CPC  COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

G  PHYSICS
   (NOTES omitted)

INSTRUMENTS

G02  OPTICS
    (NOTE omitted)

G02B  OPTICAL ELEMENTS, SYSTEMS, OR APPARATUS  (G02F takes precedence; measuring instruments, see the relevant subclass of G01, e.g. optical rangefinders G01C; testing of optical elements, systems, or apparatus G01M 11/00; spectacles G02C; sound lenses G10K 11/30; electron and ion "optics" H01J; X-ray "optics" H01J, H05G 1/00; optical elements structurally combined with electric discharge tubes H01J 5/16, H01J 29/89, H01J 37/22; microwave "optics" H01Q; combination of optical elements with television receivers H04N 5/72; heating arrangements specially adapted for transparent or reflecting areas H05B 3/84)

NOTE
Attention is drawn to the Notes following the titles of class B81 and subclass B81B relating to "microstructural devices" and "microstructural systems".

WARNINGS
1. The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:
   G02B 11/00 – G02B 11/34  covered by  G02B 9/00 and G02B 13/00
1. In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

1/00  Optical elements characterised by the material of which they are made  (compositions of optical glasses C03C 3/00; cements for glass C03C 27/00)
1/002  . [made of materials engineered to provide properties not available in nature, e.g. metamaterials]
1/005  . . . [made of photonic crystals or photonic band gap materials (photonic band-gap structures or photonic lattices in integrated optics G02B 6/1225; photonic band-gap structures or photonic lattices in optical fibres G02B 6/02295)]
1/007  . . . [made of negative effective refractive index materials]
1/02  . made of crystals, e.g. rock-salt, semi-conductors  (G02B 1/08 takes precedence)
1/04  . made of organic materials, e.g. plastics  (G02B 1/08 takes precedence)

NOTE
In this group the use of specific polymers is indicated using the relevant subdivision of C08L preceded by a plus sign

1/041  . . [Lenses]
1/043  . . . [Contact lenses]
1/045  . . . [Light guides]
1/046  . . . [characterised by the core material]
1/048  . . . [characterised by the cladding material]
1/06  . made of fluids in transparent cells
1/08  . made of polarising materials

1/10  . Optical coatings produced by application to, or surface treatment of, optical elements  (G02B 1/08 takes precedence)
1/105  . . [Protective coatings]

WARNING
Group G02B 1/105 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of January 15, 2015. The backfile of this group is being reclassified into groups G02B 1/14, G02B 1/16 - G02B 1/18.

Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/105 and G02B 1/14 - G02B 1/18 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

1/11  . . Anti-reflection coatings
1/111  . . . using layers comprising organic materials

WARNING
Group G02B 1/111 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G02B 1/118.

Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/111 and G02B 1/118 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
1/113 . . . using inorganic layer materials only

**WARNING**

Groups G02B 1/113 - G02B 1/116 are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G02B 1/118. Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/113 - G02B 1/116 and G02B 1/118 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

1/115 . . . . . Multilayers
1/116 . . . . . including electrically conducting layers

**NOTE**

When the arrangement of electrically conducting layers also exhibit an anti-static effect, classification is also made in group G02B 1/16

1/118 . . . having sub-optical wavelength surface structures designed to provide an enhanced transmittance, e.g. moth-eye structures
1/12 . . . by surface treatment, e.g. by irradiation
1/14 . . . Protective coatings, e.g. hard coatings

**WARNING**

Group G02B 1/14 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G02B 1/105. Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/14 and G02B 1/105 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

1/16 . . . having an anti-static effect, e.g. electrically conducting coatings

**WARNING**

Group G02B 1/16 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups G02B 1/10, G02B 1/105 and G02B 1/116. Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/16, G02B 1/10, G02B 1/105 and G02B 1/116 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

1/18 . . . Coatings for keeping optical surfaces clean, e.g. hydrophobic or photo-catalytic films (G02B 1/16 takes precedence)

**WARNING**

Group G02B 1/18 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups G02B 1/10, G02B 1/102 and G02B 27/0006. Until reclassification is complete, groups G02B 1/18, G02B 1/10, G02B 1/105 and G02B 27/0006 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

3/00 Simple or compound lenses (artificial eyes A61F 2/14; spectacle lenses or contact lenses for the eyes G02C; watch or clock glasses G04B 39/00)

3/0006 . . . Arrays (G02B 3/02, G02B 5/188 takes precedence)
3/0012 . . . characterised by the manufacturing method

3/0018 . . . (Reflow, i.e. characterized by the step of melting microstructures to form curved surfaces, e.g. manufacturing of moulds and surfaces for transfer etching)
3/0025 . . . (Machining, e.g. grinding, polishing, diamond turning, manufacturing of mould parts)
3/0031 . . . (Replication or moulding, e.g. hot embossing, UV-casting, injection moulding)
3/0037 . . . (characterised by the distribution or form of lenses)
3/0043 . . . (inhomogeneous or irregular arrays, e.g. varying shape, size, height)
3/005 . . . (arranged along a single direction only, e.g. lenticular sheets (G02B 3/0043 takes precedence))
3/0056 . . . (arranged along two different directions in a plane, e.g. honeycomb arrangement of lenses (G02B 3/0043 takes precedence; miniaturised objectives for electronic devices employing wafer level optics G02B 13/0085))
3/0062 . . . (Stacked lens arrays, i.e. refractive surfaces arranged in at least two planes, without structurally separate optical elements in-between)
3/0068 . . . (arranged in a single integral body or plate, e.g. laminates or hybrid structures with other optical elements (G02B 5/1885, G02B 17/002, G02B 27/2214 take precedence))
3/0075 . . . (characterized by non-optical structures, e.g. having integrated holding or alignment means)
3/0081 . . . (having one or more elements with analytic function to create variable power (variable magnification in general G02B 15/00))
3/0087 . . . (with index gradient)
3/0203/0093 . . . (characterised by the shape)
3/02 . . . with non-spherical faces (G02B 3/10 takes precedence)
3/04 . . . with continuous faces that are rotationally symmetrical but deviate from a true sphere [e.g. so called “aspheric” lenses]
3/06 . . . with cylindrical or toric faces
3/08 . . . with discontinuous faces, e.g. Fresnel lens (diffractive Fresnel lenses G02B 5/1876)
3/10 . . . Bifocal lenses; Multifocal lenses
3/12 . . . Fluid-filled or evacuated lenses
3/14 . . . of variable focal length

5/00 Optical elements other than lenses (light guides G02B 6/00; optical logic elements G02F 3/00)
5/001 . . . Axicons, waxicons, refiexion
5/003 . . . Light absorbing elements
5/005 . . . Diaphragms (for cameras G03B 9/02)
5/006 . . . (cooled)
5/008 . . . Surface plasmon devices (diffractive gratings with a pitch less than or comparable to the wavelength G02B 5/1809; surface plasmons in integrated optics G02B 6/1226; optical analysis of materials by means of surface plasmons G01N 21/553)
5/02 . . . Diffusing elements; Afocal elements
5/0205 . . . (characterised by the diffusing properties)
5/021 . . . (the diffusion taking place at the element’s surface, e.g. by means of surface roughening or micromprismatic structures)
5/0215 . . . (the surface having a regular structure)
5/0221 . . . . [the surface having an irregular structure
(G02B 5/0226 takes precedence)]
5/0226 . . . . [having particles on the surface]
5/0231 . . . . [the surface having microprismatic or
micropyramidal shape (macroscopic prism
arrays G02B 5/045)]
5/0236 . . . . [the diffusion taking place within the volume
of the element]
5/0242 . . . . [by means of dispersed particles]
5/0247 . . . . [by means of voids or pores]
5/0252 . . . . [using holographic or diffraction means]
5/0257 . . . . [creating an anisotropic or diffusive
characteristic, i.e. distributing output differently
in two perpendicular axes]
5/0263 . . . . [with positional variation of the diffusing
properties, e.g. gradient or patterned diffuser]
5/0268 . . . . [characterized by the fabrication or
manufacturing method]
5/0273 . . . . [characterized by the use]
5/0278 . . . . [used in transmission]
5/0284 . . . . [used in reflection]
5/0289 . . . . [used as a transflector]
5/0294 . . . . [adapted to provide an additional optical effect,
e.g. anti-reflection or filter]

5/04 . . . . Prisms
5/045 . . . . [Prism arrays]
5/06 . . . . Fluid-filled or evacuated prisms
5/08 . . . . Mirrors (vehicle mirrors involving special optical
features B60R 1/08)
5/0808 . . . . [having a single reflecting layer
(G02B 5/0883, G02B 5/0891 take precedence)]
5/0816 . . . . [Multilayer mirrors, i.e. having two or more
reflecting layers (G02B 5/0883, G02B 5/0891
take precedence)]
5/0825 . . . . [the reflecting layers comprising dielectric
materials only]
5/0833 . . . . [comprising inorganic materials only]
5/0841 . . . . [comprising organic materials, e.g.
polymers]
5/085 . . . . [at least one of the reflecting layers comprising
metal]
5/0858 . . . . [the reflecting layers comprising a single
metallic layer with one or more dielectric
layers]
5/0866 . . . . [incorporating one or more organic, e.g.
polymeric layers]
5/0875 . . . . [the reflecting layers comprising two or
more metallic layers]
5/0883 . . . . [with a refractive index gradient (rugate filters
G02B 5/289)]
5/0891 . . . . [Ultraviolet [UV] mirrors (apparatus for
microlithography exposure G03F 7/70; X-ray
multilayer structures G21K 1/06)]
5/09 . . . . Multifaceted or polygonal mirrors
, (e.g. polygonal scanning mirrors; Fresnel mirrors)
5/10 . . . . with curved faces
5/12 . . . . Reflex reflectors
5/122 . . . . cube corner, trihedral or triple reflector type
5/124 . . . . plural reflecting elements forming part of a
unitary plate or sheath
5/126 . . . . including curved refracting surface
5/128 . . . . transparent spheres being embedded in matrix
5/13 . . . . plural curved refracting elements forming part
of a unitary body
5/132 . . . . with individual reflector mounting means
5/134 . . . . including a threaded mounting member
5/136 . . . . plural reflecting elements forming part of a
unitary body (G02B 5/124 takes precedence)
5/18 . . . . Diffraction gratings (holographic optical elements
G02B 5/32; G03H; integrally combined with optical
fibres G02B 60/2057; for coupling light guides
G02B 6/34; integrally combined with optical
integrated light guides G02B 6/12; grating systems
G02B 27/44)

2005/1804 . . . . [Transmission gratings]
5/1809 . . . . [with pitch less than or comparable to the
wavelength]
5/1814 . . . . [structurally combined with one or more further
optical elements, e.g. lenses, mirrors, prisms or
other diffraction gratings (G02B 5/189 takes
precedence)]
5/1819 . . . . [Plural gratings positioned on the same
surface, e.g. array of gratings (plural diffractive
elements positioned sequentially along the
optical path G02B 27/4272)]
5/1823 . . . . [in an overlapping or superposed manner]
5/1828 . . . . [having means for producing variable diffraction
controlling the direction of light by means of
one or more diffracting elements G02B 26/0808;
acousto-optical elements G02F 1/11, G02F 1/33;
electro- or magneto-optical diffraction
G02F 1/292, G02F 1/2955)]
5/1833 . . . . [comprising birefringent materials (birefringent
elements per se G02B 5/3083)]
5/1838 . . . . [for use with ultraviolet radiation or X-rays]
5/1842 . . . . [Gratings for image generation (G02B 5/1847
takes precedence)]
5/1847 . . . . [Manufacturing methods]
5/1852 . . . . [using mechanical means, e.g. ruling with
diamond tool, moulding]
5/1857 . . . . [using exposure or etching means, e.g.
holography, photolithography, exposure to
electron or ion beams]
5/1861 . . . . [Reflection gratings characterised by
their structure, e.g. step profile, contours
of substrate or grooves, pitch variations,
materials (G02B 5/1809, G02B 5/1828,
G02B 5/1833; G02B 5/1838 and G02B 5/1847
take precedence)]
5/1866 . . . . [Transmission gratings characterised by
their structure, e.g. step profile, contours
of substrate or grooves, pitch variations,
materials (G02B 5/1809, G02B 5/1828,
G02B 5/1833, G02B 5/1838 and G02B 5/1847
take precedence)]
5/1871 . . . . [Transmissive phase gratings]
5/1876 . . . . [Diffractive Fresnel lenses; Zone plates;
Kinoforms (G02B 5/1842, G02B 5/1847 take
precedence; optical systems having diffractive
correction means G02B 27/0037; Fresnel lenses
operating by refraction G02B 3/08)]
5/188 . . . . [Plurality of such optical elements formed in or
on a supporting substrate]
5/1885 . . . . [Arranged as a periodic array]
5/1889 . . . . [Structurally combined with optical elements
not having diffractive power]
G02B

5/1895 . . . [such optical elements having dioptric power]

5/20 . Filters (polarising elements G02B 5/30; manufacturing optical filters by photographic processes G03C 7/12; by lithographic processes G03F 7/0007))

5/201 . . . [in the form of arrays]

5/202 . . . [comprising a gas or vapour]

5/203 . . . [having holographic or diffractive elements (diffraction gratings per se G02B 5/18; holographic elements per se G02B 5/32; generating the spectrum using diffraction elements G01J 3/18)]

5/204 . . . [in which spectral selection is performed by means of a conductive grid or array, e.g. frequency selective surfaces (for use with wavelengths longer than the infra-red light H01Q 15/0006)]

5/205 . . [Neutral density filters]

5/206 . . . [comprising particles embedded in a solid matrix]

5/207 . . . [for use with infra-red or ultraviolet radiation, e.g. for separating visible light from infra-red and/ or ultraviolet radiation]

5/22 . . Absorbing filters (G02B 5/201 - G02B 5/208 take precedence)

5/223 . . . [containing organic substances, e.g. dyes, inks or pigments]

5/226 . . . [Glass filters]

5/23 . . . [Photochrome filters]

5/24 . . . [Liquid filters (G02B 5/23 takes precedence)]

5/26 . . Reflecting filters (G02B 5/28 takes precedence)

5/265 . . . [involving total internal reflection]

5/28 . . . Interference filters

5/281 . . . [designed for the infra-red light]

