H05K

PRINTED CIRCUITS; CASINGS OR CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS OF ELECTRIC APPARATUS; MANUFACTURE OF ASSEMBLAGES OF ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

Definition statement

This place covers:

Constructional features of

• Details of electronic circuit boards such as their materials or their interconnections
• Printed circuit boards
• Casings, cabinets or drawers for electric apparatus
• Constructional details common to different types of electric apparatus such as modifications to facilitate cooling, ventilating or heating, e.g. cooling arrangement for casings / cabinets
• Constructional details of screening for electric apparatus or components against electric or magnetic fields, e.g. EMI shielding arrangements for casings / cabinets
• Manufacture of assemblages of electrical components
• Machines for mounting electronic components on circuit boards

References

Informative references

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

| Details of instruments or comparable details of other apparatus not otherwise provided for | G12B |
| Thin-film or thick-film circuits | H01L 27/01, H01L 27/13 |
| Non-printed means for electric connections to or between printed circuits, electric connections or line connectors, apparatus or processes for manufacturing, assembling, maintaining or repairing such connections or connectors | H01R |

Glossary of terms

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

| Printed circuits | The term covers all kinds of mechanical arrangements of circuits that consist of an insulating base or substrate, having at least one conductive layer permanently formed on the base. The base often extends in a two-dimensional plane. Other conductive layers may be formed in a layer structure within the base. The base may support components on its surface or between its layers. Each conductive layer is formed as separate patterns or tracks to connect the components as required. The term is also applied adjectivally to processes or apparatus for manufacturing such circuits, e.g. by mechanical or chemical treatment of conductive foil, paste, or film that has been applied to an insulating base, support, or substrate. |
**H05K 1/00**

**Printed circuits**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

- Details of printed circuit boards [PCBs], e.g. structural aspects or use of materials for PCBs
- Printed elements for electrical connection to or between printed circuits
- Printed electric components in PCBs, e.g. resistors, capacitors or inductors formed by printing materials onto the board, or within its layer structure
- Structural association of two or more PCBs
- Structural association of PCBs and non-printed electric components, e.g. within internal layers

**Relationships with other classification places**

There is no clear boundary between the field of printed circuit boards and other more specific fields, e.g. inductors (H01F), antennas (H01Q), waveguides (H01P), chip cards (G06K 19/07), thin film and thick film circuits (H01L 27/00), other packaging levels (semiconductor packages H01L 21/48, H01L 23/00, H01L 25/00), connectors (H01R) and various electronic components. The materials and methods (deposition, patterning, connection, etc.) used for manufacture of printed circuit boards have their general fields.

Documents often contain information relevant to several technical fields and have to be circulated for classification in these fields, in particular to H01L (semiconductors) but also the other parts of H05K, H01R (connectors).

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Special rules of classification

In this main group, both "invention information" and "additional information" are classified by the appropriate CPC group symbol.

Indexing Codes are also attributed to provide additional information when no CPC sub-group exists, i.e. to subdivide subject matter belonging to a sub-group.

**H05K 1/0203**

{Cooling of mounted components (H05K 1/0272 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Adaptations for fluid transport, e.g. channels, holes  H05K 1/0272

**H05K 1/0204**

{using means for thermal conduction connection in the thickness direction of the substrate (H05K 1/0207 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Using internal conductor planes parallel to the surface for thermal conduction, e.g. power planes  H05K 1/0207

**H05K 1/0213**

{Electrical arrangements not otherwise provided for}

References

Informative references

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

Screening  H05K 9/00
Emergency protective circuits  H02H
H05K 1/0216

{Reduction of cross-talk, noise or electromagnetic interference (grounding H05K 1/0215)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Grounding H05K 1/0215

H05K 1/0218

{by printed shielding conductors, ground planes or power plane (H05K 1/0236 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Electromagnetic band-gap structures H05K 1/0236

H05K 1/0221

{Coaxially shielded signal lines comprising a continuous shielding layer partially or wholly surrounding the signal lines}

References

Informative references

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

Coaxially shielded vias H05K 1/0222

H05K 1/0228

{Compensation of cross-talk by a mutually correlated lay-out of printed circuit traces, e.g. for compensation of cross-talk in mounted connectors (balanced signal pairs H05K 1/0245)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Balanced signal pairs H05K 1/0245
H05K 1/023
{using auxiliary mounted passive components or auxiliary substances (printed passive components H05K 1/16)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

- Incorporating printed electric components, e.g. printed resistor, capacitor, inductor

H05K 1/0236
{Electromagnetic band-gap structures}

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

- Conductive planes with an opening or a split

H05K 1/025
{Impedance arrangements, e.g. impedance matching, reduction of parasitic impedance (H05K 1/024 and H05K 1/0243 take precedence; for semiconductor devices H01L 23/66)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

- Dielectric details, e.g. changing the dielectric material around a transmission line
- Printed circuits associated with mounted high frequency components
- Impedance arrangements of semiconductor or other solid state devices
- High frequency adaptations of semiconductor or other solid state devices

Special rules of classification
Indexing Codes are used to additionally specify how impedance is adjusted, e.g. for change in trace width of differential pair H05K 1/0245.
H05K 1/0253
{Impedance adaptations of transmission lines by special lay-out of power planes, e.g. providing openings (H05K 1/0251 takes precedence)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Impedance arrangements related to vias or transitions between vias and transmission lines | H05K 1/0251 |

Special rules of classification
The lay-out of the power plane is additionally classified with Indexing Codes, e.g. when slotted H05K 1/0236. Except for H05K 1/0224 because that is the default layout in H05K 1/0253.

H05K 1/0254
{High voltage adaptations; Electrical insulation details; Overvoltage or electrostatic discharge protection (electrostatic discharge protection for electric apparatus in general H05K 9/0067, H05K 9/0079); Arrangements for regulating voltages or for using plural voltages}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Devices for protecting against damage from electrostatic discharge | H05K 9/0067 |
| Electrostatic discharge protection, e.g. ESD treated surface for rapid dissipation of charges | H05K 9/0079 |

H05K 1/026
{Spark gaps}

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

| Spark gaps per se | H01T |
H05K 1/0263
{High current adaptations, e.g. printed high current conductors or using auxiliary non-printed means; Fine and coarse circuit patterns on one circuit board (H05K 1/0293 takes precedence)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Individual printed conductors which are adapted for modification, e.g. fusible or breakable conductors, printed switches | H05K 1/0293 |

H05K 1/0274
{Optical details, e.g. printed circuits comprising integral optical means (H05K 1/0269 takes precedence; coupling light guides with opto-electronic components G02B 6/42)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Marks, test patterns, inspection means or identification means for visual or optical inspection | H05K 1/0269 |
| Coupling light guides with opto-electronic components | G02B 6/42 |

H05K 1/0275
{Security details, e.g. tampering prevention or detection}

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

| Security details of computer components | G06F 21/70 |

H05K 1/0277
{Bendability or stretchability details (H05K 1/038, H05K 3/4691 take precedence)}

References
Limiting references
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| Textiles | H05K 1/038 |
| Rigid-flexible multilayer circuits comprising rigid and flexible layers, e.g. having in the bending regions only flexible layers | H05K 3/4691 |
**H05K 1/0284**

{Details of three-dimensional rigid printed circuit boards (H05K 1/119 takes precedence; shaping of the substrate H05K 3/0014)}

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

| Details of rigid insulating substrates therefor, e.g. three-dimensional details | H05K 1/119 |
| Shaping of the substrate | H05K 3/0014 |

**H05K 1/0286**

{Programmable, customizable or modifiable circuits (by programmable non-printed jumper connections H05K 3/222)}

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

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**H05K 1/0296**

{Conductive pattern lay-out details not covered by sub groups H05K 1/02 - H05K 1/0295 (H05K 1/11 takes precedence; lay-out adapted to mounted component configuration H05K 1/18)}

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Printed elements for providing electric connections to or between printed circuits H05K 1/11

Lay-out adapted to mounted component configuration H05K 1/18

**References out of a residual place**

Examples of places in relation to which this place is residual:

Details H05K 1/02 - H05K 1/0295
H05K 1/03
Use of materials for the substrate

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

| Substrates for semiconductor chips | H01L 23/00 |

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Insulated {conductive substrates, e.g. insulated} metal substrate

Definition statement
This place covers:
Insulated electrically conductive substrates, e.g. insulated metal substrates, specially adapted for PCBs.

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

| Thermal coupling of mounted components and metal substrate | H05K 1/0204, H05K 1/021 |

H05K 1/09
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References
Informative references
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Materials for conductors | H01B 1/00 |

H05K 1/092
{Dispersed materials, e.g. conductive pastes or inks}

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

| Conductive inks in general | C09D 11/52 |
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Structural association of two or more printed circuits (providing electric connection to or between printed circuits H05K 1/11, H01R 12/00)

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Providing electric connections to or between printed circuits H05K 1/11, H01R 12/00

Informative references

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

| Connectors for printed circuits | H01R 9/00 |
| Two-part coupling devices for connection to or between printed circuits | H01R 24/68 |

H05K 1/16

incorporating printed electric components, e.g. printed resistor, capacitor, inductor

References

Informative references

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

| Thick-film or thin-film circuits | H01L 27/01, H01L 27/13 |

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Printed circuits structurally associated with non-printed electric components (H05K 1/0201, H05K 1/023, H05K 1/0243, and H05K 1/16 take precedence)

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Thermal arrangements, e.g. for cooling, heating or preventing overheating | H05K 1/0201 |
| Reduction of cross-talk, and noise or electromagnetic interference using auxiliary mounted passive components or auxiliary substances | H05K 1/023 |
| Printed circuits associated with mounted high frequency components | H05K 1/0243 |
| Incorporating printed electric components, e.g. printed resistor, capacitor, inductor | H05K 1/16 |
**H05K 3/00**

**Apparatus or processes for manufacturing printed circuits**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

General processing of printed circuit boards [PCBs]:

- Processing of insulating substrates or layers for PCBs or processing of conductive layers for PCBs.
- Forming printed elements for providing electric connection to or between printed circuits.
- Manufacturing multilayer printed circuits.
- Manufacturing metal core printed circuits.
- Secondary treatment of PCBs.
- Mounting or printing electric components on PCBs.
- Assembling PCBs with other PCBs.

