

PATENT VALIDITY / INFRINGEMENT SEARCHES

Full-text coverage of all documents indexed under selected official classification headings (main and secondary)

Search Objectives

All searches are reported with a list of relevant/marginal publications located, together with technical comments on the results and full details of coverage, including definitions of the headings searched.

Infringement (Right-to-Use)

A search to locate subsisting patents whose claims may be infringed by the manufacture, sale or use of a specific article, apparatus or process. Patents not in force are also recorded, to indicate possible right-of-use.

Status details are provided for the references located.

Validity

A search to locate documents which might be used to invalidate, either in terms of novelty or in terms of obviousness to a person skilled in the art, an invention forming the subject of a patent claim.

Definitive "shelving" dates for non-patent literature references are specified (all material in the British library is date stamped to indicate when it was available for public inspection, which could be prior to the official publication date).

Resources

Searches are conducted in conformance with the international quality standard ISO 9001.

Search Staff

Large in-house team of university graduates/postgraduates in science/engineering (all of whom have a working knowledge of English, French & German).

Databases

Through our Intranet, RWS searchers have access to both our own proprietary and external databases. Much time is devoted to the maintenance of our own special resources, which when coupled with the British Library (see below) place us in a unique position.

British Library

The most comprehensive patent and technical literature collection in the world, close to our London office. It currently holds almost 50 million patent documents and its non-patent literature collection occupies 152 km of shelving space.

Reclassification Sets

Pre-1973 searches through consistent headings on the basis of our in-house CAPRI database system (12,000,000 IPC-reclassified documents, as from 1920 complete coverage for major countries).

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Patent Search Estimate/Request Form

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Please provide an estimate for the following search and await further instructions

Please conduct the following search and report by: _____
(delivery date, please allow at least 10-15 working days)

Type

- Validity
- Infringement
- Other _____
please specify (e.g. novelty, state-of-the-art)

Specific Search Period _____
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Specific Budget _____
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Coverage

- Standard International (DE, EP/WO, FR, GB, US)
- JP manual
- JP online
- Non-patent literature

A selection of the following:

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Additional Instructions (description of search subject/known prior art/potentially relevant information)

Please attach additional sheets or specifications as required

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