### **CPC** COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

### G PHYSICS

(NOTES omitted)

### **INSTRUMENTS**

### G04 HOROLOGY

# **G04C ELECTROMECHANICAL CLOCKS OR WATCHES** (mechanical parts of clocks or watches in general <u>G04B</u>; electronic time-pieces with no moving parts, electronic circuitry for producing timing pulses <u>G04G</u>)

### NOTE

This subclass <u>covers</u> electric features of mechanically-driven clocks or watches, such as electric winding of such clocks or the provision of electric contacts thereon.

### WARNING

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.

	<u>Electric winding of mechanical clocks; Independent electric</u> clocks or watches		<ul> <li>{Electromechanical switches for setting or display (in general <u>H01H</u>)}</li> </ul>
1/00	Winding mechanical clocks electrically (winding mechanically <u>G04B 3/00</u> {; electrical winding of spring driven arrangements for grammophones <u>G11B 19/20</u> })	3/002 3/004 3/005	<ul> <li>{Position, e.g. inclination dependent switches}</li> <li>{Magnetically controlled}</li> <li>{Multiple switches (<u>G04C 3/004</u> takes precedence)}</li> </ul>
1/003	<ul> <li>{by electro-thermal or electro-pneumatic arrangements}</li> </ul>	3/007	• • {Electromechanical contact-making and breaking devices acting as pulse generators for setting}
1/006	• {for clocksystems ( <u>G04C 1/02</u> - <u>G04C 1/04</u> take precedence)}	3/008 3/02	<ul><li>{Mounting, assembling of components}</li><li>wherein movement is regulated by a pendulum</li></ul>
1/02 1/022 1/024	<ul> <li>by electromagnets</li> <li>{with snap-acting armature}</li> <li>{winding-up springs}</li> </ul>	3/021	• {using mechanical coupling (using more than one pendulum <u>G04C 3/025;</u> using torsion pendulums <u>G04C 3/033;</u> using conical pendulums
1/024	<ul> <li>{having unipolar rotating armature (two-pole or multi-pole arrangements <u>G04C 1/04</u>, <u>G04C 1/06</u>, <u>G04C 1/08</u>)}</li> </ul>	3/022 3/024	<ul> <li><u>G04C 3/0335</u>)}</li> <li>• {with constant impulses}</li> <li>• {using other coupling means, e.g. electrostrictive, magnetostrictive}</li> </ul>
1/028 1/04	<ul> <li>. {with linearly moving armature}</li> <li>. by electric motors with rotating or with reciprocating movement {(in general H02K 33/00)}</li> </ul>	3/025	<ul> <li>{using more than one pendulum (synchronisation between primary and secondary pendulums G04C 13/028)}</li> </ul>
1/06 1/062 1/065	<ul> <li>winding-up springs</li> <li>{by oscillating movement}</li> <li>{by continuous rotating movement}</li> </ul>	3/027	<ul> <li>using electromagnetic coupling between electric power source and pendulum (<u>G04C 3/033</u> takes precedence)</li> </ul>
1/067 1/08 1/082 1/085	<ul> <li>. {by stepping rotating movement}</li> <li>. raising weights</li> <li>. {by oscillating movement}</li> <li>. {by continuously rotating movement}</li> </ul>	3/0271	<ul> <li>{the pendulum controlling contacts and mechanically driving the gear-train (constructional details of contact devices <u>G04C 13/06, G04C 23/06</u>)}</li> </ul>
1/087 1/10	<ul> <li> {by stepping rotating movement}</li> <li>Protection against overwinding (in mechanical clocks or watches <u>G04B 1/20</u>, <u>G04B 3/06</u>, <u>G04B 3/10</u>; {<u>G04B 5/24</u>, <u>G04B 9/02</u>})</li> </ul>	3/0273	<ul> <li>the pendulum controlling contacts, thereby electromagnetically driving the gear-train or several gear-trains (generating driving pulses in primary clocks <u>G04C 13/0463</u>)}</li> </ul>
1/12	• • of the spring	3/0275	• • • {the pendulum controlling contacts,
1/14	• • of the weights		the pendulum driving electro-magnet simultaneously driving the gear-train}
3/00	Electromechanical clocks or watches independent of other time-pieces and in which the movement is maintained by electric means {(synchronisation <u>G04C 11/00</u> )}	3/0276	• • • {the pendulum controlling indirectly, i.e. without mechanical connection, contacts, e.g. by magnetic or optic means}