**H05K 3/00** covers mainly manufacturing (apparatuses and process) of printed circuits. However certain sub-groups of **H05K 3/00** cover also the respective structural aspects (e.g. **H05K 3/303, H05K 3/306**) and materials (e.g. **H05K 3/386**).

**Relationships with other classification places**

There is no clear boundary between the field of printed circuit boards and other more specific fields, e.g. inductors (**H01F**), antennas (**H01Q**), waveguides (**H01P**), chip cards (**G06K 19/07**), thin film and thick film circuits (**H01L 27/00**), other packaging levels (semiconductor packages **H01L 21/48, H01L 23/00, H01L 25/00**), connectors (**H01R**) and various electronic components. The materials and methods e.g. deposition, patterning or connection, used for manufacture of printed circuit boards have their general fields.

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**Informative references**

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

| Apparatus specially adapted for manufacturing assemblages of electric components, e.g. for mounting electronic components on circuit boards | **H05K 13/00, H05K 13/04** |
| Working of metal by electro-erosion per se | **B23H** |
| Soldering, e.g. brazing, or unsoldering in general | **B23K 1/00** |
| Tools, devices, or special appurtenances for soldering, e.g. brazing, or unsoldering, not specially adapted for particular methods | **B23K 3/00** |
| Machining by laser in general | **B23K 26/00** |
| Selection of soldering or welding materials proper, i.e. solder compositions per se | **B23K 35/24** |
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Photomechanical production of textured or patterned surfaces, materials or originals therefor, apparatus specially adapted therefor, in general | G03F
Etching masks applied by electrographic, electrophotographic or magnetographic methods in general | G03G
Electron-beam or ion-beam tubes for localised treatment | H01J 37/30
Discharge devices for covering materials by cathodic sputtering | H01J 37/34
Processes or apparatus adapted for the manufacture or treatment of semiconductor or solid state devices or of parts thereof | H01L 21/00
Electrically-conductive connections between two or more conductive members in direct contact using electrically conductive adhesives, in general | H01R 4/04
Connectors for printed circuits | H01R 12/00

**Special rules of classification**

In this main group, both "invention information" and "additional information" are classified by the appropriate CPC group symbol.

Indexing Codes are also attributed to provide additional information when no CPC sub-group exists, i.e. to subdivide subject matter belonging to a sub-group.

**H05K 3/0008**

{for aligning or positioning of tools relative to the circuit board (H05K 3/4638, H05K 3/4679 take precedence; for manufacturing assemblages of components H05K 13/0015)}

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H05K 3/0011
{Working of insulating substrates or insulating layers}

Definition statement

This place covers:
• Shaping of the substrate, e.g. by moulding
• Etching of the substrate by chemical or physical means
• Mechanical working of the substrate, e.g. drilling or punching
• After-treatment, e.g. cleaning or desmearing of holes

References

Informative references

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

| Making copper-clad substrates | H05K 3/022 |
| Surface treatment for improvement of adhesion | H05K 3/38 |

H05K 3/0058

{Laminating printed circuit boards onto other substrates, e.g. metallic substrates (H05K 1/0281 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Reinforcement details | H05K 1/0281 |

H05K 3/007

{Manufacture or processing of a substrate for a printed circuit board supported by a temporary or sacrificial carrier (H05K 1/187, H05K 3/20 and H05K 3/4682 take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Patterned circuits being prefabricated circuits, which are not yet attached to a permanent insulating substrate, e.g. on a temporary carrier | H05K 1/187 |
| Applying conductive material to the insulating support by affixing prefabricated conductor pattern | H05K 3/20 |
| Manufacture of core-less build-up multilayer circuits on a temporary carrier or on a metal foil | H05K 3/4682 |
H05K 3/0073

{Masks not provided for in groups H05K 3/02 - H05K 3/46, e.g. for photomechanical production of patterned surfaces}

References

References out of a residual place

Examples of places in relation to which this place is residual:

Apparatus or processes for manufacturing printed circuits  H05K 3/02 - H05K 3/46

H05K 3/0085

{Apparatus for treatments of printed circuits with liquids not provided for in groups H05K 3/02 - H05K 3/46; conveyors and holding means therefor (apparatus specially adapted for manufacturing assemblages of electric components, e.g. printed circuit boards, H05K 13/00)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Apparatus or processes specially adapted for manufacturing or adjusting assemblages of electric components  H05K 13/00

References out of a residual place

Examples of places in relation to which this place is residual:

Apparatus or processes for manufacturing printed circuits  H05K 3/02 - H05K 3/46

H05K 3/0097

{Processing two or more printed circuits simultaneously, e.g. made from a common substrate, or temporarily stacked circuit boards (H05K 3/0052 takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

De-panelling, i.e. dividing a panel into circuit boards; Working of the edges of circuit boards  H05K 3/0052
H05K 3/022
{Processes for manufacturing precursors of printed circuits, i.e. copper-clad substrates}

