

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F21S****NON-PORTABLE LIGHTING DEVICES OR SYSTEMS THEREOF**([burners](#)
[F23D](#))**NOTE**

1. This subclass covers devices or systems intended for fixed installation, e.g. vehicle lighting, or for use at a permanent location, e.g. free-standing floor- or table-lamps.
2. This subclass does not cover devices or systems specially adapted for transportation, which are covered by subclass [F21L](#).
3. Non-electric lighting devices or systems are classified in groups [F21S 11/00](#) to [F21S 15/00](#) only if a special adaptation related to the use of a non-electric light source is of interest.

Guidance heading: Electric lighting

F21S 2/00 **Systems of lighting devices, not provided for in main groups [F21S 4/00](#) to [F21S 10/00](#) or [F21S 19/00](#) , e.g. of modular construction**

[F21S 2/005](#) . {of modular construction}

F21S 4/00 **Lighting devices or systems using a string or strip of light sources**

[F21S 4/001](#) . {using a string of light sources, i.e. lighting devices or systems where the light sources are supported by loose electric cables, e.g. Christmas tree lights}

[F21S 4/002](#) .. {the strings forming a grid, net or web structure}

[F21S 4/003](#) . {using a strip of light sources, i.e. lighting devices or systems where the light sources are supported on a linear support}

[F21S 4/005](#) .. {the lighting device being flexible or deformable, e.g. into a curved shape}

[F21S 4/006](#) ... {the lighting device being a LED tape}

[F21S 4/007](#) ... {the lighting device being a LED rope light}

[F21S 4/008](#) .. {the lighting device being rigid or comprising an elongated rigid housing, e.g. LED bars}

F21S 6/00 **Lighting devices intended to be free-standing([F21S 9/00](#) , [F21S 10/00](#) , { [F21S 13/12](#) }take precedence){ lighting devices specially adapted to be transported from place to place, e.g. lighting devices carried on wheeled supports [F21L](#); details of supports for lighting devices [F21V 21/00](#) }**

[F21S 6/001](#) . {being candle-shaped(with varying lighting effect of simulating flames [F21S 10/04](#) ; string of light sources [F21S 4/00](#))}

[F21S 6/002](#) . {Table lamps, e.g. for ambient lighting}

[F21S 6/003](#) .. {for task lighting, e.g. for reading or desk work, e.g. angle poise lamps}

[F21S 6/004](#) . {with a lamp housing in direct contact with the floor or ground}

[F21S 6/005](#) . {with a lamp housing maintained at a distance from the floor or ground via a support, e.g. standing lamp for ambient lighting}

[F21S 6/006](#) .. {for direct lighting only, e.g. task lighting}

- F21S 6/007 . . {for indirect lighting only, e.g. torchiere with reflector bowl directed towards ceiling}
- F21S 6/008 . . {with a combination of direct and indirect lighting}
- F21S 8/00** **Lighting devices intended for fixed installation**([F21S 9/00](#) , [F21S 10/00](#) take precedence; using a string or strip of light sources [F21S 4/00](#))
- F21S 8/003 . {Searchlights, i.e. outdoor lighting device producing powerful beam of parallel rays, e.g. for military or attraction purposes([searchlights mounted on a vehicle B60Q 1/24](#))}
- F21S 8/006 . {Solar simulators, e.g. for testing photovoltaic panels}
- F21S 8/02 . of recess-mounted type, e.g. downlighters([F21S 8/10](#) takes precedence; { details of recessed bases [F21V 21/04](#) })
- F21S 8/022 . . {intended to be recessed in a floor or like ground surface, e.g. pavement or false floor}
- F21S 8/024 . . {intended to be recessed in a wall or like vertical structure, e.g. building facade}
- F21S 8/026 . . {intended to be recessed in a ceiling or like overhead structure, e.g. suspended ceiling}
- F21S 8/028 . . {being retractable, i.e. having two fixed positions, one recessed, e.g. in a wall, floor or ceiling, and one extended when in use}
- F21S 8/03 . {of surface-mounted type([F21S 8/02](#) , [F21S 8/04](#) take precedence; details of wall or floor bases [F21V 21/02](#))}

WARNING

Group [F21S 8/03](#) does not correspond to former or future IPC groups.
Correspondence CPC : IPC for this group is as following: - [F21S 8/03](#) :
[F21S 8/00](#)

- F21S 8/031 . . {the device consisting essentially only of a light source holder with an exposed light source, e.g. a fluorescent tube}
- F21S 8/032 . . {the surface being a floor or like ground surface, e.g. pavement}
- F21S 8/033 . . {the surface being a wall or like vertical structure, e.g. building facade}
- F21S 8/035 . . . {by means of plugging into a wall outlet, e.g. night light}
- F21S 8/036 . . . {by means of a rigid support, e.g. bracket or arm}
- F21S 8/037 . . . {for mounting in a corner, i.e. between adjacent walls or wall and ceiling}
- F21S 8/038 . . {intended to be mounted on a light track([suspended from a light track F21S 8/066](#) ; details of supporting elements displaceable along a guiding element [F21V 21/34](#))}
- F21S 8/04 . . intended only for mounting on a ceiling or the like overhead structures([F21S 8/02](#) takes precedence; { details of ceiling bases [F21V 21/03](#) })
- F21S 8/043 . . {mounted by means of a rigid support, e.g. bracket or arm}
- F21S 8/046 . . {having multiple lighting devices, e.g. connected to a common ceiling base}
- F21S 8/06 . . by suspension
- F21S 8/061 . . . {with a non-rigid pendant, i.e. a cable, wire or chain}
- F21S 8/063 . . . {with a rigid pendant, i.e. a pipe or rod}
- F21S 8/065 . . . {multi-branched, e.g. a chandelier}
- F21S 8/066 . . . {from a light track(details of supporting elements displaceable along a guiding element [F21V 21/34](#))}
- F21S 8/068 . . . {from a stretched wire}

- F21S 8/08 . with a standard{([F21S 6/00](#) takes precedence)}
- F21S 8/081 .. {of low-built type, e.g. landscape light}
- F21S 8/083 ... {of bollard type, i.e. with lighting fixture integrated into the standard or mounted on top of it and having substantially the same diameter}
- F21S 8/085 .. {of high-built type, e.g. street light}
- F21S 8/086 ... {with lighting device attached sideways of the standard, e.g. for roads and highways}
- F21S 8/088 ... {with lighting device mounted on top of the standard, e.g. for pedestrian zones}
- F21S 8/10 . specially adapted for vehicles

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- F21S 8/12 .. providing single shaped beams or asymmetric beams, e.g. for penetrating fog or for preventing glare

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F21S 9/00 Lighting devices with a built-in power supply; Systems employing lighting devices with a built-in power supply

- F21S 9/02 . the power supply being a battery or accumulator
- F21S 9/022 .. {Emergency lighting devices}
- F21S 9/024 ... {using a supplementary light source for emergency lighting}
- F21S 9/026 .. {rechargeable by using wind power, e.g. using wind turbines}
- F21S 9/028 .. {rechargeable by using hydropower, e.g. using water powered turbines}
- F21S 9/03 .. rechargeable by exposure to light
- F21S 9/032 ... {the solar unit being separate from the lighting unit}
- F21S 9/035 ... {the solar unit being integrated within the support for the lighting unit, e.g. within or on a pole}
- F21S 9/037 ... {the solar unit and the lighting unit being located within or on the same housing}
- F21S 9/04 . the power supply being a generator
- F21S 9/043 .. {driven by wind power, e.g. by wind turbines}
- F21S 9/046 .. {driven by hydropower, e.g. by water powered turbines}

F21S 10/00 Lighting devices or systems producing a varying lighting effect

- F21S 10/002 . {using liquids, e.g. water([F21W 2121/02](#) takes precedence)}
- F21S 10/005 . {using light guides([light guides specially adapted for lighting devices G02B 6/0001](#))}
- F21S 10/007 . {using rotating transparent or colored disks, e.g. gobo wheels}

- F21S 10/02 . changing colors{([F21S 10/002](#) to [F21S 10/007](#) , [F21S 10/04](#) take precedence)}
- F21S 10/023 . . {by selectively switching fixed light sources}
- F21S 10/026 . . {by movement of parts, e.g. by movement of reflectors or light sources([F21S 10/007](#) takes precedence)}
- F21S 10/04 . simulating flames
- F21S 10/043 . . {by selectively switching fixed light sources}
- F21S 10/046 . . {by movement of parts, e.g. by movement of reflectors or light sources}
- F21S 10/06 . flashing, e.g. with rotating reflector or light source{([signalling lighting devices mounted on vehicles B60Q 1/26](#))}
- F21S 10/063 . . {for providing a rotating light effect}
- F21S 10/066 . . . {by selectively switching fixed light sources}

Guidance heading: Non-electric lighting

F21S 11/00 **Non-electric lighting devices or systems using daylight**{([roofs with sky-light opening E04D 13/03](#) ; [sun blinds for windows with means for redirecting light onto ceiling of a room E06B 9/00](#) ; [hybrid lighting devices combining artificial and natural light F21S 19/00](#) ; [solar heat collectors F24J 2/00](#) ; [solar cells or solar cell modules H01L 31/00](#))}

- F21S 11/002 . {characterised by the means for collecting or concentrating the sunlight, e.g. parabolic reflectors or Fresnel lenses}
- F21S 11/005 . . {with tracking means for following the position of the sun}
- F21S 11/007 . {characterised by the means for transmitting light into the interior of a building}

F21S 13/00 **Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing a point-like light source**([candle holders F21V 35/00](#)) ; **Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing a light source of unspecified shape**

- F21S 13/02 . Devices intended to be fixed, e.g. ceiling lamp, wall lamp
- F21S 13/04 . . with a pendant
- F21S 13/06 . . . multi-branched, e.g. chandelier
- F21S 13/08 . . with suspension from a stretched wire
- F21S 13/10 . . with a standard, e.g. street lamp
- F21S 13/12 . Devices intended to be free-standing, e.g. table lamp, floor lamp
- F21S 13/14 . Lighting systems

F21S 15/00 **Non-electric lighting devices or systems employing light sources not covered by main groups [F21S 11/00](#) , [F21S 13/00](#) or [F21S 19/00](#)**

F21S 2017/00 **Details solely applicable to the devices covered by groups [F21S 13/00](#) and [F21S 15/00](#)**

- F21S 2017/02 . Fastening and lifting of the lamp-glass

F21S 19/00 **Lighting devices or systems employing combinations of electric and non-electric light sources; Replacing or exchanging electric light sources with non-electric light sources or vice-versa**

- F21S 19/005 . {Combining sunlight and electric light sources for indoor illumination}

F21S 48/00 {Lighting devices or systems specially adapted for vehicles(arrangements or adaptations for ships or waterborne vessels [B63B 45/00](#))}

WARNING

Groups [F21S 48/00](#) to [F21S 48/34](#) do not correspond to former or current IPC groups. Concordance CPC : IPC for these groups is as follows: -
[F21S 48/00](#) - [F21S 48/34](#) : [F21S 8/10](#)

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| F21S 48/10 | . {Headlamps} |
| F21S 48/11 | .. {characterised by the light source} |
| F21S 48/1104 | ... {Attachment of light sources; Lamp holders; Terminals or connectors therefor(F21S 48/1742 takes precedence)} |
| F21S 48/1109 | {Details of lamp holders, terminals or connectors(mounting of a ballast for a high intensity discharge lamp on the housing wall of a headlamp B60Q)} |
| F21S 48/1113 | {Bayonet attachments} |
| F21S 48/1118 | {Wire spring attachments} |
| F21S 48/1122 | {Snap-fit attachments} |
| F21S 48/1127 | ... {Type of emitted light} |
| F21S 48/1131 | {Colored light} |
| F21S 48/1136 | {Ultraviolet (UV) or infrared (IR) light} |
| F21S 48/114 | {Polarized light} |
| F21S 48/1145 | ... {Type of light source} |
| F21S 48/115 | {Light emitting diodes (LEDs)} |
| F21S 48/1154 | {the main emission direction of the LED being parallel to the optical axis of the headlamp} |
| F21S 48/1159 | {the main emission direction of the LED being angled to the optical axis of the headlamp} |
| F21S 48/1163 | {Surface emitters, e.g. OLEDs} |
| F21S 48/1168 | {Incandescent light sources, e.g. filament or halogen lamps} |
| F21S 48/1172 | {having two or more filaments} |
| F21S 48/1177 | {characterised by the shape of the filament} |
| F21S 48/1181 | {having a filament being arranged transversally to the optical axis of the headlamp} |
| F21S 48/1186 | {High intensity discharge (HID) light source} |
| F21S 48/119 | {Fluorescent, elongated light source} |
| F21S 48/1195 | {Combination of light sources of different types or shapes} |
| F21S 48/12 | .. {characterised by refractors, transparent cover plates or filters} |
| F21S 48/1208 | ... {Attachment of refractors, transparent cover plates or filters(F21S 48/1721 takes precedence)} |
| F21S 48/1216 | {specially adapted to projection lenses} |
| F21S 48/1225 | ... {Type of refractor, transparent cover plates or filters} |
| F21S 48/1233 | {Cover glass} |

