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OF ORIGIN  
CALENDAR YEAR 1965 TO PRESENT



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The country of origin of an application is based on the residence of the first-named inventor. Only utility patent applications are included in the figures for 1975 to the present. Both utility and reissue patent applications are included in the figures for 1965 through 1974. A separate count of reissue applications by country of origin is not available for those years, but is estimated to be very small, compared to the number of utility applications. From 1965 to 1974, 99.67 percent of the summed utility and reissue patent applications were utility applications, based on fiscal year data (see attached table addendum).

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## ADDENDUM TABLE

Percent of Utility Plus Reissue Patent Applications That Were Utility Patent Applications

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1965	99.73%
1966	99.71%
1967	99.73%
1968	99.66%
1969	99.61%
1970	99.66%
1971	99.74%
1972	99.72%
1973	99.62%
1974	99.62%
1965-1974	99.67%

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(2) COUNTRY	YEAR OF APPLICATION FILING											
	(3) 1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Afghanistan												
Albania												
Algeria		1			2		1				1	1
Andorra												
Anguilla												
Antigua and Barbuda												
Argentina	53	40	35	45	41	52	49	54	44	50	44	52
Armenia												
Aruba												
Australia	224	220	263	313	308	293	324	389	442	442	415	470
Austria	229	232	273	286	337	333	369	359	398	413	370	401
Azerbaijan												
Bahamas								15	11	13		12
Bahrain												
Bangladesh												
Barbados												
Belarus												
Belgium	286	303	319	384	377	330	387	404	445	408	445	398
Belize												
Benin												
Bermuda	2			2	1	1	2	1		2	5	
Bolivia	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	6	3	6
Bosnia and Herzegovina												
Brazil	33	35	30	29	22	30	51	46	43	44	64	51
British West Indies	2	2	6	3	9	14	1	16			20	
British Virgin Islands												
Brunei												
Bulgaria	7	7	11	10	27	16	20	28	35	37	51	70
Burkina Faso												
Burma											1	2
Burundi												
Cameroon					1							
Canada	1,695	1,323	1,456	1,558	1,707	1,843	2,025	1,966	2,095	2,191	2,127	2,237
Cayman Islands												
Ceylon		1								2	2	
Central America	2											
Chad												
Chile	5	13	7	6	10	6	9	4	6	10	5	7
China, Hong Kong SAR	9	15	7		24	23	25	13	25	33	38	33
China, Macau SAR												
China, People's Republic of												9
China, Republic of											12	
Cocos Islands												
Colombia	5	6	6	1	9	4		10	4	14	10	15
Comoros												
Congo										55	11	
Congo (Brazzaville)		1			1							
Cook Islands												
Costa Rica	1	1	2	1	2			2	1	2	1	2
Croatia												
Cuba			2		1	2				2	5	1
Cyprus	1											2
Czech Republic												
Czechoslovakia	186	180	160	174	218	134	166	169	167	173	142	136
Denmark	165	172	168	195	221	211	275	241	251	250	242	219
Dominica												
Dominican Republic									1	1	1	2
Ecuador		1			1			3	4	3	2	2
Egypt							1	6	2	6	3	
El Salvador (4)			5		3				1	4	3	4
Estonia												
Ethiopia		1			2	1						
European Patent Office (5)												
Falkland Islands												
Fiji												
Finland	44	52	73	94	103	125	154	159	176	178	173	184
France	2,238	2,174	2,385	2,522	2,821	2,625	2,987	3,122	3,197	3,157	3,048	3,005
French Guiana												
French Polynesia												
Gabon												
Georgia												
Germany, East								18			13	26
Germany, West	5,728	5,504	5,734	6,455	7,405	7,798	7,772	7,782	8,603	8,897	8,258	8,343
Germany												
Ghana												
Gibraltar												
Greece	14	14	9	19	17	16	15	20	24	19	31	16
Greenland												
Grenada												
Guatemala	5	1	1		2	2	1	1	2	4	3	6
Guinea												1
Guyana												
Haiti		2	2	1	1					1	2	1
Honduras		4				2				3	1	3
Hungary	37	48	66	54	70	80	88	103	113	108	144	133

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	(3) 1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Iceland	1	7	2		4	2			1	8	2	7
India	10	25	32	13	30	21	22	21	24	43	32	39
Indonesia	1	1			3		1	1	1	13	5	6
Iran		2	4		4	1	4	2	4	6	4	3
Iraq												
Ireland		30	27	29	44	44	33	26	39	36	34	51
Israel	94	86	64	73	87	90	120	143	155	165	158	175
Italy	811	849	866	960	1,031	1,105	1,160	1,162	1,128	1,192	1,164	1,230
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)		2	4	4	4	1			1	1	1	
Jamaica										4	3	1
Japan	2,263	2,479	3,354	4,051	5,430	6,093	7,418	6,831	8,565	9,163	8,566	9,365
Jordan	1			1	1	1						1
Kazakhstan												
Kenya		1	4		1	2			5	2	2	
Korea	1	5	2	4	11	13	4	19	13			
Korea, North												
Korea, South										22	20	27
Kuwait					1					2		
Kyrgyzstan												
Latvia												
Lebanon		6	3		6		2	2	6	3	3	1
Lesotho												
Libya						5						1
Liberia	1				2						1	
Liechtenstein	24	18	13	13	27	25	23	11	20	20	28	13
Lithuania												
Luxembourg	7	5			14	16	11	14	26	21	17	23
Macedonia												
Madagascar												
Malagasy												1
Malawi												
Malaysia			2			2	1		2	4	10	8
Mali		2			1							
Malta						1						
Marshall Islands												
Martinique												
Mauritania										2		
Mauritius												
Mexico	83	97	78	177	74	73	87	98	130	108	127	110
Moldova												
Monaco	3	5	2	1	7	2		4	12	4	10	10
Mongolia												
Montserrat												
Morocco	5	4	1			1			2	2	3	2
Mozambique												
Myanmar												
Namibia												
Nauru												
Nepal												
Netherlands	690	652	711	790	899	886	1,017	916	1,047	985	1,040	990
Netherlands Antilles												
New Caledonia												
(Papua) New Guinea			1									
New Hebrides												
New Zealand	27	20	22	22	34	38	54	49	56	66	62	86
Nicaragua	2	1				2				4	1	2
Niger												
Nigeria	1	1	1		2					4	3	4
Niue												
Norfolk Island												
Norway	96	63	90	95	107	130	146	115	131	156	156	137
Oman												
Pakistan	2	1		1		2			1	3	1	
Palau												
Panama	1				4	4		3	5	5	3	2
Paraguay					2	1				1		1
Peru	16	4	7	7	7	4	5	5	9	7	7	8
Philippines	2	12	4	9	13	17	12	8	11	11	17	22
Poland	27	50	48	55	59	45	51	35	50	61	47	59
Portugal	18	11	12	15	13	10	9	7	10	12	10	7
Qatar												
Reunion												
Rhodesia, South	1											
Rhodesia		3	3	1	2	4			3	9	6	1
Romania	15	15	45	53	59	45	53	65	29	42	29	20
Russian Federation											2	
Samoa												
San Marino												
Saudi Arabia		3	4	1	5				6	2	5	3
Senegal					5						1	0
Serbia												
Serbia & Montenegro												
Seychelles												
Sierra Leone												
Singapore		4			2		5	6	4	3	5	7
Slovakia												

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Slovenia												
Solomon Islands												
South Africa	99	83	101	102	115	98	149	145	165	152	179	149
South Georgia												
South-West Africa					15					6	7	
Spain	93	116	106	133	145	123	156	138	204	175	182	172
Sri Lanka								2				1
St. Kitts/Nevis												
St. Lucia												
St. Vincent/Grenadines												
Sudan	1				2				1		1	1
Suriname												
Swaziland												
Sweden	833	858	825	941	1,070	957	1,148	1,078	1,335	1,357	1,359	1,251
Switzerland	1,377	1,399	1,513	1,551	1,698	1,770	1,848	1,963	2,076	2,057	2,131	2,053
Syria												
Taiwan	8	16	13	3	19	27	28	40	66	102	113	127
Tanzania			1		2	1						
Thailand	1			1	3		14		2	2	4	
Trinidad & Tobago					1		2	3	1	2	4	8
Tunisia											1	2
Turkey	5	4	3	1	6	5	3	3	4	6	3	9
Turkmenistan												
Turks and Caicos Islands												
Uganda			1		2	1				1		
Ukraine												
United Arab Emirates												
United Arab Rep.	2	1		17								
United Kingdom	4,479	4,238	4,597	4,660	5,216	4,746	4,734	4,811	4,914	5,109	4,568	4,529
Upper Volta												
USSR	215	112	427	329	438	445	578	653	752	728	696	675
Uruguay	1	1	2	1	7	3	5	2	1	1	4	1
Uzbekistan												
Vanuatu												
Vatican City												
Venezuela	12	15	9	6	14	11	5	19	18	11	19	26
Viet Nam	1	1		1								
Viet Nam, South								2		1	1	
West Africa			1									
West Bank / Gaza												
Yemen												
Yugoslavia	10	7	17	17	12	14	10	20	17	15	16	17
Zaire												
Zambia			3		3	3		2	1			
Zimbabwe												
Other Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Foreign	22,312	21,670	24,046	26,291	30,507	30,832	33,640	33,355	37,144	38,445	36,569	37,294
U.S.	72,317	66,855	61,651	67,180	68,243	72,343	71,089	65,943	66,935	64,093	64,445	65,050
TOTAL	94,629	88,525	85,697	93,471	98,750	103,175	104,729	99,298	104,079	102,538	101,014	102,344

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(3) Data for 1965 through 1974 also include reissue applications.

(4) The USPTO submission to WIPO in 1975 reported two additional applications from "San Salvador" that are not included in this table. However, the total number of applications shown in this table for 1975 is consistent with the figure reported to WIPO.

(5) Applications from the European Patent Office were not reported separately to WIPO after 1987. Applications from the EPO were distributed according to the country of residence of the first-named inventor after 1987.

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	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Afghanistan												
Albania												
Algeria	1	1								1	1	1
Andorra												1
Anguilla							1					
Antigua and Barbuda					1							
Argentina	51	61	62	56	55	35	35	40	39	56	42	32
Armenia												
Aruba												
Australia	424	528	579	517	597	630	603	696	739	809	842	750
Austria	402	432	447	410	449	418	421	447	498	557	504	485
Azerbaijan												
Bahamas	17	13	10	7	4	9	8	4	3	3	4	10
Bahrain			1			1						
Bangladesh												
Barbados			1				2					2
Belarus												
Belgium	387	408	373	388	391	356	390	428	450	523	518	545
Belize												
Benin												
Bermuda	3	1	4	2	1	1	4	7	3	7	6	3
Bolivia	6	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2		
Bosnia and Herzegovina												
Brazil	51	72	72	53	66	70	57	62	78	68	62	71
British West Indies												
British Virgin Islands					1	1		1	1			
Brunei					1			1				
Bulgaria	40	48	36	40	30	37	39	22	40	41	32	42
Burkina Faso												
Burma	1	1							1		1	
Burundi												
Cameroon												
Canada	2,192	2,050	2,061	1,969	2,202	2,138	1,995	2,273	2,270	2,438	2,791	3,046
Cayman Islands						1				2	1	3
Ceylon												
Central America												
Chad												
Chile	7	8	7	8	11	6	3	11	7	16	2	4
China, Hong Kong SAR	56	45	39	56	38	55	44	46	56	66	82	86
China, Macau SAR												
China, People's Republic of	9	6	15	7	10	5	12	18	24	112	83	122
China, Republic of												
Cocos Islands												1
Colombia	19	6	6	9	6	10	6	4	6	5	6	3
Comoros												
Congo	2		1									
Congo (Brazzaville)												
Cook Islands												
Costa Rica	6		7	6		2	2	2	5		1	3
Croatia												
Cuba	3	4	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	2
Cyprus	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		4	3
Czech Republic												
Czechoslovakia	92	88	80	90	82	77	74	84	68	63	50	72
Denmark	250	287	223	217	243	277	280	278	282	302	316	337
Dominica												
Dominican Republic		1	2	3	1	2		2	1	3	4	1
Ecuador	4	4		2	1		1	1	3	1	2	1
Egypt	2	5	5	3	4	3		3	2	3	4	2
El Salvador (4)	4	2		1		1	1	2	1	1	1	
Estonia												
Ethiopia												
European Patent Office (5)					1		2	1		2		
Falkland Islands												
Fiji												
Finland	203	228	231	258	275	300	346	363	399	350	430	417
France	3,007	3,257	3,127	3,331	3,237	3,336	3,213	3,507	3,605	3,884	3,837	4,301
French Guiana												
French Polynesia												
Gabon						1	3					
Georgia												
Germany, East	39	41	134	96	96	107	58	74	80	77	47	61
Germany, West	8,903	9,262	9,261	9,669	9,924	10,002	8,901	9,755	10,452	10,648	10,783	10,957
Germany												
Ghana												
Gibraltar												
Greece	21	22	13	22	22	21	11	20	15	21	21	29
Greenland								1				
Grenada								1				
Guatemala	3	2	4	2	3	4		1	2	2	3	2
Guinea						1		1				
Guyana												
Haiti	3	3	2		2	2		1	2	2	2	1
Honduras			1		1	2			1		1	3
Hungary	132	136	175	194	212	225	210	207	208	209	174	172