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

| Laminates in general | B32B |

H05K 3/027
{the conductive material being removed by irradiation, e.g. by photons, alpha or beta particles}

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

| Machining by laser in general | B23K 26/00 |
| Electron or ion beam tubes therefor | H01J 37/00 |

H05K 3/06
the conductive material being removed chemically or electrolytically, e.g. by photo-etch process {(semi-additive methods H05K 3/108)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Semi-additive methods | H05K 3/108 |

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

| Non-mechanical removal of metallic material from surfaces | C23F |

H05K 3/061
{Etching masks}

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

| Local etching | C23F 1/02 |
H05K 3/065
{applied by electrographic, electrophotographic or magnetographic methods}

References

Informative references

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

Electrography, electrophotography, magnetography in general  \( \text{G03G} \)

H05K 3/067

{Etchants}

References

Informative references

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

Etching compositions in general  \( \text{C23F 1/10} – \text{C23F 1/46} \)

H05K 3/068

{Apparatus for etching printed circuits}

References

Informative references

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

Apparatus for etching in general  \( \text{C23F 1/08} \)

H05K 3/08

the conductive material being removed by electric discharge, e.g. by spark erosion

References

Informative references

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

Working of metal by electro-erosion per se  \( \text{B23H} \)
H05K 3/106
{by photographic methods}

References

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

| Photographic processes in general | G03C |

H05K 3/12
using {thick film techniques, e.g.} printing techniques to apply the conductive material {or similar techniques for applying conductive paste or ink patterns}

References

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

| Printing apparatus | B41F |
| Printing techniques in general | B41M |

H05K 3/1225
{Screens or stencils; Holders therefor}

References

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

| Stencil holders for applying liquids | B05C 17/08 |
| Manufacturing of screens or stencils | B41C 1/14 |
| Screens or stencils in general | B41N 1/24 |

H05K 3/125
{by ink-jet printing}

References

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

| Ink-jet printers in general | B41J |
**H05K 3/1266**  
{by electrographic or magnetographic printing}

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

| Electrography, magnetography in general | G03G |

**H05K 3/14**  
using spraying techniques to apply the conductive material {, e.g. vapour evaporation}

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

| Covering metals by metal spraying | C23C 4/00 |
| Coating by vacuum evaporation | C23C 14/00 |

**H05K 3/16**  
by cathodic sputtering

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

| Covering materials by cathodic sputtering | C23C 14/34 |
| Discharge devices therefor | H01J 37/34 |

**H05K 3/18**  
using precipitation techniques to apply the conductive material

**Definition statement**  
This place covers:  
Apparatus or process for manufacturing printed circuits, in which conductive material is applied to the insulating support in such a manner as to form the desired conductive pattern using precipitation techniques to apply the conductive material, e.g. electroless plating or electroplating.

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

| Chemical coating of a substrate by decomposition | C23C 18/00 |
H05K 3/181
{by electroless plating (adhesives therefor H05K 3/387)}

References

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Adhesives therefor | H05K 3/387 |

**Informative references**

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

| Electroless plating in general | C23C 18/16 |

H05K 3/20

*by affixing prefabricated conductor pattern {(H05K 1/187, H05K 3/046, H05K 3/4658, H05K 3/4682 takes precedence)}*

References

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Patterned circuits being prefabricated circuits, which are not yet attached to a permanent insulating substrate, e.g. on a temporary carrier | H05K 1/187 |
| Selective transfer or selective detachment of a conductive layer | H05K 3/046 |
| Adding a circuit layer by laminating a metal foil or a preformed metal foil pattern | H05K 3/4658 |
| Manufacture of core-less build-up multilayer circuits on a temporary carrier or on a metal foil | H05K 3/4682 |

H05K 3/22

*Secondary treatment of printed circuits {(H05K 3/1283 takes precedence; embedding circuits in grooves by pressure H05K 3/107)}*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

- Completing of printed circuits by adding non-printed jumper connections
- Correcting or repairing of printed circuits
- Drying of printed circuits
- Reinforcing the conductive pattern
- Cleaning or polishing of the conductive pattern
- Applying non-metallic protective coatings
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H05K 3/225

{Correcting or repairing of printed circuits (H05K 1/0292, H05K 3/222, H05K 3/288, H05K 3/4685 take precedence)}

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H05K 3/24

Reinforcing the conductive pattern {by solder coating H05K 3/3457}

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H05K 3/241

{characterised by the electroplating method; means therefor, e.g. baths or apparatus}

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H05K 3/28
Applying non-metallic protective coatings {((H05K 3/0091 takes precedence; methods for intermediate insulating layers for build-up multilayer circuits H05K 3/4673))}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Apparatus for coating printed circuits using liquid non-metallic coating compositions | H05K 3/0091 |
| Methods for intermediate insulating layers for build-up multilayer circuits | H05K 3/4673 |

H05K 3/284
{for encapsulating mounted components (H05K 1/185 takes precedence)}

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Components encapsulated in the insulating substrate of the printed circuit or incorporated in internal layers of a multilayer circuit | H05K 1/185 |