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| F21S 48/1241 | | {Light guides(light guides per se G02B 6/0001)} |
| F21S 48/125 | | {Projection lenses} |
| F21S 48/1258 | ..... | {Lenses with a circular or truncated circular outline, when seen from the front} |
| F21S 48/1266 | ..... | {Elongated lenses} |
| F21S 48/1275 | ..... | {Composite lenses; Lenses with a patch like shape} |
| F21S 48/1283 | ..... | {Lens surfaces, e.g. coatings, surface structures} |
| F21S 48/1291 | ..... | {Thick lenses for providing the final automotive light distribution} |
| F21S 48/13 | .. | {characterised by reflectors} |
| F21S 48/1305 | ... | {Attachment of reflectors(F21S 48/1757 takes precedence)} |
| F21S 48/1311 | .... | {specially adapted to extension reflectors} |
| F21S 48/1317 | ... | {Optical design} |
| F21S 48/1323 | .... | {the reflector being a surface of revolution or a planar surface, e.g. truncated} |
| F21S 48/1329 | .... | {the reflector using total internal reflection} |
| F21S 48/1335 | .... | {the reflector having two perpendicular cross sections having regular geometrical curves of a distinct nature} |
| F21S 48/1341 | .... | {the reflector consisting of complete annular areas} |
| F21S 48/1347 | ..... | {with continuity at the junction between adjacent areas} |
| F21S 48/1352 | ..... | {with discontinuity at the junction between adjacent areas} |
| F21S 48/1358 | .... | {the reflector consisting of patch like sectors} |
| F21S 48/1364 | ..... | {with continuity at the junction between adjacent areas} |
| F21S 48/137 | ..... | {with discontinuity at the junction between adjacent areas} |
| F21S 48/1376 | .... | {the reflector having a structured surface, e.g. with facets or corrugations} |
| F21S 48/1382 | .... | {the reflector having surface portions added to its general concavity} |
| F21S 48/1388 | .... | {Combination of two or more reflectors} |
| F21S 48/1394 | ... | {Material, surface treatment or coating of the reflector} |
| F21S 48/14 | .. | {characterised by screens, non-reflecting members, light-shielding members or fixed shades} |
| F21S 48/142 | ... | {Attachment thereof(F21S 48/1768 takes precedence)} |
| F21S 48/145 | ... | {Details of the shape of screens, non-reflecting members, light-shielding members or fixed shades} |
| F21S 48/147 | .... | {Hoods or cap-shaped} |
| F21S 48/15 | .. | {characterised by aesthetical components or components other than light sources, reflectors, refractors or screens, e.g. partition walls, covers, decorative trims} |
| F21S 48/155 | ... | {Attachment thereof} |
| F21S 48/17 | .. | {characterised by a variable light distribution} |
| F21S 48/1705 | ... | {Light distributions being switched} |
| F21S 48/171 | .... | {between right and left traffic side} |
| F21S 48/1715 | ... | {by acting on refractors, filters or transparent cover plates} |
| F21S 48/1721 | | {by moving refractors, filters or transparent cover plates} |

