

CPC**COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F01C****ROTARY-PISTON OR OSCILLATING-PISTON MACHINES OR ENGINES** ([internal-combustion aspects F02B 53/00, F02B 55/00](#))**NOTE**

This subclass covers:

- rotary-piston or oscillating-piston engines for elastic fluids, e.g. steam;
- rotary-piston or oscillating-piston engines for liquids and elastic fluids:
- rotary-piston or oscillating-piston machines for elastic fluids;
- rotary-piston or oscillating-piston machines for liquids and elastic fluids.

In this subclass, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:

- "rotary-piston machine" includes the German expressions "Drehkolbenmaschinen", "Kreiskolbenmaschinen" and "Umlaufkolbenmaschinen".

Attention is drawn to the Notes preceding class [F01](#), especially as regards the definitions of "rotary-piston machine", "oscillating-piston machine", "rotary piston", "co-operating members", "movement of co-operating members", "teeth or tooth-equivalents" and "internal-axis".

F01C 1/00

Rotary-piston machines or engines (with axes of co-operating members non parallel [F01C 3/00](#); with the working-chamber walls at least partly resiliently deformable [F01C 5/00](#); with fluid ring or the like [F01C 7/00](#); rotary-piston machines or engines in which the working fluid is exclusively displaced by, or exclusively displaces, one or more reciprocating pistons [F01B 13/00](#))

NOTE

Group [F01C 1/30](#) takes precedence over groups [F01C 1/02](#) to [F01C 1/28](#).

F01C 1/02

- . of arcuate-engagement type, i.e. with circular translatory movement of co-operating members, each member having the same number of teeth or tooth-equivalents

F01C 1/0207

- .. {both members having co-operating elements in spiral form}

F01C 1/0215

- ... {where only one member is moving}

F01C 1/0223

- {with symmetrical double wraps}

F01C 1/023

- ... {where both members are moving}

F01C 1/0238

- {with symmetrical double wraps}

F01C 1/0246

- ... {Details concerning the involute wraps or their base, e.g. geometry}

F01C 1/0253

- { Details concerning the base}

F01C 1/0261

- { Details of the ports, e.g. location, number, geometry}

F01C 1/0269

- { Details concerning the involute wraps}

F01C 1/0276	.....	{ Different wall heights}
F01C 1/0284	.....	{ Details of the wrap tips}
F01C 1/0292	.....	{ Ports or channels located in the wrap}
F01C 1/04	..	of internal-axis type
F01C 1/045	...	{ having a C-shaped piston}
F01C 1/06	..	of other than internal-axis type(F01C 1/063 takes precedence)
F01C 1/063	..	with coaxially-mounted members having continuously-changing circumferential spacing between them
F01C 1/067	...	having cam-and-follower type drive
F01C 1/07	...	having crankshaft-and-connecting-rod type drive
F01C 1/073	...	having pawl-and-ratchet type drive
F01C 1/077	...	having toothed-gearing type drive
F01C 1/08	.	of intermeshing engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co- operating members similar to that of toothed gearing
F01C 1/082	..	{Details specially related to intermeshing engagement type machines or engines}
F01C 1/084	...	{Toothed wheels}
F01C 1/086	...	{Carter}
F01C 1/088	...	{ Elements in the toothed wheels or the carter for relieving the pressure of fluid imprisoned in the zones of engagement}
F01C 1/10	..	of internal-axis type with the outer member having more teeth or tooth-equivalents, e.g. rollers, than the inner member
F01C 1/101	...	{Moineau-type}
F01C 1/102	...	{with a crescent shaped filler element located between the intermeshing elements}
F01C 1/103	...	{the two members rotating simultaneously around their respective axes}
F01C 1/104	...	{one member having simultaneously a rotational movement about its own axis and an orbital movement}
F01C 1/105	.....	{and having an articulated driving shaft}
F01C 1/107	...	with helical teeth
F01C 1/113	...	the inner member carrying rollers intermeshing with the outer member
F01C 1/12	..	of other than internal-axis type
F01C 1/123	...	{with tooth-like elements, extending generally radially from the rotor body cooperating with recesses in the other rotor, e.g. one tooth}
F01C 1/126	...	{with elements extending radially from the rotor body not necessarily cooperating with corresponding recesses in the other rotor, e.g. lobes, Roots type}
F01C 1/14	...	with toothed rotary pistons
F01C 1/16	.....	with helical teeth, e.g. chevron-shaped, screw type {(for non-parallel axes of movement F01C 3/00)}
F01C 1/165	.....	{having more than two rotary pistons with parallel axes}
F01C 1/18	....	with similar tooth forms (F01C 1/16 takes precedence)
F01C 1/20	....	with dissimilar tooth forms (F01C 1/16 takes precedence)

- F01C 1/22
 - of internal-axis type with equidirectional movement of co-operating members at the point of engagement, or with one of the co-operating members being stationary, the inner member having more teeth or tooth- equivalents than the outer member
- F01C 1/24
 - of counter-engagement type, i.e. the movement of co-operating members at the points of engagement being in opposite directions
- F01C 1/26
 - .. of internal-axis type
- F01C 1/28
 - .. of other than internal-axis type
- F01C 1/30
 - having the characteristics covered by two or more groups [F01C 1/02](#), [F01C 1/08](#), [F01C 1/22](#), [F01C 1/24](#) or having the characteristics covered by one of these groups together with some other type of movement between co-operating members
- F01C 1/32
 - .. having both the movement defined in group [F01C 1/02](#) and relative reciprocation between the co-operating members
- F01C 1/321
 - ... { with vanes hinged to the inner member and reciprocating with respect to the inner member }
- F01C 1/322
 - ... { with vanes hinged to the outer member and reciprocating with respect to the outer member }
- F01C 1/324
 - ... with vanes hinged to the inner member and reciprocating with respect to the outer member
- F01C 1/328
 - and hinged to the outer member
- F01C 1/332
 - ... with vanes hinged to the outer member and reciprocating with respect to the inner member
- F01C 1/336
 - and hinged to the inner member
- F01C 1/34
 - .. having the movement defined in group [F01C 1/08](#) or [F01C 1/22](#) and relative reciprocation between the co-operating members
- F01C 1/344
 - ... with vanes reciprocating with respect to the inner member
- F01C 1/3441
 - {the inner and outer member being in contact along one line or continuous surface substantially parallel to the axis of rotation}
- F01C 1/3442
 - {the surfaces of the inner and outer member, forming the working space, being surfaces of revolution}
- F01C 1/3443
 - {with a separation element located between the inlet and outlet opening}
- F01C 1/3445
 - {the vanes having the form of rollers, slippers or the like}
- F01C 1/3446
 - ... {the inner and outer member being in contact along more than one line or surface}
- F01C 1/3447
 - {the vanes having the form of rollers, slippers or the like}
- F01C 1/3448
 - {with axially movable vanes}
- F01C 1/348
 - the vanes positively engaging, with circumferential play, an outer rotatable member
- F01C 1/352
 - the vanes being pivoted on the axis of the outer member
- F01C 1/356
 - ... with vanes reciprocating with respect to the outer member
- F01C 1/3562
 - ... {the inner and outer member being in contact along one line or continuous surface substantially parallel to the axis of rotation}
- F01C 1/3564
 - {the surfaces of the inner and outer member, forming the working space, being surfaces of revolution}
- F01C 1/3566
 - {the inner and outer member being in contact along more than one line or surface}

F01C 1/3568	... {with axially movable vanes}
F01C 1/36	.. having both the movements defined in sub-groups F01C 1/22 and F01C 1/24
F01C 1/38	.. having the movement defined in group F01C 1/02 and having a hinged member (F01C 1/32 takes precedence)
F01C 1/39	... with vanes hinged to the inner as well as to the outer member
F01C 1/40	.. having the movement defined in group F01C 1/08 or F01C 1/22 and having a hinged member
F01C 1/44	... with vanes hinged to the inner member
F01C 1/46	... with vanes hinged to the outer member
F01C 3/00	Rotary-piston machines or engines with non-parallel axes of movement of co-operating members (with the working-chamber walls being at least partly resiliently deformable F01C 5/00)
F01C 3/02	. the axes being arranged at an angle of 90 degrees
F01C 3/025	.. {of intermeshing engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co-operating members similar to that of toothed gearing}
F01C 3/04	.. with axially sliding vanes
F01C 3/06	. the axes being arranged otherwise than at an angle of 90 degrees
F01C 3/08	.. of intermeshing-engagement type, i.e. with engagement of co-operating members similar to that of toothed gearing
F01C 3/085	... {the axes of cooperating members being on the same plane}
F01C 5/00	Rotary-piston machines or engines with the working-chamber walls at least partly resiliently deformable
F01C 5/02	. the resiliently-deformable wall being part of the inner member, e.g. of a rotary piston
F01C 5/04	. the resiliently-deformable wall being part of the outer member, e.g. of a housing
F01C 5/06	. the resiliently-deformable wall being a separate member
F01C 5/08	.. of tubular form, e.g. hose
F01C 7/00	Rotary-piston machines or engines with fluid ring or the like
F01C 9/00	Oscillating-piston machines or engines
F01C 9/002	. {the piston oscillating around a fixed axis}
F01C 9/005	. {the piston oscillating in the space, e.g. around a fixed point (rotary piston machines or engines with non-parallel axes of rotation between co-operating members F01C 3/00)}
F01C 9/007	. {the points of the moving element describing approximately an alternating movement in axial direction with respect to the other element}
F01C 11/00	Combinations of two or more machines or engines, each being of rotary-piston or oscillating-piston type (F01C 13/00 takes precedence; combinations of two or more pumps F04 ; fluid gearing F16H)
F01C 11/002	. {of similar working principle}
F01C 11/004	.. {and of complementary function, e.g. internal combustion engine with supercharger}
F01C 11/006	. {of dissimilar working principle}

- F01C 11/008 . . {and of complementary function, e.g. internal combustion engine with supercharger}

NOTE

Multi-stage steam engines or similar machines are not considered as having complementary function

F01C 13/00 Adaptations of machines or engines for special use; Combinations of engines with devices driven thereby (aspects predominantly concerning driven devices, see the relevant classes for these devices)

- F01C 13/02 . for driving hand-held tools or the like
- F01C 13/04 . for driving pumps or compressors

F01C 17/00 Arrangements for drive of co-operating members, e.g. for rotary piston and casing

- F01C 17/02 . of toothed-gearing type ([F01C 1/077 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 17/04 . of cam-and-follower type ([F01C 1/067 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 17/06 . using cranks, universal joints or similar elements ([F01C 1/07 takes precedence](#))
- F01C 17/063 . . {with only rolling movement}
- F01C 17/066 . . { with an intermediate piece sliding along perpendicular axes, e.g. Oldham coupling}

F01C 19/00 Sealing arrangements in rotary-piston machines or engines ([sealings in general F16J](#))

- F01C 19/005 . { Structure and composition of sealing elements such as sealing strips, sealing rings and the like; Coating of these elements ([vane construction F01C 21/0809](#); [piston rings and ring sealings of similar construction in general F16J 9/00](#))}
- F01C 19/02 . Radially-movable sealings for working fluid
- F01C 19/025 . . {Radial sealing elements specially adapted for intermeshing engagement type machines or engines, e.g. gear machines or engines}
- F01C 19/04 . . of rigid material
- F01C 19/06 . . of resilient material
- F01C 19/08 . Axially-movable sealings for working fluid
- F01C 19/085 . . {Elements specially adapted for sealing of the lateral faces of intermeshing-engagement type machines or engines, e.g. gear machines or engines}
- F01C 19/10 . Sealings for working fluids between radially and axially movable parts
- F01C 19/12 . for other than working fluid
- F01C 19/125 . . {Shaft sealings specially adapted for rotary or oscillating-piston machines or engines}

F01C 20/00 Control of, monitoring of, or safety arrangements for, machines or engines

- F01C 20/02 . specially adapted for several machines or engines connected in series or in parallel
- F01C 20/04 . specially adapted for reversible machines or engines
- F01C 20/06 . specially adapted for stopping, starting, idling or no-load operation
- F01C 20/08 . characterised by varying the rotational speed

- F01C 20/10
 - characterised by changing the position of the inlet or outlet openings with respect to the working chamber
- F01C 20/12
 - .. using sliding valves
- F01C 20/125
 - ... {with sliding valves controlled by the use of fluid other than the working fluid}
- F01C 20/14
 - .. using rotating valves
- F01C 20/16
 - .. using lift valves
- F01C 20/18
 - characterised by varying the volume of the working chamber (by changing the positions of inlet or outlet openings [F01C 20/10](#))
- F01C 20/185
 - .. { by varying the useful pumping length of the cooperating members in the axial direction}
- F01C 20/20
 - .. by changing the form of the inner or outlet contour of the working chamber
- F01C 20/22
 - .. by changing the eccentricity between cooperating members
- F01C 20/24
 - characterised by using valves regulating pressure or flow rate, e.g. discharge valves, unloading valves ([F01C 20/10](#) takes precedence)
- F01C 20/26
 - .. using bypass channels
- F01C 20/265
 - ... {being obtained by displacing a lateral sealing face}
- F01C 20/28
 - Safety arrangements; Monitoring
- F01C 21/00**
 - Component parts, details or accessories not provided for in groups [F01C 1/00](#) to [F01C 20/00](#)**
- F01C 21/001
 - {Injection of a fluid in the working chamber for sealing, cooling and lubricating (sealing only [F01C 17/00](#); lubrication only [F01C 21/04](#); cooling only [F01C 21/06](#); injecting water or steam in internal combustion engines [F02B 47/02](#), [F02D 21/00](#), [F02M 25/00](#))}
- F01C 21/002
 - .. {with control systems for the injection of the fluid}
- F01C 21/003
 - {Systems for the equilibration of forces acting on the elements of the machine (interstice adjustment other than by fluid pressure [F01C 21/102](#))}
- F01C 21/005
 - .. {Internal leakage control}
- F01C 21/006
 - .. {Equalization of pressure pulses (silencing for compressors [F04C 29/06](#))}
- F01C 21/007
 - {General arrangements of parts; Frames and supporting elements}
- F01C 21/008
 - {Driving elements, brakes, couplings, transmissions specially adapted for rotary or oscillating-piston machines or engines (brakes, couplings, transmissions per se [F16, B60](#))}
- F01C 21/02
 - Arrangements of bearings (bearing constructions [F16C](#))
- F01C 21/04
 - Lubrication (of machines or engines in general [F01M](#))
- F01C 21/045
 - .. {Control systems for the circulation of the lubricant}
- F01C 21/06
 - Heating; Cooling (of machines or engines in general [F01P](#)); Heat insulation (heat insulation in general [F16L](#))
- F01C 21/08
 - Rotary pistons (reciprocating piston in general [F16J](#))
- F01C 21/0809
 - .. {Construction of vanes or vane holders}
- F01C 21/0818
 - ... {Vane tracking; control therefor}
- F01C 21/0827
 - {by mechanical means}
- F01C 21/0836
 - {comprising guiding means, e.g. cams, rollers}
- F01C 21/0845
 - {comprising elastic means, e.g. springs}

F01C 21/0854	....	{by fluid means}
F01C 21/0863	.....	{the fluid being the working fluid}
F01C 21/0872	.....	{the fluid being other than the working fluid}
F01C 21/0881	...	{the vanes consisting of two or more parts}
F01C 21/089	...	{for synchronised movement of the vanes}
F01C 21/10	.	Outer members for co-operation with rotary pistons; Casings (casings for rotary engines or machines in general F16M)
F01C 21/102	..	{Adjustment of the interstices between moving and fixed parts of the machine by means other than fluid pressure}
F01C 21/104	..	{Stators; Members defining the outer boundaries of the working chamber}
F01C 21/106	...	{with a radial surface, e.g. cam rings}
F01C 21/108	...	{with an axial surface, e.g. side plates}
F01C 2021/12	.	{Control of working fluid admission or discharge }
F01C 2021/125	..	{Arrangements for supercharging the working space }
F01C 2021/14	..	{for variable fluid distribution }
F01C 2021/16	.	{Other regulation or control }
F01C 2021/1606	..	{Variation of the working chamber }
F01C 2021/1612	...	{by changing the eccentricity of an element with respect to another element }
F01C 2021/1618	...	{by changing the positions of the inlet and outlet openings with respect to the working chambers }
F01C 2021/1625	....	{with sliding or rotating valves, adjustable in position }
F01C 2021/1631	.....	{with sliding valves controlled by the use of fluid other than the working fluid }
F01C 2021/1637	...	{by changing the form of the radially inner or the radially outer contour of the working chamber }
F01C 2021/1643	..	{by using valves regulating pressure and flow rate, e.g. discharge valves }
F01C 2021/165	...	{using a by-pass channel }
F01C 2021/1656	....	{being obtained by displacing a lateral sealing face }
F01C 2021/1662	...	{with venting means }
F01C 2021/1668	..	{with several machines or engines connected in series or in parallel }
F01C 2021/1675	..	{with reversible machines or engines }
F01C 2021/1681	..	{by varying the rotational speed }
F01C 2021/1687	..	{Safety arrangements }
F01C 2021/1693	..	{Stopping or starting, idling or no-load operation }
F01C 21/18	.	Arrangements for admission or discharge of the working fluid, e.g. constructional features of the inlet or outlet
F01C 21/183	..	{Arrangements for supercharging the working space (similar arrangements for internal combustion engines F02B 33/00, F02B 27/00)}
F01C 21/186	..	{for variable fluid distribution}