3/0278	• • • {the pendulum controlling the gear-train
	by means of static switches, e.g. transistor
3/033	<ul><li>circuits}</li><li>using torsion pendulums; using conical</li></ul>
3/033	pendulums (construction thereof <u>G04B 17/00</u> )
3/0335	• • { using conical pendulums (construction thereof
5/0555	G04B 17/30)}
3/04	• wherein movement is regulated by a balance
	{(construction thereof <u>G04B 17/063</u> )}
3/042	• • {using mechanical coupling}
3/045	• • • {with constant impulses}
3/047	• • {using other coupling means, e.g. electrostrictive,
2/07	magnetostrictive}
3/06	using electromagnetic coupling between electric     power source and balance
3/061	• • { the balance controlling contacts and
5/001	mechanically driving the gear-train }
3/062	• • { the balance controlling contacts, the gear-
	train or several gear-trains being driven electro-
	magnetically thereby }
3/063	• • • {the balance controlling contacts, the balance
	driving electro-magnet simultaneously driving
3/064	<ul><li>the gear-train}</li><li>the balance controlling indirectly, i.e. without</li></ul>
5/004	mechanical connection, contacts, e.g. by
	magnetic or optic means}
3/065	• • • {the balance controlling gear-train by means
	of static switches, e.g. transistor circuits
2/044	(synchronisation of balance <u>G04C 11/084</u> )}
3/066	• • • {Constructional details, e.g. disposition of coils}
3/067	• • • {Driving circuits with distinct detecting and
5/007	driving coils}
3/068	• • • • {provided with automatic control}
3/069	• • • {Driving circuits using a single coil for
	detection and driving purposes}
3/08	• wherein movement is regulated by a mechanical
	oscillator other than a pendulum or balance, e.g. by a tuning fork {, e.g. electrostatically}
3/10	<ul> <li>driven by electromagnetic means</li> </ul>
3/101	<ul> <li> {constructional details}</li> </ul>
3/102	• • • {of the mechanical oscillator or of the coil}
3/104	• • • • {of the pawl or the ratched-wheel (in general
	<u>G04B 11/04, G04C 11/005</u> )}
3/105	• • • • {pawl and ratched-wheel being
2/107	magnetically coupled }
3/107	• • • {Controlling frequency or amplitude of the oscillating system (circuits <u>G04C 3/108</u> )}
3/108	<ul> <li> {Driving circuits}</li> </ul>
3/100	<ul> <li>driven by piezoelectric means; driven by</li> </ul>
	magneto-strictive means
3/125	• • • {driven by magneto-strictive means}
3/14	incorporating a stepping motor
	( <u>G04C 3/02</u> - <u>G04C 3/12</u> take precedence {;
	generating commutating pulses in primary clocks <u>G04C 13/0463</u> })
3/143	• {Means to reduce power consumption by
	reducing pulse width or amplitude and related
	problems, e.g. detection of unwanted or missing
0/2.4.5	step}
3/146	<ul> <li>{incorporating two or more stepping motors or rotors}</li> </ul>
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3/16	• incorporating an electro-dynamic continuously rotating motor ( <u>G04C 3/02</u> - <u>G04C 3/12</u> take precedence; clocks driven by synchronous motors <u>G04C 15/00</u> ; {apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined or adjustably- fixed time intervals with electric driving means, e.g. incorporating clocks <u>G04F 3/06</u> , <u>G04F 3/08</u> ; electromechanical stop watches <u>G04F 8/00</u> })
3/165	<ul> <li>{comprising a mechanical regulating device influencing the electromotor (constructional details of the mechanical regulating device <u>G04B 17/00</u>)}</li> </ul>
3/18	<ul> <li>incorporating electro-thermal or electro-pneumatic driving means</li> </ul>
5/00	Electric or magnetic means for converting oscillatory to rotary motion in time-pieces, i.e. electric or magnetic escapements (regulators G04C 3/00)
5/005	• {Magnetic or electromagnetic means}
9/00	<b>Electrically-actuated devices for setting the time-</b> <b>indicating means</b> (of secondary clocks <u>G04C 13/03</u> ; radio-controlled time-pieces <u>G04R</u> )
9/02	• {brought into action by radio transmission}
9/04	• by blocking the driving means {(see provisionally <u>G04C 9/00</u> )}
9/06	<ul> <li>by decoupling the driving means (combined with blocking means <u>G04C 9/04</u> {see provisionally <u>G04C 9/00</u>})</li> </ul>
9/08	<ul> <li>by electric drive, {(i.e. for mechanical clocks; see provisionally <u>G04C 9/00</u>)}</li> </ul>
10/00	Arrangements of electric power supplies in time pieces {(circuits <u>G04G 19/00</u> ; mounting, assembling of components of electromechanical watches <u>G04C 3/008</u> , of electronic watches <u>G04G 17/00</u> )}
10/02	• the power supply being a radioactive {or photovoltaic} source
10/04	<ul> <li>with means for indicating the condition of the power supply {(in general <u>G01R 31/36</u>)}</li> </ul>

## Electric clock installations; Primary and secondary clock systems; Synchronous-motor clocks

11/00	Synchronisation of independently-driven clocks
	(radio-controlled time-pieces G04R)
11/002	• {by changing the driving speed}
11/005	• {by changing the ratio of the driving-gear}
11/007	• {by positioning of the index or by regulating the
	length of the pendulum in dependance on the time
	difference with a standard}
11/02	• {by radio (time setting brought into action by radio G04C 9/02)}
11/023	• {provided with arrangements to prevent
	synchronisation by interfering signals}
11/026	• • {the time-piece preparing itself on set times on
	the reception of the sychronising signal}
11/04	• over a line (transmitting time signals over telephone
	networks <u>H04M 11/06</u> {; time setting <u>G04C 9/00</u> })
11/043	• • {provided with arrangements to prevent
	synchronisation by interfering signals}
11/046	• • {the time-piece preparing itself on set time on the
	reception of the synchronising signal}
11/06	• with direct mechanical action on the time-indicating
	means {(time setting G04C 9/00)}

11/08	<ul> <li>using an electro-magnet or-motor { for oscillation correction }</li> </ul>	
11/081	• {using an electro-magnet}	
11/082	• • {acting on the pendulum (mutual	
11,002	synchronisation of pendulums <u>G04C 13/028</u> )}	
11/084	• • • {acting on the balance}	
11/085	• {using an electro-motor}	
11/087	• • {acting on the pendulum (mutual	
	synchronisation of pendulums <u>G04C 13/028</u> )}	
11/088	• • • {acting on the balance}	
13/00	Driving mechanisms for clocks by primary clocks	
13/00	Circuit arrangements; Electric clock installations	
13/02	<ul> <li>(primary-secondary systems using transmission)</li> </ul>	
15/021	of singular pulses for driving directly secondary	
	clocks step by step ( <u>G04C 13/03</u> takes	
	precedence)}	
13/022	• • {via existing power distribution lines}	
13/023	• • • {via existing transmission lines (transmitting	
	time signals over telephone networks	
	<u>H04M 11/06</u> )}	
13/025	• • {via special lines}	
13/026	• • {by radio}	
13/027	• {primary-secondary systems using transmission	
	of other driving signals, e.g. coded signals}	
13/028	• • {transmission systems for synchronisation of	
	pendulum of secondary clocks by pendulums of primary clocks }	
13/03	• Pulse transmission systems with additional means	
13/03	for setting the time indication of secondary clocks	
	$\{(G04C \ 13/028 \ takes \ precedence)\}$	
13/04	• Primary clocks	
13/0409	• • • {monitoring or controlling primary clock or	
	system with more than one primary clock, e.g.	
	for switching-over to standby motor or power	
	system}	
13/0418	• • • {by using devices similar to secondary	In
	clocks}	
13/0427	{Systems in which secondary clocks function	
	as primary clocks for other secondary clocks (synchronisation of independently-driven	
	(synchronisation of independently-driven)	
13/0436	• • {provided with supplementary means for	
15/0150	setting or changing the time indication of the	
	secondary clocks}	
13/0445	{ for automatically correcting of or	
	compensating for disturbances }	
13/0454	• • • • {for automatically setting of secondary	
	clocks after correction or after setting of	
	primary clock }	
13/0463	• • • {Arrangements for generating normal driving	
10/0470	pulses}	
13/0472	{by starting an independent mechanical	
	driving devices, e.g. motor controlling the contacts }	
13/0481	• • • {by switching on an electromagnetic driving	
15/0101	device, e.g. electro-motor, controlling the	
	contacts}	
13/049	• • • {by using current generating driving device}	
13/06	Contact devices (for simultaneously winding	
	several clocks G04C 1/00)	
13/065	• • • {controlled by a pendulum or a balance}	
13/08	. Secondary clocks actuated intermittently	

13/10 13/105	<ul> <li>by electromechanical step advancing mechanisms {(independent clocks or watches incorporating a stepping motor <u>G04C 3/14</u>; stepping motors in general <u>H02K 33/00</u>)}</li> <li>{setting the time-indicating means (adjusting independently-driven clocks <u>G04C 9/00</u>, <u>G04C 11/00</u>; primary-secondary systems with setting means <u>G04C 13/03</u>)}</li> </ul>
13/11	• • • with rotating armature
13/11	<ul> <li>by continuously-rotating electric motors</li> </ul>
13/12	{(independent clocks <u>G04C 3/16;</u> clocks driven
	by synchronous motors $\underline{G04C 15/00}$ }
13/14	• • by electrically-released mechanical driving
	mechanisms
15/00	Clocks driven by synchronous motors
15/0009	• {without power-reserve}
15/0018	<ul> <li>{provided with hand-actuated starting device}</li> </ul>
15/0010	<ul> <li>(provided with number detuced starting device)</li> <li>(provided with automatic-starting device)</li> </ul>
15/0027	<ul> <li>(provided with means for indicating disturbance)</li> </ul>
15/0045	<ul> <li>(provided with means for indicating disturbance)</li> <li>(provided with means for checking sense of</li> </ul>
15/0045	rotation}
15/0054	• {with power-reserve}
15/0063	• {Synchronous clock systems, e.g. provided with
	radiolink or using transmission of alternating
	current via existing power distribution lines}
15/0072	• • {Setting the time-indicating means, e.g. by
	controlling the frequency or by changing the
	drive of the separate clocks by using an auxiliary
	motor}
15/0081	• • {Automatic stabilisation of net frequency
	with regard to time, e.g. by comparing one of
	the clocks with an independent clock, means being provided for automatic compensation of
	disturbances}
15/009	• {Lubricating}
13/007	• [Eutoneating]

### Indicating the time or producing time signals electrically

17/00	<b>Indicating the time optically by electric means</b> (G04C 19/00) takes precedence; by mechanical means G04B 19/00, G04B 19/20)
17/0008	• {by bands}
17/0016	• • {with date indication}
17/0025	• {by flaps}
17/0033	• • {with date indication}
17/0041	• {by a combination of different types of indicating
	devices, e.g. flaps and drums}
17/005	• {by discs (by drums <u>G04C 17/0075</u> )}
17/0058	• • {with date indication}
17/0066	• • • {electromagnetically driven, e.g. intermittently
	(clocks incorporating a stepping motor <u>G04C 3/14</u> )}
17/0075	• {by drums or drum-like devices}
17/0083	• • {with date indication}
17/0091	• {Combined electro-optical and electro-mechanical displays (see provisionally also G04G 9/0082)}
17/02	• by electric lamps
19/00	Producing optical time signals at prefixed times by
	electric means
19/02	• by electric lamps
19/04	• by indicating members moved electrically, e.g. flap, band

21/00	Producing acoustic time signals by electrical means	23/14
	{(for mechanical clocks or watches <u>G04B 21/08</u> , G04B 25/00)}	23/16
21/02	• Constructional details ( <u>G04C 21/04</u> , <u>G04C 21/16</u>	20/10
	take precedence {sound producing devices in general <u>G10K</u> , e.g. <u>G10K 1/00</u> })	23/18
21/04	• Indicating the time of the day (acoustic indication of time $\underline{G04B \ 21/00}$ )	23/20
21/06	• • by striking mechanism	23/22
21/08	• • • with snail	23/24
21/10	• • • with locking plate	
21/12	by electro-acoustic means	23/26
21/14	Electro-acoustic time announcement, i.e. spoken	23/28
21/16	• producing the signals at adjustable fixed times	22/20
21/18	by mechanically unlocking an electromechanical vibrator, e.g. actuated by the leakage flux of the electric driving means	23/30 23/32
21/185	<ul> <li>. {provided with means for sheeting off or temporarity stopping the signal}</li> </ul>	23/34
21/20	by closing a contact to ring an electromechanical alarm	23/342
21/205	• • {by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contact}	23/34 23/34
21/22	• • put into action by the arbor of a mechanical alarm work	23/36 23/38
21/24	• • • put into action by the spring of a mechanical alarm work	25/50
21/26	• • put into action by the vibrations caused by the operation of a mechanical alarm work	23/40 23/42
21/28	• • by closing a contact to put into action electro- acoustic means, e.g. awakening by music	23/44
21/30	• • with provision for a number of operations at different times, e.g. ringing the bells in a school	23/46
21/305	<ul> <li>• { by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contacts }</li> </ul>	23/48 23/50
21/32	• • • giving indications at a number of places each at a different time, e.g. system of alarms in a hotel	
21/323	• • • • {by the hand(s) or handlike members closing the contacts}	
21/326	• • • {adjustable from the different places themselves}	99/00
21/34	Devices on watches or similar portable timepieces	
21/36	Signal repeating devices	
21/38	• • Adjusting the duration of signals	
23/00	Clocks with attached or built-in means operating any device at preselected times or after preselected time-intervals (if restricted to producing acoustic time signals by electrical means <u>G04C 21/00</u> ; mechanical alarm clocks <u>G04B 23/02</u> ; apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined intervals <u>G04F 3/06</u> ; time or time- programme switches which automatically terminate their operation after the programme is completed <u>H01H 43/00</u> )	
23/02	Constructional details	
23/04	• • Housings, supports, shielding, or similar stationary parts	
23/06	Driving or regulating means	
23/08	• • Programming means	
23/10	• for actuating any element which operates, or initiates the operation of, the device concerned	
23/12	Electric circuitry	

23/14	• Mechanisms continuously running to relate the
23/14	operation(s) to the time of day
23/16	• acting only at one preselected time or during one adjustable time interval
23/18	• for operating one device at a number of different times
23/20	• • with contacts operated, or formed by clock hands or elements of similar form
23/22	• • • with the actuating element carried by a disc
23/24	• • • the actuating element controlling another element mechanically
23/26	• for operating a number of devices at different times
23/28	• • with contacts operated, or formed, by clock hands or elements of similar form
23/30	• • • with the actuating element carried by a disc
23/32	• • • the actuating element controlling another element mechanically
23/34	• with provision for automatic modification of the programme, e.g. on Sunday
23/342	• • {some operations being performed at another time}
23/345	• • • {another programme being carried out}
23/347	• • { some operations being overridden }
23/36	by external influences
23/38	• Mechanisms measuring a chosen time interval independently of the time of day at which interval starts
23/40	• • using continuously-running mechanism
23/42	• • acting only at the end of a single time interval
23/44	• • • with provision for selection from a number of preset intervals
23/46	• • • with provision for adjustment of the interval ( <u>G04C 23/44</u> takes precedence)
23/48	acting at the ends of successive time intervals
23/50	• • with provision for modification of the interval(s) by external influences

99/00 Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass