Search

- In the Search field, enter the search query.

- Click the Run Search icon or press the Enter key to invoke the search.

- The search is conducted against the checked areas: TMEP, Notes, and/or Index.

- Searches can use Boolean and Proximity operators.

- ADJ (adjacent) is the default operator, unless the user has changed this default via the Settings options.

- Terms within quotation marks are searched as entered.
Search Syntax

Search Syntax – Boolean Operators

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<tr>
<td>OR</td>
<td>A OR B</td>
<td>Term A or term B or both</td>
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<td>AND</td>
<td>A AND B</td>
<td>Both term A and term B</td>
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<td>NOT</td>
<td>A NOT B</td>
<td>Term A but not term B</td>
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<td>XOR</td>
<td>A XOR B</td>
<td>Term A or term B but not both</td>
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Example: 2(e)(1) and descriptive

Search Syntax – Proximity Operators

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<td>ADJ</td>
<td>A ADJ B</td>
<td>Term A and term B as a phrase in the specified order</td>
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<td>NEAR</td>
<td>A NEAR B</td>
<td>Term A within 10 words (by default) of term B, in either order</td>
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<td>NEAR/n</td>
<td>A NEAR/5 B</td>
<td>Term A within n words of term B, in either order, where n ≤ 99</td>
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NEAR operators must be UPPERCASE.

Example: 2(e)(1) NEAR descriptive

ADJ is the default operator.

Example: final action is searched as final adj action.
Search Syntax – Wildcard Symbols

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<td>*</td>
<td>Represents zero to n characters in a term</td>
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<td>?</td>
<td>Represents one character in a term</td>
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Wildcard symbols can be used at the beginning, middle, or end of a term.

Examples:

- ?con* - Retrieves economic, icon, icons, iconic
- ?con? - Retrieves icons, but not icon
- Catalog* - Retrieves catalog, catalogs, catalogue
- Advi?e - Retrieves advise, advice

Please note: the previous TMEP search system would automatically search for common plural forms of search keywords. Unfortunately, this feature is not yet available in this system. To search for a plural form of a word, please use the Wildcards as described here. If this feature becomes available in a future release, we will inform all users.

Likewise, users should be aware that any search for the plural form of a word will only return matches to that plural form. For example, a search for the word "mattresses" will not find the word "mattress." However, a search for "mattress*" (without the quotation marks) will find both "mattress" and "mattresses."
Search Syntax – Punctuation and Special Characters

Punctuation and special characters:

- Can be included within a search query.
  - Are not required.
  - May be replaced with a space.

Examples:

- 35 U.S.C. is searched as 35 u.s.c. or as 35 u s c
- 2(e)(1) is searched as 2(e)(1) or as 2 e 1
## Search Query Examples

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<td>&quot;request for continued suspension&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>request ADJ for ADJ continued ADJ suspension</td>
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<tr>
<td>2(e)(1)</td>
<td>2(e)(1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>six-month</td>
<td>six-month</td>
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<tr>
<td>TMEO/LO/101</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comm'r</td>
<td>comm'r</td>
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<tr>
<td>35 U.S.C. 1021</td>
<td>35 u.s.c. 1021</td>
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<td>WIPO International CL.16</td>
<td>CL.16</td>
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<td>37 CFR 2.21</td>
<td>2.21</td>
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<tr>
<td>non-final</td>
<td>non-final OR nonfinal (non final) OR nonfinal</td>
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### Display of Search Results

- The TOC is focused on the **Search Results** tab which reflects the sections where the hits were found.
- 10 results per page display (default).
- The total number of hits.
- Denotes the number of result pages and the ability to navigate to a specific result page.
"Short" decreases the amount of text displayed
(default display)

"Long" increases the amount of text displayed
Search Results Sorted

- **Relevance** (default) displays the results in descending order based upon the number of hits in a section.

- **Section order** displays the results in the numerical order of the Table of Contents Search Results tab.
Select the rightmost hyperlink to directly access the section containing the highlighted hit terms.

View Search Results Section via Hyperlink
Search Results – Hierarchical Hyperlinks

Click a hyperlink to view the section at that level.

Right-click a hyperlink to open that section in a new tab or window.
Search result navigation

**Navigate to Another Search Result Section**

Click the browser navigation arrows to page back and forward.

Return to Search Results is only viewable when a search result section is displayed.
Navigate to Another Search Result Section via TOC

- When a search query is invoked, the TOC will automatically select the **Search Results** tab.

- Click a TOC link to directly view that section which contains the highlighted hit terms.
**Navigate to the Next Hit Term**

- In **Search Hits # of #**, click the **down** or **up arrow** to navigate forward or backward between each individual word in the search query.

- The pink highlight denotes the cursor location.

- **Search Hits # of #** is only viewable when a section is displayed.
Access and Invoke Search History Queries

To access a search query from the current session:

1. In the TOC, click the **Search History** tab.

2. Click the **Search History** link.

3. Click the desired search query.

   This search query will be invoked automatically and the search results displayed.
Search the Subject Matter Index

• In the Search field, enter the search query.

• Ensure that at least the Index box is checked.

• Click the Run Search icon or press the Enter key to invoke the search.

• The search results are displayed within the Search Results document viewer: