**B05B**

**SPRAYING APPARATUS; ATOMISING APPARATUS; NOZZLES** (sprayers or atomisers specially adapted for therapeutic purposes A61M 11/00; spray-mixers with nozzles B01F 5/20; processes for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces by spraying B05D; nozzles specially adapted for injection moulding of plastics or substances in a plastic state B29C 45/1603, B29C 45/20; nozzles specially adapted for windscreen washers B60S 1/52; means for pumping fluids F04; valves, e.g. water-taps, F16K)

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Apparatus for the release or projection of drops or droplets into the atmosphere or into a chamber to form a mist or the like. The materials to be projected may be suspended in a stream of gas or vapour.

Apparatus as above, for the release or projection of streams or sprays of other fluent materials, e.g. particulate material entrained in a gas, into the atmosphere or into a chamber.

Examples of such apparatus, and subcomponents thereof covered by this subclass, include:

Nozzles, spray heads, shower heads, roses, perforated pipes, spouts or other outlets, with or without auxiliary devices such as valves or heating means.

Spraying or sprinkling apparatus with moving outlet elements or moving deflecting elements.

Electrostatic spraying apparatus or installations.

Spraying apparatus for discharge of liquids or other fluent materials from two or more sources, e.g. of liquid and air or powder and gas.

Single-unit, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus in which flow of liquid is produced by the operator at the moment of use, e.g. by pumping, by squeezing a liquid container or by compressing a compressible bulb.

Spraying plants, e.g. with means for supporting or feeding work; spray booths.

Other spraying-type machines or apparatus, including fountains.

Means for heating, mixing or pressurising of gases, liquids or other fluent materials that are sprayed, sprinkled, misted, released or projected using the apparatus of this subclass.

Delivery control means or other details or accessories for use with the apparatus of this subclass.

**Relationships with other classification places**

Subclass B05C relates to apparatus for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces in general. This subject matter generally relates to contact methods e.g. spreading, pouring, dipping, rubbing, using rollers, using fluidized bed techniques etc. but not to spraying or atomising apparatus which is covered by subclass B05B. B05C also relates to apparatus for projecting liquids or other fluent materials onto surfaces (B05C 5/00) or to the inside of hollow work (B05C 7/02), and further to apparatus specially adapted for the projection of particulate material onto surfaces (B05C 19/04). In B05C, 'projection' relates to the application of a continuous stream of liquid or other fluent (e.g. particulate) material to a surface. In B05B, 'projection' relates to the release of a discontinuous stream of drops, droplets or a cloud of particulate material into the atmosphere or into a chamber to form a mist or the like.

Subclass B05D relates to processes (including processes performed by spraying) for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces in general.
Other relevant large subject matter areas

**A01G** Irrigation

**A01M** Agriculture

**A23C** (Coating of) dairy products/cheese

**A23G** (Coating of) sweets/cakes

**A23L** (Coating of) foodstuffs

**A47J** Kitchen appliances

**A47K** Soap dispensers/showers

**A47L** Domestic cleaning

**A61H** Massage; bathing

**A61L** Sterilization (in particular **A61L 9/00**)

**A61M** Medical devices for introducing media into or onto the body (in particular **A61M 11/00**, **A61M 15/00** inhalers)

**A62C** Fire fighting

**B01D** Separation

**B01F** Mixing

**B01J** Chemical or physical process/apparatus, e.g. granulating (in particular **B01J 2/04**, **B01J 13/04**)

**B05C** Applying liquids to surfaces (apparatus)

**B05D** Applying liquids to surfaces (methods/chemistry)

**B06B** Generating vibrations

**B08B** Cleaning

**B21B** Lubricating/cooling of rolled metal

**B22F** Metallic powder

**B23Q** Cooling/lubricating machine tools/work (**B23Q 11/00**)

**B23K** Welding (in particular when supplying powder)

**B24C** Abrasive blasting

**B25G** Handles in general

**B25J** Robots

**B26F** (Jet) cutting

**B29C** Shaping of plastics, 2 component applications

**B41J** Printing (in particular ink jet printing **B41J 2/00**)

**B60S** Servicing/cleaning vehicles
B05B (continued)

B65B Filling containers
B65D Containers/packaging
B65G Substrate/web handling
B67D Dispensing/transferring liquids
C23C Metallization / Coating on metals
E01C Spraying / Coating/ Marking on roads
E03C Domestic plumbing
F04B/C Pumps
F02M Fuel injectors
F15B/C Fluid dynamics
F16K Valves
F16L Pipes/connections
F16N (Mist) lubrication
F21V Lightening devices (in particular F21V 33/00)
F23D Burners
F25C Refrigerating (in particular artificial snow nozzles F25C 3/04)
F24F Air conditioning/humidifying
F26B Drying
F27D cf. F27D 1/1642: gunning of furnaces, oven (spraying refractory material)
F41B weapons (in particular water pistols (also toys) F41B 9/00)
G01F dosing

