

## F23B

**METHODS OR APPARATUS FOR COMBUSTION USING ONLY SOLID FUEL** (for combustion of fuels that are solid at room temperatures, but burned in melted form, e.g. candle wax, [C11C 5/00](#), [F23C](#), [F23D](#); using solid fuel suspended in air [F23C](#), [F23D 1/00](#); using solid fuel suspended in liquids [F23C](#), [F23D 11/00](#); using solid fuel and fluent fuel simultaneously or alternately [F23C](#), [F23D 17/00](#); burning of low grade fuel [F23G](#); grates [F23H](#); feeding solid fuel to combustion apparatus [F23K](#); combustion chambers, not otherwise provided for [F23M](#); domestic apparatus [F24](#); central heating boilers [F24D](#); package boilers [F24H](#))

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

General function-oriented aspects of methods and apparatus for combustion of solid fuel wherein the main body of fuel is either

- essentially stationary during combustion or
- mechanically transported, as opposed to pneumatically transported or suspended in air, during combustion

and wherein the combustion does not involve liquid or gaseous fuels, or pulverulent fuel burned in suspension.

The solid fuel can be in the form of lumps or pieces, e.g. coal, briquettes or firewood, or pulverulent or granulated, e.g. coal powder, wood pellets or wood chips.

### Relationships with other classification places

Relationship between this subclass and application subclasses of class [F23](#).

Subclass [F23G](#), Cremation furnaces; Consuming waste by combustion is to be seen as an application place in relation to the function-oriented aspects of this subclass. In case of doubt, classification should be made in both subclasses, or in both [F23G](#) and detail subclasses of class [F23](#).

Classification is made in this subclass if the method or apparatus is:

- of general interest for combustion of different types of solid fuel, for example not specially adapted for a particular fuel, or
- specially adapted for specific solid fuels other than those provided for in [F23G](#), see the list below, for example "normal" commercial fuel, such as coal, firewood, wood chips, wood pellets or straw.

Classification is made in [F23G](#) if a method or apparatus is specially adapted for combustion of any of the following types of substances:

- Human corpses or amputated body parts;
- Animal carcasses or their discarded body parts;
- Fuels, e.g. waste, presenting particular fuel-related environmental problems requiring specially adapted methods or apparatus for combustion, for example toxic, explosive, radioactive or corrosive fuels;
- Waste having a special physical form requiring specially adapted methods or apparatus for combustion, for example packaged waste, rubber tyres or discarded cars;
- Low-grade fuels presenting particular problems of combustion requiring specially adapted methods or apparatus for combustion, for example fuels containing high amounts of water or other non-combustible substances;
- Fuels that vary considerably in composition or form and therefore require specially adapted methods or apparatus for combustion;

- Household, municipal, or similar waste that is solely or primarily burned for the purpose of its destruction.

Subclass [F23R](#), Generating combustion products of high pressure or high velocity, especially group [F23B 5/00](#), is also to be seen as an application place in relationship to this subclass. Classification is made in [F23R](#) if the apparatus or method is specially adapted for generating combustion products of high pressure or high velocity.

Relationship between this subclass and other application places.

Combustion of solid fuel is often used for purpose of heating or performing different operations. Apparatus for combustion of solid fuel can be self-contained devices, but are often part of, or used in connection with, heat-consuming apparatus, such as heating boilers. This subclass is therefore related to several places providing for uses of heat. In many of these fields the solid fuel combustion apparatus can be considered a detail of a bigger entity. A non-exhaustive list of examples of such classes or subclasses will be found under the heading "Informative references" below.

Combinations of combustion apparatus with other apparatus, where the combustion apparatus can be seen as a detail of the complete apparatus, e.g. a steam boiler, are classified as a whole, in the place for the other apparatus. Additional classification is made in this subclass only if features relating to the combustion apparatus per se are of interest apart from its application.

Relationship between this subclass and detail subclasses of class [F23](#).

Subclasses [F23H](#) - [F23Q](#) are to be seen as detail places in relation to this subclass. Classification is made in this subclass if the apparatus as a whole is of interest or if a detail is of use only for a particular type of combustion apparatus and not specifically provided for in any of subclasses [F23H](#) - [F23Q](#). If a detail of a combustion apparatus is of interest, classification is made in the relevant subclass providing for such matter.

Relationship between this subclass and places for gasification or destructive distillation.

[C10B](#) covers destructive distillation of carbonaceous material for production of gas, coke, tar or similar matter.