5/282 . . . [reflecting for infra-red and transparent for visible light, e.g. heat reflectors, laser protection]

5/283 . . [designed for the ultraviolet]

5/284 . . . [of etalon type comprising a resonant cavity other than a thin solid film, e.g. gas, air, solid plates (etalons for fibre optic multiplexing G02B 6/29358; etalons for spectral measurement G01J 3/26)]

5/285 . . . [comprising deposited thin solid films (G02B 5/281 - G02B 5/289 take precedence; multilayered film filters for fibre optic multiplexing G02B 6/29361)]

5/286 . . . . [having four or fewer layers, e.g. for achieving a colour effect]

5/287 . . . . [comprising at least one layer of organic material]

5/288 . . . . [comprising at least one thin film resonant cavity, e.g. in bandpass filters]

5/289 . . . . [Rugate filters]

5/30 . Polarisating elements (light-modulating devices G02F 1/00)

5/3008 . . . [comprising dielectric particles, e.g. birefringent crystals embedded in a matrix]

5/3016 . . . [involving passive liquid crystal elements (optical properties of liquid crystals G02F 1/0063; polarising elements associated with active liquid crystal devices G02F 1/133528)]

5/3025 . . . [Polarisers, i.e. arrangements capable of producing a definite output polarisation state from an unpolarised input state (G02B 5/3008; G02B 5/3016 take precedence)]

5/3033 . . . [in the form of a thin sheet or foil, e.g. Polaroid]

5/3041 . . . [comprising multiple thin layers, e.g. multilayer stacks]

5/305 . . . . . [including organic materials, e.g. polymeric layers]

5/3058 . . . [comprising electrically conductive elements, e.g. wire grids, conductive particles]

5/3066 . . . [involving the reflection of light at a particular angle of incidence, e.g. Brewster's angle]

5/3075 . . . . . [for use in the UV (G02B 5/3066 takes precedence)]

5/3083 . . . . [Birefringent or phase retarding elements (G02B 5/3008; G02B 5/3016 take precedence; systems for polarisation control G02B 27/26; manufacturing phase modulating patterns by lithographic processes G02F 7/001)]

5/3091 . . . . . [for use in the UV]

5/32 . Holograms used as optical elements

6/00 Light guides

6/0001 . . [specially adapted for lighting devices or systems (lighting or signalling on vehicles using light guides B60Q 1/00; lighting devices for vehicle dashboards B60Q 3/10; lighting devices for vehicle interior using light guides B60Q 3/62; lighting devices mounted on the vehicle rear part using light guides F21S 43/235; measuring arrangements having light conducting pointers G01D 13/265; illumination of liquid crystal displays G02F 1/1336; illuminated signs G09F 13/00)]

6/0003 . . . . . [the light guides being doped with fluorescent agents]

6/0005 . . . . . [the light guides being of the fibre type (G02B 6/0003 takes precedence)]

6/0006 . . . . . [Coupling light into the fibre (in general G02B 6/4298)]

6/0008 . . . . . . [the light being emitted at the end of the fibre]

6/001 . . . . . . . [the light being emitted along at least a portion of the lateral surface of the fibre]

6/0011 . . . . . . . . . . . [the light guides being planar or of plate-like form]

6/0013 . . . . . . . . . . . [Means for improving the coupling-in of light from the light source into the light guide (coupling light into light guides in general G02B 6/42)]

6/0015 . . . . . . . . . . . [provided on the surface of the light guide or in the bulk of it]

6/0016 . . . . . . . . . . . [Grooves, prisms, gratings, scattering particles or rough surfaces]

6/0018 . . . . . . . . . . . [Redirecting means on the surface of the light guide]

6/002 . . . . . . . . . . . [by shaping at least a portion of the light guide, e.g. with collimating, focussing or diverging surfaces]

6/0021 . . . . . . . . . . . [for housing at least a part of the light source, e.g. by forming holes or recesses]
NOTE

When classifying in this group, classification must also be made in one or more of the groups of G02B 6/0013 or G02B 6/0033 for the related device aspects

6/0023 . . . . [provided by one optical element, or plurality thereof, placed between the light guide and the light source, or around the light source]

6/0025 . . . . [Diffusing sheet or layer; Prismatic sheet or layer]

6/0026 . . . . [Wavelength selective element, sheet or layer, e.g. filter or grating]

6/0028 . . . . [Light guide, e.g. taper]

6/003 . . . . . . [Lens or lenticular sheet or layer]

6/0031 . . . . [Reflecting element, sheet or layer]

6/0033 . . . . [Means for improving the coupling-out of light from the light guide]

6/0035 . . . . [provided on the surface of the light guide or in the bulk of it]

6/0036 . . . . [2-D arrangement of prisms, protrusions, indentations or roughened surfaces]

6/0038 . . . . [Linear indentations or grooves, e.g. arc-shaped grooves or meandering grooves, extending over the full length or width of the light guide]

6/004 . . . . [Scattering dots or dot-like elements, e.g. microbeads, scattering particles, nanoparticles]

6/0041 . . . . [provided in the bulk of the light guide]

6/0043 . . . . [provided on the surface of the light guide]

6/0045 . . . . [by shaping at least a portion of the light guide]

6/0046 . . . . [Tapered light guide, e.g. wedge-shaped light guide]

6/0048 . . . . (with stepwise taper)

6/005 . . . . [provided by one optical element, or plurality thereof, placed on the light output side of the light guide]

6/0051 . . . . [Diffusing sheet or layer]

6/0053 . . . . [Prismatic sheet or layer; Brightness enhancement element, sheet or layer]

6/0055 . . . . [Reflecting element, sheet or layer]

6/0056 . . . . [for producing polarisation effects, e.g. by a surface with polarizing properties or by an additional polarizing elements]

6/0058 . . . . [varying in density, size, shape or depth along the light guide]

6/006 . . . . [to produce indicia, symbols, texts or the like]

6/0061 . . . . [to provide homogeneous light output intensity]

6/0063 . . . . [for extracting light out both the major surfaces of the light guide]

6/0065 . . . . [Manufacturing aspects; Material aspects]

6/0075 . . . . [Arrangements of multiple light guides (G02B 6/0028 takes precedence)]

6/0076 . . . . [Stacked arrangements of multiple light guides of the same or different cross-sectional area]

6/0078 . . . . [Side-by-side arrangements, e.g. for large area displays]

6/008 . . . . [of the partially overlapping type]

6/0081 . . . . [Mechanical or electrical aspects of the light guide and light source in the lighting device peculiar to the adaptation to planar light guides, e.g. concerning packaging]

6/0083 . . . . [Details of electrical connections of light sources to drivers, circuit boards, or the like]

6/0085 . . . . [Means for removing heat created by the light source from the package (heat extraction or cooling elements for semiconductor light sources in general H01L 33/64)]

6/0086 . . . . [Positioning aspects]

6/0088 . . . . [of the light guide or other optical sheets in the package]

6/009 . . . . [of the light source in the package (G02B 6/0021 takes precedence)]

6/0091 . . . . [of the light source relative to the light guide (G02B 6/0021 takes precedence)]

6/0093 . . . . [Means for protecting the light guide]

6/0095 . . . . [Light guides as housings, housing portions, shelves, doors, tiles, windows, or the like]

6/0096 . . . . [the lights guides being of the hollow type (2006/0098)]

6/0098 . . . . [for scanning]

6/02 . . . . Optical fibre with cladding (with or without a coating) (mechanical structures for providing tensile strength and external protection G02B 6/44)

6/02004 . . . . [characterised by the core effective area or mode field radius]

6/02009 . . . . [Large effective area or mode field radius, e.g. to reduce nonlinear effects in single mode fibres]

6/02014 . . . . [Effective area greater than 60 square microns in the C band, i.e. 1530-1565 nm]

6/02019 . . . . [Effective area greater than 90 square microns in the C band, i.e. 1530-1565 nm]

6/02023 . . . . [Based on higher order modes, i.e. propagating modes other than the LP01 or HE11 fundamental mode (mode converters G02B 6/14)]

6/02028 . . . . [Small effective area or mode field radius, e.g. for allowing nonlinear effects (non-linear optical waveguide devices G02F 1/365)]

6/02033 . . . . [Core or cladding made from organic material, e.g. polymeric material (G02B 1/04 takes precedence)]

6/02038 . . . . [with core or cladding having graded refractive index]

6/02042 . . . . [Multicore optical fibres]

6/02047 . . . . [Dual mode fibre (G02B 6/105 takes precedence)]

6/02052 . . . . [comprising optical elements other than gratings, e.g. filters (comprising gratings G02B 6/02057)]

6/02057 . . . . [comprising gratings]
6/02061 . . . [Grating external to the fibre and in contact with the fibre, e.g. evanescently coupled, gratings applied to the fibre end (mechanically induced in the fibre G02B 6/02071, surface relief on the fibre G02B 6/02066)]

6/02066 . . . [Gratings having a surface relief structure, e.g. repetitive variation in diameter of core or cladding]

6/02071 . . . [Mechanically induced gratings, e.g. having microbends (G02B 6/02066 takes precedence; mode converters G02B 6/14)]

6/02076 . . . [Refractive index modulation gratings, e.g. Bragg gratings]

6/0208 . . . [characterised by their structure, wavelength response (G02B 6/02114, G02B 6/02171, G02B 6/02195 take precedence; multiple layer cores or claddings G02B 6/036, protective coverings G02B 6/4429)]

6/02085 . . . . . . [characterised by the grating profile, e.g. chirped, apodised, tilted, helical]

2006/0209 . . . . . . [Helical, chiral gratings]

6/02095 . . . . . . [Long period gratings, i.e. transmission gratings coupling light between core and cladding modes]

6/021 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by the core or cladding or coating, e.g. materials, radial refractive index profiles, cladding shape]

6/02104 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by the coating external to the cladding, e.g. coating influences grating properties]

6/02109 . . . . . . . . . . [having polarization sensitive features, e.g. reduced photo-induced birefringence]

6/02114 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by enhanced photosensitivity characteristics of the fibre, e.g. hydrogen loading, heat treatment (treatment of glass fibres by ion diffusion, implantation, radiation, C03C 25/60, C03C 25/62)]

6/02119 . . . . . . . . . . [Photosensitivity profiles determining the grating structure, e.g. radial or longitudinal]

6/02123 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by the method of manufacture of the grating (photolithography G03F 7/0005)]

6/02128 . . . . . . . . . . [Internal inscription, i.e. grating written by light propagating within the fibre, e.g. "self-induced"]

6/02133 . . . . . . . . . . [using beam interference]

6/02138 . . . . . . . . . . [based on illuminating a phase mask]

6/02142 . . . . . . . . . . [based on illuminating or irradiating an amplitude mask, i.e. a mask having a repetitive intensity modulating pattern]

6/02147 . . . . . . . . . . [Point by point fabrication, i.e. grating elements induced one step at a time along the fibre, e.g. by scanning a laser beam, arc discharge scanning (G02B 6/02133 and G02B 6/02142 take precedence)]

6/02152 . . . . . . . . . . [involving moving the fibre or a manufacturing element, stretching of the fibre (G02B 6/02142 takes precedence)]

2006/02157 . . . . . . . . . . [Grating written during drawing of the fibre]

2006/02161 . . . . . . . . . . [Grating written by radiation passing through the protective fibre coating]

2006/02166 . . . . . . . . . . [Methods of designing the gratings, i.e. calculating the structure, e.g. algorithms, numerical methods]

6/02171 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by means for compensating environmentally induced changes]

6/02176 . . . . . . . . . . [due to temperature fluctuations]

6/0218 . . . . . . . . . . [using mounting means, e.g. by using a combination of materials having different thermal expansion coefficients]

6/02185 . . . . . . . . . . [based on treating the fibre, e.g. post-manufacture treatment, thermal aging, annealing (annealing glass fibres C03B 37/15)]

6/0219 . . . . . . . . . . [based on composition of fibre materials]

6/02195 . . . . . . . . . . [characterised by means for tuning the grating]

6/022 . . . . . . . . . . [using mechanical stress, e.g. tuning by compression or elongation, special geometrical shapes such as "dog-bone" or taper (G02B 6/02294 takes precedence; optical modulation using photo-elastic effect G02F 1/0131)]

6/02204 . . . . . . . . . . [using thermal effects, e.g. heating or cooling of a temperature sensitive mounting body (optical modulation using thermo-optic effect G02F 1/0147)]

6/02209 . . . . . . . . . . [Mounting means, e.g. adhesives, casings (G02B 6/02171 and G02B 6/02195 take precedence)]

6/02214 . . . . . . . . . . [tailored to obtain the desired dispersion, e.g. dispersion shifted, dispersion flattened]

6/02219 . . . . . . . . . . [Characterised by the wavelength dispersion properties in the silica low loss window around 1550 nm, i.e. S, C, L and U bands from 1460-1675 nm]

6/02223 . . . . . . . . . . [Dual window fibres, i.e. characterised by dispersion properties around 1550 nm and in at least another wavelength window, e.g. 1310 nm]

6/02228 . . . . . . . . . . [Dispersion flattened fibres, i.e. having a low dispersion variation over an extended wavelength range]

6/02233 . . . . . . . . . . [having at least two dispersion zero wavelengths]

6/02238 . . . . . . . . . . [Low dispersion slope fibres]

6/02242 . . . . . . . . . . [having a dispersion slope <0.06 ps/km/ nm2]

6/02247 . . . . . . . . . . [Dispersion varying along the longitudinal direction, e.g. dispersion managed fibre]

6/02252 . . . . . . . . . . [Negative dispersion fibres at 1550 nm]

6/02257 . . . . . . . . . . [Non-zero dispersion shifted fibres, i.e. having a small negative dispersion at 1550 nm, e.g. ITU-T G.655 dispersion between -1.0 to -10 ps/nm.km for avoiding nonlinear effects]

6/02261 . . . . . . . . . . [Dispersion compensating fibres, i.e. for compensating positive dispersion of other fibres]

6/02266 . . . . . . . . . . [Positive dispersion fibres at 1550 nm]
6/02271 . . . . . . (Non-zero dispersion shifted fibres, i.e. having a small positive dispersion at 1550 nm, e.g. ITU-T G.655 dispersion between 1.0 to 10 ps/nm.km for avoiding nonlinear effects)

