

CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

B PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING

(NOTES omitted)

SEPARATING; MIXING

B01 PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL PROCESSES OR APPARATUS IN GENERAL

B01L CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL LABORATORY APPARATUS FOR GENERAL USE

NOTE

This subclass covers only laboratory apparatus which is either applicable solely to laboratory purposes or which, by reason of its simple construction and adaptability, is such as would not be suitable for industrial use.

WARNING

The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:

[B01L 3/14](#)

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[B01L 3/50](#)

1/00	Enclosures; Chambers (provided with manipulation devices or glove boxes B25J 21/00)	3/0244	. . . {using pins}
1/02	. Air-pressure chambers; Air-locks therefor	3/0248	. . . . {Prongs, quill pen type dispenser}
1/025	. . {Environmental chambers}	3/0251	. . . . {Pin and ring type or pin in tube type dispenser}
1/04	. Dust-free rooms or enclosures	3/0255	. . . . {characterised by the form or material of the pin tip}
1/50	. {for storing hazardous materials in the laboratory, e.g. cupboards, waste containers (sample containers B01L 3/50)}	3/0258	. . . {using stamps}
1/52	. {Transportable laboratories; Field kits}	3/0262	. . . {using touch-off at substrate or container}
3/00	Containers or dishes for laboratory use, e.g. laboratory glassware; Droppers	3/0265	. . . {using valves to interrupt or meter fluid flow, e.g. using solenoids or metering valves}
	<u>NOTE</u>	3/0268	. . . {using pulse dispensing or spraying, eg. inkjet type, piezo actuated ejection of droplets from capillaries}
	Petri dishes for enzymology or microbiology are classified in group C12M 1/22 .	3/0272	. . . {Dropper bottles}
3/02	. Burettes; Pipettes	3/0275	. . {Interchangeable or disposable dispensing tips}
3/0203	. . {Burettes, i.e. for withdrawing and redistributing liquids through different conduits}	3/0279	. . . {co-operating with positive ejection means}
3/0206	. . . {of the plunger pump type}	3/0282	. . {mounted within a receptacle (wash bottles B01L 3/10)}
3/021	. . {Pipettes, i.e. with only one conduit for withdrawing and redistributing liquids}	3/0286	. . {Ergonomic aspects, e.g. form or arrangement of controls}
3/0213	. . . {Accessories for glass pipettes; Gun-type pipettes, e.g. safety devices, pumps}	3/0289	. . {Apparatus for withdrawing or distributing predetermined quantities of fluid}
3/0217	. . . {of the plunger pump type}	3/0293	. . . {for liquids}
3/022	. . . . {Capillary pipettes, i.e. having very small bore (B01L 3/0224 - B01L 3/0237 take precedence)}	3/0296	. . . . {from piercable tubing, e.g. in extracorporeal blood sampling}
3/0224	. . . . {having mechanical means to set stroke length, e.g. movable stops (B01L 3/0231 , B01L 3/0234 take precedence)}	3/04	. Crucibles
3/0227	. . . . {Details of motor drive means (B01L 3/0231 , B01L 3/0234 take precedence)}	3/06	. Crystallising dishes
3/0231	. . . . {having several coaxial pistons}	3/08	. Flasks
3/0234	. . . . {Repeating pipettes, i.e. for dispensing multiple doses from a single charge}	3/10	. Wash bottles
3/0237	. . . . {Details of electronic control, e.g. relating to user interface}	3/12	. Gas jars or cylinders
3/0241	. . {Drop counters; Drop formers}	3/16	. Retorts
		3/18	. Spatulas
		3/50	. {Containers for the purpose of retaining a material to be analysed, e.g. test tubes (devices for taking samples of blood A61B 5/15)}
		3/502	. . {with fluid transport, e.g. in multi-compartment structures}
		3/5021	. . . {Test tubes specially adapted for centrifugation purposes}
		3/50215	. . . . {using a float to separate phases}

- 3/5023 . . . {with a sample being transported to, and subsequently stored in an absorbent for analysis}
- 3/5025 . . . {for parallel transport of multiple samples}
- 3/50255 {Multi-well filtration}
- 3/5027 . . . {by integrated microfluidic structures, i.e. dimensions of channels and chambers are such that surface tension forces are important, e.g. lab-on-a-chip}
- 3/502707 {characterised by the manufacture of the container or its components}
- 3/502715 {characterised by interfacing components, e.g. fluidic, electrical, optical or mechanical interfaces}
- 3/502723 {characterised by venting arrangements}
- 3/50273 {characterised by the means or forces applied to move the fluids}
- 3/502738 {characterised by integrated valves ([throttle valves in microfluidic sample containers B01L 3/502746](#))}
- 3/502746 {characterised by the means for controlling flow resistance, e.g. flow controllers, baffles or throttle valves}
- 3/502753 {characterised by bulk separation arrangements on lab-on-a-chip devices, e.g. for filtration or centrifugation}
- 3/502761 {specially adapted for handling suspended solids or molecules independently from the bulk fluid flow, e.g. for trapping or sorting beads or physically stretching molecules}
- 3/502769 {characterised by multiphase flow arrangements}
- 3/502776 {specially adapted for focusing or laminating flows}
- 3/502784 {specially adapted for droplet or plug flow, e.g. digital microfluidics}
- 3/502792 {for moving individual droplets on a plate, e.g. by locally altering surface tension}
- 3/5029 {using swabs}
- 3/505 . . . {Flexible containers without fluid transport within}
- 3/5055 {Hinged, e.g. opposable surfaces}
- 3/508 . . . {Rigid containers without fluid transport within}
- 3/5082 {Test tubes [per se](#)}
- 3/50825 {Closing or opening means, corks, bungs}
- 3/5085 {for multiple samples, e.g. microtitration plates}
- 3/50851 {specially adapted for heating or cooling samples}
- 3/50853 {with covers or lids ([closures for test tubes B01L 3/50825](#))}
- 3/50855 {using modular assemblies of strips or of individual wells}
- 3/50857 {using arrays or bundles of open capillaries for holding samples}
- 3/5088 {confining liquids at a location by surface tension, e.g. virtual wells on plates, wires ([B01L 3/50857 takes precedence](#))}
- 3/52 . . . {Containers specially adapted for storing or dispensing a reagent ([B01L 3/02 takes precedence](#); storing or dispensing test elements [G01N 33/4875](#); automated reagent dispensing [G01N 35/1002](#))}
- 3/523 . . . {with means for closing or opening}
- 3/527 . . . {for a plurality of reagents}
- 3/54 . . . {Labware with identification means}
- 3/545 . . . {for laboratory containers}
- 3/5453 {for test tubes}
- 3/5457 {for container closures}
- 3/56 . . . {Labware specially adapted for transferring fluids}
- 3/561 . . . {Tubes; Conduits}
- 3/563 . . . {Joints or fittings; Separable fluid transfer means to transfer fluids between at least two containers, e.g. connectors}
- 3/5635 {connecting two containers face to face, e.g. comprising a filter}
- 3/565 . . . {Seals}
- 3/567 . . . {Valves, taps or stop-cocks}
- 3/569 . . . {Glassware}
- 5/00** **Gas handling apparatus (gas jars or cylinders [B01L 3/12](#); cold traps or cold baffles [B01D 8/00](#))**
- 5/02 . . . Gas collection apparatus, e.g. by bubbling under water ([for sampling G01N 1/22](#))
- 5/04 . . . Gas washing apparatus, e.g. by bubbling
- 7/00** **Heating or cooling apparatus ([autoclaves B01J 3/04](#)); Heat insulating devices**
- 7/02 . . . Water baths; Sand baths; Air baths
- 7/04 . . . Heat insulating devices, e.g. jackets for flasks
- 7/50 . . . {Cryostats}
- 7/52 . . . {with provision for submitting samples to a predetermined sequence of different temperatures, e.g. for treating nucleic acid samples}
- 7/525 {with physical movement of samples between temperature zones}
- 7/5255 {by moving sample containers}
- 7/54 . . . {using spatial temperature gradients}
- 9/00** **Supporting devices; Holding devices**
- 9/02 . . . Laboratory benches or tables; Fittings therefor
- 9/04 . . . Retort stands; Retort clamps
- 9/06 . . . Test-tube stands; Test-tube holders
- 9/065 {specially adapted for capillary tubes}
- 9/50 . . . {Clamping means, e.g. tongs}
- 9/52 . . . {Supports specially adapted for flat sample carriers, e.g. for plates, slides, chips}
- 9/523 {for multisample carriers, e.g. used for microtitration plates}
- 9/527 {for microfluidic devices, e.g. used for lab-on-a-chip}
- 9/54 . . . {Supports specially adapted for pipettes and burettes}
- 9/543 {for disposable pipette tips, e.g. racks or cassettes}
- 9/547 {for dispensing pins}
- 9/56 . . . {Means for indicating position of a recipient or sample in an array}
- 13/00** **{Cleaning or rinsing apparatus}**
- 13/02 . . . {for receptacle or instruments}
- 99/00** **Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass**
- 2200/00** **Solutions for specific problems relating to chemical or physical laboratory apparatus**
- 2200/02 . . . Adapting objects or devices to another

2200/021	. . Adjust spacings in an array of wells, pipettes or holders, format transfer between arrays of different size or geometry	2300/023	. . Sending and receiving of information, e.g. using Bluetooth®
2200/022	. . . Variable spacings	2300/024	. . Storing results with means integrated into the container
2200/023	. . adapted for different sizes of tubes, tips or container	2300/025	. . Displaying results or values with integrated means
2200/025	. . Align devices or objects to ensure defined positions relative to each other	2300/026	. . . Drum counters
2200/026	. . Fluid interfacing between devices or objects, e.g. connectors, inlet details	2300/027	. . . Digital display, e.g. LCD, LED
2200/027	. . . for microfluidic devices	2300/028	. . . Graduation
2200/028	. . Modular arrangements	2300/04	. Closures and closing means
2200/04	. Exchange or ejection of cartridges, containers or reservoirs	2300/041	. . Connecting closures to device or container
2200/06	. Fluid handling related problems	2300/042	. . . Caps; Plugs
2200/0605	. . Metering of fluids	2300/043	. . . Hinged closures
2200/061	. . Counting droplets	2300/044	. . . pierceable, e.g. films, membranes
2200/0615	. . Loss of fluid by dripping	2300/045	. . . whereby the whole cover is slidable
2200/0621	. . Control of the sequence of chambers filled or emptied	2300/046	. . Function or devices integrated in the closure
2200/0626	. . using levitated droplets	2300/047	. . . Additional chamber, reservoir
2200/0631	. . Purification arrangements, e.g. solid phase extraction [SPE]	2300/048	. . . enabling gas exchange, e.g. vents
2200/0636	. . Focussing flows, e.g. to laminate flows	2300/049	. . . Valves integrated in closure
2200/0642	. . Filling fluids into wells by specific techniques	2300/06	. Auxiliary integrated devices, integrated components
2200/0647	. . Handling flowable solids, e.g. microscopic beads, cells, particles	2300/0609	. . Holders integrated in container to position an object
2200/0652	. . . Sorting or classification of particles or molecules	2300/0618	. . . for removable separation walls
2200/0657	. . . Pipetting powder	2300/0627	. . Sensor or part of a sensor is integrated
2200/0663	. . . Stretching or orienting elongated molecules or particles	2300/0636	. . . Integrated biosensor, microarrays
2200/0668	. . . Trapping microscopic beads	2300/0645	. . . Electrodes
2200/0673	. . Handling of plugs of fluid surrounded by immiscible fluid	2300/0654	. . . Lenses; Optical fibres
2200/0678	. . Facilitating or initiating evaporation	2300/0663	. . . Whole sensors
2200/0684	. . Venting, avoiding backpressure, avoid gas bubbles	2300/0672	. . Integrated piercing tool
2200/0689	. . Sealing	2300/0681	. . Filter
2200/0694	. . Creating chemical gradients in a fluid	2300/069	. . Absorbents; Gels to retain a fluid
2200/08	. Ergonomic or safety aspects of handling devices	2300/08	. Geometry, shape and general structure
2200/082	. . Handling hazardous material	2300/0803	. . Disc shape
2200/085	. . Protection against injuring the user	2300/0806	. . . Standardised forms, e.g. compact disc [CD] format
2200/087	. . Ergonomic aspects	2300/0809	. . rectangular shaped
2200/10	. Integrating sample preparation and analysis in single entity, e.g. lab-on-a-chip concept	2300/0812	. . . Bands; Tapes
2200/12	. Specific details about manufacturing devices	2300/0816	. . . Cards, e.g. flat sample carriers usually with flow in two horizontal directions
2200/14	. Process control and prevention of errors	2300/0819	. . . Microarrays; Biochips
2200/141	. . Preventing contamination, tampering	2300/0822	. . . Slides
2200/142	. . Preventing evaporation	2300/0825	. . . Test strips
2200/143	. . Quality control, feedback systems	2300/0829	. . . Multi-well plates; Microtitration plates
2200/145	. . . Detecting door closure	2300/0832	. . cylindrical, tube shaped
2200/146	. . . Employing pressure sensors	2300/0835	. . . Ampoules
2200/147	. . . Employing temperature sensors	2300/0838	. . . Capillaries
2200/148	. . Specific details about calibrations	2300/0841	. . . Drums
2200/16	. Reagents, handling or storing thereof	2300/0845	. . . Filaments, strings, fibres, i.e. not hollow
2200/18	. Transport of container or devices	2300/0848	. . Specific forms of parts of containers
2200/185	. . Long distance transport, e.g. mailing	2300/0851	. . . Bottom walls
2300/00	Additional constructional details	2300/0854	. . . Double walls
2300/02	. Identification, exchange or storage of information	2300/0858	. . . Side walls
2300/021	. . Identification, e.g. bar codes	2300/0861	. . Configuration of multiple channels and/or chambers in a single devices
2300/022	. . . Transponder chips	2300/0864	. . . comprising only one inlet and multiple receiving wells, e.g. for separation, splitting
		2300/0867	. . . Multiple inlets and one sample wells, e.g. mixing, dilution
		2300/087	. . . Multiple sequential chambers
		2300/0874	. . . Three dimensional network
		2300/0877	. . . Flow chambers
		2300/088	. . . Channel loops

- 2300/0883 . . . Serpentine channels
- 2300/0887 . . Laminated structure
- 2300/089 . . Virtual walls for guiding liquids
- 2300/0893 . . having a very large number of wells, microfabricated wells
- 2300/0896 . . Nanoscaled
- 2300/10 . Means to control humidity and/or other gases
- 2300/105 . . using desiccants
- 2300/12 . Specific details about materials
- 2300/123 . . Flexible; Elastomeric
- 2300/126 . . Paper
- 2300/14 . Means for pressure control
- 2300/16 . Surface properties and coatings
- 2300/161 . . Control and use of surface tension forces, e.g. hydrophobic, hydrophilic
- 2300/163 . . . Biocompatibility
- 2300/165 . . . Specific details about hydrophobic, oleophobic surfaces
- 2300/166 Suprahydrophobic; Ultraphobic; Lotus-effect
- 2300/168 . . Specific optical properties, e.g. reflective coatings
- 2300/18 . Means for temperature control
- 2300/1805 . . Conductive heating, heat from thermostatted solids is conducted to receptacles, e.g. heating plates, blocks
- 2300/1811 . . . using electromagnetic induction heating
- 2300/1816 . . . using induction heating
- 2300/1822 . . . using Peltier elements
- 2300/1827 . . . using resistive heater
- 2300/1833 . . using electrical currents in the sample itself
- 2300/1838 . . using fluid heat transfer medium
- 2300/1844 . . . using fans
- 2300/185 . . . using a liquid as fluid
- 2300/1855 . . using phase changes in a medium
- 2300/1861 . . using radiation
- 2300/1866 . . . Microwaves
- 2300/1872 . . . Infrared light
- 2300/1877 . . using chemical reactions
- 2300/1883 . . using thermal insulation
- 2300/1888 . . Pipettes or dispensers with temperature control
- 2300/1894 . . Cooling means; Cryo cooling
- 2400/00 Moving or stopping fluids**
- 2400/02 . Drop detachment mechanisms of single droplets from nozzles or pins
- 2400/021 . . non contact spotting by inertia, i.e. abrupt deceleration of the nozzle or pin
- 2400/022 . . droplet contacts the surface of the receptacle
- 2400/024 . . . touch-off at the side wall of the receptacle
- 2400/025 . . . tapping tip on substrate
- 2400/027 . . electrostatic forces between substrate and tip
- 2400/028 . . Pin is moved through a ring which is filled with a fluid
- 2400/04 . Moving fluids with specific forces or mechanical means
- 2400/0403 . . specific forces
- 2400/0406 . . . capillary forces
- 2400/0409 . . . centrifugal forces
- 2400/0412 using additionally coriolis forces
- 2400/0415 . . . electrical forces, e.g. electrokinetic
- 2400/0418 electro-osmotic flow [EOF]
- 2400/0421 electrophoretic flow
- 2400/0424 Dielectrophoretic forces
- 2400/0427 Electrowetting
- 2400/043 . . . magnetic forces
- 2400/0433 . . . vibrational forces
- 2400/0436 acoustic forces, e.g. surface acoustic waves [SAW]
- 2400/0439 ultrasonic vibrations, vibrating piezo elements
- 2400/0442 . . . thermal energy, e.g. vaporisation, bubble jet
- 2400/0445 Natural or forced convection
- 2400/0448 Marangoni flow; Thermocapillary effect
- 2400/0451 Thermophoresis; Thermodiffusion; Soret-effect
- 2400/0454 . . . radiation pressure, optical tweezers
- 2400/0457 . . . passive flow or gravitation
- 2400/046 . . . Chemical or electrochemical formation of bubbles
- 2400/0463 . . . Hydrodynamic forces, venturi nozzles
- 2400/0466 . . . Evaporation to induce underpressure
- 2400/0469 . . . Buoyancy
- 2400/0472 . . . Diffusion
- 2400/0475 . . specific mechanical means and fluid pressure
- 2400/0478 . . . pistons
- 2400/0481 . . . squeezing of channels or chambers
- 2400/0484 . . . Cantilevers
- 2400/0487 . . . fluid pressure, pneumatics
- 2400/049 vacuum
- 2400/0493 . . Specific techniques used
- 2400/0496 . . . Travelling waves, e.g. in combination with electrical or acoustic forces
- 2400/06 . Valves, specific forms thereof
- 2400/0605 . . check valves
- 2400/0611 . . . duck bill valves
- 2400/0616 . . . Ball valves
- 2400/0622 . . distribution valves, valves having multiple inlets and/or outlets, e.g. metering valves, multi-way valves
- 2400/0627 . . Molecular gates forcing or inhibiting diffusion
- 2400/0633 . . with moving parts
- 2400/0638 . . . membrane valves, flap valves
- 2400/0644 . . . rotary valves
- 2400/065 . . . sliding valves
- 2400/0655 . . . pinch valves
- 2400/0661 . . . shape memory polymer valves
- 2400/0666 . . . Solenoid valves
- 2400/0672 . . . Swellable plugs
- 2400/0677 . . phase change valves; Melttable, freezing, dissolvable plugs; Destructible barriers
- 2400/0683 . . . mechanically breaking a wall or membrane within a channel or chamber
- 2400/0688 . . surface tension valves, capillary stop, capillary break
- 2400/0694 . . vents used to stop and induce flow, backpressure valves
- 2400/08 . Regulating or influencing the flow resistance
- 2400/082 . . Active control of flow resistance, e.g. flow controllers
- 2400/084 . . Passive control of flow resistance
- 2400/086 . . . using baffles or other fixed flow obstructions
- 2400/088 . . . by specific surface properties