[C10J](#) covers production of combustible gases containing carbon monoxide from solid carbonaceous fuels.

Classification is made in these subclasses if the combustible substances produced, e.g. gases or coke, are burned in an apparatus separate from the gasification or distillation apparatus.

Classification is made in this subclass if complete combustion takes place in the same apparatus as the gasification, for example in different parts of the same combustion chamber or in an afterburner immediately connected to a primary combustion chamber.

## References

### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Combustion of fuels that are solid at room temperatures, but burned in melted form, e.g. candle wax	<a href="#">C11C 5/00</a> , <a href="#">F23C</a> , <a href="#">F23D</a>
Combustion of solid fuel suspended in a stream of air, e.g. combustion in fluidised beds or combustion of pulverised fuel using burners where the fuel is transported into the combustion chamber by an air stream	<a href="#">F23C</a> , <a href="#">F23D 1/00</a>
Combustion of solid fuel suspended in a liquid, e.g. combustion of coal-water slurry	<a href="#">F23C</a> , <a href="#">F23D</a>

Combustion of both solid fuel and fluent fuel, simultaneously or alternately	<a href="#">F23C 1/00</a> , <a href="#">F23D 17/00</a>
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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:

Baking ovens	<a href="#">A21B</a>
Cooking apparatus	<a href="#">A47J</a>
Lighting	<a href="#">F21</a>
Generating steam	<a href="#">F22B</a>
Combustion specially adapted for waste or low grade fuel	<a href="#">F23G</a>
Domestic stoves or ranges for cooking or local heating	<a href="#">F24B</a> , <a href="#">F24C</a>
Domestic heating systems or space-heating systems	<a href="#">F24D</a>
Heating of fluids, e.g. air or water	<a href="#">F24H</a>
Drying	<a href="#">F26B</a>
Heat treatment of material or articles	<a href="#">F27</a>

### Informative references

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

Chemical or biological purification of waste gases	<a href="#">B01D 53/34</a>
Chemical or physical processes or apparatus in general	<a href="#">B01J</a>
Combustion apparatus using fluent fuel	<a href="#">F23C</a>
Burners for fluent fuel, e.g. pulverulent fuel	<a href="#">F23D</a>
Grates, cleaning or raking of grates	<a href="#">F23H</a>
Removal or treatment of combustion products, e.g. flue gases or combustion residues, e.g. ash	<a href="#">F23J</a>
Feeding fuel	<a href="#">F23K</a>
Supplying air or other non-combustible liquids or gases e.g. water or steam	<a href="#">F23L</a>
Constructional details of combustion chambers, not otherwise provided for	<a href="#">F23M</a>
Regulating or controlling combustion	<a href="#">F23N</a>
Ignition	<a href="#">F23Q</a>
Heat-producing reactions of chemical substances, other than combustion, e.g. of hydrogen peroxide and methane, or iron oxide and aluminium	<a href="#">F24V 30/00</a>

### Special rules of classification

In this subclass, the first place priority rule is applied, i.e. at each hierarchical level, classification is made in the first appropriate place.

In this subclass methods are classified in the groups that cover the apparatus used. Methods that are of general applicability are classified in group [F23B 90/00](#).

When classifying in this subclass, add the Indexing Codes:

[F23B 2101/00](#);

[F23B 2103/00-F23B 2103/02](#);

[F23B 2900/00001 -F23B 2900/99001](#).

## Glossary of terms

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

Air	a mixture of gases containing free oxygen and able to promote or support combustion
Primary air	air supplied to the burning fuel in order to liberate combustible gases
Secondary air	air supplied to the combustible gases liberated by the primary air in order to complete their combustion. The term "secondary air" covers "tertiary air" etc.
Ash	means any solid combustion residues, for example remaining in the fuel bed or suspended in the flue gases
Burner	a device by which fluid fuel or solid fuel suspended in air is passed to a combustion space where it burns to produce a self-supporting flame
Combustion	means the direct combination of oxygen gas, e.g. in air, and a burnable substance
Combustion chamber	a chamber in which fuel is burned to establish a self-supporting fire or flame and which surrounds that fire or flame
Combustion zone	the part of the apparatus where the reaction takes place between air and fuel
Firebridge	a low wall separating the fuel bed from adjacent flue gas passages in apparatus for combustion of solid fuel, for example in reverberatory furnaces or fire-tube boilers
Flue gases	any gaseous products of combustion
Grate	a perforated surface, e.g. a grid, which supports or delimits a bed of burning fuel and serves to supply primary air

## Synonyms and Keywords

*In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used with the meaning indicated:*

"boiler"	"combustion apparatus".
"burner"	"combustion apparatus".