6/02276 . . . . . . (Dispersion shifted fibres, i.e. zero dispersion at 1550 nm)

6/0228 . . . . . . [Characterised by the wavelength dispersion slope properties around 1550 nm (G02B 6/0228 takes precedence)]

6/02285 . . . . . . [Characterised by the polarisation mode dispersion (PMD) properties, e.g. for minimising PMD (fabrication methods for minimising PMD C03B 37/02745)]

6/0229 . . . . . . [characterised by nanostructures, i.e. structures of size less than 100 nm, e.g. quantum dots]

6/02295 . . . . . . [Microstructured optical fibre (polarisation properties thereof G02B 6/105 and G02B 6/024)]

6/023 . . . . . . [having different index layers arranged around the core for guiding light by reflection, i.e. 1D crystal, e.g. omniguide]

6/02304 . . . . . . [Core having lower refractive index than cladding, e.g. air filled, hollow core]

6/02309 . . . . . . [Structures extending perpendicularly or at a large angle to the longitudinal axis of the fibre, e.g. photonic band gap along fibre axis]

6/02314 . . . . . . [Plurality of longitudinal structures extending along optical fibre axis, e.g. holes]

6/02319 . . . . . . [characterised by core or core-cladding interface features]

6/02323 . . . . . . [Core having lower refractive index than cladding, e.g. photonic band gap guiding]

6/02328 . . . . . . [Hollow or gas filled core]

6/02333 . . . . . . [Core having higher refractive index than cladding, e.g. solid core, effective index guiding]

6/02338 . . . . . . [Structured core, e.g. core contains more than one material, non-constant refractive index distribution in core, asymmetric or non-circular elements in core unit, multiple cores, insertions between core and cladding]

6/02342 . . . . . . [characterised by cladding features, i.e. light confining region]

6/02347 . . . . . . [Longitudinal structures arranged to form a regular periodic lattice, e.g. triangular, square, honeycomb unit cell repeated throughout cladding]

6/02352 . . . . . . [Complex periodic lattices or multiple interpenetrating periodic lattices, e.g. unit cell having more than two materials, partially internally coated holes, for multiple bandgaps]

6/02357 . . . . . . [Property of longitudinal structures or background material varies radially and/ or azimuthally in the cladding, e.g. size, spacing, periodicity, shape, refractive index, graded index, quasiperiodic, quasicrystals]

6/02361 . . . . . . [Longitudinal structures forming multiple layers around the core, e.g. arranged in multiple rings with each ring having longitudinal elements at substantially the same radial distance from the core, having rotational symmetry about the fibre axis]

6/02366 . . . . . . [Single ring of structures, e.g. "air clad"]

6/02371 . . . . . . [Cross section of longitudinal structures is non-circular]

6/02376 . . . . . . [Longitudinal variation along fibre axis direction, e.g. tapered holes]

6/0238 . . . . . . [Longitudinal structures having higher refractive index than background material, e.g. high index solid rods]

6/02385 . . . . . . [Comprising liquid, e.g. fluid filled holes]

6/02389 . . . . . . [Comprising means for varying the guiding properties, e.g. tuning means]

6/02395 . . . . . . [Glass optical fibre with a protective coating, e.g. two layer polymer coating deposited directly on a silica cladding surface during fibre manufacture (G02B 6/02052, G02B 6/02057, G02B 6/105, G02B 6/024, G02B 6/032, G02B 6/14 take precedence; optical cables, i.e. comprising protective structures external to the protective coating such as a jacket or plural coated optical fibres G02B 6/44; coating on fibre gratings G02B 6/02104; coating of glass to obtain optical fibres C03C 25/104; multilayer core or cladding G02B 6/036; reinforcing splice joints G02B 6/2558)]

6/024 . . . . . . [with polarisation maintaining properties]

6/028 . . . . . . [with core or cladding having graded refractive index ((G02B 6/02033, G02B 6/02295 take precedence)]

6/0281 . . . . . . [Graded index region forming part of the central core segment, e.g. alpha profile, triangular, trapezoidal core (G02B 6/0288, G02B 6/0286 take precedence)]

6/0283 . . . . . . [Graded index region external to the central core segment, e.g. sloping layer or triangular or trapezoidal layer (G02B 6/0288, G02B 6/0286 take precedence)]

6/0285 . . . . . . [Graded index layer adjacent to the central core segment and ending at the outer cladding index]

6/0286 . . . . . . [Combination of graded index in the central core segment and a graded index layer external to the central core segment (G02B 6/0288 takes precedence)]

6/0288 . . . . . . [Multimode fibre, e.g. graded index core for compensating modal dispersion]

6/032 . . . . . . [with non solid core or cladding ((G02B 6/02295 takes precedence)]

2006/0325 . . . . . . [Fluid core or cladding]

6/036 . . . . . . [core or cladding comprising multiple layers (multicore optical fibres G02B 6/02042; microstructured properties G02B 6/02295; omniguide fibres G02B 6/023)]

6/03605 . . . . . . [Highest refractive index not on central axis]

6/03611 . . . . . . [Highest index adjacent to central axis region, e.g. annular core, coaxial ring, centrelne depression affecting waveguiding]

6/03616 . . . . . . [Optical fibres characterised both by the number of different refractive index layers around the central core segment, i.e. around the innermost high index core layer, and their relative refractive index difference]

**NOTE**

A layer is characterised by an abrupt change in refractive index gradient, e.g. by the
layer having a maximum or minimum or the layer being between two points of inflexion, such that a graded boundary as in a trapezoidal core is not counted as a separate layer. 2. The innermost high index core layer is the first layer starting from the central core after which the refractive index decreases. 3. + and - refer respectively to the relative refractive index difference increase/ decrease of adjacent layers starting from the innermost highest index core layer and continuing in a radially outward direction

6/03622 . . . . [having 2 layers only]
6/03627 . . . . { [arranged - + ]}
6/03633 . . . . { [arranged - ]}
6/03638 . . . . { having 3 layers only }
6/03644 . . . . { [arranged - + - ]}
6/0365 . . . . { [arranged - - + ]}
6/03655 . . . . { [arranged - + + ]}
6/03661 . . . . { having 4 layers only }
6/03666 . . . . { [arranged - + - + ]}
6/03672 . . . . { [arranged - - + - ]}
6/03677 . . . . { [arranged - + + - ]}
6/03683 . . . . { [arranged - - + + ]}
6/03688 . . . . { having 5 or more layers }
6/03694 . . . . { Multiple layers differing in properties other than the refractive index, e.g. attenuation, diffusion, stress properties }

6/04 . . . . . formed by bundles of fibres (G02B 6/24 takes precedence)
6/06 . . . . . the relative position of the fibres being the same at both ends, e.g. for transporting images
6/065 . . . . . { with dynamic image improvement }
6/08 . . . . . with fibre bundle in form of plate
6/10 . . . . . of the optical waveguide type (G02B 6/02, G02B 6/24 take precedence; devices or arrangements for the control of light by electric, magnetic, electro-magnetic or acoustic means G02F 1/00; transferring the modulation of modulated light G02F 2/00; optical logic elements G02F 3/00; optical analogue/digital converters G02F 7/00; stores using opto-electronic devices G11C 11/42 {, using electro-optical elements G11C 13/047} ; electric waveguides H01P; transmission of information by optical means H04B 10/00; multiplex systems H04J 14/00)

6/102 . . . . { for infra-red and ultra-violet radiation }
6/105 . . . . { having optical polarisation effects }
6/107 . . . . { Subwavelength-diameter waveguides, e.g. nanowires }
6/12 . . . . { of the integrated circuit kind (production or processing of single crystals C30B; electric integrated circuits H04L 27/00 {; coupling fibres and integrated optical circuits G02B 6/30})

6/12002 . . . . { Three-dimensional structures }
6/12004 . . . . { Combinations of two or more optical elements }
6/12007 . . . . { forming wavelength selective elements, e.g. multiplexer, demultiplexer }
6/12009 . . . . { comprising arrayed waveguide grating [AWG] devices, i.e. with a phased array of waveguides }

6/12011 . . . . { characterised by the arrayed waveguides, e.g. comprising a filled groove in the array section }
6/12014 . . . . { characterised by the wavefront splitting or combining section, e.g. grooves or optical elements in a slab waveguide }
6/12016 . . . . { characterised by the input or output waveguides, e.g. tapered waveguide ends, coupled together pairs of output waveguides }
6/12019 . . . . { characterised by the optical interconnection to or from the AWG devices, e.g. integration or coupling with lasers or photodiodes (coupling integrated waveguide to fibre G02B 6/30, to optoelectronic element G02B 6/42; monolithic integration of integrated waveguides with other optical elements G02B 6/12044) }

6/12021 . . . . { [Comprising cascaded AWG devices; AWG multipass configuration; Plural AWG devices integrated on a single chip ]}
6/12023 . . . . { characterised by means for reducing the polarisation dependence, e.g. reduced birefringence }
6/12026 . . . . { characterised by means for reducing the temperature dependence }
6/12028 . . . . { [based on a combination of materials having a different refractive index temperature dependence, i.e. the materials are used for transmitting light ]}
6/1203 . . . . . { using mounting means, e.g. by using a combination of materials having different thermal expansion coefficients }
6/12033 . . . . { characterised by means for configuring the device, e.g. moveable element for wavelength tuning (switching G02B 6/35; thermo-optic devices G02F 1/0147) }
Basic optical elements, e.g. light-guiding paths

- [Monomode]
- [Multimode]
- [Stepped]
- [Graded]
- [Ridge, rib or the like]
- [Channel; buried or the like]
- [Lens]
- [Mirror; Reflectors or the like]
- [Grating]
- [Fibre]
- [Prism]
- [Polariser; Birefringent]
- [Bend]
- [Laser]
- [Diode]
- [Light absorber]
- [Multiple Quantum Well [MQW]]
- [comprising photonic band-gap structures or photonic lattices]

Functions

- [Temperature control]
- [Sensor]
- [Soliton]
- [Modulator]
- [Switch]
- [Coupler]
- [Splitter]
- [Mode converter]
- [Power divider]
- [Isolator]
- [Interferometer]
- [Distributed feedback [DFB]]
- [Multiplexing; Demultiplexing]
- [Manufacturing methods]
- [Annealing]
- [using a laser beam]
- [Masking]
- [Etching]
- [Epitaxial growth]
- [Diffusion]
- [Ion-exchange]
- [field-assisted ion-exchange]
- [Ion implantation]
- [Polymerisation]
- [Splicing]
- [Grinding; Polishing]

- [Basic optical elements, e.g. light-guiding paths]
- [made from organic materials]
- [high refractive index type, i.e. high-contrast waveguides]
- [comprising photonic band-gap structures or photonic lattices]
- [involving surface plasmon interaction]
- [Tapered waveguides, e.g. integrated spot-size transformers (for coupling with fibres G02B 6/305)]

- [Geodesic lenses or integrated gratings]
- [Geodesic lenses]
- [Bends, branchings or intersections]

6/126 . . . using polarisation effects [(G02B 6/126 takes precedence)]
6/13 . . . Integrated optical circuits characterised by the manufacturing method
6/131 . . . [by using epitaxial growth (epitaxial growth for semiconductors H01L 21/02365)]
6/132 . . . by deposition of thin films
6/134 . . . by substitution by dopant atoms
6/1342 . . . [using diffusion (diffusion in single crystals C30B 31/00; diffusion in glass C03C 23/00)]
6/1345 . . . [using ion exchange (ion exchange in glass C03C 21/00)]
6/1347 . . . [using ion implantation (ion implantation in glass C03C 23/0055; ion implantation in general C23C)]
6/136 . . . by etching
6/138 . . . by using polymerisation
6/14 . . . Mode converters
6/24 . . . Coupling light guides (for electric waveguides H01P 1/00)
6/241 . . . [Light guide terminations]
6/243 . . . [as light absorbers]
6/245 . . . Removing protective coverings of light guides before coupling
6/25 . . . Preparing the ends of light guides for coupling, e.g. cutting
6/255 . . . Splicing of light guides, e.g. by fusion or bonding
6/2551 . . . [using thermal methods, e.g. fusion welding by arc discharge, laser beam, plasma torch (making optical fibres with heat application C03B 37/15)]
6/2552 . . . [reshaping or reforming of light guides for coupling using thermal heating, e.g. tapering, forming of a lens on light guide ends]
6/2553 . . . [Splicing machines, e.g. optical fibre fusion splicer]
6/2555 . . . [Alignment or adjustment devices for aligning prior to splicing]
6/2556 . . . [including a fibre supporting member inclined to the bottom surface of the alignment means]
6/2557 . . . [using deformable flexure members, flexible hinges or pivotal arms]
6/2558 . . . [Reinforcement of splice joint]
6/26 . . . Optical coupling means (G02B 6/36, G02B 6/42 take precedence)
6/262 . . . [Optical details of coupling light into, or out of, or between fibre ends, e.g. special fibre end shapes or associated optical elements]
6/264 . . . [with optical elements between opposed fibre ends which perform a function other than beam splitting (having lens focusing means G02B 6/32; utilising prism or grating G02B 6/34)]
6/266 . . . [the optical element being an attenuator]
6/268 . . . [for modal dispersion control, e.g. concatenation of light guides having different modal dispersion properties (graded index multimode fibres G02B 6/0288; multimodal transmission systems H04B 10/2581)]
with polarisation selective and adjusting means (for wavelength selection G02B 6/29302; of the integrated waveguide kind G02B 6/126; polarisation; polarisation systems in general G02B 27/28; optical polarisation multiplexing systems H04J 14/06)

6/2706 [. . . . . . [as bulk elements, i.e. free space arrangements external to a light guide, e.g. polarising beam splitters]

6/2713 [. . . . . . [cascade of polarisation selective or adjusting operations]

6/272 [. . . . . . [comprising polarisation means for beam splitting and combining]

6/2726 [. . . . . . [in or on light guides, e.g. polarisation means assembled in a light guide]

6/2733 [. . . . . . [Light guides evanescently coupled to polarisation sensitive elements]

6/274 [. . . . . . [based on light guide birefringence, e.g. due to coupling between light guides G02B 6/105; G02B 6/024 take precedence; mechanically induced birefringence G02F 1/0134]

6/2746 [. . . . . . [comprising non-reciprocal devices, e.g. isolators, FRM, circulators, quasi-isolators (magneto-optic non-reciprocal devices G02F 1/093)]

6/2753 [. . . . . . [characterised by their function or use, i.e. of the complete device]

6/276 [. . . . . . [Removing selected polarisation component of light, i.e. polarizers]

6/2766 [. . . . . . [Manipulating the plane of polarisation from one input polarisation to another output polarisation, e.g. polarisation rotators, linear to circular polarisation converters]

6/2773 [. . . . . . [Polarisation splitting or combining]

6/278 [. . . . . . [Controlling polarisation mode dispersion [PMD], e.g. PMD compensation or emulation (PMD minimised transmission systems H04B 10/2569)]

6/2786 [. . . . . . [Reducing the polarisation degree, i.e. depolarisers, scramblers, unpolarised output]

6/2793 [. . . . . . [Controlling polarisation dependent loss, e.g. polarisation insensitivity, reducing the change in polarisation degree of the output light even if the input polarisation state fluctuates]

6/28 [. . . . . . [having data bus means, i.e. plural waveguides interconnected and providing an inherently bidirectional system by mixing and splitting signals]

6/2804 [. . . . . . [forming multipart couplers without wavelength selective elements, e.g. “T” couplers, star couplers]

6/2808 [. . . . . . [using a mixing element which evenly distributes an input signal over a number of outputs]

6/2813 [. . . . . . [based on multimode interference effect, i.e. self-imaging]

6/2817 [. . . . . . [using reflective elements to split or combine optical signals]

6/2821 [. . . . . . [using lateral coupling between contiguous fibres to split or combine optical signals]

6/2826 [. . . . . . [using mechanical machining means for shaping of the couplers, e.g. grinding or polishing (grinding, polishing in general B24)]

6/283 [. . . . . . [couplers being tunable or adjustable]

6/2835 [. . . . . . [formed or shaped by thermal treatment, e.g. couplers]

2006/2839 [. . . . . . [fabricated from double or twin core fibres]

6/2843 [. . . . . . [the couplers having polarisation maintaining or holding properties (polarisation preserving light guides G02B 6/105)]

6/2848 [. . . . . . [having refractive means, e.g. imaging elements between light guides as splitting, branching and/or combining devices, e.g. lenses, holograms]

6/2852 [. . . . . . [using tapping light guides arranged sidewardly, e.g. in a non-parallel relationship with respect to the bus light guides (light extraction or launching through cladding, with or without surface discontinuities, bent structures)]

6/2856 [. . . . . . [formed or shaped by thermal heating means, e.g. splitting, branching and/or combining elements]

6/2861 [. . . . . . [using fibre optic delay lines and optical elements associated with them, e.g. for use in signal processing, e.g. filtering (delay lines in general H03H, H01P 9/00; optical computing devices G06E)]

2006/2865 [. . . . . . [couplers of the 3x3 type]

6/287 [. . . . . . [Structuring of light guides to shape optical elements with heat application (G02B 6/255 takes precedence)]

6/293 [. . . . . . [with wavelength selective means (G02B 6/02052, G02B 6/02057 take precedence); for optical elements in use, see the relevant subgroups of this subclass; optical wavelength-division multiplexing systems H04J 14/02; in or associated with an integrated waveguide arrangement G02B 6/12007; mode multiplexing G02B 6/14)]

6/29301 [. . . . . . [based on a phased array of light guides (integrated arrayed waveguide gratings G02B 6/12009)]

6/29302 [. . . . . . [based on birefringence or polarisation, e.g. wavelength dependent birefringence, polarisation interferometers]

6/29304 [. . . . . . [operating by diffraction, e.g. gratings (G02B 6/29301) takes precedence; spectrometers using gratings G01J 3/18)]

6/29305 [. . . . . . [as bulk element, i.e. free space arrangement external to a light guide]

6/29307 [. . . . . . [components assembled in or forming a solid transparent unitary block, e.g. for facilitating component alignment]

6/29308 [. . . . . . [Diffractive element having focusing properties, e.g. curved gratings (Rowland circle spectrometers G01J 3/20)]

6/2931 [. . . . . . [Diffractive element operating in reflection]
6/29311 . . . . . . . [Diffractive element operating in transmission]
6/29313 . . . . . . . [characterised by means for controlling the position or direction of light incident to or leaving the diffractive element, e.g. for varying the wavelength response (switching G02B 6/35)]
6/29314 . . . . . . . [by moving or modifying the diffractive element, e.g. deforming]
6/29316 . . . . . . . [Light guides comprising a diffractive element, e.g. grating in or on the light guide such that diffracted light is confined in the light guide G02B 6/29332, G02B 6/29335 (take precedence)]
6/29317 . . . . . . . [Light guides of the optical fibre type]
6/29319 . . . . . . . [With a cascade of diffractive elements or of diffraction operations (forming interferometer by splitting and recombining G02B 6/29347 - G02B 6/29358)]
6/2932 . . . . . . . [comprising a directional router, e.g. directional coupler, circulator]
6/29322 . . . . . . . [Diffractive elements of the tunable type (G02B 6/02195 takes precedence; optical modulation devices based on a change of the optical properties of the medium G02F 1/00)]
6/29323 . . . . . . . [Coupling to or out of the diffractive element through the lateral surface of the light guide (evanescent grating couplers G02B 6/29332)]
6/29325 . . . . . . . [of the slab or planar or plate like form, i.e. confinement in a single transverse dimension only (integrated circuit planar waveguide arrangements G02B 6/12007; specially adapted for lighting G02B 6/001)]
6/29326 . . . . . . . [Diffractive elements having focusing properties, e.g. curved gratings (Rowland circle spectrometers G01J 3/20)]
6/29328 . . . . . . . [Diffractive elements operating in reflection]
6/29329 . . . . . . . [Diffractive elements operating in transmission]
6/29331 . . . . . . . [operating by evanescent wave coupling]
6/29332 . . . . . . . [Wavelength selective couplers, i.e. based on evanescent coupling between light guides, e.g. fused fibre couplers with transverse coupling between fibres having different propagation constant wavelength dependency (non wavelength-selective light guide couplers G02B 6/288)]
6/29334 . . . . . . . [Grating-assisted evanescent light guide couplers, i.e. comprising grating at or functionally associated with the coupling region between the light guides, e.g. with a grating positioned where light fields overlap in the coupler]
6/29335 . . . . . . . [Evanescent coupling to a resonator cavity, i.e. between a waveguide mode and a resonant mode of the cavity (wavelength selective means based on resonator cavity coupled non-evanescently G02B 6/29356, G02B 6/29356)]
6/29337 . . . . . . . [Cavities of the linear kind, e.g. formed by reflectors at ends of a light guide]
6/29338 . . . . . . . [Loop resonators]
6/2934 . . . . . . . [Fibre ring resonators, e.g. fibre coils]
6/29341 . . . . . . . [Loop resonators operating in a whispering gallery mode evanescently coupled to a light guide, e.g. sphere or disk or cylinder (evanescent coupling for sensing fluorescence G01N 21/648)]
6/29343 . . . . . . . [Cascade of loop resonators]
6/29344 . . . . . . . [operating by modal interference or beating, i.e. of transverse modes, e.g. zero-gap directional coupler, MMI]
6/29346 . . . . . . . [operating by wave or beam interference (interferometers for measuring G01B 9/00)]
6/29347 . . . . . . . [Loop interferometers, e.g. Sagnac, loop mirror]
6/29349 . . . . . . . [Michelson or Michelson/Gires-Tournois configuration, i.e. based on splitting and interferometrically combining relatively delayed signals at a single beamsplitter]
6/2935 . . . . . . . [Mach-Zehnder configuration, i.e. comprising separate splitting and combining means]
6/29352 . . . . . . . [in a light guide]
6/29353 . . . . . . . [with a wavelength selective element in at least one light guide interferometer arm, e.g. grating, interference filter, resonator]
6/29355 . . . . . . . [Cascade arrangement of interferometers]
6/29356 . . . . . . . [Interference cavity within a single light guide, e.g. between two fibre gratings (G02B 6/29347 - G02B 6/2935 take precedence; evanescent coupling to a resonator cavity G02B 6/29335)]
6/29358 . . . . . . . [Multiple beam interferometers external to a light guide, e.g. Fabry-Pérot, etalon, VIPA plate, OTDL plate, continuous interferometer, parallel plate resonator (G02B 6/29347, G02B 6/29349, G02B 6/2935, G02B 6/29361 take precedence; resonator evanescently coupled to light guide G02B 6/2935)]
complete device } characterised by the function or use of the operating principle based on material combining or separating wavelengths, for multiplexing or demultiplexing, i.e. 

(G02B 6/02214 takes precedence) in an optical light guide prism utilising a bulk dispersive element, e.g. prism 

(G02B 6/02214 takes precedence) in an optical light guide 

(G02B 6/29359 takes precedence) [interference filters, e.g. multilayer coatings, thin film filters, dichroic splitters or mirrors based on multilayers, WDM filters] 

Serial cascade of filters or filtering operations, e.g. for a large number of channels 

Cascading by a light guide path between filters or filtering operations, e.g. fibre interconnected single filter modules 

in a multireflection configuration, i.e. beam following a zigzag path between filters or filtering operations 

(Zigzag path within a transparent optical block, e.g. filter deposited on an etalon, glass plate, wedge acting as a stable spacer) 

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6/3514 . . . . . . [the reflective optical element moving along a line so as to translate into and out of the beam path, i.e. across the beam path]
6/3516 . . . . . . [the reflective optical element moving along the beam path, e.g. controllable diffractive effects using multiple micromirrors within the beam]
6/3518 . . . . . . [the reflective optical element being an intrinsic part of a MEMS device, i.e. fabricated together with the MEMS device (MEMS devices in general B81B; manufacture of MEM devices in general B81C; micromechanical devices controlling the direction of light G02B 26/0833)]
6/352 . . . . . . [the reflective optical element having a shaped reflective surface, e.g. a reflective element comprising several reflective surfaces or facets that function together]
6/3522 . . . . . . [the optical element enabling or impairing total internal reflection (using evanescent coupling G02B 6/3536)]
6/3524 . . . . . . [the optical element being refractive]
6/3526 . . . . . . [the optical element being a lens]
6/3528 . . . . . . [the optical element being a prism]
6/353 . . . . . . [the optical element being a shutter, baffle, beam dump or opaque element (absorbers on light guide termination G02B 6/243)]
6/3532 . . . . . . [the optical element being a wavelength independent filter or having spatially dependent transmission properties, e.g. neutral filter or neutral density wedge substrate with plurality of density filters]
6/3534 . . . . . . [the optical element being diffractive, i.e. a grating]
6/3536 . . . . . . [involving evanescent coupling variation, e.g. by a moving element such as a membrane which changes the effective refractive index (mode converters G02B 6/14; adjustable lateral coupling between waveguides G02B 6/283; electro- optical refractive index variations G02F 1/0118)]
6/3538 . . . . . . [based on displacement or deformation of a liquid (controlling the intensity of light by displacement or deformation of a fluid in general G02B 26/0004; fluid-filled lens of variable focal length G02B 3/14)]
6/354 . . . . . . [Switching arrangements, i.e. number of input/output ports and interconnection types]
6/3542 . . . . . . [Non-blocking switch, e.g. with multiple potential paths between multiple inputs and outputs, the establishment of one switching path not preventing the establishment of further switching paths]
6/3544 . . . . . . [2D constellations, i.e. with switching elements and switched beams located in a plane]
6/3546 . . . . . . [NxM switch, i.e. a regular array of switches elements of matrix type constellation]
6/3548 . . . . . . [1xN switch, i.e. one input and a selectable single output of N possible outputs]
6/355 . . . . . . [1x2 switch, i.e. one input and a selectable single output of two possible outputs]
6/3552 . . . . . . [1x1 switch, e.g. on/off switch]
6/3554 . . . . . . [3D constellations, i.e. with switching elements and switched beams (swtiching polarized beams G02B 6/3594: power equalizers G02B 6/356 and G02B 6/3594: path setting means H04Q 11/0001)]
6/3556 . . . . . . [NxM switch, i.e. regular arrays of switches elements of matrix type constellation]
6/3558 . . . . . . [1xN switch, i.e. one input and a selectable single output of N possible outputs]
6/356 . . . . . . [in an optical cross-connect device, e.g. routing and switching aspects of interconnecting different paths propagating different wavelengths to (re)configure the various input and output links (switching polarized beams G02B 6/3594: power equalizers G02B 6/356 and G02B 6/3594: path setting means H04Q 11/0001)]
6/3562 . . . . . . [Switch of the bypass type, i.e. enabling a change of path in a network, e.g. to bypass a failed element in the network]
6/3564 . . . . . . [Mechanical details of the actuation mechanism associated with the moving element or mounting mechanism details]
6/3566 . . . . . . [involving bending a beam, e.g. with cantilever]
6/3568 . . . . . . [characterised by the actuating force]
6/357 . . . . . . [Electrostatic force (electrostatic forces controlling reflecting elements in general G02B 26/0841)]
6/3572 . . . . . . [Magnetic force (magnetic forces controlling reflecting elements in general G02B 26/085; magneto-optic devices G02F 1/09)]
6/3574 . . . . . . [Mechanical force, e.g. pressure variations]
6/3576 . . . . . . [Temperature or heat actuation (thermal forces controlling reflecting elements in general G02B 26/086; thermo-optic devices G02F 1/0147)]
6/3578 . . . . . . [Piezoelectric force (piezoelectric forces controlling reflecting elements in general G02B 26/085; piezo-optic devices G02F 1/0131)]
6/358 . . . . . . [Latching of the moving element, i.e. maintaining or holding the moving element in place once operation has been performed; includes a mechanically bistable system]
6/3582 . . . . . . [Housing means or package or arranging details of the switching elements, e.g. for thermal isolation]
6/3584 . . . . . . [constructional details of an associated actuator having a MEMS construction, i.e. constructed using semiconductor technology such as etching (MEMS per se B81B, B81C)]
6/3598 . . . . (Switching means directly located between an optoelectronic element and waveguides, including direct displacement of either the element or the waveguide, e.g. optical pulse generation (based on changing the optical properties of the medium $G02F$ 1/00; optical pulse generation in optical transmitters $H04B$ 10/15; optical pulse generation by controlling laser operation $H01S$ 3/00))