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	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Iceland	5	14	4	2	4	5	7	6	1	5	6	2
India	27	24	25	23	22	20	15	30	25	36	26	41
Indonesia	6	5	1	6	1	4	1	4	3	6	3	6
Iran	15	9	2	2	3	1	4	2	7	2		4
Iraq				1		1	1	5		1	6	3
Ireland	55	42	40	43	63	48	47	56	75	83	91	103
Israel	206	202	235	253	317	316	307	376	377	427	503	490
Italy	1,224	1,328	1,480	1,501	1,384	1,500	1,411	1,636	1,628	1,799	1,822	1,943
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)				1		1	1	1	1			
Jamaica	6	4	1	1		2	2	2	3	2		1
Japan	9,674	10,189	11,185	12,951	14,009	16,068	15,998	18,473	21,431	22,895	24,516	28,357
Jordan					1		1		3		1	
Kazakhstan												
Kenya	2	2	1				1	1				
Korea												
Korea, North			3	5	3	3	4	2	3	2	12	14
Korea, South	28	34	34	33	64	68	78	74	129	162	235	295
Kuwait		2		1	3			3	5	4	5	2
Kyrgyzstan												
Latvia												
Lebanon	1	2	4	2	1	1	8			1	3	
Lesotho												
Libya		1										
Liberia			1									
Liechtenstein	15	20	10	29	18	10	17	21	11	15	12	11
Lithuania												
Luxembourg	28	28	34	23	51	45	49	41	29	40	31	39
Macedonia												
Madagascar		2										
Malagasy	1											
Malawi			1									
Malaysia	3	2	1	5	5	4	2	6	8	4	6	6
Mali	1											1
Malta			1			1	1					1
Marshall Islands					1		1					
Martinique			1									
Mauritania		2										
Mauritius			1							1	1	
Mexico	89	92	82	77	99	70	73	77	81	69	70	74
Moldova												
Monaco	8	11	12	7	9	8	5	5	7	5	3	11
Mongolia												
Montserrat												
Morocco	3	1		2	2	1	3	2		3		1
Mozambique												
Myanmar												
Namibia			3									
Nauru				1								
Nepal						1			1	1		
Netherlands	1,026	1,028	983	1,025	1,077	1,077	1,087	1,179	1,221	1,269	1,334	1,512
Netherlands Antilles					1							
New Caledonia												
(Papua) New Guinea					1							1
New Hebrides				3								
New Zealand	100	99	94	119	119	87	101	128	121	135	132	110
Nicaragua	2	1	4									
Niger										2		
Nigeria	2	4	4	3				3		1		1
Niue				1								
Norfolk Island								1	3		1	
Norway	165	172	152	104	133	152	108	153	160	177	185	159
Oman												
Pakistan		1		4	1	4		2	1	1	3	2
Palau												
Panama	3	3	1	2	1		2	4	1	2	1	
Paraguay	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	
Peru	4	2	1	2	4	1	2	2	3	5	6	9
Philippines	15	16	8	17	16	27	15	10	15	10	11	14
Poland	68	68	83	65	49	25	21	44	13	19	23	26
Portugal	3	1	8	7	6	5	6	8	9	13	15	7
Qatar												
Reunion										1	1	
Rhodesia, South		3		3								
Rhodesia	2				1							
Romania	22	30	17	9	13	8	7	6	4	2	3	
Russian Federation												
Samoa												
San Marino			1									
Saudi Arabia	1	4	1	3	3	13	8	8	1	9	15	12
Senegal	1	2	2				1					
Serbia												
Serbia & Montenegro												
Seychelles												
Sierra Leone												
Singapore	7	6	9	6	5	6	11	9	19	17	17	17
Slovakia												



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Slovenia												1
Solomon Islands												192
South Africa	169	175	206	203	213	199	207	216	227	204	239	
South Georgia												
South-West Africa	1	2										
Spain	152	144	163	142	147	159	157	196	207	225	228	231
Sri Lanka	1									2		
St. Kitts/Nevis												
St. Lucia												
St. Vincent/Grenadines												
Sudan		2										
Suriname												
Swaziland			2	1							1	
Sweden	1,253	1,221	1,137	1,207	1,191	1,144	1,181	1,306	1,239	1,229	1,155	1,028
Switzerland	1,964	2,056	1,836	1,975	1,828	1,820	1,716	1,808	1,894	1,929	1,857	1,993
Syria						1	1		2	1		
Taiwan	174	243	262	367	394	509	530	601	760	959	1,182	1,246
Tanzania					1							
Thailand	1	4	3	1	5	3	5	4	5	7	8	4
Trinidad & Tobago	7	3	4		1	3	1	2	1	2	6	5
Tunisia	1	4	3	3	2	1	1				1	1
Turkey	2	3	6	3	2	8	1	6	11	4	5	7
Turkmenistan												
Turks and Caicos Islands												
Uganda											6	
Ukraine												
United Arab Emirates							2			1		2
United Arab Rep.												
United Kingdom	4,533	4,468	4,270	4,178	4,294	4,351	4,138	4,370	3,825	4,641	4,898	4,788
Upper Volta			1									
USSR	610	623	494	338	417	331	194	146	145	158	174	216
Uruguay	3	1	2	2	3	3	4		2	1		4
Uzbekistan												
Vanuatu												
Vatican City												
Venezuela	16	19	20	25	23	26	23	28	40	49	41	30
Viet Nam				1								
Viet Nam, South												
West Africa												
West Bank / Gaza												
Yemen												
Yugoslavia	21	25	34	21	28	24	20	11	22	28	35	35
Zaire											1	
Zambia						2	2			1		
Zimbabwe									6	1	4	2
Other Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Total Foreign	38,068	39,475	39,959	42,231	44,009	46,309	44,313	49,443	53,132	56,946	59,602	64,633
U.S.	62,863	61,441	60,535	62,098	62,404	63,316	59,390	61,841	63,874	65,487	68,315	75,192
TOTAL	100,931	100,916	100,494	104,329	106,413	109,625	103,703	111,284	117,006	122,433	127,917	139,825

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	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Afghanistan								1				
Albania		1	1	1						2		
Algeria									1	1		1
Andorra						1		3		1		1
Anguilla									2		1	
Antigua and Barbuda				4	1	2	4	0	1			
Argentina	32	56	59	59	56	75	65	78	77	119	96	137
Armenia				1			1		1	1		4
Aruba							3	1				1
Australia	800	811	783	863	781	921	1,007	1,057	1,006	1,420	1,462	1,800
Austria	511	560	516	566	526	599	619	543	552	710	823	881
Azerbaijan						3	1	1		2	1	1
Bahamas	2	7	2	6	11	8	15	9	14	20	15	18
Bahrain							1		1	1	2	
Bangladesh												1
Barbados		1				1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Belarus				4	8	5	7	9	3	5	10	7
Belgium	572	592	614	692	685	862	1,001	930	894	1,059	1,204	1,245
Belize	1											
Benin												
Bermuda	3	2	2	2	1	3	4	4	1	5	8	14
Bolivia						1	2	1	1	2	2	
Bosnia and Herzegovina										1	1	1
Brazil	111	88	124	112	105	156	115	145	134	165	186	220
British West Indies												
British Virgin Islands	1			1	1	1		2	1	3	2	4
Brunei	2									1		
Bulgaria	30	31	11	7	3	4	6	5	4	3	11	18
Burkina Faso												
Burma	1	1										
Burundi												
Cameroon												
Canada	3,425	3,511	3,641	3,761	3,910	4,255	4,745	4,443	4,694	5,689	6,149	6,809
Cayman Islands	1	3	2	1	1		5	11	5	1	7	1
Ceylon												
Central America												
Chad												
Chile	11	13	12	12	11	11	10	23	17	17	16	24
China, Hong Kong SAR	108	86	132	150	155	219	163	222	207	274	403	473
China, Macau SAR					2	2	1		1		1	
China, People's Republic of	112	111	126	129	135	100	144	142	117	181	257	469
China, Republic of												
Cocos Islands												
Colombia	5	10	5	13	3	18	19	10	6	12	20	21
Comoros			1									
Congo												
Congo (Brazzaville)												
Cook Islands						1						
Costa Rica	1	4	2	1	8	12	7	4	6	13	8	16
Croatia					6	9	15	16	20	20	12	21
Cuba		1	5	6	4	2	3	5	4	6	9	15
Cyprus	3		2	6	2	1	1		3		3	7
Czech Republic					1	15	14	17	30	34	30	52
Czechoslovakia	71	39	32	41	26	13	22	13	10	19	16	
Denmark	284	370	358	378	376	445	618	496	634	748	863	859
Dominica											1	1
Dominican Republic	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	3	4		3
Ecuador	3	4	2	1	6		2	3	5	4	4	6
Egypt	4	3	4	10	4	6	2	2	10	11	16	20
El Salvador (4)							2		1		1	2
Estonia					2	2			2	3	6	4
Ethiopia								1				
European Patent Office (5)												
Falkland Islands				1								
Fiji									1	1	3	
Finland	513	595	592	576	568	707	745	836	891	970	1,376	1,530
France	4,268	4,771	4,723	4,828	4,320	4,528	5,001	4,486	4,759	5,249	6,216	6,623
French Guiana						1						
French Polynesia								1				2
Gabon			1			1						
Georgia						2	6	3		2	1	1
Germany, East	51	31										
Germany, West	11,386	11,261										
Germany			10,874	11,652	10,500	11,324	11,853	11,550	12,333	13,885	16,978	17,715
Ghana					1				2		1	
Gibraltar												
Greece	33	27	20	28	19	27	29	23	30	45	50	44
Greenland												
Grenada												
Guatemala	2	2	1	3	1	3	4	3	2	1	2	2
Guinea				1					1			
Guyana		1	1									
Haiti			2		1	1	1		2		1	1
Honduras			1		1		1	5	1	1	4	1
Hungary	174	138	103	76	69	76	70	59	40	73	120	107

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Iceland	3	3	10	16	3	6	6	13	8	25	31	30
India	50	58	51	64	54	70	91	115	137	180	271	438
Indonesia	3	4	11	11	7	5	4	11	3	9	12	9
Iran	7	4	5	2	7	6	5	1	1	1	3	2
Iraq	3	1							1		1	
Ireland	99	130	116	103	104	149	131	114	138	228	252	362
Israel	624	608	633	780	803	1,040	1,072	1,042	1,198	1,442	2,009	2,509
Italy	1,964	2,093	2,123	2,288	1,906	1,998	2,128	2,062	2,119	2,313	2,577	2,704
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)											1	
Jamaica			3	1	3	1	3	3		4	4	2
Japan	31,791	34,113	36,846	38,633	34,816	37,768	39,872	39,510	41,767	45,260	47,821	52,891
Jordan	2	2	3			2	4	4		2	4	1
Kazakhstan				1		1			1	5	4	3
Kenya		4	2	3	1	3	2	0	1	1	5	5
Korea												
Korea, North	12	25	6	4								
Korea, South	607	775	1,321	1,471	1,624	2,354	2,820	4,248	4,920	5,452	5,033	5,705
Kuwait	9	4	1	2	2	0	5	2	11	8	9	10
Kyrgyzstan							1			1	1	
Latvia								2	1	5	2	3
Lebanon	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	2	5	9
Lesotho									1			
Libya												
Liberia									1			
Liechtenstein	15	13	14	19	13	15	13	17	19	24	26	28
Lithuania					1	2	3		3	2	4	4
Luxembourg	35	32	36	39	35	39	20	31	32	36	59	57
Macedonia							1					3
Madagascar										1	1	2
Malagasy												
Malawi												
Malaysia	14	11	22	16	20	37	30	30	61	41	76	104
Mali		1						1				
Malta		1	1	3	2	1	1	3		3		3
Marshall Islands					1			1				
Martinique												
Mauritania												
Mauritius			1	1	1				1	1		
Mexico	77	76	106	105	82	105	99	97	110	141	147	190
Moldova						1						2
Monaco	3	4	3	8	6	3	6	12	10	13	21	26
Mongolia						1						
Montserrat					1	1	1					
Morocco			1	3	4	1	1	5	3	1	3	4
Mozambique												
Myanmar								1				
Namibia						1			1			
Nauru												
Nepal												
Netherlands	1,570	1,588	1,397	1,547	1,472	1,455	1,570	1,559	1,726	1,816	2,058	2,289
Netherlands Antilles					1	1				1	1	
New Caledonia												
(Papua) New Guinea										1		
New Hebrides												
New Zealand	121	105	91	107	85	130	137	174	174	187	240	279
Nicaragua			1		1		1		1			
Niger												
Nigeria	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	4		1	6
Niue												
Norfolk Island												
Norway	141	164	169	212	190	203	243	227	303	337	415	447
Oman			1	1								
Pakistan	1			2	1		3	2	7	2	2	7
Palau												
Panama	1	4	1	1	4	4	8	4	2	7	5	6
Paraguay								1	2	1	1	1
Peru	7	7	1	4	5	6	5	4	3	6	5	5
Philippines	13	9	10	10	9	7	12	9	15	13	20	32
Poland	24	13	21	16	27	20	19	22	19	19	31	33
Portugal	9	6	3	11	9	14	10	16	12	17	28	17
Qatar										1		
Reunion												
Rhodesia, South												
Rhodesia												
Romania	2	1	1	2	5	4	7	5	12	11	8	12
Russian Federation				183	153	206	221	254	249	273	388	382
Samoa												
San Marino					1				1			1
Saudi Arabia	12	8	12	11	17	23	24	19	17	26	11	28
Senegal		1		1				1				
Serbia												
Serbia & Montenegro												
Seychelles												
Sierra Leone							1					
Singapore	37	36	63	89	104	134	144	176	213	336	460	632
Slovakia						13	7	2	3	6	5	10

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Slovenia				8	19	11	13	19	24	29	21	27
Solomon Islands	1					1						
South Africa	215	185	186	207	246	238	187	189	174	211	179	209
South Georgia							1					
South-West Africa												
Spain	302	289	258	313	269	315	357	359	370	409	464	549
Sri Lanka		3	2		1	3	1		2	2		6
St. Kitts/Nevis						1			1		1	2
St. Lucia												
St. Vincent/Grenadines				1	1					1		
Sudan												
Suriname											1	
Swaziland		1		1	1		6	9	11			
Sweden	1,114	1,057	1,086	1,072	1,157	1,405	1,500	1,481	1,980	2,359	2,570	2,825
Switzerland	2,019	1,931	1,902	1,922	1,759	1,852	1,917	1,609	1,637	1,875	2,144	2,233
Syria	1	1			1			1	1	2	6	1
Taiwan	1,507	2,035	2,252	2,667	2,874	3,560	4,054	4,766	5,492	7,412	9,411	9,046
Tanzania			1						1			1
Thailand	3	8	4	11	15	19	21	20	21	26	41	92
Trinidad & Tobago		2	1	1	3	2	1		1		2	5
Tunisia	1	1		2		1					1	
Turkey	3	6	3	2	3	5	6	7	10	16	29	28
Turkmenistan												
Turks and Caicos Islands						1	1					3
Uganda				3	2		1		1	2	2	
Ukraine				4	16	14	17	18	24	28	22	40
United Arab Emirates	4	3	1	2		2	2	2	3	3	4	7
United Arab Rep.												
United Kingdom	5,066	4,959	4,557	4,587	4,414	4,856	5,202	4,791	5,147	6,110	6,948	7,523
Upper Volta												
USSR	291	304	177		54	21	11	9	2	1	1	
Uruguay	5	5	2	3	8	6	6	1	4	1	3	4
Uzbekistan				2	1	1	2		2	2	3	2
Vanuatu												
Vatican City						2						
Venezuela	26	48	43	47	38	43	32	38	40	35	42	45
Viet Nam						1			2	1	1	
Viet Nam, South												
West Africa												
West Bank / Gaza												
Yemen					1		1	1				
Yugoslavia	39	34	30	28	10	6	8	3	7	7	4	6
Zaire		1					1					
Zambia												
Zimbabwe	2	3	1	1		1			1	1	2	
Other Foreign	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Total Foreign	70,380	73,915	76,351	80,650	74,788	82,624	88,419	88,295	94,812	107,579	120,362	131,131
U.S.	82,370	90,643	87,955	92,425	99,955	107,233	123,958	106,892	120,445	135,483	149,825	164,795
TOTAL	152,750	164,558	164,306	173,075	174,743	189,857	212,377	195,187	215,257	243,062	270,187	295,926

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Afghanistan					1							
Albania					1							
Algeria	2	1			3	3	2					
Andorra	2	3	3	1	2	2	5	4				
Anguilla		1										
Antigua and Barbuda				1	2	2						
Argentina	137	95	125	103	94	117	150	138				
Armenia	2	1			3	8	5	6				
Aruba					1							
Australia	1,995	2,160	2,310	3,000	2,919	2,928	3,412	3,976				
Austria	961	1,115	933	1,022	1,044	1,214	1,438	1,418				
Azerbaijan	2			2	3	3	2					
Bahamas	16	20	23	21	15	13	9	18				
Bahrain			1	1		1	1					
Bangladesh		1	1		1		1					
Barbados	4	2		10	6	3	1	4				
Belarus	10	5	8	11	4	15	14	12				
Belgium	1,286	1,293	1,395	1,309	1,460	1,546	1,766	1,609				
Belize							1	4				
Benin					1			1				
Bermuda	9	8	7	2	8	6	4	11				
Bolivia		1	1	1	3	2	1	5				
Bosnia and Herzegovina				2	1		3	3				
Brazil	219	243	259	287	295	341	375	442				
British West Indies												
British Virgin Islands	8	6	11	12	6	7	10	9				
Brunei	1	2					1					
Bulgaria	13	8	10	105	58	47	55	99				
Burkina Faso							1					
Burma												
Burundi								1				
Cameroon				1	1	3	2	2				
Canada	7,221	7,375	7,750	8,202	8,638	9,652	10,421	10,307				
Cayman Islands	4	3	4	2	3	3	2	5				
Ceylon												
Central America												
Chad						1						
Chile	23	38	33	51	55	76	68	75				
China, Hong Kong SAR	626	681	729	815	816	889	1,053	1,027				
China, Macau SAR	4	3	6	3	4	1	2	5				
China, People's Republic of	626	888	1,034	1,655	2,127	3,768	3,903	4,455				
China, Republic of												
Cocos Islands												
Colombia	29	16	20	20	11	21	23	34				
Comoros												
Congo												
Congo (Brazzaville)												
Cook Islands												
Costa Rica	3	8	11	9	32	17	20	13				
Croatia	21	16	24	38	32	34	40	38				
Cuba	13	7	6	12	13	14	15	39				
Cyprus	4	3	10	9	11	13	6	9				
Czech Republic	77	58	61	69	81	115	133	190				
Czechoslovakia												
Denmark	1,113	1,065	1,002	923	997	1,165	1,284	1,439				
Dominica												
Dominican Republic	1	4	5	5	5	6	9	2				
Ecuador	5	8	11	5	6	10	6	4				
Egypt	16	11	12	19	19	20	30	54				
El Salvador (4)	3	1		1			2	1				
Estonia	10	6	7	9	17	13	26	24				
Ethiopia				1		1	1					
European Patent Office (5)												
Falkland Islands												
Fiji	3	1		1								
Finland	1,840	1,811	1,935	2,096	2,032	2,383	2,444	2,621				
France	6,852	6,825	6,603	6,813	6,972	7,176	8,046	8,561				
French Guiana												
French Polynesia				1								
Gabon												
Georgia	6	3	5	7	8	12	12	3				
Germany, East												
Germany, West												
Germany	19,900	20,418	18,890	19,824	20,664	22,369	23,608	25,202				
Ghana	1			1	4	1	3	1				
Gibraltar		1		6	9	6	3	4				
Greece	49	58	50	62	68	75	104	105				
Greenland												
Grenada			1									
Guatemala	5	2	1	1	2	2	2	1				
Guinea												
Guyana	1											
Haiti		1					1					
Honduras				2	2	1	1	1				
Hungary	103	128	118	144	131	143	193	198				

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Iceland	51	41	56	51	53	48	46	39				
India	643	919	1,164	1,303	1,463	1,923	2,387	2,879				
Indonesia	5	27	8	16	11	16	19	13				
Iran	4	3	5	4	4	8	25	22				
Iraq	1	1		1		1		1				
Ireland	366	440	368	403	516	483	648	709				
Israel	2,710	2,645	2,539	2,693	3,157	3,657	4,410	4,550				
Italy	2,967	2,980	3,011	2,997	2,993	3,274	3,376	3,805				
Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire)		1										
Jamaica	1	2	4	4	4	3	5	12				
Japan	61,238	58,739	60,350	64,812	71,994	76,839	78,794	82,396				
Jordan	5	2	5	6	2	11	15	5				
Kazakhstan	1	1	3	2	4	1	2	1				
Kenya	10	10	15	8	5	10	8	2				
Korea												
Korea, North							2	1				
Korea, South	6,719	7,937	10,411	13,646	17,217	21,685	22,976	23,584				
Kuwait	9	9	5	19	19	34	25	22				
Kyrgyzstan					1							
Latvia	4	3	3	10	5	6	8	7				
Lebanon	7	9	2	4	8	13	8	12				
Lesotho												
Libya												
Liberia												
Liechtenstein	29	34	32	21	23	24	31	39				
Lithuania	5	1	10	17	6	7	11	14				
Luxembourg	61	69	60	72	51	70	104	86				
Macedonia	2			3	1	1						
Madagascar							1					
Malagasy												
Malawi												
Malaysia	116	142	237	326	323	379	337	297				
Mali												
Malta	4	4	3	2	8	10	8	10				
Marshall Islands	1											
Martinique												
Mauritania												
Mauritius	1		2				2	1				
Mexico	196	157	185	179	180	213	212	248				
Moldova	2	2	1	1		1	2					
Monaco	20	26	23	20	12	14	11	14				
Mongolia												
Montserrat												
Morocco		2	4	1	3	2	6	7				
Mozambique				1								
Myanmar												
Namibia						1		1				
Nauru												
Nepal												
Netherlands	2,712	2,602	2,257	3,052	3,188	3,823	3,946	3,883				
Netherlands Antilles			1		1	2	1	1				
New Caledonia		3										
(Papua) New Guinea												
New Hebrides												
New Zealand	318	375	387	346	352	415	455	438				
Nicaragua	1											
Niger												
Nigeria	6	4	2	2	3	3	3	1				
Niue												
Norfolk Island	1											
Norway	475	531	449	525	541	562	693	827				
Oman		3	2		5	3		6				
Pakistan	6	4	3	4	7	13	15	13				
Palau		1										
Panama	6	2	14	1	6	5	9	6				
Paraguay				1		1						
Peru	8	8	8	5	2	2	3	6				
Philippines	51	58	42	82	65	69	81	69				
Poland	39	46	59	101	102	98	74	133				
Portugal	28	27	20	30	33	42	57	84				
Qatar		1	2	3		1	3	1				
Reunion												
Rhodesia, South												
Rhodesia												
Romania	14	8	11	16	18	29	48	44				
Russian Federation	433	377	341	334	366	412	444	547				
Samoa					1			5				
San Marino	1					1						
Saudi Arabia	26	37	32	37	38	62	64	111				
Senegal												
Serbia						10	13	14				
Serbia & Montenegro				7	4							
Seychelles	1		3	2	1		1					
Sierra Leone												
Singapore	786	807	771	879	919	1,143	1,188	1,266				
Slovakia	6	8	5	12	16	20	27	29				

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(2) COUNTRY	YEAR OF APPLICATION FILING											
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Slovenia	20	36	38	50	43	50	63	68				
Solomon Islands												
South Africa	231	241	224	246	197	231	252	265				
South Georgia												
South-West Africa												
Spain	601	564	606	696	701	844	966	1,216				
Sri Lanka	1	3	3	4	6	8	11	12				
St. Kitts/Nevis	2	2	7			1						
St. Lucia	1	1										
St. Vincent/Grenadines												
Sudan												
Suriname												
Swaziland												
Sweden	2,827	2,410	2,314	2,270	2,243	2,680	3,164	3,265				
Switzerland	2,337	2,338	2,275	2,316	2,447	2,773	3,079	3,353				
Syria	1	3	3	1	2			1				
Taiwan	11,086	12,488	13,786	15,057	16,617	19,301	18,486	18,001				
Tanzania			1									
Thailand	70	61	60	69	68	71	99	96				
Trinidad & Tobago	2	1	3	2	4	2	10	7				
Tunisia	1	3	2	3	1	2	5	10				
Turkey	28	36	28	48	46	71	66	85				
Turkmenistan								1				
Turks and Caicos Islands	6	6	6	4	1	3	5	1				
Uganda												
Ukraine	32	43	45	38	37	41	40	45				
United Arab Emirates	2	6	12	17	16	24	25	34				
United Arab Rep.												
United Kingdom	8,362	8,391	7,700	7,792	7,962	8,342	9,164	9,771				
Upper Volta												
USSR												
Uruguay	7	8	11	9	16	11	9	23				
Uzbekistan		1	1	1		1						
Vanuatu								4				
Vatican City		1										
Venezuela	53	36	29	18	34	22	32	22				
Viet Nam	1		2	6	3	5	6	10				
Viet Nam, South												
West Africa												
West Bank / Gaza						1						
Yemen												
Yugoslavia	2	7	11									
Zaire												
Zambia												
Zimbabwe	2	2	3	2		1	1	2				
Other Foreign	0	0										
Total Foreign	148,997	150,200	153,500	167,407	182,866	204,183	214,807	224,733				
U.S.	177,511	184,245	188,941	189,536	207,867	221,784	241,347	231,588				
TOTAL	326,508	334,445	342,441	356,943	390,733	425,967	456,154	456,321				

(1) Country of origin is based on the residence of the first-named inventor.

(2) Country names that appear in this table do not imply any expression of opinion by USPTO about the preferred name or the legal status of any country or territory, or of its authorities.

(3) Data for 1965 through 1974 also include reissue applications.

(4) The USPTO submission to WIPO in 1975 reported two additional applications from "San Salvador" that are not included in this table. However, the total number of applications shown in this table for 1975 is consistent with the figure reported to WIPO.

(5) Applications from the European Patent Office were not reported separately to WIPO after 1987. Applications from the EPO were distributed according to the country of residence of the first-named inventor after 1987.

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