## F23B 1/00

**{Combustion apparatus using only lump fuel}**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus using only lump fuel.

### Special rules of classification

[F23B 1/00](#) - [F23B 1/12](#) are not used anymore for classification, please refer to groups [F23B 10/00](#) - [F23B 99/00](#) instead.

## F23B 3/00

**{Combustion apparatus which is portable or removable with respect to the boiler or other apparatus which is heated}**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus which is portable or removable with respect to the boiler or other apparatus which is heated.

### Special rules of classification

[F23B 3/00](#) is not used anymore for classification, please refer to groups [F23B 10/00](#) - [F23B 99/00](#) instead.

## F23B 5/00

**{Combustion apparatus with arrangements for burning uncombusted material from primary combustion (combustion apparatus characterised by the combination of two or more combustion chambers [F23C 6/00](#); the primary combustion being pulverulent fuel [F23C 9/003](#))}**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus with arrangements for burning uncombusted material from primary combustion.

### Special rules of classification

[F23B 5/00](#) - [F23B 5/04](#) are not used anymore for classification, please refer to groups [F23B 10/00](#) - [F23B 99/00](#) instead.

## F23B 7/00

**{Combustion techniques; Other solid-fuel combustion apparatus}**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion techniques; Other solid-fuel combustion apparatus.

### Special rules of classification

[F23B 7/00](#) - [F23B 7/007](#) are not used anymore for classification, please refer to groups [F23B 10/00](#) - [F23B 99/00](#) instead.

## F23B 10/00

### Combustion apparatus characterised by the combination of two or more combustion chambers

#### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus characterized by the combination of two or more combustion chambers.

#### References

##### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Combustion methods including secondary combustion in the same combustion chamber	<a href="#">F23B99/04</a>
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## F23B 10/02

### including separate secondary combustion chambers

#### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus including two or more combustion chambers in which one of the combustion chambers works as a secondary combustion chamber.

Combustion apparatus including two or more physically separated combustion zones, e.g. by a perforated partition wall in a single enclosure in which one of the combustion zones works as a secondary combustion chamber.

#### References

##### Informative references

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

Combustion apparatus using fluent fuel with two or more combustion chambers in series connection	<a href="#">F23C 6/04</a>
Waste or low grade fuel incinerators with separate secondary combustion chamber	<a href="#">F23G 5/16</a>
Combustion methods or apparatus adapted for combustion of waste gases or noxious gases, e.g. exhaust gases	<a href="#">F23G 7/06</a>

## F23B 20/00

### Combustion apparatus specially adapted for portability or transportability

#### References

##### Informative references

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

Portable or movable incinerators for waste	<a href="#">F23G 5/40</a>
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**F23B 30/00**

**Combustion apparatus with driven means for agitating the burning fuel;  
Combustion apparatus with driven means for advancing the burning fuel  
through the combustion chamber**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus using e.g. rotary, vibrating or travelling grates, reciprocating bars or pushers, rocking bars, screw conveyors or any other means located inside the combustion chamber for agitating or advancing the fuel.

**References****Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

Combustion grates or details of grates per se	<a href="#">F23H</a>
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**F23B 30/04**

**with fuel-supporting surfaces that are rotatable around a horizontal or inclined axis and support the fuel on their inside, e.g. cylindrical grates**

**References****Informative references**

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

Waste incinerators having rotating drums	<a href="#">F23G 5/20</a>
Revolving cylindrical grates per se	<a href="#">F23H 9/02</a>

**F23B 30/08**

**with fuel-supporting surfaces that move through the combustion zone, e.g.  
with chain grates**

**References****Informative references**

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

Travelling grates per se	<a href="#">F23H 11/00</a>
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**F23B 30/10**

with fuel-supporting surfaces having fuel advancing elements that are movable, but remain essentially in the same place, e.g. with rollers or reciprocating grate bars

**References****Informative references**

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

Grates with movable bars per se	<a href="#">F23H 7/00</a> , <a href="#">F23H 9/00</a>
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**F23B 40/00**

Combustion apparatus with driven means for feeding fuel into the combustion chamber

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus using e.g. throwing devices, reciprocating pushers, screw conveyors or other driven means located outside the combustion chamber for supplying fuel directly into the combustion chamber.

