A41F

GARMENT FASTENINGS; SUSPENDERS

Special rules of classification

Machines, appliances or methods for making a particular article of apparel should be classified in the relevant group for the machine, appliance or method concerned in A41H and also as additional information with the relevant symbol of the particular article of apparel concerned in A41B - A41F.

A41F 1/00

Fastening devices specially adapted for garments {(for pairing socks A41B 11/002; for fur garments A41D 5/006)}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

a person having handicapped hands
Illustrative example 2: Flexible hinge connector

References

Limiting references

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<td>Fastening shirt cuffs to sleeves of jackets</td>
<td>A41B 7/06</td>
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<td>Fastening devices in general</td>
<td>A44B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Straps, bands</td>
<td>A45C 13/30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carrying straps around neck</td>
<td>A45F 2003/002</td>
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<td>Carrying straps around waist</td>
<td>A45F 3/005</td>
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<td>Carrying straps</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carriers for hand articles</td>
<td>A45F 5/00</td>
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A41F 1/002

{Magnetic fastening devices}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Magnetic fastening for accessories A45C 13/1069
A41F 1/004

{Strips of buttons}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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A41F 1/006

{Brassière fasteners}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
Special rules of classification
Comprises only back fasteners of brassieres.
For front fastening of brassieres class only in A41C 3/02.

A41F 1/008

{Adjustable fasteners comprising a track and a slide member (expansible or adjustable belts or girdles A41F 9/02)}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

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A41F 1/02
Buttonholes; Eyelets for buttonholes

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 1/04
Corset fasteners

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
**A41F 1/06**

Glove fasteners

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

**Special rules of classification**

For fastening glove in cuff area (but not to another garment), class only in **A41F 1/06** and **A41D 19/0048**.

For fastening glove in other area, class only in **A41F 1/06**.

For fastening glove to another garment class in **A41D 19/0041**.

**A41F 1/08**

Garter fasteners

**Special rules of classification**

Not used, class in **A41F 11/00**.
A41F 3/00
Braces

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 3/02
Strips, tongues, or the like, for attaching to the trousers

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 3/04
Means for joining the strips, tongues, or the like, to the body of the braces

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 3/045

{using springs}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 3/06

Means for rendering braces pliable; Elastic elements for braces; Braces completely made of rubber

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 5/00
Trouser supports attached to the shirt, waistcoat, or the like

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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

| Shirts exchangeably attached to underbodices, drawers | A41B 1/06 |
A41F 7/00
Devices for connecting underpants to trousers

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 9/00
Belts, girdles, or waistbands for trousers or skirts

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
Illustrative example 1: Trouser support system

Illustrative example 2: Waist decorative cloth element

References

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Special rules of classification
When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, classify in A41F 9/00 and lower groups.
When girdle is used to shape body, classify in A41C 1/00 and lower groups.
If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, classify also in A41F 11/00.

A41F 9/002
{Free belts}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

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<th>Dog's collars</th>
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A41F 9/007

{Belt loops}

Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

12. WO2007029477 - ORNAMENT
A41F 9/02

Expansible or adjustable belts or girdles {; Adjustable fasteners comprising a track and a slide member (A41F 1/008, A41F 9/002 take precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Adjustable fasteners comprising a track and a slide member | A41F 1/008 |
| Free belts | A41F 9/002 |

Special rules of classification

When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, class in A41F 9/00 and lower groups.

When girdle is used to shape body, class in A41C 1/00 and lower groups.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, class also in A41F 11/00.
A41F 9/025

{Adjustable belts or girdles}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification

Comprises drawstrings inside pants.
When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, class in **A41F 9/00** and lower groups.

When girdle is used to shape body, class in **A41C 1/00** and lower groups.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, class also in **A41F 11/00**.

For closures of garments using straps or ties (no drawstrings inside waist of pants), class in **A41D 2300/33**.

### A41F 11/00

**Stocking or sock suspenders**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

2. **US2010205721** - Hose-holding undergarment and corresponding hose

#### Special rules of classification

When suspension done by a different device from the stocking, classify in **A41F 11/00** and lower groups.

When suspension is integral with stocking classify in **A41B 11/12** and lower groups.

When stocking is adapted to allow separate garter to fasten, class in **A41B 11/12** and **A41F 11/00** and lower groups and also as additional information in **A41B 11/12**.

Comprises garter belts.

For stocking or socks supports other than suspenders, classify in **A41F 13/00**.

If girdle is further used to support stocking or socks, classify also as additional information in **A41F 11/00**.
When girdle is used to support trouser or skirt, classify in A41F 9/00 and lower groups.

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**A41F 11/02**

**Devices for attaching the stocking or sock to the suspender**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/04

of the stud-and-loop type

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
**A41F 11/06**  
Pivoted-jaw clips

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

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**A41F 11/08**  
consisting of one part

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/10
Shields or like intermediate members

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/12
with devices for adjusting the length

Definition statement

This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/14
Means for fastening the suspender to the garment, e.g. trousers, underpants

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.
A41F 11/16

Garters

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification

For garter belts class in A41F 11/00.

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A41F 11/18
Means for fastening the stocking directly to the undergarment

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

8. FR2736463 - (A3) Ladies garment combining body and suspender belt

Special rules of classification
Applies to overgarments also.
A41F 13/00
Other devices for supporting or holding stockings or socks during wear

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

Special rules of classification
Comprises stocking or sock supports other than suspenders.
For stocking or sock suspenders class in A41F 11/00 and lower groups.

A41F 15/00
Shoulder or like straps

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

44. US4100924 - Shoulder strap
A41F 15/002
{separable or adjustable}

Definition statement

This place covers:

131. US6155906 - Garments and garment accessories having distinct interchangeable straps
A41F 15/005
{Tapes for shoulder straps}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.

A41F 15/007
{Shoulder cushioning attachments}

Definition statement
This place covers:

- US2002111119 - Seamless brassiere shoulder strap
- WO9639067 - ORTHOTIC EPAULET FOR ALLEVIATING DISCOMFORT FROM BRASSIERE STRAPS
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Shaping shoulder-pads   | A41D 27/26 |

A41F 15/02

Means for retaining the straps in position

Definition statement

This place covers:

- 36. US6135853 - Bra strap concealer apparatus
A41F 17/00
Means for holding-down garments

Definition statement
This place covers:

Special rules of classification
Comprises devices to hold down bottom edges or sleeve ends of shirts or blouses.
For fastening the trouser cuff to the shoe class in A41F 17/00 and A41D 1/06.
A41F 17/02
Clips or the like for trousers or skirts, e.g. for cyclists

Definition statement
This place covers:
Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this group:
Illustrative example 2: Pants cuff clip

References

Informative references

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

| Paper clips of flat sections | B42F 1/06 |

A41F 17/04

Straps on the lower end of legs of trousers

Definition statement

This place covers:

28. US55942156 - Trouser leg retaining device
References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Fastening means for gaiters | A41D 17/005 |

A41F 19/00

Garment suspenders not otherwise provided for

Definition statement
This place covers:
E.g., sleeves of long gloves fastening to biceps area.

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| Shirts exchangeably attached to underbodices, drawers | A41B 1/06 |
| Fastening cuffs to shirts | A41B 7/04 |
| Fastening shirt cuffs to sleeves of jackets | A41B 7/06 |
A41F 19/005
{Means for adjusting the length of sleeves}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.