

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

## C21D MODIFYING THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF FERROUS METALS; GENERAL DEVICES FOR HEAT TREATMENT OF FERROUS OR NON-FERROUS METALS OR ALLOYS; MAKING METAL MALLEABLE BY DECARBURISATION, TEMPERING OR OTHER TREATMENTS ([cementation by diffusion processes C23C](#); [surface treatment of metallic material involving at least one process provided for in class C23](#) and at least one process covered by this subclass, [C23F 17/00](#); [unidirectional solidification of eutectic materials](#) or [unidirectional demixing of eutectoid materials C30B](#))

<b>1/00</b>	<b>General methods or devices for heat treatments, e.g. annealing, hardening, quenching, tempering</b> ( <a href="#">furnaces in general F27</a> ; <a href="#">electric heating per se H05B</a> )	1/613	. . Gases; Liquefied or solidified normally gaseous material
1/02	. Hardening articles or materials formed by forging or rolling, with no further heating beyond that required for the formation	1/62	. Quenching devices
1/04	. with simultaneous application of supersonic waves, magnetic or electric fields	1/63	. . for bath quenching
1/06	. Surface hardening	1/64	. . . with circulating liquids ( <a href="#">in general F28D</a> )
1/08	. . with flames	1/667	. . for spray quenching
1/09	. . by direct application of electrical or wave energy; by particle radiation	1/673	. . for die quenching
1/10	. . . by electric induction	1/68	. Temporary coatings or embedding materials applied before or during heat treatment
1/18	. Hardening ( <a href="#">C21D 1/02</a> takes precedence); Quenching with or without subsequent tempering ( <a href="#">quenching devices C21D 1/62</a> )	1/70	. . while heating or quenching
1/185	. . { <a href="#">from an intercritical temperature</a> }	1/72	. . during chemical change of surfaces
1/19	. . by interrupted quenching	1/74	. Methods of treatment in inert gas, controlled atmosphere, vacuum, or pulverulent material ( <a href="#">production of gases C01, C10</a> )
1/20	. . . Isothermal quenching, e.g. bainitic hardening	1/76	. . Adjusting the composition of the atmosphere
1/22	. . . Martempering	1/763	. . . { <a href="#">using a catalyst</a> }
1/25	. . Hardening, combined with annealing between 300 degrees Celsius and 600 degrees Celsius, i.e. heat refining ("Vergüten")	1/767	. . with forced gas circulation; Reheating thereof
1/26	. Methods of annealing	1/773	. . under reduced pressure or vacuum
1/28	. . Normalising	1/78	. Combined heat-treatments not provided for above
1/30	. . Stress-relieving	1/785	. . { <a href="#">Thermocycling</a> }
1/32	. . Soft annealing, e.g. spheroidising	1/82	. Descaling by thermal stresses ( <a href="#">mechanically B21, B23</a> ; <a href="#">chemically C23</a> ; <a href="#">electrolytically C25F</a> )
1/34	. Methods of heating ( <a href="#">C21D 1/06</a> takes precedence)	1/84	. Controlled slow cooling ( <a href="#">cooling-beds for metal rolling B21B 43/00</a> )
1/38	. . Heating by cathodic discharges	<b>3/00</b>	<b>Diffusion processes for extraction of non-metals; Furnaces therefor</b> ( <a href="#">local protective coatings C21D 1/72</a> ; <a href="#">furnaces in general F27</a> )
1/40	. . Direct resistance heating	3/02	. Extraction of non-metals
1/42	. . Induction heating	3/04	. . Decarburising
1/44	. . in heat-treatment baths	3/06	. . Extraction of hydrogen
1/46	. . . Salt baths	3/08	. . Extraction of nitrogen
1/48	. . . Metal baths	3/10	. Furnaces therefor
1/50	. . . Oil baths	<b>5/00</b>	<b>Heat treatments of cast-iron</b>
1/52	. . with flames	5/02	. improving the malleability of grey cast-iron
1/53	. . Heating in fluidised beds	5/04	. of white cast-iron
1/54	. Determining when the hardening temperature has been reached by measurement of magnetic or electrical properties	5/06	. . Malleabilising
1/55	. Hardenability tests, e.g. end-quench tests ( <a href="#">investigating chemical or physical properties of materials in general G01N</a> )	5/08	. . . with oxidation of carbon
1/56	. characterised by the quenching agents	5/10	. . . . in gaseous agents
1/58	. . Oils	5/12	. . . . in solid agents
1/60	. . Aqueous agents	5/14	. . . Graphitising
1/607	. . Molten salts	5/16	. . . . Packing agents
		<b>6/00</b>	<b>Heat treatment of ferrous alloys</b>
		6/001	. { <a href="#">containing Ni (C21D 6/004 takes precedence)</a> }
		6/002	. { <a href="#">containing Cr (C21D 6/004 takes precedence)</a> }
		6/004	. { <a href="#">containing Cr and Ni</a> }
		6/005	. { <a href="#">containing Mn</a> }
		6/007	. { <a href="#">containing Co</a> }

- 6/008 . {containing Si}
- 6/02 . Hardening by precipitation
- 6/04 . Hardening by cooling below 0 degrees Celsius

**7/00 Modifying the physical properties of iron or steel by deformation** (apparatus for mechanical working of metal [B21](#), [B23](#), [B24](#))

- 7/02 . by cold working
- 7/04 . . of the surface
- 7/06 . . . by shot-peening or the like
- 7/08 . . . by burnishing or the like
- 7/10 . . of the whole cross-section, e.g. of concrete reinforcing bars
- 7/105 . . . {of concrete reinforcing bars}
- 7/12 . . . by expanding tubular bodies
- 7/13 . by hot working

**8/00 Modifying the physical properties by deformation combined with, or followed by, heat treatment** (hardening articles or materials formed by forging or rolling with no further heating beyond that required for the formation [C21D 1/02](#))

- 8/005 . {of ferrous alloys ([C21D 8/02](#) - [C21D 8/12](#) take precedence)}
- 8/02 . during manufacturing of plates or strips ([C21D 8/12](#) takes precedence)

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- 8/0205 . . {of ferrous alloys}
- 8/021 . . {involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}
- 8/0215 . . . {Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}
- 8/0221 . . {characterised by the working steps}
- 8/0226 . . . {Hot rolling}
- 8/0231 . . . {Warm rolling}
- 8/0236 . . . {Cold rolling}
- 8/0242 . . . {Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}
- 8/0247 . . {characterised by the heat treatment}
- 8/0252 . . . {with application of tension}
- 8/0257 . . . {with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}
- 8/0263 . . . {following hot rolling}
- 8/0268 . . . {between cold rolling steps}
- 8/0273 . . . {Final recrystallisation annealing}
- 8/0278 . . {involving a particular surface treatment ([C21D 8/0294](#) takes precedence)}
- 8/0284 . . . {Application of a separating or insulating coating}
- 8/0289 . . . {Application of a tension-inducing coating}
- 8/0294 . . {involving a localised treatment}
- 8/04 . . to produce plates or strips for deep-drawing

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- 8/0405 . . . {of ferrous alloys}

- 8/041 . . . {involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}
- 8/0415 . . . . {Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}
- 8/0421 . . . {characterised by the working steps}
- 8/0426 . . . . {Hot rolling}
- 8/0431 . . . . {Warm rolling}
- 8/0436 . . . . {Cold rolling}
- 8/0442 . . . . {Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}
- 8/0447 . . . {characterised by the heat treatment}
- 8/0452 . . . . {with application of tension}
- 8/0457 . . . . {with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}
- 8/0463 . . . . {following hot rolling}
- 8/0468 . . . . {between cold rolling steps}
- 8/0473 . . . . {Final recrystallisation annealing}
- 8/0478 . . . {involving a particular surface treatment ([C21D 8/0494](#) takes precedence)}
- 8/0484 . . . . {Application of a separating or insulating coating}
- 8/0489 . . . . {Application of a tension-inducing coating}
- 8/0494 . . . {involving a localised treatment}
- 8/06 . during manufacturing of rods or wires
- 8/065 . . {of ferrous alloys}
- 8/08 . . for concrete reinforcement
- 8/10 . during manufacturing of tubular bodies
- 8/105 . . {of ferrous alloys}
- 8/12 . during manufacturing of articles with special electromagnetic properties

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- 8/1205 . . {involving a particular fabrication or treatment of ingot or slab}
- 8/1211 . . . {Rapid solidification; Thin strip casting}
- 8/1216 . . {the working step(s) being of interest}
- 8/1222 . . . {Hot rolling}
- 8/1227 . . . {Warm rolling}
- 8/1233 . . . {Cold rolling}
- 8/1238 . . . {Flattening; Dressing; Flexing}
- 8/1244 . . {the heat treatment(s) being of interest}
- 8/125 . . . {with application of tension}
- 8/1255 . . . {with diffusion of elements, e.g. decarburising, nitriding}
- 8/1261 . . . {following hot rolling}
- 8/1266 . . . {between cold rolling steps}
- 8/1272 . . . {Final recrystallisation annealing}
- 8/1277 . . {involving a particular surface treatment ([C21D 8/1294](#) takes precedence)}
- 8/1283 . . . {Application of a separating or insulating coating}
- 8/1288 . . . {Application of a tension-inducing coating}
- 8/1294 . . {involving a localized treatment}

**9/00 Heat treatment, e.g. annealing, hardening, quenching, tempering, adapted for particular articles; Furnaces therefor** (furnaces in general [F27](#))

- 9/0006 . {Details, accessories not peculiar to any of the following furnaces ([control devices C21D 11/00](#))}
- 9/0012 . . {Rolls; Roll arrangements}

- 9/0018 . . {for charging, discharging or manipulation of charge}
- 9/0025 . . {Supports; Baskets; Containers; Covers}
- 9/0031 . {Rotary furnaces with horizontal or slightly inclined axis}
- 9/0037 . {Rotary furnaces with vertical axis; Furnaces with rotating floor}
- 9/0043 . {Muffle furnaces; Retort furnaces}
- 9/005 . {Furnaces in which the charge is moving up or down (for wire, strip [C21D 9/54](#))}
- 9/0056 . {Furnaces through which the charge is moved in a horizontal straight path ([C21D 9/0043](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/0062 . {Heat-treating apparatus with a cooling or quenching zone}
- 9/0068 . {for particular articles not mentioned below}
- 9/0075 . {for rods of limited length (of unlimited length [C21D 9/52](#))}
- 9/0081 . {for slabs; for billets}
- 9/0087 . {for chains, for chain links}
- 9/0093 . {for screws; for bolts}
- 9/02 . for springs
- 9/04 . for rails (apparatus for heat treatment of railway rails on the spot [E01B 31/18](#))
- 9/06 . . with diminished tendency to become wavy
- 9/08 . for tubular bodies or pipes
- 9/085 . . {Cooling or quenching}
- 9/10 . . shotgun barrels
- 9/12 . . barrels for ordnance
- 9/14 . . wear- or pressure-resistant pipes
- 9/16 . for explosive shells
- 9/18 . for knives, scythes, scissors, or like hand cutting tools
- 9/20 . for blades for skates
- 9/22 . for drills; for milling cutters; for machine cutting tools
- 9/24 . for saw blades
- 9/26 . for needles; for teeth for card-clothing
- 9/28 . for plain shafts
- 9/30 . for crankshafts; for camshafts
- 9/32 . for gear wheels, worm wheels, or the like
- 9/34 . for tyres; for rims
- 9/36 . for balls; for rollers
- 9/38 . for roll bodies
- 9/40 . for rings; for bearing races
- 9/42 . for armour plate
- 9/44 . for equipment for lining mine shafts, e.g. segments, rings, props
- 9/46 . for sheet metals
- 9/48 . . deep-drawing sheets
- 9/50 . for welded joints
- 9/505 . . {Cooling thereof}
- 9/52 . for wires; for strips; {for rods of unlimited length}
- 9/525 . . {for wire, for rods ([C21D 9/54](#) takes precedence)}
- 9/54 . . Furnaces for treating strips or wire
- 9/56 . . . Continuous furnaces for strip or wire
- 9/561 . . . . {with a controlled atmosphere or vacuum}
- 9/562 . . . . {Details}
- 9/563 . . . . {Rolls; Drums; Roll arrangements}
- 9/564 . . . . {Tension control}
- 9/565 . . . . {Sealing arrangements}
- 9/567 . . . . with heating in fluidised beds
- 9/573 . . . . with cooling
- 9/5732 . . . . . {of wires; of rods}
- 9/5735 . . . . . {Details}
- 9/5737 . . . . . {Rolls; Drums; Roll arrangements}
- 9/58 . . . . with heating by baths
- 9/60 . . . . with induction heating
- 9/62 . . . . with direct resistance heating
- 9/63 . . . . the strip being supported by a cushion of gas
- 9/64 . . . Patenting furnaces
- 9/66 . . . Tower-type furnaces
- 9/663 . . . Bell-type furnaces
- 9/665 . . . . inverted or side-facing
- 9/667 . . . . Multi-station furnaces
- 9/67 . . . . . adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
- 9/673 . . . . Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to bell-type furnaces
- 9/675 . . . . Arrangements of charging or discharging devices
- 9/677 . . . . Arrangements of heating devices
- 9/68 . . . Furnace coilers; hot coilers ([cold coilers B21C](#))
- 9/70 . Furnaces for ingots, i.e. soaking pits
- 10/00** **Modifying the physical properties by methods other than heat treatment or deformation**
- 10/005 . {by laser shock processing}
- 11/00** **Process control or regulation for heat treatments (controlling or regulating in general [G05](#))**
- 11/005 . {for cooling}
- 2201/00** **Treatment for obtaining particular effects**
- 2201/01 . Shape memory effect
- 2201/02 . Superplasticity
- 2201/03 . Amorphous or microcrystalline structure
- 2201/04 . Single or very large crystals
- 2201/05 . Grain orientation
- 2211/00** **Microstructure comprising significant phases**
- 2211/001 . Austenite
- 2211/002 . Bainite
- 2211/003 . Cementite
- 2211/004 . Dispersions; Precipitations
- 2211/005 . Ferrite
- 2211/006 . Graphite
- 2211/007 . Ledeburite
- 2211/008 . Martensite
- 2211/009 . Pearlite
- 2221/00** **Treating localised areas of an article**
- 2221/01 . End parts (e.g. leading, trailing end)
- 2221/02 . Edge parts
- 2221/10 . Differential treatment of inner with respect to outer regions, e.g. core and periphery, respectively
- 2241/00** **Treatments in a special environment**
- 2241/01 . under pressure
- 2241/02 . . Hot isostatic pressing
- 2241/03 . in zero gravity (e.g. in space)
- 2251/00** **Treating composite or clad material**
- 2251/02 . Clad material
- 2251/04 . Welded or brazed overlays

**2261/00**    **Machining or cutting being involved**

**2281/00**    **Making use of special physico-chemical means**

2281/01    . Seed crystals being used

2281/02    . temperature gradient