**References****Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

Combustion apparatus wherein the driven means, located outside the combustion chamber, advance the fuel only up to a location above the burning bed, from where it proceeds by gravity, e.g. on a slide or chute	<a href="#">F23B 50/12</a>
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**F23B 40/02**

the fuel being fed by scattering over the fuel-supporting surface

**References****Informative references**

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

Pneumatic feeding arrangements per se	<a href="#">F23K 3/02</a>
Spreader stokers per se	<a href="#">F23K 3/18</a>



**F23B 40/04**

**the fuel being fed from below through an opening in the fuel-supporting surface**

**References****Informative references**

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

Under-feed arrangements per se	<a href="#">F23K 3/10</a>
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**F23B 50/00**

**Combustion apparatus in which the fuel is fed into or through the combustion zone by gravity, e.g. from a fuel storage situated above the combustion zone**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus using gravity as sole means for feeding the fuel into the combustion zone.

**References****Informative references**

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

Over-feed arrangements per se	<a href="#">F23K 3/16</a>
Stoves with fuel storage in hoppers	<a href="#">F24B 1/08</a> , <a href="#">F24B 1/16</a>

**F23B 60/00**

**Combustion apparatus in which the fuel burns essentially without moving**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus wherein the fuel is loaded on a grate or on a support on which it rests till complete exhaustion without further move or agitation.

**F23B 70/00**

**Combustion apparatus characterised by means returning solid combustion residues to the combustion chamber**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus wherein solid combustion residues, e.g. ashes or fly-ashes are returned to the chamber for complete burning.

## References

### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Fluidised bed combustors for solid fuels.	<a href="#">F23C 10/002</a>
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## F23B 80/00

**Combustion apparatus characterised by means creating a distinct flow path for flue gases or for non-combusted gases given off by the fuel**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Combustion apparatus having either means guiding the flue gas along specific path, e.g. for increasing heat transfer to the heat recovery means or creating longer permanence time of the gases in the combustion chamber, or for flue gas recirculation.

## References

### Informative references

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

Devices for conducting smoke or fumes per se	<a href="#">F23J 11/00</a>
Flue gas circulation on or around stoves	<a href="#">F24B 5/00</a>

## F23B 80/04

**by means for guiding the flow of flue gases, e.g. baffles**

## References

### Informative references

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

Baffles or deflectors for combustion products per se	<a href="#">F23M 9/00</a>
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## F23B 90/00

**Combustion methods not related to a particular type of apparatus**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Methods for starting the combustion, for staged combustion, i.e. a first combustion in a oxidant deficient atmosphere followed by secondary combustion in oxidant rich atmosphere, or for catalytic combustion.

## F23B 90/02

### Start-up techniques

#### References

##### *Informative references*

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

Controlling combustion	<a href="#">F23N</a>
Ignition in general	<a href="#">F23Q</a>

## F23B 90/04

including secondary combustion (in separate combustion chambers  
[F23B 10/02](#))

#### References

##### *Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

Combustion apparatus including separate secondary combustion chambers	<a href="#">F23B 10/02</a>
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##### *Informative references*

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

Waste or low grade fuel incinerators with secondary combustion	<a href="#">F23G 5/14</a>
Combustion methods or apparatus adapted for combustion of waste gases or noxious gases, e.g. exhaust gases	<a href="#">F23G 7/06</a>
Supplying secondary air	<b>F23L/00</b>

## F23B 90/06

the primary combustion being a gasification or pyrolysis in a reductive atmosphere

#### Definition statement

This place covers:

Among combustion methods including secondary combustion, those involving gasification or pyrolysis in a reductive atmosphere in the primary zone, and, involving combustion in an oxidative atmosphere in the secondary zone.

#### References

##### *Informative references*

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

Destructive distillation of carbonaceous materials	<a href="#">C10B 53/00</a>
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Combustion methods or apparatus adapted for waste or low grade fuel including pyrolising or gasifying as pretreatment	<a href="#">F23G 5/027</a>
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## F23B 90/08

in the presence of catalytic material

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#### *Informative references*

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

Combustion apparatus using fluent fuel in which combustion takes place in the presence of catalytic material	<a href="#">F23C 13/00</a>
Combustion methods or apparatus adapted for combustion of waste gases or noxious gases, e.g. exhaust gases, in which combustion takes place in the presence of catalytic material	<a href="#">F23G 7/07</a>