G01C

MEASURING DISTANCES, LEVELS OR BEARINGS; SURVEYING; NAVIGATION; GYROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS; PHOTOGRAMMETRY OR VIDEGRAMMETRY (measuring liquid level G01F; radio navigation, determining distance or velocity by use of propagation effects, e.g. Doppler effects, propagation time, of radio waves, analogous arrangements using other waves G01S)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Devices, systems and methods for measuring distances, levels or bearings, for surveying, for photogrammetry or videogrammetry, for navigation; Gyroscopes and other turn-sensitive devices used as sensors. The subclass coverage includes:

• Compasses in general;
• Gyroscopes and other turn-sensitive devices used as sensors, e.g. optical gyrometers using the Sagnac effect;
• Optical rangefinders;
• Instruments, systems and methods for tracing profiles, for photogrammetry, for surveying, for nautical, aeronautical, cosmonautical, or geodetical measuring of distances, levels, heights, angles, inclinations and bearings, for land, sea, air or cosmonautical navigation, for measuring two or more variables of movement, e.g. distance, speed, acceleration;
• Manufacturing, calibrating, maintaining the previously listed elements.

Relationships with other classification places

The general subject matters of determining length, distance, height, level, direction, movement or angle is covered by several subclasses besides G01C:

• G01B measuring length, thickness, or similar linear dimensions, measuring angles; measuring areas; measuring irregularities of surfaces or contours (of individual objects)
• G01P measuring linear or angular speed, acceleration, deceleration, or shock; indicating presence, absence, or direction, of movement
• G01S radio direction finding; radio navigation; determining distance or velocity by use of radio waves; locating or presence detecting by use of the reflection or reradiation of radio waves; analogous arrangements using other waves (by use of propagation effects - e.g. Doppler effect, propagation time -)

When propagation effects of waves are relevant for such measurements G01S is in general the appropriate subclass.

For measuring ground distance between points in geodesy, surveying, and navigation or for measuring distance traversed on the ground by any moving objects including e.g. vehicles, or persons G01C is the appropriate subclass when no radio waves are used or when propagation effects of waves other than radio waves are not relevant.

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<td>earth's field, in general)</td>
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<td>Measuring magnetic field characteristics of the earth, e.g.</td>
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<td>means determining the position and course of humans, land vehicles, ships,</td>
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<td>aircraft, and space vehicles</td>
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<td>Propagation effects</td>
<td>are relevant if the outcome of a measurement depends on the actual value of</td>
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<td>a physical quantity characterising the propagation of the wave, i.e. its</td>
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<td>wavelength, frequency, velocity, or phase. The mere presence or direction of</td>
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<td>a wave are not considered a propagation effect or to contribute to a</td>
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<td>propagation effect. To put it in another way, propagation effects are</td>
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<td>irrelevant, if the radiation may be looked upon as a beam of radiation whose</td>
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<td>wave nature can be ignored. Examples of measurements where propagation</td>
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<td>effects are relevant include e.g. measurements of propagation time, phase</td>
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<td>difference, phase delay, measurements using the Doppler effect, or</td>
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**G01C 1/00**

**Measuring angles**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Methods and devices for measuring angles using theodolites and sextants, for surveying or navigation

**References**

**Application-oriented references**

*Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:*

| Measuring angles in compasses | G01C 17/00 |

**G01C 1/02**

**Theodolites**

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Imaging systems using optical elements for stabilisation of the lateral and angular position of the image, compensating for small deviations, e.g. due to vibration or shake, for automatically maintaining a reference alignment, e.g. in self-levelling surveying instruments | G02B 27/648 |

**Glossary of terms**

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

| Transit | Theodolite which has a telescope which can be rotated 180 degrees around the horizontal (trunnion) axis |

**G01C 1/06**

**Arrangements for reading scales**

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Arrangements for reading scales in general | G01D |
### G01C 1/10
including an artificial horizon (G01C 1/14 takes precedence)

#### References

**Limiting references**
This place does not cover:

| Periscopic sextants | G01C 1/14 |

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

| Artificial horizons per se | G01C 15/14 |

### G01C 1/12
with a stabilised mirror

#### References

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

| Tilt compensation in general | G12B 5/00 |

### G01C 1/14
Periscopic sextants

#### References

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

| Periscopes in general | G02B 23/08 |

### G01C 3/00
Measuring distances in line of sight; Optical rangefinders (tapes, chains or wheels for measuring length G01B 3/00; active triangulation systems, i.e. using the transmission and reflection of electromagnetic waves other than radio waves, G01S 17/48)