H05K 3/321
{by conductive adhesives}

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

| Using electrically conductive adhesives in general | H01R 4/04 |

H05K 3/34
by soldering

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

| Soldering or de-soldering apparatus | H05K 13/04, B23K 1/00, B23K 3/00 |
H05K 3/3457
{Solder materials or compositions; Methods of application thereof}

References

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

| Solder compositions per se | B23K 35/24 |

H05K 3/36
Assembling printed circuits with other printed circuits {([H05K 7/142 takes precedence])}

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Spacers not being card guides | H05K 7/142 |

Special rules of classification

H05K 3/36 relates to the method of assembling at least two printed circuits to form a single entity as a final product, whereas H05K 3/0097 relates to processing two printed circuits at the same time. This implicitly means that after processing, the printed circuits are again separated from one another.

H05K 3/38
Improvement of the adhesion between the insulating substrate and the metal

References

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

| Laminates per se | B32B |

H05K 3/44
Manufacturing insulated metal core circuits {or other insulated electrically conductive core circuits ([H05K 3/0058, H05K 3/4608, and H05K 3/4641 take precedence])}

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Laminating printed circuit boards onto other substrates, e.g. metallic substrates | H05K 3/0058 |
H05K 3/44 (continued)

Limiting references

| Special circuit board as base or central core comprising an electrically conductive core | H05K 3/4608 |
| Laminating two or more circuit boards having integrally laminated metal sheets or special power cores | H05K 3/4641 |

H05K 3/46

Manufacturing multilayer circuits

References

Informative references

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

| Incorporating non-printed electric components in internal layers | H05K 1/185 |

H05K 5/00

Casings, cabinets or drawers for electric apparatus

Definition statement

This place covers:

Constructional features of electronic housings that are not characterised by their inner electronic arrangement, such as:

- means for assembling the housing parts
- means for associating or coupling several housings
- venting means
- sealing means
- interlocking means
- mounting and fixing means
- handling means

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:

| Electronic boxes of vehicles, e.g. electric distribution centers | B60R 16/00 |
| LCD display panels | G02F 1/13 |
| Projectors | G03B 21/00 |
| Desktop and laptop computer housings | G06F 1/16 |
| Casings and housings of instrument | G12B 9/00 |
| Plasma display panels | H01J 29/00 |
| Receptacles for batteries | H01M 50/00 |
| Constructional details, e.g. cabinets, of receivers | H04B 1/08 |
| Mobile phone housings | H04M 1/02 |
| Constructional details of receivers, e.g. cabinets or dust covers | H04N 5/64 |
Informative references

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H05K 5/06

Hermetically-sealed casings {(specially adapted for small components H05K 5/0095)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Specially adapted for small components | H05K 5/0095 |

H05K 7/00

Constructional details common to different types of electric apparatus
(casings, cabinets, drawers H05K 5/00)

Definition statement

This place covers:

• Constructional features of electronic housings common to different types of electric apparatus;
• Constructional features of standardized electronic cabinets and racks for receiving Printed Circuit Boards (PCB) such as guides, retainers, drawers, plug-in modules;
• Constructional features of Servers, Data Center Rooms, 19-inch computer racks such as mounting means of blades within cabinets, cable management, power distribution, mobile data centers arranged in shipping containers;
• Constructional features of industrial controllers such as PLCs;
• Cooling features of electronic housings,
• Cooling features of standardized electronic cabinets and racks for receiving Printed Circuit Boards (PCB);
• Cooling features of Servers, Data Center Rooms, 19-inch computer racks;
• Cooling features of power electronics, such as inverters;
• Cooling features of vehicle control units;
• Cooling features of display panels;
• Cooling features of outdoor telecommunication equipments, such as base stations.
References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Casings, cabinets, drawers | H05K 5/00 |

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:

| Constructional details of optoelectronic equipment | G02B 6/42 |
| Cooling arrangements of desktop and laptop computers | G06F 1/20 |
| Constructional details of Hard disk drives | G11B 33/00 |
| Arrangements for cooling of semiconductor or other solid state devices | H01L 23/34 |
| Cooling of batteries | H01M 10/60 |

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

| Blowers and fans in general | F04D 29/00 |
| Cooling tubular elements with fins for cooling | F28F 1/10 |
| Cooling element with means for increasing heat exchange area | F28F 3/02 |
| Program control systems PLC without constructional details | G05B 19/00 |
| Inner arrangements of desktop and laptop computers | G06F 1/18 |
| Bus systems and interfaces of computers | G06F 13/409 |
| Constructional details of record carriers | G06K 7/00 |
| Stacked arrangements of semiconductor devices | H01L 25/065 |
| Telecommunication distribution frames and equipments | H04Q 1/00 |

H05K 7/10
Plug-in assemblages of components {, e.g. IC sockets}

References

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

| IC sockets for connection on printed circuit board | H01R 12/00 |
H05K 7/12
Resilient or clamping means for holding component to structure

