A41F
GARMENT FASTENINGS; SUSPENDERS

Special rules of classification
Machines, appliances or methods for making a particular article of apparel should be classified in the relevant group for the machine, appliance or method concerned in A41H and also as additional information with the relevant symbol of the particular article of apparel concerned in A41B - A41F.

A41F 1/00
Fastening devices specially adapted for garments (for pairing socks A41B 11/002; for fur garments A41D 5/006); fastening devices in general A44B; for babies’ napkins A61F 13/56)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

a person having handicapped hands
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A41F 1/002
{Magnetic fastening devices}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Magnetic fastening for accessories | A45C 13/1069 |
A41F 1/004

{Strips of buttons}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 1/006

{Brassière fasteners}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
Special rules of classification
Comprises only back fasteners of brassieres.
For front fastening of brassieres class only in A41C 3/02.

A41F 1/008
{Adjustable fasteners comprising a track and a slide member (expansible or adjustable belts or girdles A41F 9/02)}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:
Expansible or adjustable belts or girdles A41F 9/02
**A41F 1/02**

**Buttonholes; Eyelets for buttonholes**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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**A41F 1/04**

**Corset fasteners**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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162. GB560999 - Improvements relating to closures for corsets and similar garments
A41F 1/06
Glove fasteners

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification
For fastening glove in cuff area (but not to another garment), class only in A41F 1/06 and A41D 19/0048.

For fastening glove in other area, class only in A41F 1/06.

For fastening glove to another garment class in A41D 19/0041.

A41F 1/08
Garter fasteners

Special rules of classification
Not used, class in A41F 11/00.
A41F 3/00
Braces

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 3/02
Strips, tongues, or the like, for attaching to the trousers

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 3/04

Means for joining the strips, tongues, or the like, to the body of the braces

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 3/045
{using springs}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 3/06
Means for rendering braces pliable; Elastic elements for braces; Braces completely made of rubber

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 5/00

Trouser supports attached to the shirt, waistcoat, or the like

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Shirts exchangeably attached to underbodices, drawers | A41B 1/06 |
**A41F 7/00**

Devices for connecting underpants to trousers

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
### A41F 9/00

**Belts, girdles, or waistbands for trousers or skirts**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

![Image of girdle](image1)

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### Special rules of classification

When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, class in **A41F 9/00** and lower groups.

When girdle is used to shape body, class in **A41C 1/00** and lower groups.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, class also in **A41F 11/00**.
A41F 9/002

{Free belts}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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A41F 9/007
{Belt loops}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 9/02
Expansible or adjustable belts or girdles (Adjustable fasteners comprising a track and a slide member (A41F 1/008, A41F 9/002 take precedence))

Definition statement
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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, class also in A41F 11/00.
A41F 9/025
{Adjustable belts or girdles}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification
Comprises drawstrings inside pants.
When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, class in A41F 9/00 and lower groups.

When girdle is used to shape body, class in A41C 1/00 and lower groups.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, class also in A41F 11/00.

For closures of garments using straps or ties (no drawstrings inside waist of pants), class in A41D 2300/33.

A41F 11/00

Stocking or sock suspenders

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification

When suspension done by a different device from the stocking, classify in A41F 11/00 and lower groups.

When suspension is integral with stocking classify in A41B 11/12 and lower groups.

When stocking is adapted to allow separate garter to fasten, class in A41B 11/12 and A41F 11/00 and lower groups and also as additional information in A41B 11/12.

Comprises garter belts.

For stocking or socks supports other than suspenders, classify in A41F 13/00.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, classify also as additional information in A41F 11/00.
When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, classify in A41F 9/00 and lower groups.

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**A41F 11/02**

**Devices for attaching the stocking or sock to the suspender**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
**A41F 11/06**  
Pivoted-jaw clips

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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**A41F 11/08**  
consisting of one part

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/10
Shields or like intermediate members

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/12

with devices for adjusting the length

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/14
Means for fastening the suspender to the garment, e.g. trousers, underpants

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
**A41F 11/16**

**Garters**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

![Diagram of garter on a leg](image)

**Special rules of classification**

For garter belts class in [A41F 11/00](#).

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A41F 11/18
Means for fastening the stocking directly to the undergarment

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification
Applies to overgarments also.
**A41F 13/00**

Other devices for supporting or holding stockings or socks during wear

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**Special rules of classification**

Comprises stocking or sock supports other than suspenders.

For stocking or sock suspenders class in A41F 11/00 and lower groups.

**A41F 15/00**

Shoulder or like straps

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

-[44. US4100924 - Shoulder strap](#)
A41F 15/002
{separable or adjustable}

Definition statement

This place covers:

[Diagram of a bra with separable or adjustable straps]

131. US6155906 - Garments and garment accessories having distinct interchangeable straps
A41F 15/005
{Tapes for shoulder straps}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

46. US20021111119 - Seamless brassiere shoulder strap

A41F 15/007
{Shoulder cushioning attachments}

Definition statement

This place covers:

83. WO9639057 - ORTHOTIC EPAULET FOR ALLEVIATING DISCOMFORT FROM BRASSIERE STRAPS
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Shaping shoulder-pads | A41D 27/26 |

A41F 15/02

Means for retaining the straps in position

Definition statement

This place covers:

36. US6135853 - Bra strap concealer apparatus
A41F 17/00
Means for holding-down garments

Definition statement
This place covers:

Special rules of classification
Comprises devices to hold down bottom edges or sleeve ends of shirts or blouses.
For fastening the trouser cuff to the shoe class in A41F 17/00 and A41D 1/06.
**A41F 17/02**

Clips or the like for trousers or skirts, e.g. for cyclists

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

![Diagram of a clip]

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Paper clips of flat sections | B42F 1/06 |
**A41F 17/04**

**Straps on the lower end of legs of trousers**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

![Image of trouser leg retaining device]

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Fastening means for gaiters | A41D 17/005 |

**A41F 19/00**

**Garment suspenders not otherwise provided for**

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Shirts exchangeably attached to underbodices, drawers | A41B 1/06 |
| Fastening cuffs to shirts | A41B 7/04 |
| Fastening shirt cuffs to sleeves of jackets | A41B 7/06 |

**Special rules of classification**

Comprises sleeves of long gloves, fastening to biceps area
Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.