#### Definition statement
This place covers:
Devices and methods for measuring distances in line of sight and optical rangefinders.
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<td>Coupling rangefinders with operating parts of photographic apparatus</td>
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G01C 3/04

Adaptation of rangefinders for combination with telescopes or binoculars

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G01C 3/085

{with electronic parallax measurement}

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<td>Parallax</td>
<td>the angle subtended at an observation point by the two ends of a line section</td>
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**G01C 3/10**

using a parallactic triangle with variable angles and a base of fixed length in the observation station, e.g. in the instrument

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Active triangulation systems, i.e. using the transmission and reflection of electromagnetic waves other than radio waves | G01S 17/48 |

**G01C 3/22**

using a parallactic triangle with variable angles and a base of fixed length at, near, or formed by the object

**References**

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

| Optical viewing arrangements for vehicles | B60R 1/00 |
| Active triangulation systems, i.e. using the transmission and reflection of electromagnetic waves other than radio waves | G01S 17/48 |

**G01C 3/24**

using a parallactic triangle with fixed angles and a base of variable length in the observation station, e.g. in the instrument

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Active triangulation systems, i.e. using the transmission and reflection of electromagnetic waves other than radio waves | G01S 17/48 |

**G01C 3/26**

using a parallactic triangle with fixed angles and a base of variable length, at, near, or formed by the object

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Active triangulation systems, i.e. using the transmission and reflection of electromagnetic waves other than radio waves | G01S 17/48 |
G01C 5/00

Measuring height; Measuring distances transverse to line of sight; Levelling between separated points; Surveyors’ levels (G01C 3/20, G01C 3/30 take precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:
Methods and devices for measuring height, measuring distances transverse to line of sight, levelling between separated points and surveyor’s levels for navigational or surveying purposes

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G01C 5/005

{altimeters for aircraft (G01C 5/02, G01C 5/06 take precedence)}

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G01C 5/02
involving automatic stabilisation of the line of sight

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

| Regulation of direction in general | G05D 3/00 |
| Tilt compensation in general      | G12B 5/00 |

G01C 5/06
by using barometric means

Definition statement
This place covers:
Methods and devices for measuring height or distances transverse to line of sight, levelling between separated points and surveyors' levels using barometric means, e.g. depth gauges for divers of e.g the wrist-watch type.

References
Application-oriented references
Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

| Mechanical watches with attached measuring instruments, e.g. pedometer | G04B 47/06 |
| Electronic time-pieces with integrated detectors of external physical values | G04G 21/02 |

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

| Divers' equipment in general | B63C 11/00 |
| Barometers per se           | G01L |

G01C 7/00
Tracing profiles (by photogrammetry or videogrammetry G01C 11/00)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Devices and methods for tracing profiles of large surfaces such as land surfaces or underground surfaces.
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Tracing profiles using photogrammetry or videogrammetry | G01C 11/00 |

Informative references

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

| Measuring irregularity or unevenness of surfaces on a small scale | G01B |

G01C 7/02

of land surfaces

References

Informative references

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

| Checking of the level of roads | E01C 23/01 |

G01C 7/06

of cavities, e.g. tunnels

References

Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

| Survey of wells | E21B 47/00 |

Informative references

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

| Measuring apparatus or devices for track building purposes | E01B 35/00 |
| Arrangement of measuring or indicating devices for use during driving of tunnels, using light beams for direction or position control | E21D 9/004 |

G01C 9/00

Measuring inclination, e.g. by clinometers, by levels

References

Informative references

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

| Spirit levels combined with laser plumbing or levelling | G01C 15/008 |
Devices for positioning picture hooks on a wall
Circuits for registering vehicle tilting or roll over
Inclinometers for ladders
Switches operated by inclination or orientation

**Informative references**

**G01C 9/10**

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Devices and methods for measuring inclination by using rolling bodies, also including sliding bodies.

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**G01C 9/12**

**by using a single pendulum {plumb lines **G01C 15/10**}**

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G01C 9/20

the indication being based on the inclination of the surface of a liquid relative to its container

References

Informative references

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

| Liquid level measurements | G01F 23/00 |

G01C 9/28

Mountings

References

Informative references

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

| Inclinometers mounted to golf clubs for driving or putting | A63B 69/3632, A63B 69/3685 |
| Guiding hand tools by means of levels | B25H 1/0085 |

G01C 9/32

Means for facilitating the observation of the position of the bubble, e.g. illuminating means

Definition statement

This place covers:
Means for facilitating the observation of the position of the bubble by human observers.

References

Informative references

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

| Inclinometers mounted to golf clubs for driving or putting | A63B 69/3632, A63B 69/3685 |
| Guiding hand tools by means of levels | B25H 1/0085 |

G01C 11/00

Photogrammetry or videogrammetry, e.g. stereogrammetry; Photographic surveying

Definition statement

This place covers:
Methods and devices for photogrammetry or videogrammetry and photographic surveying
References

Informative references

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<td>Depth or shape recovery using image analysis</td>
<td>G06T 7/50</td>
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G01C 11/02

Picture taking arrangements specially adapted for photogrammetry or photographic surveying, e.g. controlling overlapping of pictures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Special picture taking arrangements adapted to methods and devices for photogrammetry or videogrammetry and photographic surveying, including orthorectification.

G01C 11/04

Interpretation of pictures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject-matter related to the interpretation of pictures in methods and devices for photogrammetry or videogrammetry and photographic surveying, including means for interpretation, such as mensuration tables or reseaux.

G01C 11/06

by comparison of two or more pictures of the same area

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject-matter related to the interpretation of pictures by comparison of two or more pictures of the same area in methods and devices for photogrammetry or videogrammetry and photographic surveying, e.g. stereo-photogrammetry
References

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G01C 13/00

Surveying specially adapted to open water, e.g. sea, lake, river or canal (liquid level metering G01F)

Definition statement
This place covers:
All kinds of surveying instruments or accessories which are not provided for in the preceding groups G01C 1/00 - G01C 13/00.

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Liquid level metering                   | G01F       |

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G01C 13/008

{measuring depth of open water}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Measuring the distance between the water surface and the water bed.

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Measuring instantaneous depth of diver  | G01C 5/06  |
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G01C 15/00

Surveying instruments or accessories not provided for in groups

G01C 1/00 - G01C 13/00

Definition statement

This place covers:
All kinds of surveying instruments or accessories which are not provided for in the preceding groups
G01C 1/00 - G01C 13/00.

References

Informative references

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Glossary of terms

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

| Optical plumbing | determining the vertical (plumb) using optical means |

G01C 15/002

{Active optical surveying means (optical plumbing G01C 15/105)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Optical plumbing | G01C 15/105 |
Informative references
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

- Marking of work pieces
  - B25H 7/00
- Surveying of railway tracks
  - E01B 35/00
- Paving machines
  - E01C 19/00
- Guiding the machines along a predetermined path
  - E01C 19/004
- By laser or ultrasound
  - E01C 19/006
- By reference lines placed along the road, e.g. wires
  - E01C 19/008
- Finishing floors or ceilings
  - E04F 15/00, E04F 21/00
- Holders for bricklayers’ lines
  - E04G 21/1808
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<td>Surveying means using at least one propagation property of at least one light source</td>
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<td>Total stations</td>
<td>Theodolites with an electronic distance measuring capability, usually in the form of a laser ranging device</td>
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G01C 15/004

{Reference lines, planes or sectors}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Generating a reference line, plane or sector by active optical means.
Measuring or comparing shortest distance (i.e. along the perpendicular) to the reference line, plane or sector.

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

- Earth moving equipment using laser planes
  - E02F 3/847
- Beam shaping
  - G02B 27/09
- Self levelling surveying instruments
  - G02B 27/648
G01C 15/008
{combined with inclination sensor}

Relationships with other classification places

G01C 15/008 covers surveying means whereby the inclination sensors are intended to be used as such; Surveying means having inclination sensors inside, merely to define the inclination of the reference plane, are covered by G01C 15/004.

G01C 15/02
Means for marking measuring points

References

Informative references

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

| Devices for positioning picture hooks on a wall | A47G 1/205 |
| Means for marking work | B25H 7/04 |
| Markings on roads, e.g. paint | E01C 23/16 |
| Bollards | E01F 9/60, E01F 15/0469 |
| Transponders for markers | G06K 7/08, G01S 13/02, G08B 13/24 |

G01C 15/06
Surveyors' staffs; Movable markers

Definition statement

This place covers:
Surveyor's staffs or movable markers as means for marking measuring points in surveying methods.

