**B61G**

**COUPLINGS; DRAUGHT AND BUFFING APPLIANCES** (vehicle connections in general **B60D**)

**Definition statement**

_This place covers:_

Devices and methods for connecting rolling stock in a train and to cushion impact of the railway vehicles against each other.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Vehicle connections in general | **B60D** |

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**B61G 1/00**

**Couplings comprising interengaging parts of different shape or form and having links, bars, pins, shackles, or hooks as coupling means**

**Definition statement**

_This place covers:_

Couplings having interengaging parts having different shape wherein the couplings mounted on adjacent vehicles could be of same shape, but connected together by parts of different shape, e.g. bars or shackles .

Following drawings show two examples:
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Couplings for matching couplings of different types | B61G 5/04 |

**B61G 3/00**

Couplings comprising mating parts of similar shape or form which can be coupled without the use of any additional element or elements

Definition statement

This place covers:

The titles of this group are self-explanatory and do not need to be more specified.

Following drawings show two examples:

**B61G 5/00**

Couplings for special purposes not otherwise provided for

Definition statement

This place covers:

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Typical examples are:

- Automatic car coupler.
- Transitional coupling for matching couplings of different types.
- Air hose support clip to prevent lateral loading.
• Centering device for automatic electrical couplings.
• Visual coupling indicator.

Following drawings show two examples:

References

Informative references

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for coupling articulated trains, locomotives and tenders or the bogies of a vehicle; Coupling by means of a single coupling bar; Couplings preventing or limiting relative lateral movement of vehicles

Definition statement

This place covers:

Examples:
Coupling between two articulated vehicle parts

Coupling by means of a single coupling bar

A convex surface 75 adapted for contact with a plate 72 to limit lateral movement

References

Informative references

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

Gangways for coupled vehicles, e.g. of concertina type

B60D 5/00
Construction details of vehicle bodies

B61G 7/00
Details or accessories

Definition statement

This place covers:
The titles of this group are self-explanatory and do not need to be more specified.

Following drawings show two examples (US2584486 and US7686177):

References

Informative references

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

Hand tools
**B61G 7/10**

**Mounting of the couplings on the vehicle**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Arrangement of coupling in relation to vehicle body or under-frame, and mounting of coupling on the vehicle.

Example:

![Diagram](image1)

**B61G 9/00**

**Draw-gear**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Details of the structure that links the couplings to the end of the wagon.

Following drawing shows one example:

![Diagram](image2)

**B61G 11/00**

**Buffers (springs F16F)**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

The titles of this group are self-explanatory and do not need to be more specified.
Following drawing shows one example:

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absorbing shocks by permanent deformation of buffer element

Definition statement

This place covers:

Energy consumption element or collapsible element for absorbing energy in case of collision. The deformation of the element is not reversible.

Following drawings show two examples:
References

Informative references

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