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▼ (12) Document Type

The type of document could be a patent or a patent application.

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▼ (11) Document Number

On October 1, 1989, a new *Patent Act* came into effect. Therefore:

1. For patents that were originally filed before October 1, 1989, the document number is the patent number and the application number is different. In this case, the document will display the application number distinctly.
2. For applications filed on or after October 1, 1989, the document number will be 2,000,000 or greater and

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▼ (21) Application Number

The number assigned to an application when it is filed at CIPO. For an application filed on or after October 1, 1989, the number assigned to the application, the patent and the document is the same. Thus, the application number for an application is displayed only for those filed prior to October 1, 1989.

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▼ (54) English/French Titles

The name of the invention as provided by the applicant, or as translated by CIPO. All patent documents on this site have both English and French titles, except between 1960 and 1978, where only the filed version title is available.

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▼ (72) Inventors (Country)

The INVENTORS (Country) field is composed of the names of each person who had a part in making the invention. It also contains the country of origin of each inventor.

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▼ (73) Owners (Country)

On or after October 1, 1989, the OWNERS field is composed of the name of the latest owner(s) registered at CIPO. It also includes the country of origin of each owner.

Prior to August 15, 1978, the OWNERS field is composed of the name of the grantee owner(s).

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Note: For the patent issued, the grantee owner(s) is always displayed in the image section of the cover page.

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▼ (71) Applicants (Country)

The APPLICANTS (Country) field is composed of the name of the applicants at the time the application was filed at CIPO. It also includes the country of origin of each applicant.

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▼ (74) Agent

The name of the patent agent or patent agent company that represented the owner in front of the Patent Office.

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The date that the patent was reissued after the original patent was surrendered by the patentee. For patents that were filed on or after October 1, 1989, the number remains the same as the original patent. For patents that were filed before October 1, 1989, the patent reissues with a new number. In both cases the term of the patent remains the same as the original patent.

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▼ (22) Filed

The date the patent application was filed. If it is PCT originating application, then it is the same date as the PCT filing date.

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Applications filed on or after October 1, 1989, are made available to the public 18 months after the priority date, or, if there is no priority, 18 months after the filed date, unless the applicant has requested an earlier open to public inspection date.

If the application is PCT originating, then the open to public inspection date will normally be the same as the (87) PCT publication date.

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The date on which a request was made to have an application examined. This applies only to applications filed on or after October 1, 1989. For applications filed on or after October 1, 1996, the request must be made within 5 years from the filed date of the application. For applications filed between October 1, 1989 and September 30, 1996, the request must be made within 7 years from the filing date of the application.

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▼ Re-examination Certificate

The date that a re-examination certificate has been issued for a patent, with changes to the patent as originally issued.

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The system used by Canada prior to October 1989 to classify inventions. Each application is assigned a main (primary) classification and can also be assigned multiple secondary classifications. The classification will be in the format:

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eg. 20/230 : 20 is the class, 230 is the subclass

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▼ (51) International Patent Classification (IPC)

The system used by the international community to classify inventions by type. It has been used in Canada since August 15, 1978. CIPO adopts the most recent version of the International Patent Classification (IPC-2006) which can be consulted on the [World Intellectual Property Organization \(WIPO\)](#) Web Site.

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Table showing examples of advanced level of IPC-2006 International Patent Classification symbols

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▼ Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

YES indicates that the application was filed through the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The PCT is an international treaty providing standardized filing procedures for foreign patents in the countries that have signed the treaty. The following fields are displayed only when the patent document is a PCT: (85) National Entry, (86) PCT Filing Number, (86) PCT Filing Date, (87) International Publication Number, (87) International Publication Date.

(85) National Entry

The date that a PCT originating application entered the Canadian national phase.

(86) PCT Filing Number, Date

The number and the date assigned by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to a patent application at the time it is filed in the PCT system.

(87) International Publication Number, PCT Publication Date

The number and the date assigned by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to an application filed through the PCT when the application becomes open to public inspection.

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▼ (30) Application Priority Data

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2. the previously filed application contains subject matter found in the later filed application; and
3. the later filed application is filed within 12 months of the previously filed application.

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▼ (25) Language of Filing

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▼ (57) Abstract

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▼ Representative Drawing

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▼ Claims

The date an application becomes a patent.

A section that defines monopoly on novelty, and forms the substance of the intellectual property that is to be protected by the patent.

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