6/36 . . . . Mechanical coupling means ($G02B$ 6/06, $G02B$ 6/30, $G02B$ 6/35, $G02B$ 6/38; $G02B$ 6/255, $G02B$ 6/42 take precedence)

6/3604 . . . . [Rotary joints allowing relative rotational movement between opposing fibre or fibre bundle ends]

6/3608 . . . . [Fibre wiring boards, i.e. where fibres are embedded or attached in a pattern on or to a substrate, e.g. flexible sheets (optical ribbon cables in support members $G02B$ 6/4401)]

6/3612 . . . . [Wiring methods or machines]

6/3616 . . . . [Holders, macro size fixtures for mechanically holding or positioning fibres, e.g. on an optical bench (supporting carriers of a microbench type $G02B$ 6/3648; micromanipulators $B25J$ 7/00; cassettes, bobbins $G02B$ 6/4439)]

6/362 . . . . [Vacuum holders for optical elements]

6/3624 . . . . [Fibre head, e.g. fibre probe termination (optical details of light guide terminations $G02B$ 6/241; reshaping of light guides $G02B$ 6/2552; optical details of coupling light into or out of fibre end $G02B$ 6/262)]

6/3628 . . . . [for mounting fibres to supporting carriers ($G02B$ 6/3608, $G02B$ 6/3616 take precedence)]

6/3632 . . . . [characterised by the cross-sectional shape of the mechanical coupling means]

6/3636 . . . . . (the mechanical coupling means being grooves ($G02B$ 6/3652 takes precedence))

6/364 . . . . . [inverted grooves, e.g. dovetails]

6/3644 . . . . . [the coupling means being through-holes or wall apertures]

6/3648 . . . . . [Supporting carriers of a microbench type, i.e. with micromachined additional mechanical structures (microstructured devices per se $B81B$)]

6/3652 . . . . . [the additional structures being prepositioning mounting areas, allowing only movement in one dimension, e.g. grooves, trenches or vias in the microbench surface, i.e. self aligning supporting carriers]

6/3656 . . . . . [the additional structures being micropositioning, with micromachining elements for fine adjustment, or restricting movement, into two dimensions, e.g. cantilevers, beams, tongues or bridges with associated MEMs]

6/366 . . . . . [the additional structures allowing for adjustment or alignment in all dimensions, i.e. 3D microoptics arrangements, e.g. free space optics on the microbench, microhinges or spring latches, with associated microactuating elements for fine adjustment or alignment]

6/3664 . . . . . [2D cross sectional arrangements of the fibres]

6/3668 . . . . . [with conversion in geometry of the cross section]

6/3672 . . . . . [with fibres arranged in a regular matrix array]

6/3676 . . . . . [Stacked arrangement]

6/368 . . . . . [with pitch conversion between input and output plane, e.g. for increasing packing density]

6/3684 . . . . . [characterised by the manufacturing process of surface profiling of the supporting carrier (manufacturing microsystems per se $B81C$ 1/00015)]

6/3688 . . . . . [using laser ablation]

6/3692 . . . . . [with surface micromachining involving etching, e.g. wet or dry etching steps (surface micromachining involving subtractive techniques $B81C$ 1/00055)]

6/3696 . . . . . [by moulding, e.g. injection moulding, casting, embossing, stamping, stenciling, printing, or with metallic mould insert manufacturing using LIGA or MIGA techniques (shaping the mould surface by machining $B29C$ 33/38; moulding techniques $B29C$ 39/00; $B29C$ 43/00; $B29C$ 45/00; $B29C$ 48/00; $B29C$ 59/00; stamping, printing or embossing techniques $B81C$ 1/00444; surface micromachining using LIGA $B81C$ 2201/032)]

6/38 . . . . . having fibre to fibre mating means

6/3801 . . . . . [Permanent connections, i.e. wherein fibres are kept aligned by mechanical means (splices by bonding $G02B$ 6/255; fusion splices $G02B$ 6/2551)]

6/3802 . . . . . [Assembly tools, e.g. crimping tool or pressing bench (splicing machines $G02B$ 6/2553)]

6/3803 . . . . . [Adjustment or alignment devices for alignment prior to splicing]
6/3805 . . . . . . . {with a fibre-supporting member inclined to the bottom surface of the alignment means}

6/3806 . . . . . . . {Semi-permanent connections, i.e. wherein the mechanical means keeping the fibres aligned allow for removal of the fibres (dismountable connectors G02B 6/3867)}

6/3807 . . . . . . . {Dismountable connectors, i.e. comprising plugs}

6/3809 . . . . . . . {without a ferrule embedding the fibre end, i.e. with bare fibre end}

6/381 . . . . . . . {of the ferrule type, e.g. fibre ends embedded in ferrules, connecting a pair of fibres}

6/3812 . . . . . . . {having polarisation-maintaining light guides (light guides having polarisation effects per se G02B 6/105)}

6/3813 . . . . . . . {for transmission of high energy beam (coupling high energy sources and light guides G02B 6/4296)}

6/3814 . . . . . . . {with cooling or heat dissipation means}

6/3816 . . . . . . . {for use under water, high pressure connectors ( provisionally see G02B 6/4429 )}

6/3817 . . . . . . . {containing optical and electrical conductors (cables including electrical and optical conductors H01B 11/22; G02B 6/3816 takes precedence)}

6/3818 . . . . . . . {of a low-reflection-loss type (G02B 6/3813 takes precedence)}

6/382 . . . . . . . {with index-matching medium between light guides ( provisionally see G02B 6/4212 )}

6/3821 . . . . . . . {with axial spring biasing or loading means ( G02B 6/3847 takes precedence )}

6/3822 . . . . . . . {with beveled fibre ends}

6/3823 . . . . . . . {containing surplus lengths, internal fibre loops ( provisionally see also G02B 6/444 )}

6/3825 . . . . . . . {with an intermediate part, e.g. adapter, receptacle, linking two plugs}

6/3826 . . . . . . . {characterised by form or shape}

6/3827 . . . . . . . {Wrap-back connectors, i.e. containing a fibre having an U shape}

6/3829 . . . . . . . {Bent or angled connectors ( G02B 6/3827 takes precedence )}

6/383 . . . . . . . {Hermaphroditic connectors, i.e. two identical plugs mating with one another, each plug having both male and female diametrically opposed engaging parts; (electric hermaphroditic coupling H01R 24/84, H01R 13/28 )}

6/3831 . . . . . . . {comprising a keying element on the plug or adapter, e.g. to forbid wrong connection (keying element on the ferrule G02B 6/3851; keying element for electrical coupling H01R 13/64)}

6/3833 . . . . . . . {Details of mounting fibres in ferrules; Assembly methods; Manufacture}

6/3834 . . . . . . . {Means for centering or aligning the light guide within the ferrule}

6/3835 . . . . . . . {using discs, bushings or the like}

6/3837 . . . . . . . {forwarding or threading methods of light guides into apertures of ferrule centering means}

6/3838 . . . . . . . {using grooves for light guides}

6/3839 . . . . . . . {for a plurality of light guides}

6/3841 . . . . . . . {using rods, balls for light guides}

6/3842 . . . . . . . {for a plurality of light guides}

6/3843 . . . . . . . {with auxiliary facilities for movably aligning or adjusting the fibre within its ferrule, e.g. measuring position or eccentricity ( testing the alignment of axes, including eccentricity, G01B 11/27 )}

6/3845 . . . . . . . {ferrules comprising functional elements, e.g. filters}

6/3846 . . . . . . . {with fibre stubs}

6/3847 . . . . . . . {with means preventing fibre end damage, e.g. recessed fibre surfaces}

6/3849 . . . . . . . {using mechanical protective elements, e.g. caps, hoods, sealing membranes ( G02B 6/3816 takes precedence; provisionally see H01R 13/44 )}

6/385 . . . . . . . {Accessories for testing or observation of connectors ( means for centering or aligning the light guide within the ferrule with auxiliary facilities for movably aligning or adjusting the fibre within its ferrule, measuring position, eccentricity G02B 6/3843; mechanical features associated with the optical testing of optical fibres G01M 11/088 )}

6/3851 . . . . . . . {Ferrules having keying or coding means}

6/3853 . . . . . . . {Lens inside the ferrule ( lensed connectors G02B 6/32 )}

6/3854 . . . . . . . {Ferrules characterised by materials}

6/3855 . . . . . . . {characterised by the method of anchoring or fixing the fibre within the ferrule ( G02B 6/3854 takes precedence )}

6/3857 . . . . . . . {Crimping, i.e. involving plastic deformation}

6/3858 . . . . . . . {Clamping, i.e. with only elastic deformation}

6/3859 . . . . . . . {Ferrules characterised by use of shape memory material [SMM], e.g. heat recoverable polymers, Ti-Ni compounds ( chemical aspects of SMM see the relevant places under C08 and C22; SMM used for shaping by moulding B29C 61/00; SMM for electrical coupling H01R 4/01, H01R 4/72, H01R 12/856, H02G 15/1806 )}

6/3861 . . . . . . . {Adhesive bonding ( adhesives in general C09J )}

6/3862 . . . . . . . {radially-compressed, longitudinally-split ferrules consisting of a pair of identical matching halves}

6/3863 . . . . . . . {fabricated by using polishing techniques ( grinding of the fibre ends B24B 19/226 )}
WARNING
Not complete. See also G02B 6/4428

6/3889 . . . . . . . {encapsulating the tensile strength members in a bonding agent, e.g. adhesive, molding or casting resin}

6/389 . . . . . . . . . . . {characterised by the method of fastening connecting plugs and sockets, e.g. screw- or nut-lock, snap-in, bayonet type}

6/3891 . . . . . . . {Bayonet type}

6/3893 . . . . . . . {Push-pull type, e.g. snap-in, push-on}

6/3894 . . . . . . . {Screw-lock type}

NOTE
In this group, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:
• "opto-electronic elements" includes light emitting elements, e.g. lasers or LED’s, as well as light receiving elements, e.g. photodiodes or phototransistors

6/4201 . . . . . . . {Packages, e.g. shape, construction, internal or external details]

6/4202 . . . . . . . {for coupling an active element with fibres without intermediate optical elements, e.g. fibres with plane ends, fibres with shaped ends, bundles}

6/4203 . . . . . . . {Optical features]

6/4204 . . . . . . . {the coupling comprising intermediate optical elements, e.g. lenses, holograms (encapsulated active devices H01S 5/02208, H01L 33/52)}

6/4206 . . . . . . . {Optical features (G02B 6/4207, G02B 6/421 take precedence)}

6/4207 . . . . . . . {with optical elements reducing the sensitivity to optical feedback (anti-reflection devices specially adapted for lasers, see H01S 3/0064)}

6/4208 . . . . . . . {using non-reciprocal elements or birefringent plates, i.e. quasi-isolators (optical isolators per se G02F 1/093, G02F 1/0955)}

6/4209 . . . . . . . . . . . . . {Optical features]

6/421 . . . . . . . . . . . (the intermediate optical component consisting of a short length of fibre, e.g. fibre stub)
the intermediate optical elements being polarisation selective optical elements (G02B 6/27 takes precedence))

6/4214 . . . . . . (the intermediate optical element having redirecting reflective means, e.g. mirrors, prisms for deflecting the radiation from horizontal to down- or upward direction toward a device (G02B 6/4246 takes precedence))

6/4215 . . . . . . (the intermediate optical elements being wavelength selective optical elements, e.g. variable wavelength optical modules or wavelength lockers (G02B 6/4246 takes precedence))

6/4216 . . . . . . (incorporating polarisation-maintaining fibres (polarisation-maintaining fibres per se G02B 6/105))

6/4218 . . . . . . (Optical features)

6/4219 . . . . . . [Mechanical fixtures for holding or positioning the elements relative to each other in the couplings; Alignment methods for the elements, e.g. measuring or observing methods especially used therefor]

6/422 . . . . . . (Active alignment, i.e. moving the elements in response to the detected degree of coupling or position of the elements (G02B 6/4233, G02B 6/4234 take precedence))

6/4221 . . . . . . {involving a visual detection of the position of the elements, e.g. by using a microscope or a camera)

6/4222 . . . . . . {by observing back-reflected light

6/4224 . . . . . . {using visual alignment markings, e.g. index methods}

6/4225 . . . . . . {by a direct measurement of the degree of coupling, e.g. the amount of light power coupled to the fibre or the opto-electronic element]

6/4226 . . . . . . {Positioning means for moving the elements into alignment, e.g. alignment screws, deformation of the mount]

6/4227 . . . . . . {Active alignment methods, e.g. procedures and algorithms]

6/4228 . . . . . . {Passive alignment, i.e. without a detection of the degree of coupling or the position of the elements (G02B 6/4234 takes precedence)}

6/423 . . . . . . {using guiding surfaces for the alignment]

6/4231 . . . . . . {with intermediate elements, e.g. rods and balls, between the elements]

6/4232 . . . . . . {using the surface tension of fluid solder to align the elements, e.g. solder bump techniques (flip-chip mounting techniques in assembly of semiconductor devices H01L 24/81)
6/4273 ... [with heat insulation means to thermally decouple or restrain the heat from spreading]
6/4274 ... [Electrical aspects (G02B 6/4263 and G02B 6/4265 take precedence)]
6/4275 ... [Protection against electrostatic discharge (ESD)]
6/4277 ... [Protection against electromagnetic interference (EMI), e.g. shielding means (shielding of electric apparatus H05K 9/00), of instruments G12B 17/00)]
6/4278 ... [related to pluggable or demountable opto-electronic or electronic elements]
6/4279 ... [Radio frequency signal propagation aspects of the electrical connection, high frequency adaptations]
6/428 ... [containing printed circuit boards [PCB]]
6/4281 ... [the printed circuit boards being flexible (in general H05K 1/147)]
6/4283 ... [with electrical insulation means]
6/4284 ... [of optical modules with disconnectable electrical connectors (latching arms for electrical connectors H01R 13/627)]
6/4285 ... [Optical modules characterised by a connectorised pigtail]
6/4286 ... [Optical modules with optical power monitoring]
6/4287 ... [Optical modules with tapping or launching means through the surface of the waveguide (G02B 6/2852, G02B 6/4268 take precedence)]
6/4289 ... [by inducing bending, microbending, or macrobending, to the light guide]
6/429 ... [by surface irregularities on the light guide, e.g. by mechanical modification of the surface of the light guide on its exterior]
6/4291 ... [by accessing the evanescent field of the light guide]
6/4292 ... [the light guide being disconnectable from the opto-electronic element, e.g. mutually self aligning arrangements]
6/4293 ... [hybrid electrical and optical connections for transmitting electrical and optical signals]
6/4295 ... [coupling with semiconductor devices activated by light through the light guide, e.g. thyristors, phototransistors]
6/4296 ... [coupling with sources of high radiant energy, e.g. high power lasers, high temperature light sources]

