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FASTENINGS OR ATTACHMENTS OF FOOTWEAR; LACES IN GENERAL

Definition statement

This place covers:
Equipment of the shoe e.g. laces, eyelets, cleats, studs.

References

Limiting references

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Shoe lacing fastenings (garment fastening devices A41F)

Definition statement

This place covers:
Every fastening system including at least one lace and concerning the lace, e.g. a special way of lacing, a specific position of the lace on the shoe, several laces used, etc.

References

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**A43C 3/00**

Hooks for laces (making from sheet metal [B21D 53/46]; Guards for hooks

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Hooks for lacing, along the upper, generally the lace joining together the hooks in the lateral part with the hooks situated on the medial part of the upper.

**References**

**Informative references**

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Making of Hooks from metal sheet | B21D 53/46 |

**A43C 5/00**

Eyelets (machines for setting eyelets [A43D 100/00])

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Holes in the upper generally to help the lace to bring together the lateral part with the medial part of the upper.

**References**

**Informative references**

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Machine for setting eyelets | A43D 100/00 |

**A43C 7/00**

Holding-devices for laces

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Systems to hold lace(s) in tighten position.

**A43C 9/00**

Laces; Laces in general for garments made of textiles, leather, or plastics

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

The lace itself.
**A43C 11/00**

Other fastenings specially adapted for shoes (dress fastenings in general A44B)

**Definition statement**

This place covers: Any fastening that is not a lace. Still some of the documents can have a lace, in case they relate to footwear provided with more than one fastening system.

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| Dress fastenings in general | A44B |

**A43C 11/008**

{Combined fastenings, e.g. to accelerate undoing or fastening}

**Definition statement**

This place covers: Combination of two different fastenings e.g. a lace for precision lacing of a boot, and a zipper, for quick release of the boot.

**Special rules of classification**

If one of the two fastenings is a lace, classification should be given in A43C 1/00 and sub-groups.

**A43C 11/24**

Ornamental buckles or other ornaments for shoes, with fastening function (buckles in general A44B 11/00)

**References**

*Informative references*

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Buckles in general | A44B 11/00 |

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A43C 13/00
Wear-resisting attachments

Definition statement
This place covers:
Additional device(s) attached on the shoe to protect against wear.

A43C 15/00
Non-skid devices or attachments (apparatus for climbing poles, trees, or the like A63B 27/00)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Additional device(s) attached to a footwear to improve friction.

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Attachments for footwear, not provided for in other groups of this subclass

Definition statement
This place covers:
Any attachment to a footwear not covered by the other groups, e.g. a plate with the name of the user, a tool to clean a golf club with the foot, an electronic device, any attachment not integrated in the footwear.

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