References

Informative references

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

| Tripods | F16M 11/32 |

G01C 15/10
Plumb lines

References

Informative references

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

| Chalk lines also | B44D 3/38 |
| Cable pay-out | B65H 75/44 |
G01C 15/105
{Optical plumbing}

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G01C 15/14
Artificial horizons

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G01C 17/00
Compasses; Devices for ascertaining true or magnetic north for navigation or surveying purposes (using gyroscopic effect G01C 19/00)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Compasses and devices for ascertaining true or magnetic North for the purpose of navigation or surveying, including magnetic compasses, sun and astro compasses, methods and arrangements for testing, calibrating or compensating of such compasses and devices and repeaters for remote indication of readings of a master compass.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Item                                                          | CPC       |
|                                                              | G01C 19/00, e.g. G01C 19/34, G01C 19/36, G01C 19/38 |
| Using gyroscopic effect, e.g. devices for finding North      |           |
| Devices for finding North using gyroscopic effect            | G01C 19/34, G01C 19/36, G01C 19/38 |

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**G01C 17/28**

Electromagnetic compasses (with north seeking magnetic elements and having electric pick-offs **G01C 17/26**)

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| With north seeking magnetic elements and having electric pick-offs | G01C 17/26 |

**Informative references**

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

| Hall effect sensors | G01R 33/07 |

**G01C 17/30**

Earth-inductor compasses

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Fluxgates, these being instruments in which a core is saturated by the strong flux of an ac driving coil, the bias of the saturation being set by the earth’s magnetic field.

Rotating induction coils.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Prayer rugs | A47G 27/0237, A47G 33/00 |
| HALL effect sensors | G01R 33/07 |

**G01C 17/34**

Sun- or astro-compasses

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Time-pieces using the position of the sun, moon or stars | G04B 49/00 |
G01C 19/00

Gyroscopes; Turn-sensitive devices using vibrating masses; Turn-sensitive devices without moving masses; Measuring angular rate using gyroscopic effects

Definition statement

This place covers:

Gyroscopic sensors, i.e gyroscopes, turn-sensitive devices with or without vibrating/moving masses that are intended for sensing and outputting inertial rotation angles, angular velocity or bearings.

Relationships with other classification places

Gyroscopes for sensing are covered here.

Gyroscopes, used as actuators for stabilisation or movement purposes by means of their angular momentum are not covered in G01C 19/00 but in their particular fields, e.g:

- Land vehicle stabilisation using gyroscopes B62D 37/06;
- Ship stabilisation using gyroscopes B63B 39/04;
- Gyros used as motors or actuators F03G 3/08;
- Educational demonstration models of gyroscopic actuators G09B 23/00, G09B 25/00;
- Control Moment Gyroscopes for space vehicles B64G 1/28.

References

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

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<td>Educational demonstration models of gyroscopes</td>
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G01C 19/025

{Special arrangements for gyros functioning during a short period}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Details about particular arrangements for rotary gyroscopes functioning during a short period, e.g. in guided missiles, torpedoes, etc., wherein the gyro rotor must be brought up to operational speed in a very short time.

References

Informative references

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

| Target seeking gyro | F41G 7/2213 |
G01C 19/065

{Measurement or control of angular velocity, specifically adapted to gyrorotors}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Details about particular devices or methods for measuring and/or controlling the angular speed of rotors of rotary gyroscopes for specific purposes.

References

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G01C 19/08

electrically driven (G01C 19/14 takes precedence)

References

Limiting references

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G01C 19/16

Suspensions; Bearings

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<td>G01M</td>
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### G01C 19/22

**torsional**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Details about suspensions of elements of rotary gyroscopes, wherein the suspensions are of the torsional type.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Flexure pivots | F16C 11/12 |

### G01C 19/26

**Caging, i.e. immobilising moving parts, e.g. for transport**

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Applicable to instruments in general | G01D 11/20 |

### G01C 19/30

**Erection devices, i.e. devices for restoring rotor axis to a desired position (for instrument indicating the vertical G01C 19/46)**

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Erection devices for instruments indicating the vertical | G01C 19/46 |

### Synonyms and Keywords

*In patent documents, the word/expression in the first column is often used instead of the word/expression in the second column, which is used in the classification scheme of this place:*

| Rebalance | Erection |

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

| Torquer | Erection devices, i.e. devices for restoring rotor axis to a desired position |
G01C 19/32
Indicating or recording means specially adapted for rotary gyroscopes

References

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

| Indicating or recording measured values in general | G01D 7/00, G01D 9/00 |

G01C 19/36
with north-seeking action by magnetic means, e.g. gyromagnetic compasses

Synonyms and Keywords
In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

- "Meridian-seeking", and "north-seeking"

G01C 19/56
Turn-sensitive devices using vibrating masses, e.g. vibratory angular rate sensors based on Coriolis forces

Definition statement
This place covers:

Turn-sensitive devices using one or more vibrating masses, e.g. vibrating gyros based on Coriolis forces, surface acoustic waves based gyros, sonic or acoustic gyros.

References

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

| Microstructural devices or systems | B81B |
| Processes or apparatus specially adapted for the manufacture or treatment of microstructural devices or systems | B81C |
| Piezoelectric devices per se | H01L 41/00 |
| Electromechanical resonators | H03H 9/00 |

G01C 19/5607
using vibrating tuning forks (double-ended tuning forks using planar vibrating masses suspended at opposite ends [G01C 19/5719])

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Double-ended tuning forks using planar vibrating masses suspended at opposite ends | G01C 19/5719 |
**G01C 19/5642**

using vibrating bars or beams

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Turn-sensitive devices using one or more vibrating bars or beams undergoing deformations.

**G01C 19/5677**

of essentially two-dimensional vibrators, e.g. ring-shaped vibrators

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Vibrators having their main extension in a plane, i.e. with an essentially two-dimensional geometrical structure and using the phase shift of a vibration node or anti-node. The vibrations cover both deformations in the radial direction of the two-dimensional vibrator and deformations perpendicular to the plane of the two-dimensional vibrator.

**G01C 19/5698**

using acoustic waves, e.g. surface acoustic wave gyros

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Both bulk and surface acoustic wave gyros.

**G01C 19/58**

Turn-sensitive devices without moving masses

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

All the turn-sensitive devices that do not operate on the basis of vibrating or deforming elements, e.g. gyroscopes using matter-wave interferometers.

**G01C 19/60**

Electronic or nuclear magnetic resonance gyrometers

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Magnetic resonance arrangements in general | G01R 33/20 |
**G01C 19/66**

Ring laser gyrometers

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Ring lasers in general | H01S 3/083 |

**G01C 19/662**

{signal readout; dither compensators}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Ring laser gyrometers having special arrangements for the signal readout or the dither compensation (dither compensators).

**Glossary of terms**

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

| Dither compensators | passive optical components placed on the body in a position where the dither signal is cancelled fortuitously |

**G01C 19/664**

{means for removing the dither signal}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Electronic removal of the dither signal.

**G01C 19/665**

{control of the cavity}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Ring laser gyrometers having special arrangements for controlling the cavity, e.g. by use of piezoelectric mirrors.

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Lasers in general | H01S 3/10 |
G01C 19/72

with counter-rotating light beams in a passive ring, e.g. fibre laser gyrometers

References

Informative references

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G01C 19/721

{Details}

References

Informative references

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

| Amplified spontaneous emission sources | H01S3/079 and H01S 3/06795 |

G01C 19/722

{of the mechanical construction}

References

Informative references

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

| General winding techniques | B65H |
| Bobbin-type optical phase modulators | G02B 26/06 |
| Winding of electrical cable | H02G |

G01C 19/725

{using nxn optical couplers, e.g. 3x3 couplers}

References

Informative references

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

| Optical couplers | G02B 6/00 |
G01C 19/727
{using a passive ring resonator}

Glossary of terms
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<td>RFOG</td>
<td>Resonant Fibre Optical Gyroscope</td>
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G01C 21/00
Navigation; Navigational instruments not provided for in groups G01C 1/00 - G01C 19/00 (measuring distance traversed on the ground by a vehicle G01C 22/00; control of position, course, altitude or attitude of vehicles G05D 1/00; traffic control systems for road vehicles involving transmission of navigation instructions to the vehicle G08G 1/0968)

Definition statement
This place covers:
Navigation devices, systems and methods

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G01C 21/0005
{with correlation of navigation data from several sources, e.g. map or contour matching (G01C 21/30 takes precedence)}

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<td>G06K 9/34</td>
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**G01C 21/02**

by astronomical means (G01C 21/24, G01C 21/26 take precedence)

**References**

*Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

| Specially adapted for cosmonautical navigation | G01C 21/24 |
| Specially adapted for navigation in a road network | G01C 21/26 |

*Informative references*

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

| Time-pieces using the position of the sun, moon or stars | G04B 49/00 |

**G01C 21/04**

by terrestrial means (G01C 21/24, G01C 21/26 take precedence)

**References**

*Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

| Specially adapted for cosmonautical navigation | G01C 21/24 |
| Specially adapted for navigation in a road network | G01C 21/26 |

*Informative references*

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

| Marking of navigation route for ships | B63B 51/00 |

**G01C 21/10**

by using measurements of speed or acceleration (G01C 21/24, G01C 21/26 take precedence)

**References**

*Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

| Specially adapted for cosmonautical navigation | G01C 21/24 |
| Specially adapted for navigation in a road network | G01C 21/26 |
**G01C 21/14**

by recording the course traversed by the object (G01C 21/16 takes precedence)

References

*Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

| By integrating acceleration or speed, i.e. inertial navigation | G01C 21/16 |

**G01C 21/16**

by integrating acceleration or speed, i.e. inertial navigation

References

*Informative references*

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

| Vibration damping or isolation | F16F 15/08 |

**G01C 21/165**

{combined with non-inertial navigation instruments}

References

*Informative references*

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

| Determining position by combining measurements of signals from the satellite radio beacon positioning system with an inertial measurement | G01S 19/47, G01S 19/49 |

**G01C 21/18**

Stabilised platforms, e.g. by gyroscope

References

*Informative references*

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

| Stabilisation of surveying instruments | G02B 27/648 |
| Stabilisation of antennae | H01Q 1/18 |
G01C 21/20

Instruments for performing navigational calculations (G01C 21/24, G01C 21/26 take precedence)

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<td>Hand manipulated computing devices for air or sea navigation</td>
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<td>Emergency signalling and personal security systems</td>
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G01C 21/203

{Specially adapted for sailing ships}

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G01C 21/22

Plotting boards

References

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**G01C 21/26**

specially adapted for navigation in a road network

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Navigation specially adapted for navigation in a road network, whereby the means of transportation is not relevant: the user may be moving on foot, on horseback, on a bicycle, or in or on a motor vehicle of any kind.

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G01C 21/28
with correlation of data from several navigational instruments

Definition statement
This place covers:
Whereby the several navigational instruments may be similar (simple redundancy) or dissimilar.

G01C 21/30
Map- or contour-matching

Synonyms and Keywords
In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:
• "Contours" and "elevation data/profile"

G01C 21/32
Structuring or formatting of map data

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G01C 21/34
Route searching; Route guidance

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G01C 21/3407
{specially adapted for specific applications}

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

| Fleet management, taxi dispatching | G08G 1/202 |
**G01C 21/3415**

{Dynamic re-routing, e.g. recalculating the route when the user deviates from calculated route or after detecting real-time traffic data or accidents}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

The use of route searching in navigation devices, systems or methods for dynamic re-routing, including predictive systems in which alternative routes are calculated even before the user has actually deviated and also routing from a predicted future starting point.

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| The complete route is dynamically recomputed based on new data | G08G 1/096844 |

**G01C 21/3461**

{Preferred or disfavoured areas, e.g. dangerous zones, toll or emission zones, intersections, manoeuvre types, segments such as motorways, toll roads, ferries}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Areas disfavoured because of weather conditions, (dis)favouring certain roads because of curves, e.g. for motorcycle (favoured) or towing vehicle (disfavoured), or because of physical requirements (e.g., weight, length, height, width) of non-standard vehicles.

Carpooling/High Occupancy Vehicle restrictions.

Also taking into account whether the user is entitled to use a road or road type (Vignette).

**G01C 21/3476**

{using point of interest [POI] information, e.g. a route passing visible POIs}

**Glossary of terms**

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

| POI | point of interest |
G01C 21/3484

{Personalized, e.g. from learned user behaviour or user-defined profiles}

References

Informative references

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

User preferences are taken into account or the user selects one route out of a plurality

G08G 1/096838

G01C 21/3492

{employing speed data or traffic data, e.g. real-time or historical (traffic control systems for road vehicles involving transmission of navigation instructions to the vehicle G08G 1/0968)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Employing traffic data whereby those traffic data may relate either to the vehicle traffic of the physical vehicle or to the data traffic in mobile communication networks.

References

Informative references

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

Traffic control systems for road vehicles involving transmission of navigation instructions to the vehicle

G08G 1/0968

G01C 21/36

Input/output arrangements for on-board computers

References

Informative references

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

| Arrangements of vehicle instruments on dashboard | B60K 35/00, B60K 37/02 |
| Mechanical construction of the display mounting in a vehicle | B60R 11/0235 |
| Electric circuits for voice control | B60R 16/0373 |
| Audible indication of meter readings | G01D 7/12 |
| Input arrangements for transferring data to be processed into a form capable of being handled by the computer; Output arrangements for transferring data from processing unit to output unit, e.g. interface arrangements | G06F 3/00 |
| I/O for computers in general | G06F 3/033 |
| Interaction techniques for graphical user interfaces, e.g. interaction with windows, icons or menus | G06F 3/048 |
Manipulating 3D models or images for computer graphics
Voice analysis, synthesis

G01C 21/3602
{Input other than that of destination using image analysis, e.g. detection of road signs, lanes, buildings, real preceding vehicles using a camera}

References

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

| Image data processing per se | G06T |

G01C 21/3605
{Destination input or retrieval}

References

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

| Gesture based interaction between user and computer | G06F 3/017 |

G01C 21/3608
{using speech input, e.g. using speech recognition}

References

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

| Speech recognition | G10L 15/00 |

G01C 21/3611
{using character input or menus, e.g. menus of POIs (character input methods in general G06F 3/0233)}

References

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

| Character input methods | G06F 3/0233 |

| Input is assisted by the navigation device, i.e. the user does not type the complete name of the destination, e.g. using zip codes, telephone numbers, progressively selecting from initial letters | G08G 1/096894 |
G01C 21/3617

{using user history, behaviour, conditions or preferences, e.g. predicted or inferred from previous use or current movement}

References

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

| Input information is obtained using learning systems, e.g. history databases | G08G 1/096888 |

G01C 21/362

{received from an external device or application, e.g. PDA, mobile phone or calendar application}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Destinations derived from radio or TV broadcasts.
Destination being the (dynamic) position of a mobile device and received therefrom.

References

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

| Input information is obtained using a mobile device, e.g. a mobile phone, a PDA | G08G 1/096883 |

G01C 21/3626

{Details of the output of route guidance instructions (traffic control systems for road vehicles involving transmission of navigation instructions to the vehicle G08G 1/0968)}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Instructions to assist the user to follow the calculated route as well as to warn the user in order to prevent the user from leaving the calculated route.

References

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

| Traffic control systems for road vehicles involving transmission of navigation instructions to the vehicle | G08G 1/0968 |
G01C 21/3629

{Guidance using speech or audio output, e.g. text-to-speech (text to speech systems per se G10L 13/00)}

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G01C 21/3632

{Guidance using simplified or iconic instructions, e.g. using arrows (G01C 21/365 takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Details on guidance in navigation devices, systems or methods, wherein the guidance uses simplified or iconic instructions, e.g. directional arrows or other symbols, textual instructions.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Guidance using head up displays or projectors, e.g. virtual vehicles or arrows projected on the windscreen or on the road itself | G01C 21/365 |

Informative references

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

| The immediate route instructions are output to the driver, e.g. arrow signs for next turn | G08G 1/096861 |

G01C 21/3638

{including 3D objects and buildings (three dimensional [3D] modelling, e.g. data description of 3D objects G06T 17/00; geographic models G06T 17/05)}

References

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G01C 21/3641
{Personalized guidance, e.g. limited guidance on previously travelled routes}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Details on guidance in navigation devices, systems or methods, wherein specific guidance adapted to the user is used, including user-defined guidance preferences relating to the manner of guidance, e.g. language, 2D/3D and guidance adapted to the instantaneous workload of the driver, considering also his mental and/or physical health.

G01C 21/3647
{Guidance involving output of stored or live camera images or video streams}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Details on guidance in navigation devices, systems or methods, wherein the guidance involves camera images, including images taken by a camera in the vehicle itself, by a camera in another vehicle, by a roadside camera, or by a camera in an aircraft or in a satellite.

G01C 21/3658
{Lane guidance}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Details on guidance in navigation devices, systems or methods, wherein the guidance takes road lanes into account, including showing a representation of an upcoming intersection including the pattern of the lanes.

G01C 21/3664
{Details of the user input interface, e.g. buttons, knobs or sliders, including those provided on a touch screen; remote controllers; input using gestures}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Details on the user-input interface in navigation devices, systems or methods, including e.g. touch-screen interfaces, remote controllers, gesture-based input, interfaces which disallow the driver to access certain functions, e.g. while driving, input using handwriting.

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**G01C 21/3667**

{Display of a road map *(G01C 21/3614 takes precedence; guidance using 3D or perspective road maps G01C 21/3635)*}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Input/output arrangements in navigation devices, systems or methods focusing on the display of a road map, including also simplified map representing connections between nodes.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

- Through interaction with a road map, e.g. selecting a POI icon on a road map  
  
- Guidance using 3D or perspective road maps  

**Informative references**

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

- Map spot or coordinate position indicators or map reading aids, using electronic means  

**G01C 21/367**

{Details, e.g. road map scale, orientation, zooming, illumination, level of detail, scrolling of road map or positioning of current position marker}

**References**

**Informative references**

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

- Interaction techniques for image manipulation, e.g. dragging, rotation  

**G01C 21/3673**

{Labelling using text of road map data items, e.g. road names, POI names}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Input/output arrangements in navigation devices, systems or methods focusing on the labelling using text on road map displays, including also the displaying of house numbers.
G01C 21/3676

{Overview of the route on the road map}

References

Informative references

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

| The complete route is shown to the driver | G08G 1/096866 |

G01C 21/3679

{Retrieval, searching and output of POI information, e.g. hotels, restaurants, shops, filling stations, parking facilities (G01C 21/3611 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Using character input or menus, e.g. menus of POIs | G01C 21/3611 |

Informative references

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

| Location based services in a mobile phone network | H04W 4/02, H04L 29/08657, H04M 3/42348 |

G01C 21/3682

{output of POI information on a road map (G01C 21/3614, G01C 21/3685 take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Through interaction with a road map, e.g. selecting a POI icon on a road map | G01C 21/3614 |

G01C 21/3688

{Systems comprising multiple parts or multiple output devices (not client-server), e.g. detachable faceplates, key fobs or multiple output screens}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Systems where multiple parts show a functional relationship (cooperation, synergy) between the part which remains in the vehicle and the portable part; this is different from the mechanical mounting of a
mobile part to some part of a vehicle. The portable part must perform some navigation-related function on its own when taken out of the vehicle.

**G01C 21/3691**

{Retrieval, searching and output of information related to real-time traffic, weather, or environmental conditions (arrangements for giving variable traffic instructions G08G 1/09)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Input/output arrangements in navigation devices, systems or methods focusing on the processing of real-time traffic or weather information, including also traffic information sent from the vehicle to a server.

**References**

*Informative references*

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

| Arrangements for giving variable traffic instructions | G08G 1/09 |
| Arrangements for broadcast of traffic information | H04H 20/55 |

**G01C 21/3697**

{Output of additional, non-guidance related information, e.g. low fuel level (G01C 21/3679 takes precedence)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Output arrangements in navigation devices, systems or methods focusing on the output of specific information not related to guidance, e.g. low remaining fuel, fuel efficient driving, gear change, speeding, dangerous curve ahead, slippery road, traffic incident ahead, school zone, traffic cameras or road signs and including also advertisements displayed on maps or projected onto the landscape; providing information to the driver concerning his driving behaviour; warnings for speed traps.

**References**

*Limiting references*

This place does not cover:

| Retrieval, searching and output of POI information | G01C 21/3679 |

*Informative references*

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

| Commerce, e.g. advertising | G06Q 30/02 |
G01C 22/00

Measuring distance traversed on the ground by vehicles, persons, animals or other moving solid bodies, e.g. using odometers, using pedometers

Definition statement

This place covers:
Devices and methods for measuring distance traversed on the ground by vehicles, persons, animals or other moving solid bodies, e.g. using pedometers, odometers including mechanical odometers.

References

Informative references

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

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G01C 22/002

{for cycles}

Definition statement

This place covers:
The cycles can be monocycles, bicycles, tricycles or motorcycles.

G01C 22/004

{for golf carts }

References

Informative references

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

| Wheeled carriers for golf bags | A63B 55/60 |


G01C 22/006

{Pedometers}

References

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G01C 22/008

{for skates}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Devices and methods for measuring distance traversed on the ground, specially adapted for skates, including roller skates, in-line skates, ice skates, and skis.

G01C 22/02

by conversion into electric waveforms and subsequent integration, e.g. using tachometer generator {G01C 22/002, G01C 22/004, G01C 22/006 take precedence}]

Definition statement

This place covers:
Odometers involving electrical or electronic components.

References

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| Wheel hubs                   | B60B 27/00  |
**G01C 22/025**

**{Differential odometers}**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Systems in which direction (orientation, azimuth) is determined by measuring the distances traversed by wheels on either side of the vehicle, and taking the difference of these distances.

**G01C 23/00**

**Combined instruments indicating more than one navigational value, e.g. for aircraft; Combined measuring devices for measuring two or more variables of movement, e.g. distance, speed, acceleration**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Devices, systems and methods for indicating more than one navigational value, e.g. position and azimuth, devices, systems and methods for measuring two or more variables of movement, e.g. distance, speed and acceleration.

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**G01C 23/005**

**{Flight directors (indicating arrangements specially adapted for rotary gyroscopes G01C 19/32)}**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Flight directors, i.e. devices which provide visual steering cues to the pilot for e.g. pitch, roll, yaw attitude controls to allow a pilot to manipulate the aircraft controls in a manner to keep the steering cues aligned with corresponding fixed symbols, in order to satisfy the pitch and roll attitude control laws so that the aircraft is maintained on a predetermined flight path.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Indicating arrangements specially adapted for rotary gyroscopes | G01C 19/32 |
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**G01C 25/00**

Manufacturing, calibrating, cleaning, or repairing instruments or devices referred to in the other groups of this subclass (testing, calibrating or compensating compasses [G01C 17/38](#))

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Devices and methods for manufacturing, calibrating, cleaning or repairing instruments and devices referred to in the preceding groups.

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

| Testing, calibrating and compensating compasses | G01C 17/38 |