art) would use for
 preparing a medicament
 (examples: cellulose, glycerol, starch)

device for mixing the pharmaceutical ingredients

= any apparatus or mixer which is suitable for this purpose. It need not necessarily come from the pharmaceutical area and may be used for a different purpose (example: a household mixer)



### Patent jargon in pharmaceuticals

pharmaceutical composition comprising X and Y for use in the treatment of disease Z exception to the principle explained:
 intended use is taken into consideration
 (instead of just a "suitable for" check)

if

- the composition has not been used in medicine before (= first medical use) or
- at least the specific use has not been
   described before (= second medical use)

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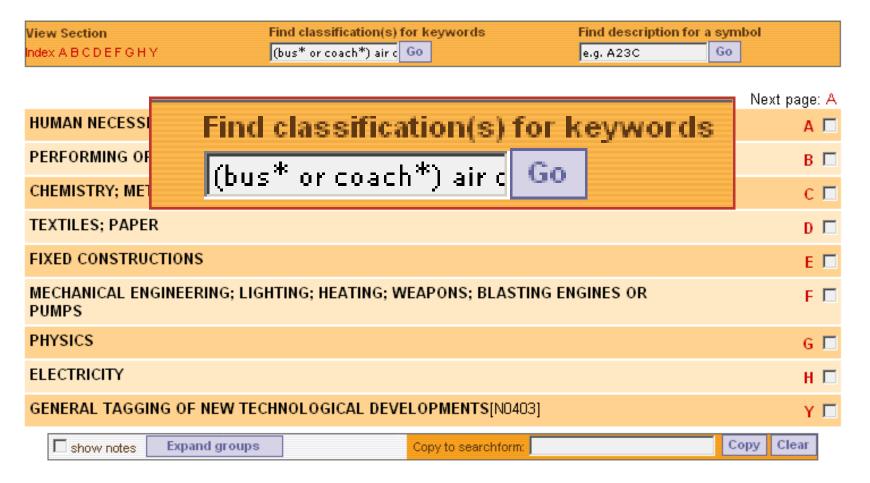


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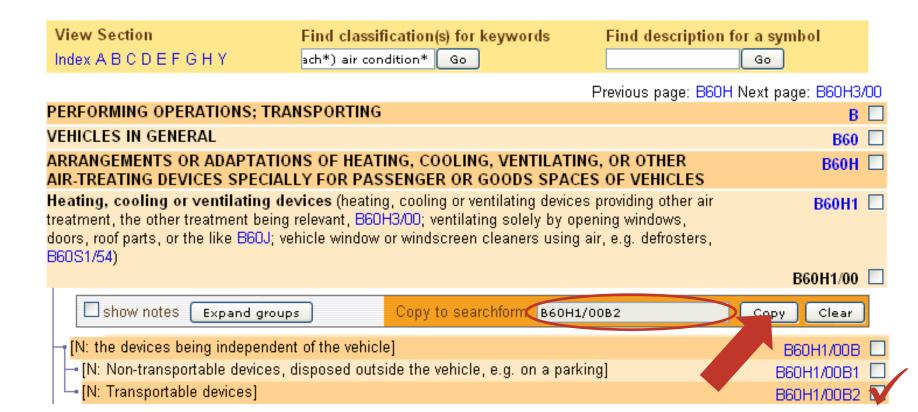
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[N: disposed in front of the passenger compartment]	B60H1/00A2					
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→ [N: the air being firstly cooled and subsequently heated or vice-versa] [N9804]	B60H1/00A2B2 □					
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[N: for sending air streams of different temperatures into the passenger compartment] [N9804]	B60H1/00A2C □					
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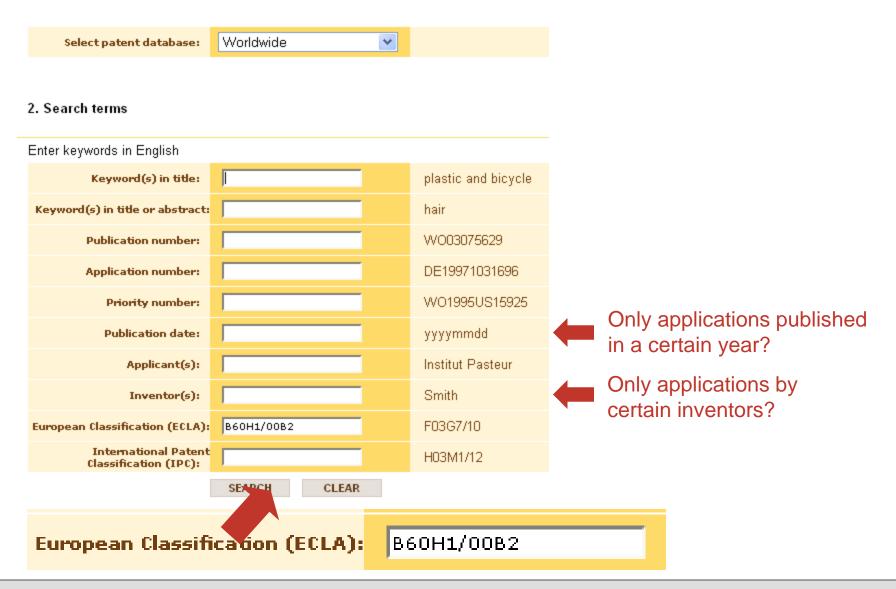
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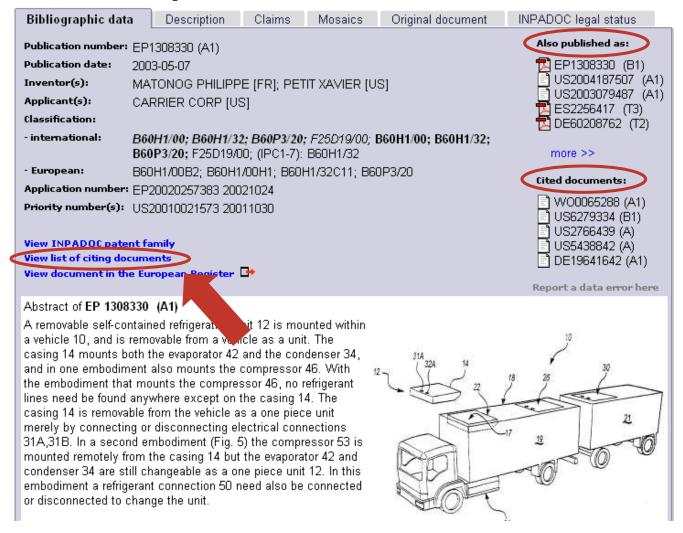
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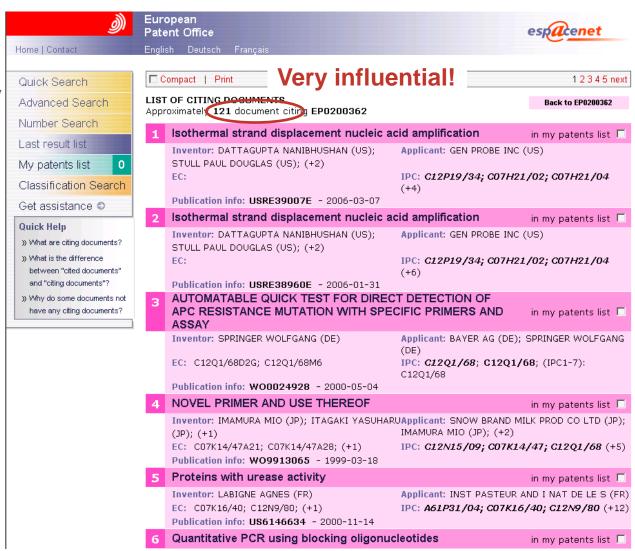


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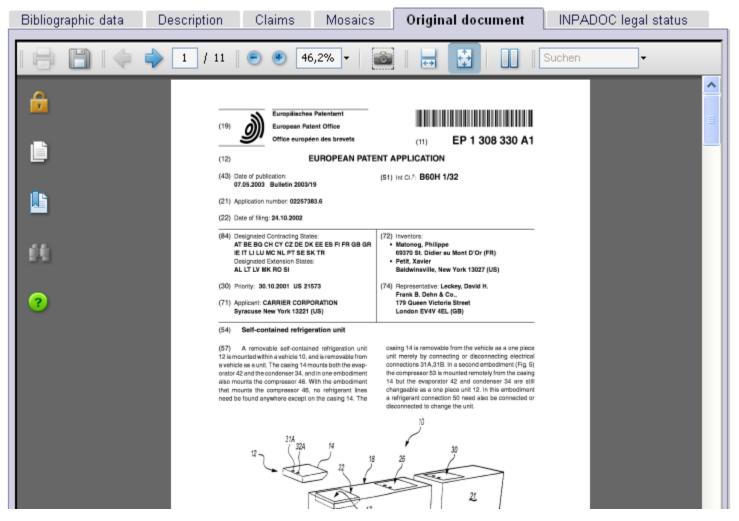


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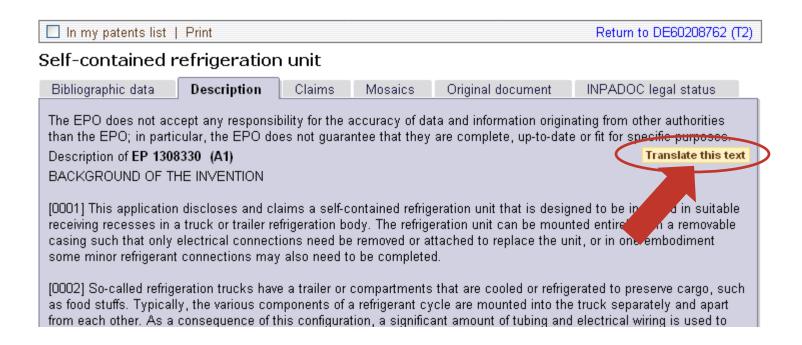
#### Self-contained refrigeration unit



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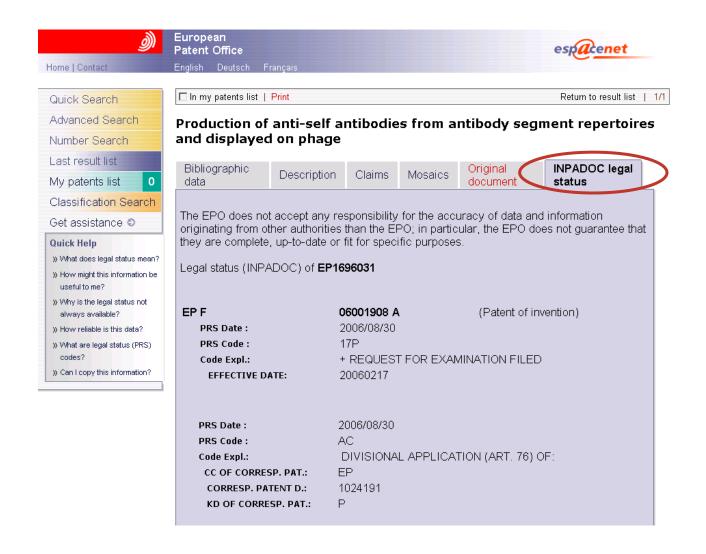
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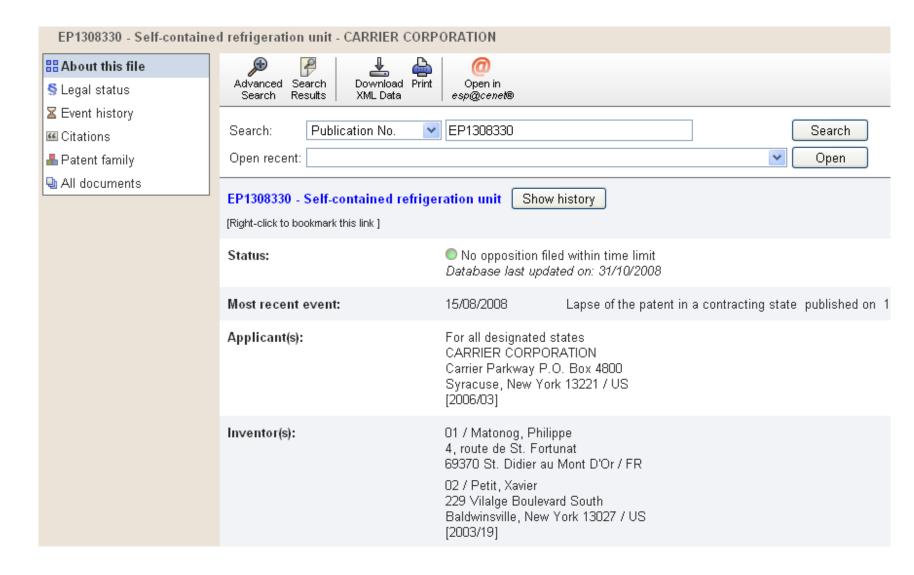
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