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

| Holding two-part couplings together | H01R 13/00 |

H05K 7/14
Mounting supporting structure in casing or on frame or rack

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

| Construction of racks or frames | H05K 7/18 |
| Test adapters | G01R 31/2808 |

H05K 7/1462
{for programmable logic controllers [PLC] for automation or industrial process control}

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

| Programmable logic controllers per se | G05B 19/05 |

H05K 7/1469
{Terminal blocks for connecting sensors}

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

| Terminal blocks in general | H01R 9/24 |
H05K 7/20
Modifications to facilitate cooling, ventilating, or heating

Definition statement
This place covers:
Arrangements for cooling, ventilating or heating of electric apparatus by:
• using a gaseous coolant in electronic enclosures
• using a liquid coolant without phase change in electronic enclosures
• using a liquid coolant with phase change in electronic enclosures
• heat transfer by conduction from the heat generating element to a dissipating body

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H05K 7/20172
{Fan mounting or fan specifications}

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H05K 7/20181
{Filters; Louvers}

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H05K 7/20954
{for display panels}

References

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H05K 9/00
Screening of apparatus or components against electric or magnetic fields (devices for absorbing radiation from an antenna H01Q 17/00)

Definition statement
This place covers:
• Screening of electronic equipment against magnetic or electromagnetic fields, or electrostatic discharges;
• Shielding features applied to rooms or buildings for protecting against external electromagnetic interference;
• Shielded electronic casings achieving electromagnetic compatibility;
• Shielding features of electronic equipment having standardized dimensions, such as 19-inch racks;
• Shielding materials therefor.

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**H05K 9/0001**

{Rooms or chambers (anechoic chambers G01R 29/0821)}

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**H05K 9/0005**

{Shielded windows}

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**H05K 9/0066**

{Constructional details of transient suppressor}

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<td>H02H</td>
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H05K 9/0067
{Devices for protecting against damage from electrostatic discharge}

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

| Materials for electrostatic discharge protection | H05K 9/0079 |

H05K 9/0075
{Magnetic shielding materials}

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

| Magnetic material in general | H01F 1/00 |
| For transformer              | H01F 27/28 |
| For electrical motor         | H02K 11/00 |

H05K 9/0077
{comprising superconductors}

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

| Superconductors in general   | H01L 39/00 |

H05K 9/009
{comprising electro-conductive fibres, e.g. metal fibres, carbon fibres, metallised textile fibres, electro-conductive mesh, woven, non-woven mat, fleece, cross-linked}

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

| Screening during electrotherapy | A61N 1/16 |
H05K 10/00
Arrangements for improving the operating reliability of electronic equipment, e.g. by providing a similar standby unit

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:

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<td>Redundant clock signal generation in generators of electronic oscillations</td>
<td>H03L 7/07</td>
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<td>or pulses</td>
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<td>Transmission systems using redundant channels or apparatus</td>
<td>H04B 1/74</td>
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<tr>
<td>Redundant apparatus for increasing reliability of arrangements used for the transmission of digital information</td>
<td>H04L 1/22</td>
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H05K 11/00
Combinations of a radio or television receiver with apparatus having a different main function {(combined with clocks G04B 47/00; controlled by a clock G04C 21/28)}

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<td>Radio or television receiver controlled by a clock</td>
<td>G04C 21/28</td>
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H05K 13/00
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for manufacturing or adjusting assemblages of electric components

Definition statement
This place covers:
Apparatus and methods for placing components, e.g. onto the printed circuit boards. This group only relates to bare printed circuit boards and not circuit boards already fitted in an apparatus (thus no displays or hard disks, etc.).

References
Informative references
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<td>B65B</td>
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<td>Manufacture or treatments of solid state devices</td>
<td>H01L 21/00</td>
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Synonyms and Keywords
In patent documents, the following abbreviations are often used:

| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |

H05K 13/0007
{using handtools (for mounting on a circuit board H05K 13/0447)}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Hand-tools specially adapted for adjusting assemblages of electric components

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Hand-tools for mounting electric components on a circuit board | H05K 13/0447 |
H05K 13/0015
{Orientation; Alignment; Positioning}

Definition statement
This place covers:
orientation, alignment and positioning only of the printed circuit boards

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

| Orientation, alignment and positioning of the printed circuit boards for testing | G01R 31/00 |

H05K 13/003
{Placing of components on belts holding the terminals}

Definition statement
This place covers:
preparing the components before delivering to mounting machines by grouping the components for batch mounting

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

| Attaching a series of articles, e.g. small electrical components, to a continuous web | B65B 15/04 |

Special rules of classification
Only concerns filling of belts as a separate operation

H05K 13/0038
{placing the components in a predetermined order}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Filling of belts according to the mounting order of different types of components.

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

| Attaching a series of articles, e.g. small electrical components, to a continuous web | B65B 15/04 |
Special rules of classification
Must concern different type of components

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

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<td>Belt</td>
<td>continuous web holding the components in order to be delivered in rolls to the mounting machines</td>
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H05K 13/0053
{Arrangements for assisting the manual mounting of components, e.g. special tables or light spots indicating the place for mounting}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Manual mounting posts for components on PCB

References
Informative references
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H05K 13/0061
{Tools for holding the circuit boards during processing; handling transport of printed circuit boards}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Provision for displacing printed circuit boards [PCB] between machines or for displacing PCBs inside mounting machines
Gripping PCBs for transport or conveyance

References
Informative references
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<td>Transport of articles, e.g. conveyors</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apparatus specially adapted for handling semiconductor or electric solid state devices during manufacture or treatment thereof</td>
<td>H01L 21/67</td>
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Special rules of classification
Documents must include movement of printed circuit board
H05K 13/0069

{Holders for printed circuit boards}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Fixation of printed circuit boards inside mounting machines

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

Fixation of printed circuit boards in testing machines

Special rules of classification
Printed circuit board must be static relative to holder.

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

Chuck
Holder, usually using vacuum

H05K 13/0076

{Straightening or aligning terminal leads of pins mounted on boards, during transport of the boards}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Transport of boards temporary fitted with components before definitive fixation, e.g. soldering.

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

Straightening or aligning terminal leads of pins mounted on boards, during the mounting operation, after fitting components on the board

Special rules of classification
Components are not definitively fixed.

H05K 13/0084

{Containers and magazines for components, e.g. tube-like magazines}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Any type of container for delivering components to mounting machines and manufacture thereof
Details of component tubes, trays or belts.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

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<td>Use of said containers in mounting machines</td>
<td>H05K 13/04</td>
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<tr>
<td>Containers for storage or transport</td>
<td>B65D</td>
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**Glossary of terms**

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

| Stick | tube-like container |

**H05K 13/0092**

{Treatment of the terminal leads as a separate operation (during transport H05K 13/0076, H05K 13/023; during mounting H05K 13/04)}

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Preparing leads of components before bringing to mounting machines

Special separate machines for lead treatment.

**References**

**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

| Treatment of the terminal leads as a separate operation during transport | H05K 13/0076, H05K 13/023 |
| Treatment of leads after fitting in printed circuit boards | H05K 13/04 |

**Special rules of classification**

Must be a separate machine.

**Glossary of terms**

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

| Clinching | bending of leads |
**H05K 13/02**

**Feeding of components**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Feeding of components to containers before fitting said container to machines, e.g. filling or refilling of containers

**References**

**Informative references**

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

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**H05K 13/021**

{Loading or unloading of containers (*H05K 13/028* takes precedence)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Loading or unloading containers with components, the containers not being in use by the mounting machine.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Simultaneously loading a plurality of loose objects, e.g. by means of vibrations, pressure differences, magnetic fields | H05K 13/028 |

**Special rules of classification**

Do not classify here documents concerning pick and place in the mounting machine

**H05K 13/022**

{with orientation of the elements}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Giving orientation to components before feeding into containers

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Orientation in general | B23P 19/00 |
**H05K 13/023**

(with bending or straightening of the terminal leads)

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Feeding of components with bending or straightening of the terminal leads, e.g. in order to fit into containers

**References**

*Informative references*

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

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<td>Bending and cutting after the mounting on a pc board</td>
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**Special rules of classification**

Not during or after mounting of component.

**H05K 13/024**

{Straightening or aligning terminal leads}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Straightening or aligning leads during the feeding

**H05K 13/025**

{of components having oppositely extending terminal leads}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Straightening or aligning leads of e.g. resistors

**H05K 13/026**

{of components having terminal leads in side by side relationship, e.g. using combing elements}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Straightening or aligning lead of chips.

**Glossary of terms**

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

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<td>Dual in line</td>
<td>chip with two rows of parallel leads</td>
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H05K 13/027
{Fluid transport of components}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Transport of components using fluids, e.g. jets of air, water.

H05K 13/028
{Simultaneously loading a plurality of loose objects, e.g. by means of vibrations, pressure differences, magnetic fields}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Feeding bulk components simultaneously to containers

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

| Orientation of the elements | H05K 13/022 |

H05K 13/029
{Feeding axial lead components, e.g. using vibrating bowls, magnetic fields (H05K 13/022 takes precedence)}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Feeding bulk axial components to containers.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Orientation of the elements | H05K 13/022 |

H05K 13/04
Mounting of components {, e.g. of leadless components}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Mounting of components such as:
• mounting machines for components on printed circuit boards;
• attaching containers to mounting machines for components delivery.
References

Informative references

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

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H05K 13/0404

{Pick-and-place heads or apparatus, e.g. with jaws}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Pick-and-place-heads for picking components out of a container and placing them on a printed circuit board using gripping devices.

References

Informative references

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

| Manipulators | B25J |

Special rules of classification

Orientation while holding component is not classified here

Glossary of terms

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

| Jaws | gripping device having means moving towards each other for pinching component |

H05K 13/0408

{Incorporating a pick-up tool}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Pick-and-place-heads for picking components out of a container and placing them on a printed circuit board by suction, e.g. using vacuum.