References

Limiting references

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<th>Spray-mixers with nozzles</th>
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<td>Aerosol containers</td>
<td>B65D 83/14</td>
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<td>Coating metallic material; coating material with metallic material; Surface treatment of metallic material by diffusion into the surface, by chemical conversion or substitution; Coating by vacuum evaporation, by sputtering, by ion implantation or by chemical vapour deposition, in general</td>
<td>C23C</td>
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<td>Drinking fountains</td>
<td>E03B 9/20</td>
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Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

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<td>Dispensing fittings for drip irrigation</td>
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<td>Nozzles for bathing devices for special therapeutic or hygienic purposes</td>
<td>A61H 33/00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sprayers or atomisers specially adapted for therapeutic purposes</td>
<td>A61M 11/00</td>
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<td>Inhalators</td>
<td>A61M 15/00</td>
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<td>Nozzles specially adapted for fire-extinguishing</td>
<td>A62C 31/02</td>
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<td>Apparatus for spreading or distributing liquids or other fluent materials already applied to a surface with a blast of gas or vapour</td>
<td>B05C 11/06</td>
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<td>Cleaning by the force of jets, e.g. blowing-out cavities</td>
<td>B08B 5/02</td>
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<td>Machines or devices for abrasive blasting with particulate material</td>
<td>B24C 3/00</td>
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<td>Nozzles for injection moulding</td>
<td>B29C 45/20</td>
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<td>Nozzles for ink-jet printing mechanisms</td>
<td>B41J 2/135</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dropping or releasing powdered, liquid or gaseous matter in flight by spraying, e.g. insecticides</td>
<td>B64D 1/18</td>
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<td>Nozzles for introducing articles or materials into containers or wrappers</td>
<td>B65B 39/00</td>
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<td>Nozzles for delivery of liquid or semi-liquid contents by internal gaseous pressure</td>
<td>B65D 83/28</td>
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<td>Filling nozzles for transferring liquid from bulk storage containers or reservoirs into vehicles or into portable containers, e.g. in vehicle service stations</td>
<td>B67D 7/42</td>
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<td>Spray quenching devices</td>
<td>C21D 1/667</td>
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<td>Nozzles for drilling by liquid or gas jets</td>
<td>E21B 7/18</td>
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<td>Supplying combustion engines in general with combustible mixtures or constituents thereof</td>
<td>F02M</td>
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<td>Atomising devices for mist lubrication</td>
<td>F16N 7/34</td>
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<td>Burners</td>
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Informative references

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<td>Watering gardens, fields, sports grounds or the like</td>
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<td>Dish washing or rinsing machines with spray devices</td>
<td>A47L 15/00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flow mixers</td>
<td>B01F 5/00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cleaning in general by methods involving the use or presence of a liquid</td>
<td>B08B 3/00</td>
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<td>Making metallic powder by atomising or spraying</td>
<td>B22F 9/08</td>
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<tr>
<td>Coating of articles during shaping of substances in a plastic state</td>
<td>B29C 39/10, B29C 39/18, B29C 41/20, B29C 41/30, B29C 43/18, B29C 43/28, B29C 45/14, B29C 48/15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Forming layered products</td>
<td>B32B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Conveying articles or workpieces through baths of liquid</td>
<td>B65G 49/02</td>
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Surface treatment of glass by coating
Coating or impregnation of mortars, concrete, stone or ceramics
Paints, varnishes, lacquers
Enamelling of metals, applying a vitreous layer to metals, chemical cleaning or degreasing of metallic objects
Electroplating
Treating of textile materials by liquids, gases or vapours
Treating roads
Anti-splash devices for water taps
Means for pumping fluids
Valves, e.g. water-taps
Burners using a direct spraying action of liquid droplets or vaporised liquid into the combustion space

Special rules of classification
Arrangement for cleaning discharge opening/devices/dispensing heads of apparatus belonging to subclass B05C are classified in the relevant place of B05C as well as in B05B 15/50 and subgroups.

Considering the possible broad interpretation of the scope of B05B, it is essential to pay attention to all references appearing in many titles of the B05B places. All devices relating to specific application fields are normally not classified in B05B unless some general function aspects are considered of relevance and are therefore (also) classified in B05B.