2006/4297 ... [having protection means, e.g. protecting humans against accidental exposure to harmful laser radiation]
6/4298 ... [coupling with non-coherent light sources and/or radiation detectors, e.g. lamps, incandescent bulbs, scintillation chambers]
6/43 ... [Arrangements comprising a plurality of opto-electronic elements and associated optical interconnections (light-emissive or light-sensitive semiconductor devices H01L 27/00, H01L 31/00, H01L 33/00); (Transmitting or receiving optical signals between chips, wafers or boards; Optical backplane assemblies]

6/44 ... Mechanical structures for providing tensile strength and external protection for fibres, e.g. optical transmission cables (cables incorporating electric conductors and optical fibres {where features relating to the optical fibres are not of interest} H01B 11/22)
6/4401 ... [Optical cables]
6/4402 ... [with one single optical waveguide (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4403 ... [with ribbon structure (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4404 ... [Multi-podded]
6/4405 ... [with longitudinally spaced waveguide clamping (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4407 ... [with internal fluted support member (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4408 ... [Groove structures in support members to decrease or harmonise transmission losses in ribbon cables]
6/4409 ... [for ribbons]
6/441 ... [built up from sub-bundles (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4411 ... [Matrix structure]
6/4413 ... [Helical structure]
6/4414 ... [with internal serpentine waveguides]
6/4415 ... [Cables for special applications (G02B 6/4429, G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)]
6/4416 ... [Heterogeneous cables]
6/4417 ... [High voltage aspects, e.g. in cladding]
6/4419 ... [Protecting corona discharge]
6/442 ... [Insulators]
6/4421 ... [Insulators with helical structure of optical fibre, e.g. fibres wound around insulators]
6/4422 ... [of the overhead type]
6/4423 ... [Electro-corrosion preventing means]
6/4425 ... [Suppression of galloping oscillation]
6/4426 ... [Reducing drag caused by wired, e.g. by oval cross-section]
6/4427 ... [Pressure resistant cables, e.g. undersea cables]
6/4428 ... [Penetrator systems in pressure-resistant devices]
6/4429 ... [Strengthening and protecting features (G02B 6/449, G02B 6/4494, G02B 6/4496 take precedence)]
6/443 ... [Protective covering]
6/4432 ... [with fibre reinforcements]
6/4433 ... [Double reinforcement laying in straight line with optical transmission element]
6/4434 ... [Central member to take up tensile loads]
6/4435 ... [Corrugated mantle]
6/4436 ... [Heat resistant]
6/4438 ... [facilitating insertion by fluid drag in ducts or capillaries]
6/4439 ... [Auxiliary devices]
6/444 ... [Systems and boxes with surplus length]
6/4441 ... [([Boxes])]
6/4442 ... [Cap coupling boxes]
6/4444 ... [Seals]
G02B 6/445 . . . . . . {Divided base plates}
G02B 6/446 . . . . . . {Cableboxes}
G02B 6/447 . . . . . . {with divided shells (G02B 6/448 takes precedence)}
G02B 6/448 . . . . . . {electro-optic}
G02B 6/445 . . . . . . {with lateral pivoting cover}
G02B 6/442 . . . . . . {underground connection boxes (G02B 6/448 takes precedence)}
G02B 6/4452 . . . . . . {Distribution frames}
G02B 6/4453 . . . . . . {Cassettes}
G02B 6/4454 . . . . . . {with splices}
G02B 6/4455 . . . . . . {characterised by the way of extraction or insertion of the cassette in the distribution frame, e.g. pivoting, sliding, rotating, gliding}
G02B 6/4457 . . . . . . {Bobbins; Reels}
G02B 6/4458 . . . . . . {coiled, e.g. extensible helix}
G02B 6/4459 . . . . . . {Ducts; Conduits}
G02B 6/446 . . . . . . {Desiccating features}
G02B 6/4461 . . . . . . {articulated}
G02B 6/4463 . . . . . . {Mechanical aspects of installing cables in ducts or the like (methods or apparatus for laying electrical cables through tubing or conduit H02G 1/08)}
G02B 6/4464 . . . . . . {by fluid drag (G02B 6/4466 takes precedence)}
G02B 6/4465 . . . . . . {Pulling eyes (G02B 6/4466 takes precedence)}
G02B 6/4466 . . . . . . {for buildings}
G02B 6/4467 . . . . . . {Repair sets}
G02B 6/4469 . . . . . . {Security aspects}
G02B 6/447 . . . . . . {locatable, e.g. magnetic means (detection of buried cables G01V)}
G02B 6/4471 . . . . . . {terminating, fan-out, clamping, strain-relieving or like devices (dismountable connectors G02B 6/3807)}
G02B 6/4472 . . . . . . {Manifolds}
G02B 6/4473 . . . . . . {Three-way systems}
G02B 6/4475 . . . . . . {with provision for lateral branching (G02B 6/4495 takes precedence)}
G02B 6/4476 . . . . . . {with heat-shrinkable elements}
G02B 6/4477 . . . . . . {Strain-relieving to interior strengths element}
G02B 6/4478 . . . . . . {Bending relief}
G02B 6/4479 . . . . . . {Fabrication methods}
G02B 6/448 . . . . . . {ribbon cables}
G02B 6/4482 . . . . . . {code or colour marking}
G02B 6/4483 . . . . . . {Injection or filling devices (hydrogen absorbing materials G02B 6/4492; water blocking or hydrophobic materials G02B 6/4494)}
G02B 6/4484 . . . . . . {with desired surplus length between fibres and protection feature}
G02B 6/4485 . . . . . . {Installing in protective tubing by fluid drag}
G02B 6/4486 . . . . . . {protective covering}
G02B 6/4488 . . . . . . {with metallic tube}
G02B 6/4489 . . . . . . {of central supporting member of lobe structure}
G02B 6/449 . . . . . . {twisting}
G02B 6/4491 . . . . . . {in a lobe structure}
G02B 6/4492 . . . . . . {provided with hydrogen absorbing materials (G02B 6/4439, G02B 6/4479 take precedence)}
adapted for automatic focusing or varying magnification (automatic generation of focusing signals G02B 7/28)
by relative axial movement of several lenses, e.g. of varifocal objective lens
controlled by a microcomputer (cameras with interchangeable lenses G03B 17/14)
with movable lens means specially adapted for focusing at close distances
Adjusting pupillary distance of binocular pairs
adapted to interchange lenses (G02B 7/027 takes precedence)
Rotatable turrets
for prisms; for mirrors
(for prisms G02B 7/181 takes precedence)
with means for compensating for changes in temperature or for controlling the temperature; thermal stabilisation
with cooling or heating systems (cooling arrangements for laser mirrors H01S 3/0401)
for mirrors (G02B 7/181 takes precedence; mounting of MEMS mirrors, e.g. DMDs, G02B 26/0833) ; optical devices or arrangements using movable or deformable optical elements for controlling the intensity, colour, phase, polarisation or direction of light G02B 26/00 (; mirror arrangements in vehicles B60R 1/02)
for rotating or oscillating mirrors
(comprising means for aligning the optical axis (G02B 7/1821 takes precedence)
[Manual alignment]
(made by screws, e.g. for laser mirrors)
[Motorised alignment]
[using magnetic means]
specially adapted for very large mirrors, e.g. for astronomy, (or solar concentrators)
with means for adjusting the shape of the mirror surface (mirrors with curved faces G02B 5/10 ; for controlling the phase of light G02B 26/06, the direction of light G02B 26/0825)
Membrane mirrors (not in use, see G02B 26/06, G02B 26/0825)
with means for minimising internal mirror stresses [not in use]
Fluid-cooled mirrors (not in use, see G02B 7/181)
with means for adjusting the mirror relative to its support (G02B 7/1822 takes precedence)
Light-tight connections for movable optical elements
Extensible connections, e.g. bellows
Pivoted connections
Systems for automatic generation of focusing signals (measuring distance per se G01C, G01S; using such signals to control focus of particular apparatus, see the subclasses for the apparatus, e.g. G03B, G03F [H04N])
(Autofocusing of zoom lenses)
(including two or more different focus detection devices, e.g. both an active and a passive focus detecting device)
(including a sight line detecting device)
using parallactic triangle with a base line
using a scanner
using active means, e.g. light emitter (including both an active and a passive focus detecting device G02B 7/285; using ultrasound G02B 7/40)
using different areas in a pupil plane
[light beam separating prisms]
[using horizontal and vertical areas in the pupil plane, i.e. wide area autofocusing]
using image sharpness techniques, (e.g. image processing techniques for generating autofocus signals (in cameras having a solid state image sensor H04N 5/23212; image data processing per G06I1)]
(by analysis of the spatial frequency components of the image)
measured at different points on the optical axis (e.g. focussing on two or more planes and comparing image data)
using time delay of the reflected waves, e.g. of ultrasonic waves

9/00 Optical objectives characterised both by the number of the components and their arrangements according to their sign, i.e. + or - (G02B 15/00 takes precedence)

9/02 having one + component only (simple lenses G02B 3/00)
9/04 having two components only
9/06 two + components
9/08 arranged about a stop
9/10 one + and one - component
9/12 having three components only
9/14 arranged + + +
9/16 all the components being simple
9/18 only one component having a compound lens (G02B 9/30 takes precedence)
9/20 the rear component having the compound
9/22 the middle component having the compound
9/24 two of the components having compound lenses (G02B 9/30 takes precedence)
9/26 the front and rear components having compound lenses
9/28 the middle and rear components having compound lenses
9/30 the middle component being a - compound meniscus having a + lens
9/32 the + lens being a meniscus
9/34 having four components only
9/36 arranged + + +

NOTE
In sub-groups G02B 9/38, G02B 9/44 - G02B 9/56 the first mentioned applicable sub-group takes precedence over later-mentioned sub-groups.
9/52 . . . the rear + component being compound
9/54 . . . the front + component being compound
9/56 . . . all components being simple lenses
9/58 . . . arranged + + +
9/60 . having five components only
9/62 . having six components only
9/64 . having more than six components

13/00 Optical objectives specially designed for the purposes specified below (with variable magnification { in general } G02B 15/00)

NOTE

Unless specified in the title of the subgroups, this group and its subgroups do not cover objectives comprising reflecting surfaces, which are covered by G02B 17/06, G02B 17/08 and their subgroups

13/0005 . { having F-Theta characteristic (scanning systems employing movable or deformable optical elements G02B 26/10) }
13/001 . { Miniaturised objectives for electronic devices, e.g. portable telephones, webcams, PDAs, small digital cameras (G02B 23/243 takes precedence) }
13/0015 . { characterised by the lens design }
13/002 . { having at least one aspherical surface (aspherical lenses per se G02B 3/02) }

NOTE

When classifying in this group, a lens is deemed to be a simple lens or a compound lens

13/0025 . . . { having one lens only }
13/003 . . . { having two lenses }
13/0035 . . . { having three lenses }
13/004 . . . { having four lenses }
13/0045 . . . { having five or more lenses }
13/005 . . . { having spherical lenses only }
13/0055 . . . { employing a special optical element }
13/006 . . . { at least one element being a compound optical element, e.g. cemented elements }
13/0065 . . . { having a beam-folding prism or mirror }
13/007 . . . { the beam folding prism having at least one curved surface }
13/0075 . . . { having an element with variable optical properties }
13/008 . . . { designed for infrared light }
13/0085 . . . { employing wafer level optics (lens arrays per se G02B 3/006) }
13/009 . . . { having zoom function (zoom lenses per se G02B 15/00) }
13/0095 . { Relay lenses or rod lenses (in instruments for viewing the inside of hollow bodies G02B 23/2446) }
13/02 . Telephoto objectives, i.e. systems of the type + - in which the distance from the front vertex to the image plane is less than the equivalent focal length
13/04 . Reversed telephoto objectives
13/06 . Panoramic objectives; So-called "sky lenses" { including panoramic objectives having reflecting surfaces }
13/08 . Anamorphic objectives
13/10 . . . involving prisms (G02B 13/12 takes precedence)
13/12 . . . with variable magnification
13/14 . . . for use with infra-red or ultra-violet radiation ((G02B 13/08, ] G02B 13/16 take precedence)
13/143 . . . { for use with ultra-violet radiation }
13/146 . . . { with corrections for use in multiple wavelength bands, such as infra-red and visible light, e.g. FLIR systems }
13/16 . . . for use in conjunction with image converters or intensifiers {, or for use with projectors, e.g. objectives for projection TV }
13/18 . . . with lenses having one or more non-spherical faces, e.g. for reducing geometrical aberration (G02B 13/02 takes precedence)
13/20 . . . Soft-focus objectives (diffusing elements in general G02B 5/02)
13/22 . . . Telecentric objectives or lens systems
13/24 . . . for reproducing or copying at short object distances
13/26 . . . for reproducing with unit magnification

