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# Combination sets

Introduction to classification with Combination sets in Polymers



# Classification in Polymers

- Classification in polymers can cover various aspects:
  - Polymer structure
  - Polymer synthesis and processes
  - Composition of polymer mixtures
  - Properties of polymers and polymer compositions
  - Uses of polymer compositions
  
- Classification by one or several **Main-Groups** or **Sub-Groups** in **CPC**

## Aspects of Polymer classification

Chemistry			Applications	
Structure	Synthesis and Processes	Compositions	Properties	Uses
C08F	C08F	C08L	C09D	C08J, C08L
C08G	C08G	C08K	C09J	C09D, C09J
	C08J		C08L	C09K, C11D
	C08L			A61
				D04, D06
				G02
				H01M

Documents are classified within several Groups

## Linked Symbols: **Combination sets**

- **Combination sets:**
- **Groups of “Linked symbols”:**
  - Combination set identifies the **presence of technical features taken “in combination” or “together” in an embodiment**
- Bringing together symbols from different sub-groups indicates a **technical relationship** between said features
- Allows to classify linked features for which no single sub-group exists
- Retaining the **link** between features allows:
  - **increased precision of search** when a document contains combined information about e.g. product-process, products compositions, products-uses
  - Find features that are **otherwise not easy to find**

# Linked Symbols: Combination sets, linking Sub-groups together

## CPC scheme and CPC definitions

≡ next to the scheme gives access to the corresponding interleaved version (more information here).

A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		Y
Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme	Def.	Scheme
A01B ≡ A01B		B01B ≡ B01B		C01B ≡ C01B		D01B ≡ D01B		E01B ≡ E01B		F01B ≡ F01B		G01B ≡ G01B		H01B ≡ H01B		Y02B ≡
A01C ≡ A01C		B01D ≡ B01D		C01C ≡ C01C		D01C ≡ D01C		E01C ≡ E01C		F01C ≡ F01C		G01C ≡ G01C		H01C ≡ H01C		Y02C ≡
A01D ≡ A01D		B01F ≡ B01F		C01D ≡ C01D		D01D ≡ D01D		E01D ≡ E01D		F01D ≡ F01D		G01D ≡ G01D		H01D ≡ H01D		Y02E ≡
A01F ≡ A01F		B01J ≡ B01J		C01F ≡ C01F		D01F ≡ D01F		E01F ≡ E01F		F01K ≡ F01K		G01F ≡ G01F		H01G ≡ H01G		Y02T ≡
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A21B ≡ A21B		B04C ≡ B04C		C05C ≡ C05C		D03J ≡ D03J		E03D ≡ E03D		F02F ≡ F02F		G01P ≡ G01P		H01R ≡ H01R		
A21C ≡ A21C		B05B ≡ B05B		C05D ≡ C05D		D04B ≡ D04B		E03F ≡ E03F		F02G ≡ F02G		G01Q ≡ G01Q		H01S ≡ H01S		
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A22B ≡ A22B		B05D ≡ B05D		C05G ≡ C05G		D04D ≡ D04D		E04C ≡ E04C		F02M ≡ F02M		G01S ≡ G01S		H02B ≡ H02B		
A22C ≡ A22C		B06B ≡ B06B		C06B ≡ C06B		D04G ≡ D04G		E04D ≡ E04D		F02N ≡ F02N		G01T ≡ G01T		H02G ≡ H02G		
A23B ≡ A23B		B07B ≡ B07B		C06C ≡ C06C		D04H ≡ D04H		E04F ≡ E04F		F02P ≡ F02P		G01V ≡ G01V		H02H ≡ H02H		
A23C ≡ A23C		B07C ≡ B07C		C06D ≡ C06D		D05B ≡ D05B		E04G ≡ E04G		F02W ≡ F02W		G01W ≡ G01W		H02J ≡ H02J		
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A24C ≡ A24C		B21L ≡ B21L		C08F ≡ C08F		D06P ≡ D06P		E21D ≡ E21D		F05D ≡ F05D		G04D ≡ G04D		H03J ≡ H03J		
A24D ≡ A24D		B22C ≡ B22C		C08G ≡ C08G		D06Q ≡ D06Q		E21F ≡ E21F		F15B ≡ F15B		G04F ≡ G04F		H03K ≡ H03K		
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A42B ≡ A42B		B23H ≡ B23H		C09F ≡ C09F		D21H ≡ D21H				F16H ≡ F16H		G06D ≡ G06D		H04M ≡ H04M		

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comprising applying a

water-dispersible pressure-sensitive adhesive containing emulsion particles comprising polymer particles emulsified

### Production Example 1

#### Preparation of Monomer Emulsion

[0113] To a vessel were added 780 parts of butyl acrylate, 20 parts of acrylic acid, and 200 parts of methyl methacrylate, and mixed to form a monomer component. Subsequently, 22

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## Conclusion

- Use of **Combination Set** allows a proper indexing and searching of combined features that are **otherwise not easy to find**
- Use of **Combination Sets** increases **search efficiency, reduces noise in search**
- **Use of Combination Sets does not bring extra costs** (process, products, uses have to be identified anyway)
- Use of **Combination Sets** is not another classification but rather a **further dimension in classification**