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| F21S 48/1726 | | {by changing the light transmissivity of the refractors, filters or transparent cover plates} |
| F21S 48/1731 | ..... | {by electro-optic means, e.g. liquid crystal or electrochromic devices} |
| F21S 48/1736 | ... | {by acting on light sources} |
| F21S 48/1742 | .... | {by moving light sources} |
| F21S 48/1747 | .... | {by switching light sources(F21S 48/1168 takes precedence)} |
| F21S 48/1752 | ... | {by acting on reflectors} |
| F21S 48/1757 | .... | {by moving reflectors} |
| F21S 48/1763 | ... | {by acting on screens} |
| F21S 48/1768 | .... | {by moving screens} |
| F21S 48/1773 | ..... | {Blades, i.e. screens moving in a vertical plane} |
| F21S 48/1778 | ..... | {Flaps, i.e. screens pivoting around one of its edges} |
| F21S 48/1784 | ..... | {Shields, i.e. screens not creating an image meant to be projected, e.g. shielding a part of the light source or a part of an additional optical element} |
| F21S 48/1789 | ..... | {Rotating screens, i.e. screens rotating around a vertical axis} |
| F21S 48/1794 | ..... | {Shafts, i.e. screens being a rotating shaft} |
| F21S 48/20 | . | {Signal lamps, e.g. brake lamps or turn signal lamps} |
| F21S 48/21 | .. | {characterised by the light source} |
| F21S 48/211 | ... | {Attachment of light sources; Lamp holders, terminals or connectors therefor} |
| F21S 48/212 | .... | {Details of lamp holders, terminals or connectors} |
| F21S 48/214 | ... | {Type of the light source} |
| F21S 48/215 | .... | {Light emitting diodes (LEDs)} |
| F21S 48/217 | ..... | {Surface emitters, e.g. OLEDs} |
| F21S 48/218 | .... | {Strips of light sources} |
| F21S 48/22 | .. | {characterised by refractors, filters or transparent cover plates} |
| F21S 48/2206 | ... | {Attachment thereof} |
| F21S 48/2212 | ... | {Type of refractors, filters or transparent cover plates} |
| F21S 48/2218 | .... | {Filters} |
| F21S 48/2225 | .... | {Light guides(light guides per se G02B 6/0001)} |
| F21S 48/2231 | ..... | {characterised by the shape of the light guide} |
| F21S 48/2237 | ..... | {Bar or rod-like light guides} |
| F21S 48/2243 | ..... | {Plate-like light guides} |
| F21S 48/225 | ..... | {Light guides of complex shape or comprising a portion having a complex shape} |

NOTE

additional classification should be given in the groups characterising the shape of the light guides

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| F21S 48/2256 | | {characterised by the emission area} |
| F21S 48/2262 | | {the light guide emitting on its extremity} |

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| F21S 48/2268 | | {the light guide emitting on its surface} |
| F21S 48/2275 | | {characterised by the number of light sources coupled into the light guide} |
| F21S 48/2281 | ..... | {Multiple light sources} |
| F21S 48/2287 | ..... | {Single light source} |
| F21S 48/2293 | ..... | {the light guide being used to transport light from a remote light source, e.g. from light generators} |
| F21S 48/23 | .. | {characterised by reflectors} |
| F21S 48/232 | ... | {Attachment thereof} |
| F21S 48/234 | ... | {Optical design thereof} |
| F21S 48/236 | .... | {using total internal reflection} |
| F21S 48/238 | ... | {Materials thereof, e.g. coatings} |
| F21S 48/24 | .. | {characterised by the combination of reflectors and refractors} |
| F21S 48/25 | .. | {characterised by aesthetical components or components other than light sources, reflectors, refractors, e.g. partition walls, covers or decorative trims} |
| F21S 48/255 | ... | {Attachment thereof} |
| F21S 48/30 | . | {Arrangements dedicated to purposes other than light emission or distribution} |
| F21S 48/31 | .. | {Protection of the lighting devices} |
| F21S 48/32 | .. | {Cooling of the lighting devices} |
| F21S 48/321 | ... | {Attachment of the means for cooling; Cooling arrangements} |
| F21S 48/323 | ... | {Forced cooling} |
| F21S 48/325 | .... | {using air or other gas} |
| F21S 48/326 | .... | {using liquid} |
| F21S 48/328 | ... | {Passive cooling} |
| F21S 48/33 | .. | {Waterproofing} |
| F21S 48/332 | ... | {Provisions for ventilation or drainage} |
| F21S 48/335 | .... | {specifically adapted for headlamps} |
| F21S 48/337 | .... | {specifically adapted for signal lamps} |
| F21S 48/34 | .. | {Heating of the lighting devices, e.g. for de-fogging} |