

# DESIGN SEARCHES/WATCHES

The searching of Designs is not as developed as that of Patents. Recently, however, there has been an increase in the amount of information available from various sources, and a reasonable degree of investigation is now possible. The following provides an overview of the service we provide.

## Types of Design Search

- **By subject:** Searches can be conducted against a specific Design to establish novelty/validity/right-of-use, or against a more general concept to establish the state-of-the-art. Design search lists can be generated using the Locarno/US classification systems as appropriate. For validity searches, we can include a search through appropriate non-patent literature to try and anticipate an existing Design registration.
- **By name:** We can either list all Designs in a given name or restrict the search to a given subject matter.

If the search is intended to identify identical or similar Designs, then it is useful to have a representation of the Design in question for comparison. For searches against a general subject area a written description is sufficient.

Design watches can be conducted by name, subject or classification (Locarno/US).

## Reports

- List of Designs located with descriptive titles and an indication of degree of relevance.
- Detailed description of records and periods covered.
- Optional inclusion of;
  - abstracts from official Design Journals, showing single/multiple views (depending on the country/body)
  - representations, all views of a given Design (GB/US only)
  - statements of novelty, detailing novel aspects (GB only)
  - register extracts, providing status information (DE/GB only)

## Charges

The costs vary according to the type of search/watch and the countries/bodies to be searched. However, a simple Design search by name can be as little as €65.00; a search by subject €160.00.

## Turnaround

Searches by subject matter take 10-15 working days. Name searches are usually completed within 3-5 working days.

**Detailed estimates provided without obligation or charge**

# Intellectual Property Information Services

## Design Search Estimate/Request Form

to:  
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**England**

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### Client details:

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(Company)

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(Contact name)

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(Tel)

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(Fax)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Our reference)

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(E-mail)

- Please provide an estimate for the following Design search and await further instructions.
- Please conduct the following Design search
- Please estimate for the following monthly Design watch

#### Type

- Subject
- Name
- Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please complete only if a restricted period is required

#### Coverage

- AT (search only)
- Community
- DE
- DK (search only)
- FR
- GB
- International
- SE
- US
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please specify

#### Report

Where available, please supply copies of:

- Official Journal Abstracts
- Design representation(s)
- Statements of novelty
- Register extracts

#### Delivery details:

- Mail
- Courier
- Fax
- E-Mail
- CD

**Additional Instructions** (description of search subject/classes/applicant or inventor names/design numbers/potentially relevant information)

Please attach additional sheets or specifications as required

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(Date)

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(Signature)