

**CPC****COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION****F01B**

**MACHINES OR ENGINES, IN GENERAL OR OF POSITIVE-DISPLACEMENT TYPE, e.g. STEAM ENGINES** (of rotary-piston or oscillating-piston type [F01C](#); of non-positive-displacement type [F01D](#); internal-combustion aspects of reciprocating-piston engines [F02B 57/00](#), [F02B 59/00](#); crankshafts, crossheads, connecting-rods [F16C](#); flywheels [F16F](#); gearings for interconverting rotary motion and reciprocating motion in general [F16H](#); pistons, piston rods, cylinders, for engines in general [F16J](#))

**NOTES**

1. This subclass covers, with the exception of the matter provided for in subclasses [F01C](#) to [F01P](#) :
  - engines for elastic fluids, e.g. steam engines;
  - engines for liquids and elastic fluids;
  - machines for elastic fluids;
  - machines for liquids and elastic fluids.
2. Attention is drawn to the note preceding class [F01](#), especially as regards the definitions of "steam" and "special vapour".

**F01B 1/00**

**Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by number or relative disposition of cylinders or by being built-up from separate cylinder-crankcase elements** ([F01B 3/00](#), [F01B 5/00](#) take precedence)

- [F01B 1/01](#) . with one single cylinder
- [F01B 1/02](#) . with cylinders all in one line
- [F01B 1/04](#) . with cylinders in V-arrangement
- [F01B 1/06](#) . with cylinders in star or fan arrangement
- [F01B 1/0603](#) . . {the connection of the pistons with an element being at the outer ends of the cylinders}
- [F01B 1/0606](#) . . . {with cam-actuated distribution member(s)}
- [F01B 1/061](#) . . . {with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units}
- [F01B 1/0613](#) . . . . {directly located side by side}
- [F01B 1/0617](#) . . . . {coupling of several cylinders-barrels}
- [F01B 1/062](#) . . {the connection of the pistons with an actuating or actuated element being at the inner ends of the cylinders}
- [F01B 1/0624](#) . . . {with cam-actuated distribution member(s)}
- [F01B 1/0627](#) . . . . {each machine piston being provided with channels, which are coaxing with the cylinder and are used as a distribution member for another piston-cylinder unit}
- [F01B 1/0631](#) . . . {the piston-driving or -driven cam being provided with an inlet or an outlet}
- [F01B 1/0634](#) . . . {with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units}
- [F01B 1/0637](#) . . . . {directly located side by side}
- [F01B 1/0641](#) . . {Details, component parts specially adapted for such machines}
- [F01B 1/0644](#) . . . {Pistons}

- F01B 1/0648 . . . {Cams}
- F01B 1/0651 . . . . {consisting of several cylindrical elements, e.g. rollers}
- F01B 1/0655 . . . {cylinders}
- F01B 1/0658 . . . {Arrangements for pressing or connecting the pistons against the actuating or actuated cam}
- F01B 1/0662 . . . . {hydraulically}
- F01B 1/0665 . . . {Disconnecting the pistons from the actuating or actuated cam (in general [F01B 31/24](#))}
- F01B 1/0668 . . . {Supporting and guiding means for the piston}
- F01B 1/0672 . . . {Draining of the machinehousing; arrangements dealing with leakage fluid}
- F01B 1/0675 . . {Controlling}
- F01B 1/0679 . . . {by using a valve in a system with several pump or motor chambers, wherein the flow path through the chambers can be changed, e.g. series-parallel}
- F01B 1/0682 . . . {by changing the effective cross sectional piston working surface}
- F01B 1/0686 . . . {by changing the effective piston stroke}
- F01B 1/0689 . . . . {by changing the excentricity of one element relative to another element}
- F01B 1/0693 . . . {by changing the phase relationship between two actuating or actuated cams}
- F01B 1/0696 . . . {by changing the phase relationship between the actuating or actuated cam and the distributing means}
- F01B 1/08 . with cylinders arranged oppositely relative to main shaft and of "flat" type
- F01B 1/10 . with more than one main shaft, e.g. coupled to common output shaft ([combinations of two or more machines or engines F01B 21/00](#))
- F01B 1/12 . Separate cylinder-crankcase elements coupled together to form a unit
- F01B 3/00** **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with cylinder axes coaxial with, or parallel or inclined to, main shaft axis**
- F01B 3/0002 . {having stationary cylinders}
- F01B 3/0005 . . {having two or more sets of cylinders or pistons}
- F01B 3/0008 . . {having self-acting distribution members, e.g. actuated by working fluid}
- F01B 3/0011 . . . {Cylindrical distribution members}
- F01B 3/0014 . . . {Conical distribution members}
- F01B 3/0017 . . {Component parts, details, e.g. sealings, lubrication}
- F01B 3/002 . . . {Cylinders}
- F01B 3/0023 . . . {Actuating or actuated elements}
- F01B 3/0026 . . . . {Actuating or actuated element bearing means or driving or driven axis bearing means}
- F01B 3/0029 . . . {Casings, housings}
- F01B 3/0032 . {having rotary cylinder block}
- F01B 3/0035 . . {having two or more sets of cylinders or pistons}