15/00 Optical objectives with means for varying the magnification (anamorphic objectives G02B 13/08)
15/02 . by changing, adding, or subtracting a part of the objective, e.g. convertible objective
15/04 . . . by changing a part
15/06 . . . by changing the front part
15/08 . . . by changing the rear part
15/10 . . . by adding a part, e.g. close-up attachment
15/12 . . . by adding telescopic attachments (G02B 15/14 takes precedence)
15/14 . . . by axial movement of one or more lenses or groups of lenses relative to the image plane for continuously varying the equivalent focal length of the objective
15/15 . . . compensation by means of only one movement or by means of only linearly related movements, e.g. optical compensation
15/155 . . . { Zoom lenses arranged symmetrically around a central plane, e.g. a diaphragm-containing plane }
15/16 . . . with interdependent non-linearly related movements between one lens or lens group, and another lens or lens group (G02B 15/177 takes precedence)
15/161 . . . { Zoom lenses having only two lenses or lens groups }
15/163 . . . having a first movable lens or lens group and a second movable lens or lens group, both in front of a fixed lens or lens group (G02B 15/177 takes precedence)
15/167 . . . having an additional fixed front lens or group of lenses
15/17 . . . . . . arranged +--
15/173 . . . . . . arranged +--
15/177 . . . . having a negative front lens or group of lenses
15/20 . . . having an additional movable lens or lens group for varying the objective focal length
15/22 . . . with movable lens means specially adapted for focusing at close distances
15/24 . . . having a front fixed lens or lens group and two movable lenses or lens groups in front of a fixed lens or lens group
15/26 . . . . . . arranged +++
15/28 . . . . . . arranged ++
Systems with reflecting surfaces, with or without refracting elements (microscopes G02B 21/00; telescopes, periscopes G02B 23/00; for beam splitting or combining G02B 27/10; for optical projection G02B 27/18)

[Arrays of reflective systems]

(Systems comprising a plurality of reflections between two or more surfaces, e.g. cells, resonators (multipass arrangements for optical cuvettes G02B 19/01; laser resonators H01S 3/05))

(Systems in which light light is reflected on a plurality of parallel surfaces, e.g. louvre mirrors, total internal reflection (TIR) lenses (Fresnel mirrors G02B 5/09; Fresnel lenses G02B 3/08))

(Systems specially adapted to form image relays or chained systems)

(Systems specially adapted to form image erecting and reversing system)

[for extending or folding an optical path, e.g. delay lines]

(having static image erecting or reversing properties only G02B 17/0643 takes precedence; optical derotators G02B 27/642; optical devices for controlling the direction of light using movable or deformable optical elements G02B 26/08)

(using prisms only)

(having static image erecting or reversing properties only (optical derotators G02B 27/642; optical devices for controlling the direction of light using movable or deformable optical elements G02B 26/08))

(using mirrors only, i.e. having only one curved mirror (used in non-imaging applications G02B 19/00))

(using two curved mirrors (G02B 17/0668, G02B 17/0694 takes precedence))

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

[off-axis or unobscured systems in which all of the mirrors share a common axis of rotational symmetry]

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

(using three curved mirrors (G02B 17/0668, G02B 17/0694 take precedence))

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(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

[off-axis or unobscured systems in which all of the mirrors share a common axis of rotational symmetry]

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

(using more than three curved mirrors (G02B 17/0668, G02B 17/0694 take precedence))

(on-axis systems with at least one of the mirrors having a central aperture)

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Condensers, {e.g. light collectors or similar non-imaging optics} (for microscopes G02B 21/00)

19/0004.  [characterised by the optical means employed]
19/0009.  [having refractive surfaces only]
19/0014.  [at least one surface having optical power]
19/0019.  [having reflective surfaces only (e.g. louvre systems, systems with multiple planar reflectors)]
19/0023.  [at least one surface having optical power]
19/0028.  [refractive and reflective surfaces, e.g. non-imaging catadioptric systems]
19/0033.  [characterised by the use]
19/0038.  [for use with ambient light (G02B 19/009, G02B 19/0095 take precedence)]
19/0042.  [for use with direct solar radiation]
19/0047.  [for use with a light source (G02B 19/009, G02B 19/0095 take precedence; details of lighting devices in general F21V; semiconductor lasers having optical devices external to the laser cavity H01S 3/005)]
19/0052.  [the light source comprising a laser diode (coupling into light guides using intermediate optical elements G02B 6/4204; semiconductor lasers having optical devices external to the laser cavity H01S 5/005)]
19/0057.  [in the form of a laser diode array, e.g. laser diode bar (semiconductor laser arrays with beam combining arrangement H01S 5/4012)]
19/0061.  [the light source comprising a LED (semiconductor devices with at least one potential-jump barrier or surface barrier specially adapted for light emission H01L 33/00)]
19/0066.  [in the form of an LED array]
19/0071.  [adapted to illuminate a complete hemisphere or a plane extending 360 degrees around the source]
19/0076.  [for use with a detector (G02B 19/009, G02B 19/0095 take precedence)]
19/008.  [adapted to collect light from a complete hemisphere or a plane extending 360 degrees around the detector]
19/0085.  [for use with both a detector and a source (e.g. in a transceiver, G02B 19/009, G02B 19/0095 take precedence)]
19/009.  [for use with infra-red radiation]
19/0095.  [for use with ultra-violet radiation]

21/00 Microscopes (eyepieces G02B 25/00; polarising systems G02B 27/28; measuring microscopes G01B 9/04; microtomes G01N 1/06; scanning-probe techniques or apparatus G01Q)

21/0004.  [specially adapted for specific applications]
21/0008.  [Microscopes having a simple construction, e.g. portable microscopes]
21/0012.  [Surgical microscopes (counterbalanced structures for surgical microscopes G02B 7/001)]
21/0016.  [Technical microscopes, e.g. for inspection or measuring in industrial production processes]
21/002.  [Scanning microscopes (scanning near field optical microscopes G01Q 60/18)]
21/0024.  [Confocal scanning microscopes (CSOMs) or confocal “macrosopes”; Accessories which are not restricted to use with CSOMs, e.g. sample holders]

Note

Objective revolvers or the like are classified in other groups of G02B 21/00

21/0028.  [specially adapted for specific applications, e.g. for endoscopes, ophthalmoscopes, attachments to conventional microscopes]
21/0032.  [Optical details of illumination, e.g. lightsources, pinholes, beam splitters, slits, fibers (G02B 21/0036 - G02B 21/008; means for illumination of specimens in general G02B 21/06)]
21/0036.  [Scanning details, e.g. scanning stages]
21/004.  [fixed arrays, e.g. switchable aperture arrays]
21/0044.  [moving apertures, e.g. Nipkow disks, rotating lens arrays]
21/0048.  [scanning mirrors, e.g. rotating or galvanomirrors, MEMS mirrors]
21/0052.  [Optical details of the image generation]
21/0056.  [based on optical coherence, e.g. phase-contrast arrangements, interference arrangements]
21/006.  [focusing arrangements; selection of the plane to be imaged]
21/0064.  [multi-spectral or wavelength-selective arrangements, e.g. wavelength fan-out, chromatic profiling (G02B 21/0076 takes precedence)]
21/0068.  [arrangements using polarisation]
21/0072.  [details concerning resolution or correction, including general design of CSOM objectives]
21/0076.  [arrangements using fluorescence or luminescence]
data processing per se
control and data processing arrangements (image imaging or video purposes including associated
G06T

takes precedence) { or digital
microscopes (G02B 21/36, G02B 21/362 take precedence)}

21/04... involving mirrors
21/06... Means for illuminating specimens
21/08... Condensers
21/082... {for incident illumination only}
21/084... {having annular illumination around the objective}
21/086... {for transillumination only}
21/088... {for both incident illumination and transillumination}
21/10... affording dark-field illumination (G02B 21/14 and G02B 21/125 take precedence)
21/12... affording bright-field illumination (G02B 21/14 takes precedence)
21/125... {affording both dark- and bright-field illumination}
21/14... affording illumination for phase-contrast observation
21/16... adapted for ultra-violet illumination (; Fluorescence microscopes (G02B 21/0076 takes precedence))
21/18... Arrangements with more than one light path, e.g. for comparing two specimens
21/20... Binocular arrangements
21/22... Stereoscopic arrangements
21/24... Base structure
21/241... {Devices for focusing (focusing in general G02B 7/28)}
21/242... {with coarse and fine adjustment mechanism}
21/244... {using image analysis techniques}
21/245... {using auxiliary sources, detectors}
21/247... {Differential detectors}
21/248... {objective (or ocular) turrets}
21/26... Stages; Adjusting means therefor
21/28... with cooling device
21/30... with heating device
21/32... Micromanipulators structurally combined with microscopes
21/33... Immersion oils {, or microscope systems or objectives for use with immersion fluids}
21/34... Microscope slides, e.g. mounting specimens on microscope slides (preparing specimens for investigation G01N 1/28; means for supporting the objects or the materials to be analysed in electron microscopes H01J 37/20)
21/36... arranged for photographic purposes or projection purposes (G02B 21/18 takes precedence) {or digital imaging or video purposes including associated control and data processing arrangements (image data processing per se G06T)}
21/361... {Optical details, e.g. image relay to the camera or image sensor (G02B 21/364 takes precedence; illumination details G02B 21/06 and subgroups)}
21/362... {Mechanical details, e.g. mountings for the camera or image sensor, housings (G02B 21/364 takes precedence)}
21/364... {Projection microscopes}
21/365... {Control or image processing arrangements for digital or video microscopes (G02B 21/36, G02B 21/362 take precedence)}
21/367... {providing an output produced by processing a plurality of individual source images, e.g. image tiling, montage, composite images, depth sectioning, image comparison}
21/368... {details of associated display arrangements, e.g. mounting of LCD monitor}

23/00 Telescopes, e.g. binoculars; Periscopes; Instruments for viewing the inside of hollow bodies (diagnostic instruments A61B); Viewfinders (objectives G02B 9/00, G02B 13/00, G02B 15/00, G02B 17/00; eyepieces G02B 25/00; Optical aiming or sighting devices (non-optical aspects of weapon aiming or sighting devices F41G)

23/02... involving prisms or mirrors (G02B 23/14 takes precedence)
23/04... {for the purpose of beam splitting or combining, e.g. fitted with eyepieces for more than one observer (G02B 23/10 takes precedence)
23/06... having a focussing action, e.g. parabolic mirror
23/08... {Periscopes (arrangements on floating structures of underwater viewing devices B63C 11/49; arrangement of visual watch equipment on submarines B63G 8/38)}
23/10... {reflecting into the field of view additional indications, e.g. from collimator (collimators in general G02B 27/30; graticules G02B 27/34)
23/105... { (Sighting devices with light source and collimating reflector (reflecting sights for small arms having light source F41G 1/34)
23/12... {with means for image conversion or intensification (objectives for image conversion or intensification G02B 13/16; electrical image converters with optical input and optical output H01J 31/50)
23/125... { (head-mounted)
23/14... {Viewfinders (for photographic apparatus G02B 13/02)
23/145... { (Zoom viewfinders)
23/16... {Housings; Caps; Mountings; Supports, e.g. with counterweight {cases or receptacles A45C {; for submarine periscopes G02B 23/08))
23/165... { (Equatorial mounts)
23/18... {for binocular arrangements { (focusing binocular pairs G02B 7/06; adjusting pupillary distance of binocular pairs G02B 7/12)
23/20... {Collapsible housings (G02B 23/18 takes precedence)
23/22... {Underwater equipment { (for submarine periscopes G02B 23/08; arrangements on floating structures of underwater viewing devices B63C 11/49; arrangement of visual watch equipment on submarines B63G 8/38)}

NOTE
This group covers housings, mountings, supports or the like for underwater equipment other than periscopes
light sources H01S 3/10
or arrangements, the optical operation of which is
for measuring characteristics of light G01J
the control of light order F21V
intensity, colour, phase, polarisation or direction
or deformable optical elements for controlling the
Optical devices or arrangements using movable
(simple lenses G02B 3/00)
Eyepieces: Magnifying glasses
{Magnifying glasses}
{having binocular arrangement}
{with means for adjusting the magnifying
glass or the object viewed (G02B 25/004 takes precedence)}
{comprising other optical elements than lenses
(G02B 25/004, G02B 25/005 take precedence)}
{comprising two or more lenses
(G02B 25/004 - G02B 25/007 take precedence)}
{with means for illuminating object viewed}
affording a wide-angle view, e.g. through a spy-hole
Optical devices or arrangements using movable
or deformable optical elements for controlling the intensity, colour, phase, polarisation or direction of light, e.g. switching, gating, modulating
(mechanically operable parts of lighting devices for the control of light order F21V; specially adapted for measuring characteristics of light G01J; devices or arrangements, the optical operation of which is modified by changing the optical properties of the medium of the devices or arrangements G02F 1/00; control of light in general G05D 25/00; control of light sources H01S 3/10, H05B 37/00 - H05B 43/00)
{based on interference in an adjustable optical cavity (interference filters G02B 5/28; devices or arrangements using multiple reflections in spectrometry or monochromators G011 3/26)}
{the movement or the deformation controlling the
frequency of light, e.g. by Doppler effect}
{based on a displacement or a deformation of a fluid}
{based on electrowetting}
{the movable or deformable optical element
controlling the colour, i.e. a spectral characteristic,
of the light}
{in the form of devices for effecting sequential
colour changes, e.g. colour wheels}
{for controlling the intensity of light
(G02B 26/004 takes precedence)}
{comprising movable attenuating elements, e.g.
normal density filters}
{based on the rotation of particles under the
influence of an external field, e.g. gyros, twisting ball displays (based on orientable dipolar particles G02F 1/172; based on electrophoresis G02F 1/167)}
{by periodically varying the intensity of light,
e.g. using choppers (shutters, diaphragms for cameras G03B 9/00; devices for eliminating or reducing the effect of flicker in projection systems G03B 21/40)}
{controlling the phase of light
(G02B 26/08 takes precedence, measuring optical phase difference G011 9/001)}
{controlling the direction of light (in light guides
G02B 6/35)}
{by means of one or more diffracting elements}
{by means of one or more reflecting elements}
{the reflecting element being a flexible sheet or membrane, e.g. for varying the focus (flexible mirrors for cosmetic use A45D 42/24)}
{the reflecting element being a micromechanical device, e.g. a MEMS mirror, DMD (G02B 26/0825 takes precedence); micromechanical devices in general B81B)}
{the reflecting element being moved or
deformed by electrostatic means}
{the reflecting means being moved or
deformed by electromagnetic means}
{the reflecting means being moved or
deformed by piezoelectric means}
{the reflecting means being moved or
deformed by thermal means}
{by means of one or more refracting elements}
{the refracting element being a prism}
{forming an optical wedge}
{Scanning systems (for special applications,
see the relevant places, e.g. G03B 27/32
G03F 7/20), G03G 15/04, G09G 3/00, H04N}
{with both horizontal and vertical deflecting means, e.g. raster or XY scanners (colour television using laser beams scanning a display screen H04N 9/3129)}
{having movable or deformable optical
fibres, light guides or waveguides as scanning elements (light guides per se G02B 6/00)}
{with one or more pivoting mirrors or galvano-
mirrors (G02B 26/101 takes precedence)}
{having diffraction gratings as scanning
elements, e.g. holographic scanners
(holographic optical elements G02B 5/32, holography G03H)}
{having one or more prisms as scanning elements}
{using multifaceted mirrors}
{Mechanical drive devices for polygonal mirrors}
{Control of the scanning speed of the
polygonal mirror}
{Multibeam scanners, e.g. using multiple light sources or beam splitters}
G02B

26/124 . . . [Details of the optical system between the light source and the polygonal mirror (G02B 26/123, G02B 26/127 take precedence)]

26/125 . . . [Details of the optical system between the polygonal mirror and the image plane (G02B 26/123, G02B 26/127 take precedence; F-Theta lenses G02B 13/0005)]

26/126 . . . [including curved mirrors]

26/127 . . . [Adaptive control of the scanning light beam, e.g. using the feedback from one or more detectors (G02B 27/0021 takes precedence)]

26/128 . . . [Focus control]

26/129 . . . [Systems in which the scanning light beam is repeatedly reflected from the polygonal mirror]

27/00 Other optical systems; Other optical apparatus (means for bringing about special optical effects in shop-windows, showcases A47F, e.g. A47F 11/06; optical toys A63H 33/22; designs or pictures characterised by special light effects B44F 1/00)

27/0006 . [with means to keep optical surfaces clean, e.g. by preventing or removing dirt, stains, contamination, condensation (G02B 1/18 takes precedence; cleaning in general B05B)]

27/0012 . [Optical design, e.g. procedures, algorithms, optimisation routines]

27/0018 . [with means for preventing ghost images (anti-reflection coatings G02B 1/11)]

27/0025 . [for optical correction, e.g. distortion, aberration]

27/0031 . [for scanning purposes]

27/0037 . [with diffracting elements (G02B 27/0056 takes precedence; holographic optical elements G02B 5/32; zone systems G02B 5/1876)]

27/0043 . [in projection exposure systems, e.g. microlithographic systems]

27/005 . [for correction of secondary colour or higher-order chromatic aberrations]

27/0056 . [by using a diffractive optical element]

27/0062 . [by controlling the dispersion of a lens material, e.g. adapting the relative partial dispersion]

27/0068 . [having means for controlling the degree of correction, e.g. using phase modulators, movable elements (controlling the phase of light using moving or deforming elements G02B 26/06)]

27/0075 . [with means for altering, e.g. increasing, the depth of field or depth of focus]

WARNING
Not complete, see also G02B 27/00

27/0081 . [with means for altering, e.g. enlarging, the entrance or exit pupil]

27/0087 . [Phased arrays]

27/0093 . [with means for monitoring data relating to the user, e.g. head-tracking, eye-tracking]

27/01 . Head-up displays

NOTE
Details of head-up displays covered by G02B 27/01 but not provided for in this group are also to be classified under G02B 27/01 and subgroups

27/0101 . . . [characterised by optical features (G02B 27/0172 takes precedence)]

27/0103 . . . [comprising holographic elements]

2027/0105 . . . [Holograms with particular structures]

2027/0107 . . . [with optical power]

2027/0109 . . . [comprising details concerning the making of holograms]

2027/011 . . . [comprising device for correcting geometrical aberrations, distortion]

2027/0112 . . . [comprising device for generating colour display]

2027/0114 . . . [comprising dichroic elements]

2027/0116 . . . [comprising devices for correcting chromatic aberration]

2027/0118 . . . [comprising devices for improving the contrast of the display / brilliance control visibility]

2027/012 . . . [comprising devices for attenuating parasitic image effects]

2027/0121 . . . [Parasitic image effect attenuation by suitable positioning of the parasitic images]

2027/0123 . . . [comprising devices increasing the field of view]

2027/0125 . . . [Field-of-view increase by wavefront division]

2027/0127 . . . [comprising devices increasing the depth of field]

2027/0129 . . . [comprising devices for correcting parallax]

2027/013 . . . [comprising a combiner of particular shape, e.g. curvature]

2027/0132 . . . [comprising binocular systems]

2027/0134 . . . [of stereoscopic type]

2027/0136 . . . [with a single image source for both eyes]

2027/0138 . . . [comprising image capture systems, e.g. camera]

2027/014 . . . [comprising information/image processing systems]

2027/0141 . . . [characterised by the informative content of the display]

2027/0143 . . . [the two eyes not being equipped with identical nor symmetrical optical devices]

2027/0145 . . . [creating an intermediate image]

2027/0147 . . . [comprising a device modifying the resolution of the displayed image]

2027/0149 . . . [characterised by mechanical features (G02B 27/0176 takes precedence)]

2027/015 . . . [involving arrangement aiming to get less bulky devices]

2027/0152 . . . [involving arrangement aiming to get lighter or better balanced devices]

2027/0154 . . . [with movable elements]

2027/0156 . . . [with optionally usable elements]

2027/0158 . . . [with adjustable nose pad]

2027/0159 . . . [with mechanical means other than scanning means for positioning the whole image]

2027/0161 . . . [characterised by the relative positioning of the constitutive elements]

2027/0163 . . . [Electric or electronic control thereof]

2027/0165 . . . [associated with a head-down display]

2027/0167 . . . [Emergency system, e.g. to prevent injuries]
27/0169 . . . [Supporting or connecting means other than the external walls]
27/017 . . . [Head mounted]
27/0172 . . . [characterised by optical features]
27/0174 . . . . [holographic]
27/0176 . . . [characterised by mechanical features]
27/0178 . . . . [Eyeglass type, eyeglass details G02C]
27/0179 . . . . [Display position adjusting means not related to the information to be displayed]
27/0181 . . . . [Adaptation to the pilot/driver]
27/0183 . . . . [Adaptation to parameters characterising the motion of the vehicle]
27/0185 . . . . [Displaying image at variable distance]
27/0187 . . . . [slaved to motion of at least a part of the body of the user, e.g. head, eye]
27/0189 . . . . [Sight systems]
27/019 . . . . [comprising reticules formed by a mask]
27/0192 . . . . [Supplementary details]
27/0194 . . . . [with combiner of laminated type, for optical or mechanical aspects]
27/0196 . . . . [having transparent supporting structure for display mounting, e.g. to a window or a windshield]
27/0198 . . . . [System for aligning or maintaining alignment of an image in a predetermined direction]
27/02 . . . . . [Viewing or reading apparatus (stereoscopic systems per se G02B 27/22; of the projection type G03B; slide-changing apparatus G03B)]
27/021 . . . . . [Reading apparatus]
27/022 . . . . . [Viewing apparatus (G02B 27/04, G02B 27/06, G02B 27/08 take precedence)]
27/023 . . . . . [for viewing X-ray images using image converters, e.g. radioscopes (X-ray screens G21K 4/00; X-ray image conversion tubes H01J 31/50; circuit arrangements for X-ray apparatus incorporating image intensifiers H05G 1/64)]
27/024 . . . . . [comprising a light source, e.g. for viewing photographic slides, X-ray transparencies (G02B 27/023, and photographic, cine and overhead projectors G03B 21/00 and subgroups)]
27/025 . . . . . [and magnifying means]
27/026 . . . . . [and a display device, e.g. CRT, LCD, for adding markings or signs or to enhance the contrast of the viewed object]
27/027 . . . . . [comprising magnifying means (G02B 27/023, G02B 27/025, G02B 27/04, G02B 27/06 and G02B 27/08 take precedence)]
27/028 . . . . . [characterised by the supporting structure]
27/029 . . . . . [having collapsible parts]
27/06 . . . . . with moving picture effect
27/08 . . . . . Kaleidoscopes
27/09 . . . . . Beam shaping, e.g. changing the cross-sectional area, not otherwise provided for [(adapting the beam shape of a laser diode G02B 19/0052; adapting the beam shape of an LED G02B 19/0061; coupling into light guides using intermediate optical elements G02B 6/4204; beam shaping specially adapted for lasers H01S 3/005)]
27/0905 . . . . . [Dividing and/or superposing multiple light beams]
27/0911 . . . . . [Anamorphic systems]
27/12 operating by refraction only
27/123 The splitting element being a lens or a system of lenses, including arrays and surfaces with refractive power
27/126 The splitting element being a prism or prismatic array, including systems based on total internal reflection
27/14 operating by reflection only
27/141 using dichroic mirrors
27/142 Coating structures, e.g., thin films multilayers
27/143 using macroscopically faceted or segmented reflective surfaces
27/144 using partially transparent surfaces without spectral selectivity (G02B 27/147 takes precedence)
27/145 having sequential partially reflecting surfaces
27/146 having a tree or branched structure
27/147 using averaging effects by spatially variable reflectivity on a microscopic level, e.g., polka dots, chequered or discontinuous patterns, or rapidly moving surfaces (G02B 27/1086 takes precedence)
27/148 including stacked surfaces having at least one double-pass partially reflecting surface
27/149 using crossed beamsplitting surfaces, e.g., cross-dichroic cubes or X-cubes
27/16 used as aids for focusing
27/18 for optical projection, e.g., combination of mirror and condenser and objective ((photographic, cine and overhead projectors G03B 21/00); photographic projection printing G03B 27/32; photolithographic projectors G03F 7/20); projection television H04N 5/74; colour projection television H04N 9/31)
27/20 for imaging minute objects, e.g., light-pointer
27/22 for producing stereoscopic or other three dimensional effects (in microscopes G02B 21/22; viewing apparatus G02B 27/02; stereoscopic television H04N 13/00)
27/2207 (stereoscopic devices based on anaglyph techniques)
27/2214 involving lenticular arrays or parallax barriers
27/2221 giving the psychological impression of depth to the observer of a single two dimensional image
27/2228 Stereoscopes or similar systems based on providing first and second images situated at first and second locations, said images corresponding to parallactically displaced views of the same object, and presenting the first and second images to an observer's left and right eyes respectively (G02B 27/2207, G02B 27/2264, G02B 27/27/298 take precedence)
27/2235 including reflecting surfaces in the optical path between the images and the observer
27/2242 including refractive beam deviating means, e.g., wedges, prisms, in the optical path between the images and the observer
27/225 [of the autostereoscopic type, i.e., left and right images projected to the left and right eyes of an observer who is not required to view the images through optical systems placed adjacent to the eyes (autostereoscopic systems involving lenticular arrays or parallax barriers G02B 27/2214)]
27/2257 Collapsible stereoscopes
27/2264 involving time multiplexing, e.g., using sequentially activated left and right shutters
27/2271 the image being built up from image elements distributed over a three dimensional volume, e.g., by scanning the volume with modulated beams of radiation
27/2278 the volume being constructed from a stack or sequence of two dimensional planes, e.g. depth sampling systems
27/2285 the volume being generated by a moving, e.g., vibrating or rotating, two-dimensional surface
27/2292 involving projecting an aerial or floating image
27/24 involving reflecting prisms and mirrors only
27/26 involving polarising means
27/28 for polarising (used in stereoscopes G02B 27/26)
27/281 for attenuating light intensity, e.g., comprising rotatable polarising elements
27/283 for beam splitting or combining
27/285 comprising arrays of elements, e.g., microprisms
27/286 for controlling or changing the state of polarisation, e.g., transforming one polarisation state into another (G02B 5/3083 takes precedence; light guide coupling means utilising polarising elements G02B 6/34)
27/288 Filters employing polarising elements, e.g., Lyot or Solc filters (G02B 5/3016 takes precedence)
27/30 Collimators
27/32 Fiducial marks and measuring scales within the optical system
27/34 illuminated
27/36 adjustable
27/40 Optical focusing aids (beam splitting or combining systems G02B 27/10)
27/42 Diffraction optics, i.e., systems including a diffractive element being designed for providing a diffractive effect (G02B 27/60 takes precedence)
27/4205 having a diffractive optical element [DOE] contributing to image formation, e.g., whereby modulation transfer function MTF or optical aberrations are relevant
27/4211 correcting chromatic aberrations (G02B 27/0056, G02B 27/4222, G02B 27/4227 take precedence)
27/4216 correcting geometrical aberrations
27/4222 in projection exposure systems, e.g., photolithographic systems
27/4227 in image scanning systems
having a diffractive element [DOE] contributing to a non-imaging application (diffusers having a diffractive element G02B 5/0252; filters having a diffractive element G02B 5/203; systems for controlling the direction of light having diffractive elements G02B 26/0808; scanning systems having diffractive elements G02B 26/106; beam shaping systems using diffractive optical elements G02B 27/0944; beam splitting or combining systems operating by diffraction G02B 27/1086)

having a diffractive element with major polarization dependent properties

having plural diffractive elements positioned sequentially along the optical path

being separated by an air space

having a diffractive element with major temperature dependent properties

having uniform diffraction efficiency over a large spectral bandwidth

in multispectral systems, e.g. UV and visible

Grating systems; Zone plate systems (G02B 27/46 takes precedence; beam splitting or combining systems operating by diffraction only G02B 27/1086; spectrometry G01J)

Systems using spatial filters (character recognition G06K 9/00)

NOTE
In this group, the filter may be in any plane, e.g. the image or the Fourier transfer plane.

Laser speckle optics; {Speckle reduction arrangements} (speckle suppression in holography G03H 1/32)

Optics for phase object visualisation

Phase contrast optics (in microscopes G02B 21/14)

Schlieren-optical systems

Optics using evanescent waves, i.e. inhomogeneous waves

Optics for apodization or superresolution; Optical synthetic aperture systems

Systems using moiré fringes (means for converting the output of a sensing member using diffraction gratings G01D 5/38)

Optical apparatus specially adapted for adjusting optical elements during the assembly of optical systems (adjusting means being part of the system to be assembled G02B 7/00)

Imaging systems using optical elements for stabilisation of the lateral and angular position of the image (focusing systems G02B 7/04)