

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

## F MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING (NOTE omitted)

### ENGINEERING IN GENERAL

#### F17 STORING OR DISTRIBUTING GASES OR LIQUIDS

#### F17D PIPE-LINE SYSTEMS; PIPE-LINES (pumps or compressors [F04](#); fluid dynamics [F15D](#); valves or the like [F16K](#); pipes, laying pipes, supports, joints, branches, repairing, work on the entire line, accessories [F16L](#); steam traps or the like [F16T](#); fluid-pressure electric cables [H01B 9/06](#))

##### NOTE

In this subclass, pipe-line systems are interpreted as systems described in flow sheets as well as arrangements of co-operating elements, the elements *per se* being covered in the relevant subclasses.

##### WARNING

In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

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| <p><b>1/00</b> Pipe-line systems (conveying articles or materials through a pipe- line by means of a fluid carrier <a href="#">B65G 51/00</a>, <a href="#">B65G 53/00</a>; liquids <a href="#">B67D</a>; special devices for transferring liquids from bulk storage containers into vehicles or boats or <i>vice versa</i>, e.g. loading or unloading vehicles or portable containers <a href="#">B67D 7/00</a>; conveying material which has been excavated by a dredger or soil shifter through a pipe-line <a href="#">E02F 7/10</a>; sewer pipe-line systems <a href="#">E03F 3/00</a>; thermal insulation of pipe-lines <a href="#">F16L 59/00</a>; central heating systems <a href="#">F24D</a>)</p> <p>1/005 . {for a two-phase gas-liquid flow}</p> <p>1/02 . for gases or vapours</p> <p>1/04 . . for distribution of gas</p> <p>1/05 . . . Preventing freezing (by heating <a href="#">F16L 53/30</a>)</p> <p>1/06 . . for steam</p> <p>1/065 . . Arrangements for producing propulsion of gases or vapours</p> <p>1/07 . . . by compression</p> <p>1/075 . . . by mere expansion from an initial pressure level, e.g. by arrangement of a flow-control valve</p> <p>1/08 . for liquids or viscous products (water-main or service pipe systems <a href="#">E03B 7/04</a>; domestic hot-water supply systems <a href="#">F24D 17/00</a>)</p> <p>1/082 . . {for cold fluids, e.g. liquefied gas (<a href="#">F17D 1/086</a> takes precedence)}</p> <p>1/084 . . {for hot fluids (<a href="#">F17D 1/086</a> takes precedence)}</p> <p>1/086 . . {for explosives}</p> <p>1/088 . . {for solids or suspensions of solids in liquids, e.g. slurries (<a href="#">F17D 1/086</a> takes precedence)}</p> <p>1/12 . . Conveying liquids or viscous products by pressure of another fluid</p> <p>1/13 . . Conveying liquids or viscous products by gravity</p> <p>1/14 . . Conveying liquids or viscous products by pumping</p> | <p>1/16 . . Facilitating the conveyance of liquids or effecting the conveyance of viscous products by modification of their viscosity {(changing the flow or the viscosity by adding a chemical agent <a href="#">C09K 3/00</a>, <a href="#">C10M</a>)}</p> <p>1/17 . . . by mixing with another liquid {, i.e. diluting}</p> <p>1/18 . . . by heating</p> <p>1/20 . Arrangements or systems of devices for influencing or altering dynamic characteristics of the systems, e.g. for damping pulsations caused by opening or closing of valves (fluid dynamics <a href="#">F15D</a>; damping pulsations in fluids in pipes in general <a href="#">F16L 55/04</a>)</p> <p><b>3/00 Arrangements for supervising or controlling working operations</b></p> <p>3/01 . for controlling, signalling, or supervising the conveyance of a product</p> <p>3/03 . for controlling, signalling, or supervising the conveyance of several different products following one another in the same conduit, e.g. for switching from one receiving tank to another</p> <p>3/05 . . the different products not being separated (separation of contaminants by distillation <a href="#">B01D 3/00</a>)</p> <p>3/08 . . the different products being separated by "go-devils", e.g. spheres (cleaning devices moved along inside a pipe-lines by fluid pressure <a href="#">B08B 9/04</a>; {pigs or moles <i>per se</i>, their launching and detection <a href="#">F16L 55/26</a>)}</p> <p>3/10 . for taking out the product in the line (sampling in general, examining the physical or chemical properties of materials <a href="#">G01N</a>)</p> <p>3/12 . for injecting a composition into the line</p> <p>3/14 . for eliminating water (separation of liquids <a href="#">B01D</a>, e.g. <a href="#">B01D 17/00</a>; separation of gases or vapours <a href="#">B01D 53/00</a>)</p> <p>3/145 . . {in gas pipelines}</p> |
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## F17D

- 3/16
  - for eliminating particles in suspension (from liquids by sedimentation [B01D 21/00](#); separation by filtration or otherwise [B01D 24/00](#) - [B01D 51/00](#); centrifugal apparatus [B04](#))
- 3/18
  - for measuring the quantity of conveyed product (measuring volume or volume flow, in general [G01F](#))
- 5/00**
  - Protection or supervision of installations**  
(arrangements for protecting foundations [E02D 31/00](#); protecting pipes from damage or internal or external wear [F16L 57/00](#), against corrosion and scale [F16L 58/00](#); investigation of the fluid-tightness of structures [G01M 3/00](#))
- 5/005
  - {of gas pipelines, e.g. alarm}
- 5/02
  - Preventing, monitoring, or locating loss
- 5/04
  - . by means of a signalling fluid enclosed in a double wall
- 5/06
  - . using electric or acoustic means
- 5/08
  - Protection of installations or persons from the effects of high voltage induced in the pipe-line (emergency protective circuit arrangements [H02H](#))