Glossary of terms
In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

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<th>Term</th>
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<td>Coating</td>
<td>The applied material. A coating may be a solidified layer originally applied as a liquid (e.g. dried paint) or a layer of material which, once applied, remains in a liquid or semi-liquid state (e.g. lubricant).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liquid or fluent</td>
<td>Designates materials which can flow, e.g. liquids, including solutions, dispersions and suspensions, as well as semi-liquids, pastes, melts and particulate materials.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Particulate materials</td>
<td>Solid materials in the form of very small pieces, e.g. powders, granules, short fibres or chips.</td>
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B05B 1/28

with integral means for shielding the discharged liquid or other fluent material, e.g. to limit area of spray; with integral means for catching drips or collecting surplus liquid or other fluent material (means for any of these purposes, per se, B05B 12/16, B05B 12/32, B05B 14/00)

References

Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

| Means for limiting the area of spray, or for the collection or re-use of excess material | B05B 12/16, B05B 12/32, B05B 14/00 |

B05B 7/2402

{Apparatus to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand; Apparatus comprising containers fixed to the discharge device (B05B 7/0012 takes precedence)}

Relationships with other classification places

Apparatus of the B05B 7/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and which have a container are classified in B05B 7/2405+, B05B 7/244+.

B05B 11/00 takes precedence.

Apparatus of the B05B 9/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and have a container being put under pressure are classified in B05B 9/0805+.

B05B 9/08

Apparatus to be carried on or by a person, e.g. of knapsack type (B05B 9/0426, B05B 11/00 take precedence ); details or components, e.g. casings, bodies of portable power-driven tools not particularly related to the operation performed B25F 5/00)

Relationships with other classification places

Apparatus of the B05B 9/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and have a container being put under pressure are classified in B05B 9/0805+.

B05B 11/00 takes precedence.

Apparatus of the B05B 7/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and which have a container are classified in B05B 7/2405+, B05B 7/244+.

References

Informative references

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

| Details or components, e.g. casings, bodies, of portable power-driven tools not particularly related to the operation performed | B25F 5/00 |
**B05B 11/00**

Single-unit, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus {comprising a container and a discharge nozzle attached thereto}, in which flow of liquid or other fluent material is produced by {the muscular energy of} the operator at the moment of use {or by an equivalent manipulator independent from the apparatus (apparatus with an external source or the possibility of permanent accumulation of pressure for discharging the liquid or fluid material B05B 7/00, B05B 9/00)}

**Relationships with other classification places**

The expression "Single-unit, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus comprising a container and a discharge nozzle attached thereto" is very important to properly define the border line with other areas of B05B as well as with other technical fields, e.g. B65D, A47K, F04B.

Single-unit, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus in which there exists a possibility to accumulate permanently a certain pressure on the material, e.g. liquid, and wherein this pressure is used to discharge the material through the outlet are not classified in B05B 11/00 and sub-groups, but in B05B 9/0805 and subgroups or B05B 7/2402 and subgroups.

In apparatus classified in B05B 11/309 and subgroups, energy can be stored, e.g. in the form of a compressed spring. However the stored energy does not generate permanent pressure on the material for discharging the latter. Only when the spring is released is the material pressurized in the pump chamber.

In apparatus classified in B05B 11/0041 and sub-groups, reservoirs containing the material may be permanently pressurized, e.g. by a follower piston pushed by a spring. However this pressure is not used to discharge the material but only to feed the latter to a discharge device, e.g. a pump.

Aerosol containers are classified in B65D 83/14 and subgroups.

Apparatus of the B05B 7/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and which have a container are classified in B05B 7/2405+, B05B 7/244+.

Apparatus of the B05B 9/00 type which are to be carried on or by a person, e.g. by hand, and have a container are classified in B05B 9/0805+.

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

| Apparatus with an external source or the possibility of permanent accumulation of pressure for discharging the liquid or fluid material | B05B 7/00, B05B 9/00 |

**Glossary of terms**

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

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<th>Pump</th>
<th>A device comprising a chamber into which the material is first sucked from the container through an inlet, then delivered out of the chamber, e.g. sprayed, through an outlet. Inlet and outlet can be equipped with valves.</th>
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<td>Lift valve</td>
<td>A valve as defined in main group F16K 1/00, i.e. a cut-off device with closure members having at least a component of their opening and closing motion perpendicular to the closing faces.</td>
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<td>Gate valve or sliding valve</td>
<td>A valve as defined in main group F16K 3/00, i.e. cut-off device with closing members having a sliding movement along the seat for opening and closing.</td>
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**B05B 11/30**

*{the flow being effected by a pump}*

**Relationships with other classification places**

For historical and pragmatic reasons all single-units, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus wherein the flow is effected by a pump are classified in B05B 11/30 and subgroups, irrespective of whether the material is sprayed or simply dispensed.

This is justified by the fact that technical features of spray pumps are similar if not identical to the ones of dispensing pumps. Many patent applications do not even mention the word "spray" in the claims/description, thereby avoiding to restrict the scope of protection.