References

Informative references

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

| Manipulators | B25J |


Special rules of classification
Orientation while holding component is not classified here

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

| Nozzle          | vacuum or air suction device |

H05K 13/0413
{with orientation of the component while holding it; Drive mechanisms for gripping tools, e.g. lifting, lowering or turning of gripping tools}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Orientation of component held by mounting head just before or during mounting.
Mechanical and vacuum holders for components with orientation provisions.
Vision devices for orientation or correct placing of components.
Includes camera looking at the PC boards before mounting

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

| Vision system | camera |

H05K 13/0417
{Feeding with belts or tapes}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Delivery of components to a mounting machine via belts or tapes; tape feeders; attachment of tape feeders to the mounting machine; details related to the picking up of components by mounting head from tapes/belts.

Special rules of classification
Interconnection/splicing of belts/tapes to be classified in H05K 13/021.

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

| Blister, belt, tape          | Belt or tape wound on a reel/roll and carrying electronic devices |

Synonyms and Keywords
Blister component belt in rolls
**H05K 13/0421**

{with treatment of the terminal leads}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Treatment of leads during or after picking up.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Feeding one by one by other means than belts | H05K 13/043 |
| Bending and cutting after fitting on a circuit board | H05K 13/0473 |

**H05K 13/0426**

{for components being oppositely extending terminal leads (H05K 13/0421 takes precedence)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

For resistor type components.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Treatment of the terminal leads (bending and cutting after fitting on a circuit board | H05K 13/0421 |

**H05K 13/043**

{Feeding one by one by other means than belts}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Delivery of single components by other type of containers.

**H05K 13/0434**

{with containers}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Delivery with containers, e.g. trays.
References

Informative references

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

| Components belts                      | H05K 13/0417 |

**H05K 13/0439**

{incorporating means for treating the terminal leads only before insertion}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Treatment of leads before insertion.

**H05K 13/0443**

{incorporating means for treating the terminal leads before and after insertion or only after insertion}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Treatment of leads before and/or only after insertion.

**H05K 13/0452**

{Mounting machines or lines comprising a plurality of tools for guiding different components to the same mounting place (H05K 13/0406, H05K 13/041 take precedence)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Mounting machine for several types of components.

Mounting of different type of components to the same mounting place.

Multi nozzle machines

Machines with several holders for pc boards

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Drive mechanisms for pick-and-place heads                  | H05K 13/0406 |
| Pick-and-place heads having multiple pick-up tools         | H05K 13/041 |

**Special rules of classification**

Multiple work tables and multiple heads, e.g. revolver heads, are classified here
Glossary of terms
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<td>Revolver head</td>
<td>turning multiple head with multiple nozzles or grippers</td>
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**H05K 13/0456**
{simultaneously punching the circuit board}

**Definition statement**
This place covers:
Mounting machines including hole puncher

**References**
**Informative references**
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<td>H05K 3/00</td>
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**H05K 13/046**
{Surface mounting (surface mounted components H05K 3/341)}

**Definition statement**
This place covers:
Methods and apparatus for surface mounting electric components in general

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

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**Glossary of terms**
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<td>SMD</td>
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**H05K 13/0465**
{by soldering (H05K 13/0469 takes precedence)}

**Definition statement**
This place covers:
Soldering machines of surface mounted components
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Surface mounting by applying a glue or viscous material

Informative references

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

- Surface mounting on PCBs by soldering
- Reflow soldering apparatus and process; Soldering process per se

H05K 13/0469

{by applying a glue or viscous material}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Use of glue or viscous material with dispenser nozzles.

References

Informative references

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

- Details of glue fixation between component and PC board

H05K 13/0473

{Cutting and clinching the terminal ends of the leads after they are fitted on a circuit board}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Treatment of leads after insertion out of mounting process

References

Informative references

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

- Cutting and clinching the terminal ends of the leads after they are fitted on a circuit board during transport
H05K 13/0478
{Simultaneously mounting of different components}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
simultaneous mounting of different components placed on PC board at the same moment.

H05K 13/0482
{using templates; using magazines, the configuration of which corresponds to the sites on the boards where the components have to be attached}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Simultaneous mounting of different components being arranged beforehand in preset positions.

Templates, trays and special multi heads.

H05K 13/0486
{Replacement and removal of components}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Method and apparatus for taking off or replacing misplaced components

**Special rules of classification**

No recycling.

May include a de-soldering device

H05K 13/0491
{Hand tools therefor}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Hand tools for repairing printed circuit boards or exchanging components.

**Special rules of classification**

No recycling.

H05K 13/0495
{having a plurality of work-stations}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Arrangements of mounting machines in clusters or lines
H05K 13/06
Wiring by machine

Definition statement
This place covers:
Placing of wires on or in printed circuit boards by machines; machines therefor.

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

| Multiplex wire bundles for vehicles | B60R |

H05K 13/065
{Accessories therefor, e.g. light spots}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Accessories for wiring, e.g. special tables or light spots.

H05K 13/08
Monitoring manufacture of assemblages

Definition statement
This place covers:
• Control or planning of manufacturing processes of assemblages, e.g. of processes for mounting components on printed circuit boards
• Control of apparatus therefor
• Planning of production facilities and apparatus layout
• Visual inspection after placing of components

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

| Electrical testing of finished printed circuit boards | G01R 31/00 |