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

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
SCHEME:		
Symbols Deleted:	D06F	39/008
Symbols Deleted Pending Reclassification: (frozen (F))	D06F	39/006
Symbols New:	D06F	39/20, 39/30, 39/40
Warnings New:	D06F	39/006, 39/20, 39/30
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Deleted:	D06F	39/008
Definitions New:	D06F	39/20, 39/30, 39/40

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL):

A47L15/4234, A47L15/4291, D06F33/46, D06F33/65, D06F33/72, D06F39/04, D06F58/203, D06F58/44, D06F58/48, F22B, F22D.

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)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS D06F - LAUNDERING, DRYING, IRONING, PRESSING OR FOLDING TEXTILE ARTICLES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	<u>Transferred to#</u>
F	D06F 39/006	1	{Recovery arrangements, e.g. for the recovery of energy or water}	D06F 39/20, D06F 39/30
D	D06F 39/008	1	{Steam generating arrangements }	<administrative transfer to D06F 39/40>
U	D06F 39/14	2	Doors or covers; Securing means therefor	
N	D06F 39/20	1	Arrangements for water recovery	
N	D06F 39/30	1	Arrangements for energy recovery	
N	D06F 39/40	1	Steam generating arrangements	

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets } are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets } are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types .
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD> , <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalisation projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)

SUBCLASS D06F - LAUNDERING, DRYING, IRONING, PRESSING OR FOLDING TEXTILE ARTICLES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning</u>
N	D06F 39/006		Group D06F 39/006 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of January 1, 2024. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups D06F 39/20 and D06F 39/30. Groups D06F 39/006, D06F 39/20 and D06F 39/30 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	D06F 39/20		Group D06F 39/20 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group D06F 39/006. Groups D06F 39/006 and D06F 39/20 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	D06F 39/30		Group D06F 39/30 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group D06F 39/006. Groups D06F 39/006 and D06F 39/30 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

*N = new warning, M = modified warning, D = deleted warning

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the warning. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

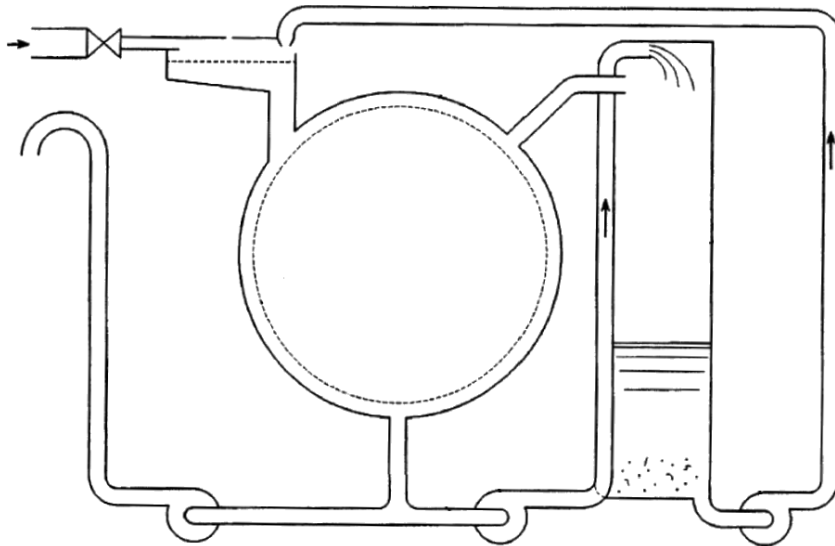
D06F39/20

Definition statement

This place covers:

Arrangements for the recovery of water used in washing machines, e.g. water storage means or waste water treatment.

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:

Recovery arrangements for the recovery of energy or water in dishwashers	A47L 15/4291
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D06F39/30

Definition statement

This place covers:

Arrangements for the recovery of energy used in washing machines, including thermal energy, potential energy, kinetic energy or electric energy.

References

Informative references:

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

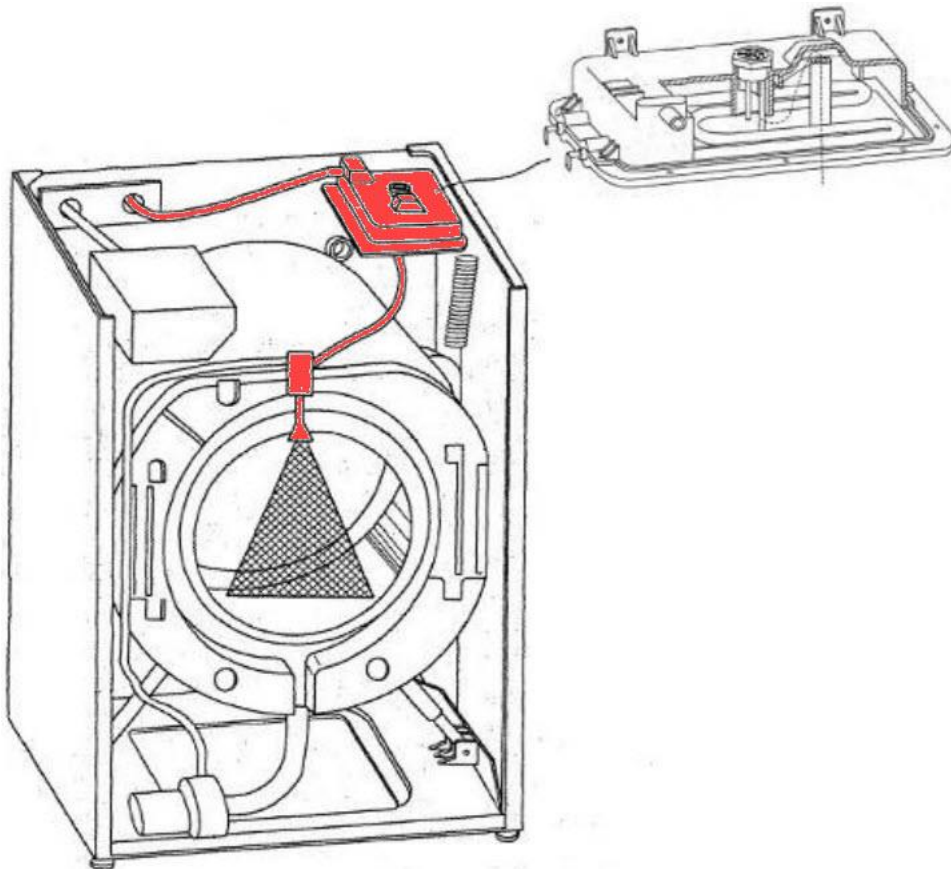
Recovery arrangements for the recovery of energy or water in dishwashers	A47L 15/4291
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D06F39/40

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group:



The drawing shows a washing machine provided with a steam generating equipment in the top-right rear corner. It is connected to the washing tub and can provide a spray of steam thereto. An enlarged drawing of the steam generating equipment is provided.

References

Informative references:

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Methods of steam generation in boilers heated electrically with water in reservoirs	F22B 1/284
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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Location of change</u> (e.g., section title)	<u>Existing reference symbol or text</u>	<u>Action; New symbol; New text</u>
D06F39/008	Definition		Delete entire definition

NOTES:

- The table above is used for corrections or modifications to existing definitions, e.g. delete an entire definition or part thereof; propose new wording or modify wording of a section, change the symbol the definition is associated with, change or delete a reference symbol, etc.
- Do not delete (F) symbol definitions.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
F	D06F 39/006	D06F 39/20, D06F 39/30
D	D06F 39/008	<administrative transfer to D06F 39/40>

* C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed.

NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.

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

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
D06F 39/008		DELETE
D06F 39/20	D06F 39/20	NEW
D06F 39/30	D06F 39/30	NEW
D06F 39/40	D06F 39/40	NEW

* Action column:

- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “NEW.”
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “UPDATED.”
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with “DELETE.” IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with “NEW”.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with “CPCONLY” and complete the action column with “NEW”.

NOTES:

- F symbols are not included in the CICL table above.
- T and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
A47L15/4234	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40
A47L15/4291	D06F39/006	Informative references	<p><u>Delete</u> the Informative reference to D06F39/006.</p> <p><u>Insert</u> the following two Informative references:</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of water in laundry washing machines D06F 39/20</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of energy in laundry washing machines D06F 39/30</p>
D06F33/46	D06F39/006	Informative references	<p><u>Delete</u> the Informative reference to D06F39/006.</p> <p><u>Insert</u> the following two Informative references:</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of water in laundry washing machines D06F 39/20</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of energy in laundry washing machines D06F 39/30</p>
D06F33/65	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40

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<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
D06F33/72	D06F39/006	Informative references	<p><u>Delete</u> the Informative reference to D06F39/006.</p> <p><u>Insert</u> the following two Informative references:</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of water in laundry washing machines D06F 39/20</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of energy in laundry washing machines D06F 39/30</p>
D06F39/04	D06F39/008	Special rules	D06F 39/40
D06F58/203	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40
D06F58/44	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40
D06F58/48	D06F39/006	Informative references	<p><u>Delete</u> the Informative reference to D06F39/006</p> <p><u>Insert</u> the following two Informative references:</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of water in laundry washing machines D06F 39/20</p> <p>Arrangements for the recovery of energy in laundry washing machines D06F 39/30</p>
F22B	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40
F22D	D06F39/008	Informative references	D06F 39/40

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations outside of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions inside the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.

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- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” **referenced** D symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and **referenced** F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.