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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1416

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PROJECT DP11824

The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A43B	1/06
	A43B	7/00
	A43B	13/00
	A43B	23/00
Definitions New:	A43B	7/1463, 7/1464, 7/1466, 7/1467, 7/1468, 7/1469

No other subclasses/groups are impacted by this Notice of Changes.

This Notice of Changes includes the following [Check the ones included]:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5. CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

Insert: The following new Definitions.

A43B 7/1463

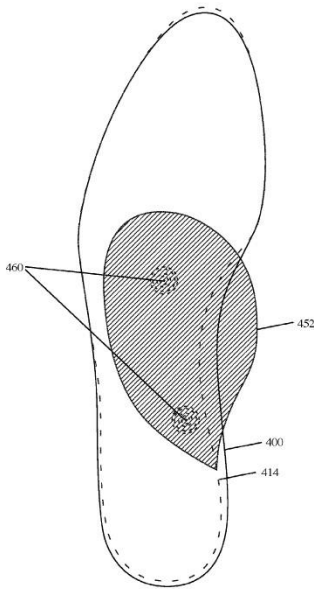
Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where a custom fit is provided for by at least one pad which can be removed or replaced with another pad.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:

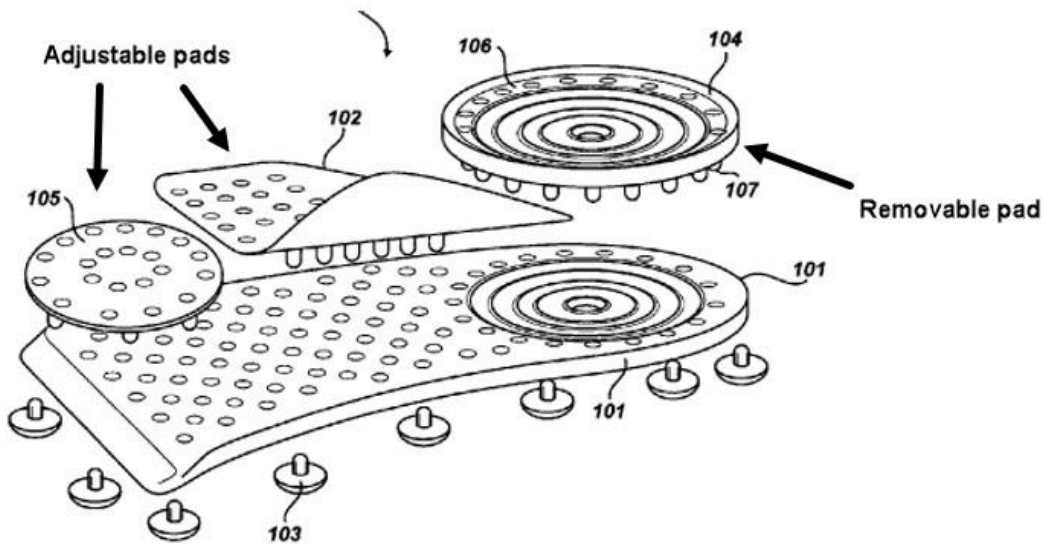
The foot-supporting part includes fasteners to provide for the addition and removal of a support insert.



Special rules of classification

Removal of a pad but replacing it in another available position should be classified in [A43B 7/1469](#). This is considered an adjustable feature since the pad is only removed so that it can be relocated.

Example - Pads (102) and (105) should be considered adjustable since they are removed but replaced in a different configuration. Pad (104) should be considered removable since it is either added or removed and cannot be placed in another position. If the foot-supporting part also supports the foot with pads (102) and (105) removed, then classification in [A43B 7/1463](#) is also proper.



A43B 7/1464

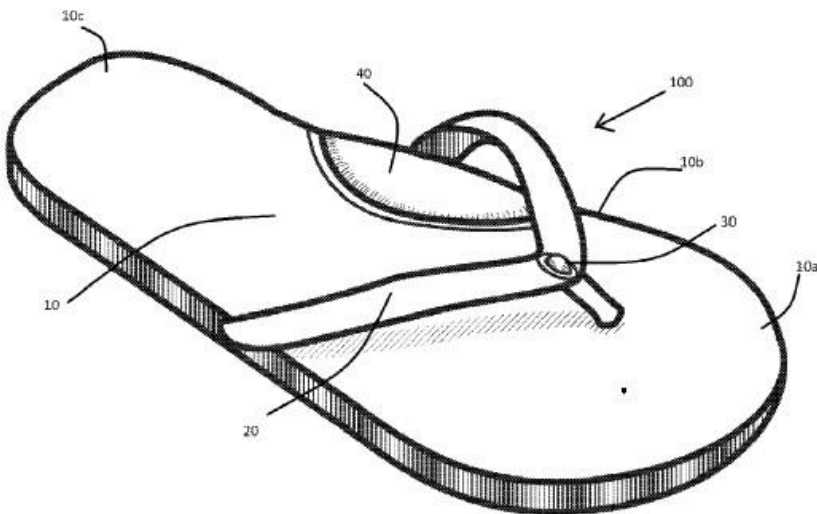
Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where a custom fit is provided for by adjustment of at least one pad.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:

The footwear below includes an air bladder at the arch where the pressure of the bladder is adjustable.