The JPO appears to classify in the same way as many single-units hand-held apparatus with dispensing pumps are classified in IPC main group B05B 11/00.

A consequence of the above is that IPC group B65D47/34 which covers a similar concept, i.e. containers having closures with discharge by pumping, does not exist in CPC, in agreement with examiners and classifiers of B65D.

**B05B 12/0022**

*{associated with means for restricting their movement}*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Means to restrict, limit the actuation by the user by limiting the movement of the controlling means.

Such restricting means are:

- locking means, e.g. for locking the valve in the open or close position
- stop means

Biasing means such as springs are not considered as means for restricting the movement.

If there is only one locking or stopping position, classification is made in B05B 12/0024 and subgroup.
Example of a locking means, with several positions:

![Diagram of locking means with several positions](image)

Example of a stopping means, with several positions:

![Diagram of stopping means with several positions](image)
B05B 12/085

{responsive to flow or pressure of liquid or other fluent material to be discharged (B05B 1/3006, B05B 1/323, B05B 7/1254 take precedence)}

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<td>Nozzles, spray heads or other outlets with controlling element being actuated by the pressure of the fluid to be sprayed</td>
<td>B05B 1/3006</td>
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<td>Nozzles, spray heads or other outlets in which a valve member forms part of the outlet opening, the valve member being actuated by the pressure of the fluid to be sprayed</td>
<td>B05B 1/323</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spraying apparatus for discharge of liquids or other fluent materials from two or more sources, e.g. of liquid and air, of powder and gas</td>
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<td>Control of flow in general</td>
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<td>Control of fluid pressure in general</td>
<td>G05D 16/00</td>
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B05B 12/14
for supplying a selected one of a plurality of liquids or other fluent materials
{or several in selected proportions} to a {spray apparatus, e.g. to a} single
spray outlet

Relationships with other classification places
Apparatus for changing colours are classified in B05B 12/14 and subgroups.

B05B 12/18
using fluids, e.g. gas streams

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

| Blast of gas or vapour for spreading liquids already applied to a surface | B05C 11/06 |
| Processes for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces comprising directing or stopping the fluid to be coated with air | B05D 3/042 |

B05B 12/20
Masking elements, i.e. elements defining uncoated areas on an object to be coated

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

| Stencils | B05C 17/06 |
| Use of means for protecting parts of a surface not to be coated in processes for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces | B05D 1/32 |
| Masking means used in electroplating | C25D 5/022 |

B05B 12/36
Side shields, i.e. shields extending in a direction substantially parallel to the spray jet

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

| Nozzles with integral means for shielding | B05B 1/28 |
B05B 14/20
from moving belts, e.g. filtering belts or conveying belts

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

| Cleaning devices for conveyors | B65G 45/10 |

B05B 14/30
comprising enclosures close to, or in contact with, the object to be sprayed and surrounding or confining the discharged spray or jet but not the object to be sprayed

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

| Movable or portable abrasive blasting machine with suction means for the abrasive and the waste material | B24C 3/065 |

B05B 14/462
and separating the excess material from the washing liquid, e.g. for recovery

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

| Paint detackifiers or coagulants used for the treatment of excess spraying materials | C09D 7/71 |

B05B 15/30
Dip tubes

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

| Dip tubes for aerosol containers | B65D 83/32 |
B05B 15/50

Arrangements for cleaning; Arrangements for preventing deposits, drying-out or blockage; Arrangements for detecting improper discharge caused by the presence of foreign matter

References

Informative references

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

| Arrangements for preventing or detecting clogging or moistening of ink-jet nozzles | B41J 2/165 |
| Detecting the presence of fluid at a leakage point | G01M 3/04 |

B05B 15/534

by reversing the nozzle relative to the supply conduit

References

Informative references

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

| Aerosol containers comprising alternative flow directions outlets | B65D 83/7532 |

B05B 15/555

discharged by cleaning nozzles

References

Informative references

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

| Cleaning by the force of jets or sprays in general | B08B 3/02 |

B05B 15/65

Mounting arrangements for fluid connection of the spraying apparatus or its outlets to flow conduits

References

Informative references

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

| Joints in general | F16L 13/00 - F16L 37/00 |
B05B 15/652
whereby the jet can be oriented

References

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

| Single-unit, i.e. unitary, hand-held apparatus provided with a movable dispensing tube | B05B 11/0091 |

B05B 15/70
Arrangements for moving spray heads automatically to or from the working position

References

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

| Nozzles for cleaning vehicle windscreens or optical devices materials to surfaces | B60S 1/52 |

B05B 16/00
Spray booths (arrangements for collecting, re-using or eliminating excess spraying material in spray booths B05B 14/40)

References

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

| Enclosures, e.g. booths, for applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces | B05C 15/00 |