- F01B 3/0038 . . . {inclined to main shaft axis}
- F01B 3/0041 . . {Arrangements for pressing the cylinder barrel against the valve plate, e.g. fluid pressure}
- F01B 3/0044 . . {Component parts, details, e.g. valves, sealings, lubrication}
- F01B 3/0047 . . . {Particularities in the contacting area between cylinder barrel and valve plate}
- F01B 3/005 . . . . {Bearing arrangements}
- F01B 3/0052 . . . {Cylinder barrel}
- F01B 3/0055 . . . {Valve means, e.g. valve plate}
- F01B 3/0058 . . . . {Cylindrical valve means}
- F01B 3/0061 . . . . {Conical valve means}
- F01B 3/0064 . . . {Machine housing}
- F01B 3/0067 . . . . {cylinder barrel bearing means}
- F01B 3/007 . . . {Swash plate}
- F01B 3/0073 . . . . {swash plate bearing means or driving or driven axis bearing means}
- F01B 3/0076 . . {Connection between cylinder barrel and inclined swash plate}
- F01B 3/0079 . {having pistons with rotary and reciprocating motion, i.e. spinning pistons}
- F01B 3/0082 . {Details}
- F01B 3/0085 . . {Pistons}
- F01B 3/0088 . . . {Piston shoe retaining means}
- F01B 3/0091 . . {Casings, housings}
- F01B 3/0094 . . {Driving or driven means}
- F01B 2003/0097 . . . {Z-shafts, i.e. driven or driving shafts in Z-form}
- F01B 3/02 . with wobble-plate
- F01B 3/04 . the piston motion being transmitted by curved surfaces
- F01B 3/045 . . {by two or more curved surfaces, e.g. for two or more pistons in one cylinder}
- F01B 3/06 . . by multi-turn helical surfaces and automatic reversal
- F01B 3/08 . . . the helices being arranged on the pistons
- F01B 3/10 . Control of working-fluid admission or discharge peculiar thereto ([suitable for more general application F01L](#))
- F01B 3/101 . . {for machines with stationary cylinders}
- F01B 3/102 . . . {Changing the piston stroke by changing the position of the swash plate}
- F01B 3/103 . . {for machines with rotary cylinder block}
- F01B 3/104 . . . {by turning the valve plate}
- F01B 3/105 . . . {by moving the swash plate in a direction perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the cylinder barrel}
- F01B 3/106 . . . {by changing the inclination of the swash plate}
- F01B 3/107 . . . . {using wedges}
- F01B 3/108 . . . {by turning the swash plate (with fixed inclination)}
- F01B 3/109 . . . {by changing the inclination of the axis of the cylinder barrel relative to the swash plate ([F01B 3/106 takes precedence](#))}

<b>F01B 5/00</b>	<b>Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with cylinder axes arranged substantially tangentially to a circle centred on main shaft axis</b>
F01B 5/003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders}</li> </ul>
F01B 5/006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• {the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders}</li> </ul>
<b>F01B 7/00</b>	<b>Machines or engines with two or more pistons reciprocating within same cylinder or within essentially coaxial cylinders (in opposite arrangement relative to main shaft <a href="#">F01B 1/08</a>)</b>
F01B 7/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with oppositely reciprocating pistons</li> </ul>
F01B 7/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . acting on same main shaft</li> </ul>
F01B 7/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . using only connecting-rods for conversion of reciprocatory into rotary motion or vice-versa</li> </ul>
F01B 7/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . with side rods</li> </ul>
F01B 7/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . having piston-rod of one piston passed through other piston</li> </ul>
F01B 7/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . using rockers and connecting-rods</li> </ul>
F01B 7/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . acting on different main shafts</li> </ul>
F01B 7/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with pistons synchronously moving in tandem arrangement</li> </ul>
F01B 7/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with differential piston (<a href="#">F01B 7/20 takes precedence</a>)</li> </ul>
F01B 7/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with two or more pistons reciprocating one within another, e.g. one piston forming cylinder of the other</li> </ul>
<b>F01B 9/00</b>	<b>Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by connections between pistons and main shafts and not specific to preceding groups (connections disengageable during idling <a href="#">F01B 31/24</a>)</b>
F01B 9/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with crankshaft</li> </ul>
F01B 9/023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . {of Bourke-type or Scotch yoke}</li> </ul>
F01B 9/026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . {Rigid connections between piston and rod; Oscillating pistons}</li> </ul>
F01B 9/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with rotary main shaft other than crankshaft</li> </ul>
F01B 9/042	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . {the connections comprising gear transmissions}</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/045	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . {Planetary gearings}</li> </ul>
F01B 9/047	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . {with rack and pinion}</li> </ul>
F01B 9/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . the piston motion being transmitted by curved surfaces</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/061	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . {by cams}</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/063	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . {Mono-lobe cams}</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/065	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . {Bi-lobe cams}</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/066	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . {Tri-lobe cams}</li> </ul>
F01B 2009/068	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . . . {Quadri-lobe cams}</li> </ul>
F01B 9/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . with ratchet and pawl</li> </ul>
<b>F01B 11/00</b>	<b>Reciprocating-piston machines or engines without rotary main shaft, e.g. of free-piston type</b>

- F01B 11/001 . {in which the movement in the two directions is obtained by one double acting piston motor}
- F01B 11/002 . . {one side of the double acting piston motor being always under the influence of the fluid under pressure}
- F01B 11/003 . . . {the fluid under pressure being continuously delivered to one motor chamber and reacting the other chamber through a valve located in the piston, to bring the piston back in its start-position}
- F01B 11/004 . {in which the movement in the two directions is obtained by two single acting piston motors, each acting in one direction}
- F01B 2011/005 . . {with oscillating pistons, i.e. the pistons are arranged in ring like cylinder sections and oscillate with respect to the center of the ring}
- F01B 11/006 . . {one single acting piston motor being always under the influence of the fluid under pressure}
- F01B 11/007 . {in which the movement in only one direction is obtained by a single acting piston motor, e.g. with actuation in the other direction by spring means}
- F01B 11/008 . . {with actuation in the other direction by gravity}
- F01B 11/009 . {in which the movement in two directions is obtained by two or more double acting piston motors}
- F01B 11/02 . Equalising or cushioning devices
- F01B 11/04 . Engines combined with reciprocatory driven devices, e.g. hammers (with pumps [F01B 23/08](#); predominating aspects of driven devices, see the relevant classes for the devices)
- F01B 11/06 . . for generating vibration only
- F01B 11/08 . with direct fluid transmission link ([F01B 11/02](#) takes precedence)
- F01B 13/00** **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with rotating cylinders in order to obtain the reciprocating-piston motion (machines or engines of flexible-wall type [F01B 19/00](#))**
- F01B 13/02 . with one cylinder only
- F01B 13/04 . with more than one cylinder ([F01B 3/0032](#) takes precedence)
- F01B 13/045 . . {with cylinder axes arranged substantially tangentially to a circle centred on main shaft axis}
- F01B 13/06 . . in star arrangement
- F01B 13/061 . . . {the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders}
- F01B 13/062 . . . . {cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating ([F01B 13/064](#) and [F01B 13/066](#) take precedence)}
- F01B 13/063 . . . . {with two or more series radial piston-cylinder units}
- F01B 13/064 . . . . . {cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating ([F01B 13/066](#) takes precedence)}
- F01B 13/065 . . . . . {directly located side by side}
- F01B 13/066 . . . . . . {cylinder block and actuating or actuated cam both rotating}
- F01B 13/067 . . . . {with pistons and cylinders having two different parallel axis of rotation}
- F01B 13/068 . . . {the connection of the pistons with an actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders}

**F01B 15/00**      **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines with movable cylinders other than provided for in group [F01B 13/00](#) (with movable cylinder sleeves for working fluid control [F01L](#))**

- F01B 15/002      . {having cylinders in star or fan arrangement, the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the outer ends of the cylinders}
- F01B 15/005      . {having cylinders in star or fan arrangement, the connection of the pistons with the actuated or actuating element being at the inner ends of the cylinders}
- F01B 15/007      . {having spinning cylinders, i.e. the cylinders rotating about their longitudinal axis}
- F01B 15/02      . with reciprocating cylinders (with one piston within another [F01B 7/20](#))
- F01B 15/04      . with oscillating cylinder
- F01B 15/06      . . Control of working-fluid admission or discharge peculiar thereto
- F01B 15/065      . . . {by cam-actuated distribution members}

**F01B 17/00**      **Reciprocating-piston machines or engines characterised by use of uniflow principle**

- F01B 17/02      . Engines
- F01B 17/022      . . {with fluid heating}
- F01B 17/025      . . {using liquid air}
- F01B 17/027      . . {using separators}
- F01B 17/04      . . Steam engines

**NOTE**

in this group the following indexing codes are used:  
[F01B 2170/0411](#) to [F01B 2170/0494](#)

**F01B 19/00**      **Positive-displacement machines or engines of flexible-wall type**

- F01B 19/02      . with plate-like flexible members
- F01B 19/04      . with tubular flexible members

**F01B 21/00**      **Combinations of two or more machines or engines ([F01B 23/00](#) takes precedence; regulating or controlling, see the relevant groups; combinations of two or more pumps [F04](#); fluid gearing [F16H](#))**

- F01B 21/02      . the machines or engines being all of reciprocating-piston type
- F01B 21/04      . the machines or engines being not all of reciprocating-piston type, e.g. of reciprocating steam engine with steam turbine

**F01B 23/00**      **Adaptations of machines or engines for special use; Combinations of engines with devices driven thereby ([F01B 11/00](#) takes precedence; fluid gearing [F16H](#); aspects predominantly concerning driven devices, see the relevant classes for these devices; regulating or controlling, see the relevant groups)**

- F01B 23/02      . Adaptations for driving vehicles, e.g. locomotives (arrangements in vehicles, see the relevant classes for vehicles)
- F01B 23/04      . . the vehicles being waterborne vessels
- F01B 23/06      . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, hand-held tools or the like

- F01B 23/08 . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, pumps
- F01B 23/10 . Adaptations for driving, or combinations with, electric generators
- F01B 23/12 . Adaptations for driving rolling mills or other heavy reversing machinery

**F01B 25/00** **Regulating, controlling, or safety means** ([regulating or controlling in general G05](#))

**NOTE**

in this group the following indexing codes are used:

[F01B 2250/001](#) to [F01B 2250/009](#)

- F01B 25/02 . Regulating or controlling by varying working-fluid admission or exhaust, e.g. by varying pressure or quantity ([distributing or expansion valve gear F01L](#))
- F01B 25/04 . . Sensing elements
- F01B 25/06 . . . responsive to speed
- F01B 25/08 . . Final actuators
- F01B 25/10 . . . Arrangements or adaptations of working-fluid admission or discharge valves ([valves in general F16K](#))
- F01B 25/12 . . Devices dealing with sensing elements or final actuators or transmitting means between them, e.g. power-assisted ([sensing elements alone F01B 25/04](#); [final actuators alone F01B 25/08](#))
- F01B 25/14 . . peculiar to particular kinds of machines or engines
- F01B 25/16 . Safety means responsive to specific conditions ([against water hammer or the like in steam engines F01B 31/34](#))
- F01B 25/18 . . preventing rotation in wrong direction
- F01B 25/20 . Checking operation on safety devices
- F01B 25/22 . Braking by redirecting working-fluid
- F01B 25/24 . . thereby regenerating energy
- F01B 25/26 . Warning devices

**F01B 27/00** **Starting of machines or engines** ([starting combustion engines F02N](#))

- F01B 27/02 . of reciprocating-piston engines
- F01B 27/04 . . by directing working-fluid supply, e.g. by aid of by-pass steam conduits
- F01B 27/06 . . . specially for compound engines
- F01B 27/08 . . Means for moving crank off dead-centre ([turning-gear in general F16H](#))

**F01B 29/00** **Machines or engines with pertinent characteristics other than those provided for in preceding main groups**

- F01B 29/02 . Atmospheric engines, i.e. atmosphere acting against vacuum
- F01B 29/04 . characterised by means for converting from one type to a different one
- F01B 29/06 . . from steam engine into combustion engine
- F01B 29/08 . Reciprocating-piston machines or engines not otherwise provided for
- F01B 29/10 . . Engines ([refrigeration machines F25B](#))
- F01B 29/12 . . . Steam engines ([toy steam engines A63H 29/16](#))



<b>F01B 31/00</b>	<b>Component parts, details, or accessories not provided for in, or of interest apart from, other groups (machine or engine casings, other than those peculiar to steam engines, <a href="#">F16M</a>)</b>
<a href="#">F01B 31/005</a>	• { <a href="#">Silencing equipment</a> ( <a href="#">silencing for steam engines <a href="#">F01B 31/16</a></a> )}
<a href="#">F01B 31/02</a>	• De-icing means for engines having icing phenomena
<a href="#">F01B 31/04</a>	• Means for equalising torque in reciprocating-piston machines or engines ( <a href="#">compensation of inertial forces, suppression of vibration in systems <a href="#">F16F</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/06</a>	• Means for compensating relative expansion of component parts
<a href="#">F01B 31/08</a>	• Cooling of steam engines ( <a href="#">cooling of fluid machines or engines in general <a href="#">F01P</a></a> ); Heating; Heat insulation ( <a href="#">heat insulation in general <a href="#">F16L 59/00</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/10</a>	• Lubricating arrangements of steam engines ( <a href="#">of fluid machines or engines in general <a href="#">F01M</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/12</a>	• Arrangements of measuring or indicating devices ( <a href="#">warning apparatus <a href="#">F01B 25/26</a>; measuring instruments or the like per se <a href="#">G01</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/14</a>	• Changing of compression ratio
<a href="#">F01B 31/16</a>	• Silencers specially adapted for steam engines ( <a href="#">arrangements of exhaust pipes or tubes on steam engines <a href="#">F01B 31/30</a>; gas-flow silencers or exhaust silencers for machines or engines in general <a href="#">F01N</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/18</a>	• Draining
<a href="#">F01B 31/20</a>	• . . of cylinders
<a href="#">F01B 31/22</a>	• Idling devices, e.g. having by-passing valves
<a href="#">F01B 31/24</a>	• . . Disengagement of connections between pistons and main shafts
<a href="#">F01B 31/26</a>	• Other component parts, details, or accessories, peculiar to steam engines
<a href="#">F01B 31/28</a>	• . . Cylinders or cylinder covers
<a href="#">F01B 31/30</a>	• . . Arrangements of steam conduits
<a href="#">F01B 31/32</a>	• . . Arrangements or adaptations of vacuum breakers
<a href="#">F01B 31/34</a>	• . . Safety means against water hammers or against the penetration of water ( <a href="#">steam traps <a href="#">F16T</a></a> )
<a href="#">F01B 31/36</a>	• . . . automatically cutting-off steam supply
<b>F01B 2170/00</b>	<b>Steam engines, e.g. for locomotives or ships</b>
<a href="#">F01B 2170/04</a>	• To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0405</a>	• . . To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0411</a>	• . . . for locomotives
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0417</a>	• . . . for locomobiles driven by small motors
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0423</a>	• . . . Single acting steam engines with 1, 2 or 3 cylinders
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0429</a>	• . . . Double acting high pressure machines
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0435</a>	• . . . Compound machines with double or plural expansion; Auxiliaries driven by main engine
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0441</a>	• . . . Compound engines with monolytic pistons in same cylinder
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0447</a>	• . . . Machines with more than one piston in a cylinder and with counter moving pistons
<a href="#">F01B 2170/0452</a>	• . . . Engines without connecting rods



- F01B 2170/0458 . . . Moving cylinders for steam engines, e.g. with telescopic cylinder arrangements
- F01B 2170/0464 . . . Oscillating cylinders for steam engines
- F01B 2170/047 . . . mGeneral arrangements for steam engines
- F01B 2170/0476 . . . Components or parts for steam engines
- F01B 2170/0482 . . . with toroidal cylinder space
- F01B 2170/0488 . . . . To-be-deleted with administrative transfer to parent group
- F01B 2170/0494 . . . . . with fixed cylinder space

**F01B 2250/00      Accessories of steam engines; Arrangements or control devices of piston pumps, compressors without crank shafts or condensers for so far as they influence the functioning of the engines**

- F01B 2250/001 . Valves for steam inlet or outlet
- F01B 2250/002 . Valves, brakes, control or safety devices for steam engines
- F01B 2250/003 . Apparatus for control or receiver or condensor pressure
- F01B 2250/004 . Devices for draining or idling of steam cylinders or for uncoupling piston and connecting rod
- F01B 2250/005 . Oil separators for steam engines
- F01B 2250/006 . Arrangement of or controlling of piston pumps or compressors without crank shaft
- F01B 2250/007 . Condensing devices for steam engines
- F01B 2250/008 . Surface condensers for so far as they influence the functioning of the engine
- F01B 2250/009 . Condensor pumps for steam engines