A43B 7/1466

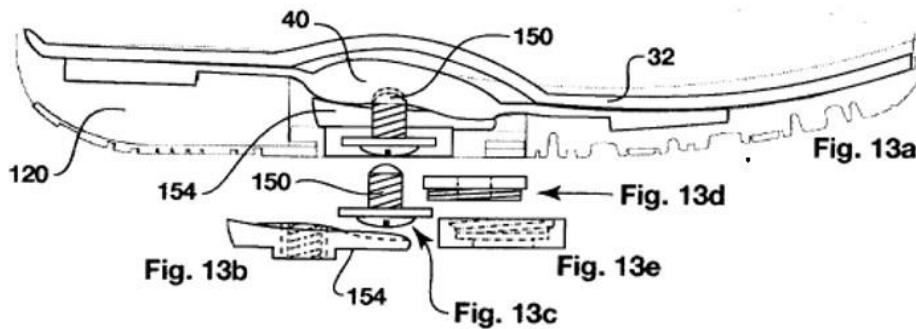
Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where at least one pad is adjusted by turning a screw or movement along a threaded piece.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:

The footwear below includes a pad which can be adjusted by turning a screw.



A43B 7/1467

Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where at least one pad is adjustable through the elastic deformation of a resilient member.

A43B 7/1468

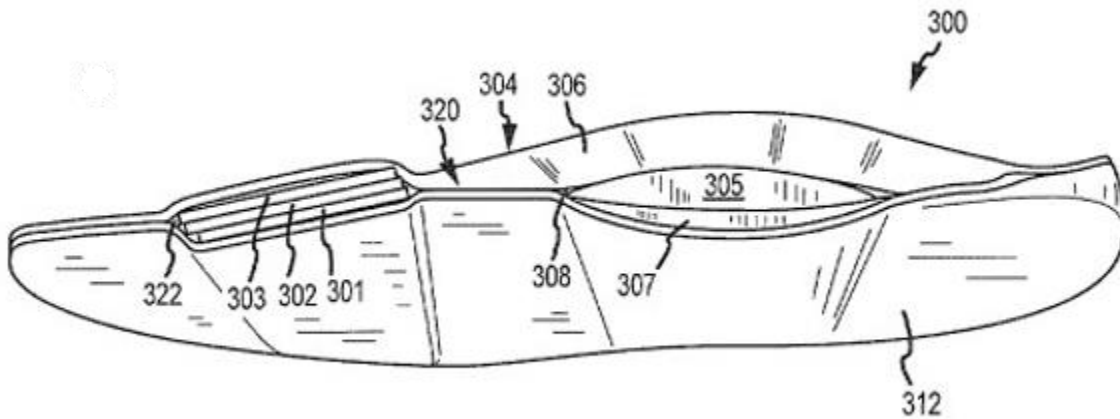
Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where at least one pad is adjustable by adding and removing shims.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:

Foot-supporting part with pad (322) where adjustment is made by inserting one or more shims (301, 302, 303).



A43B 7/1469

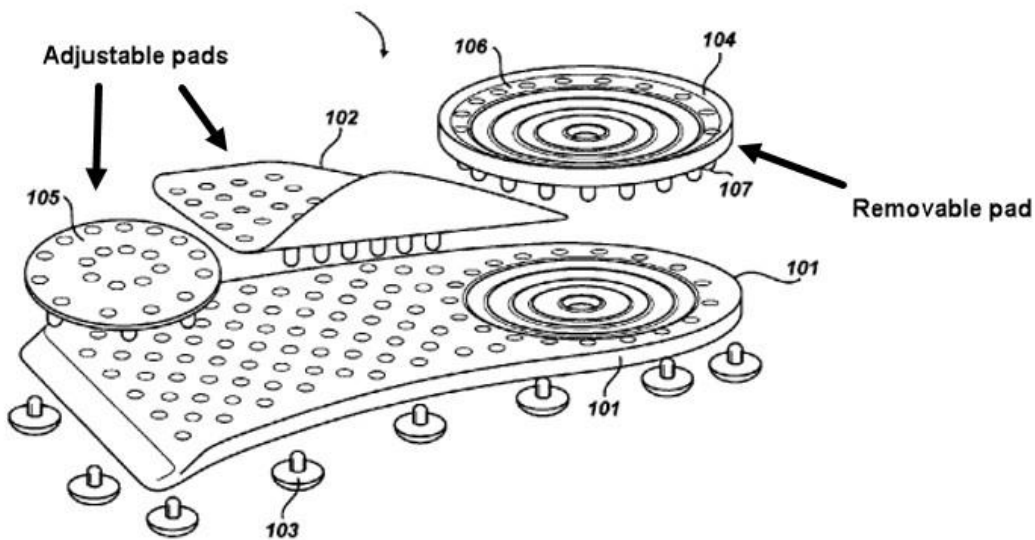
Definition statement

This place covers:

Foot-supporting parts where a custom fit is provided for by pads which can be positioned into multiple positions.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:

The foot-supporting part includes pads (102) and (105) which can be secured across multiple positions.



References

Informative references

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

Footwear with removable pads to allow custom fit	A43B 7/1463
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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A43B 1/06

References

Informative references

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

Soles made of wood	A43B 13/08
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A43B 7/00

Definition statement

Insert: The term “arrangements” at the end of the first line of the Definition statement.

Footwear with health (protection against injuries, walking aid for injured people, people with diseases) or hygienic arrangements.

A43B 13/00

Definition statement

Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text.

Soles, midsoles and built-in insoles.

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A43B 23/00

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Informative references

Insert: The following two new references in the Informative references table.

Straps of sandals and slippers	A43B3/12 , A43B3/10
Ornaments with fastening function	A43C11/24