

A63D

BOWLING GAMES, e.g. SKITTLES, BOCCE OR BOWLS; INSTALLATIONS THEREFOR; BAGATELLE OR SIMILAR GAMES; BILLIARDS (balls [A63B 37/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Bowling alleys and boccia courts, including features such as portability, form or material of the surface, stands for players and tracks for returning or circulating the balls;

Table alleys, miniature bowling-alleys and accessories therefor;

Pins; games of pins, e.g. ninepins, with tethered balls;

Bagatelle and similar games, e.g. children's bagatelle;

Billiards, similar games such as snooker and pool, and pocket billiards, including tables and accessories therefor, e.g. cushions, cues, means for roughening cue-tips and scoring or registering devices.

Relationships with other classification places

All aspects of these games are covered by this subclass except for solid balls, which are covered by [A63B 37/00](#).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Solid balls	A63B 37/00
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Informative references

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

Hollow non-inflatable balls	A63B 39/00
Balls with special arrangements	A63B 43/00
Apparatus or methods for Manufacturing balls	A63B 45/00
Devices for handling or treating balls	A63B 47/00
Indoor games using small moving playing bodies, e.g. balls, discs or blocks	A63F 7/00

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Boule-type games	Games, for example bowls, pétanque and boccia, with the general object of throwing or rolling balls or similar rolling objects in order for them to knock, or come to rest as close as possible to, a target. The target may be a smaller ball, commonly known as a "jack". These games can be played by individuals or teams, indoors or outdoors on a range of surfaces, including gravel, grass or specially built courts. The balls can be made from a variety of materials and are generally spherical or ovoid in shape.
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Installations for bowling games, e.g. bowling-alleys or bocce courts (bowling greens [A63C 19/00](#))

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Bowling greens	A63C 19/00
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A63D 3/00

Table bowling games; Miniature bowling-alleys; Bowling games (games of pins [A63D 7/00](#))

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Games of pins	A63D 7/00
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Informative references

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

Coin-freed or like apparatus, e.g. for releasing balls for use	G07F
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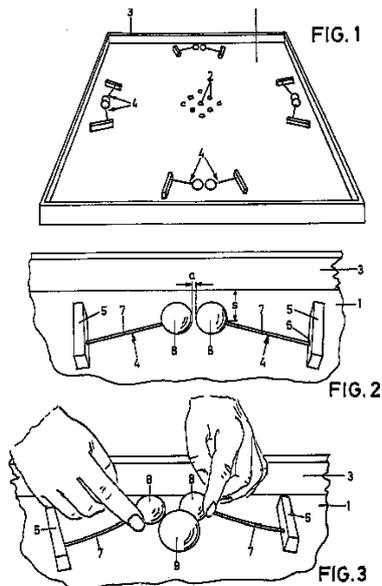
A63D 3/02

Arrangement of devices for propelling or projecting the balls {, e.g. spring, string, sling drive, roll-off devices}

Definition statement

This place covers:

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:

Apparatus for projecting or rolling-off the balls	A63F 7/24
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A63D 5/00

Accessories for bowling-alleys or table alleys

Definition statement

This place covers:

Accessories for bowling-alleys or table alleys. Training devices for bowling intended to be worn by the player (for instance gloves) should not be classified here.

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Indicating devices

References

Informative references

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

Counting mechanisms in general	G06M
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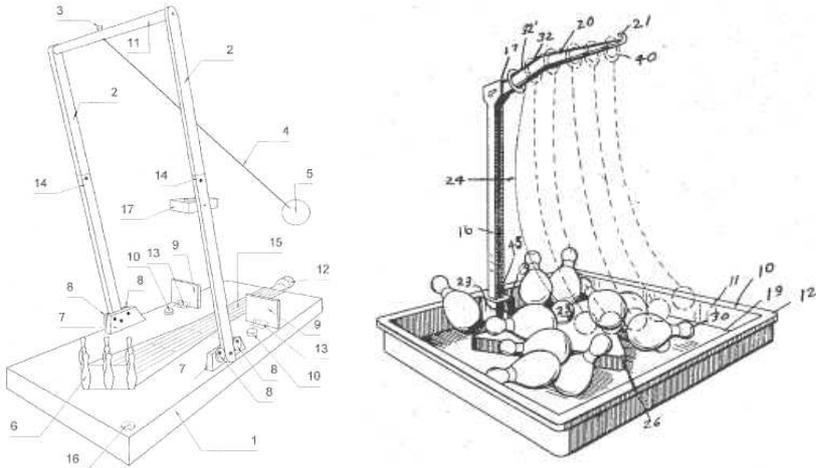
A63D 7/00

Games of pins, e.g. ninepins, with tethered balls

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



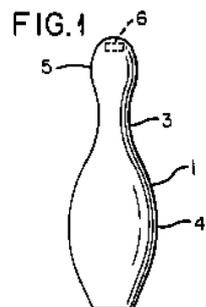
A63D 9/00

Pins

Definition statement

This place covers:

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:

Manufacture or reconditioning of semi- finished or finished bowling pins	B27M 3/22
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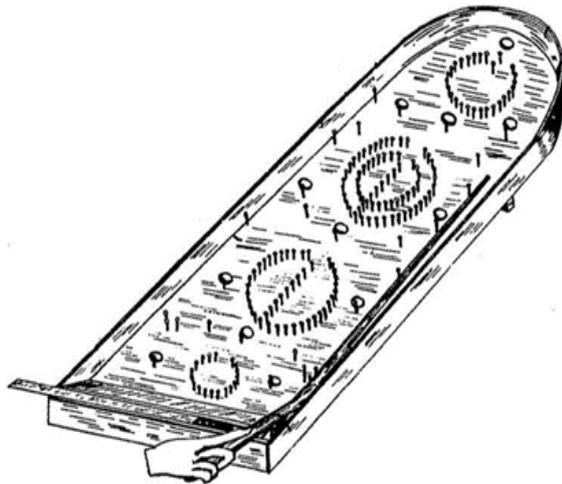
A63D 13/00

Bagatelles or similar games

Definition statement

This place covers:

Games played on table-top boards or special tables, in which balls are projected from the lower end of a walled-in inclined surface (for example by means of a cue from a channel at the side of the surface) towards the higher end, which is often rounded, and roll back towards the lower end, hitting obstacles (for example metal pins) and targets (for example holes or target areas fenced in by pins) which determine the points scored.



References

Informative references

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

Pachinko	A63F 7/022
Pinball games, accessories therefor	A63F 7/025 , A63F 7/22
Devices for projecting or rolling-off balls	A63F 7/2409

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Bagatelle	A modification of billiards in which the players' object is to strike the balls so that they, and perhaps other balls, shall fall into numbered holes that determine the score. Usually the bagatelle table has a rounded far end and a channel on the right hand side along which the balls are propelled. The bagatelle requires the players standing at the square end of the table hitting the balls with a cue towards the holes at the other end.
Children's bagatelle	Consist of marbles or balls that are shot onto a board which features areas fenced in by nails hammered into its surface. Each container scores different points depending upon the likelihood of a ball finishing in it (it is normally smaller than a bagatelle, table size).

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the word/expression in the first column is often used instead of the word/expression in the second column, which is used in the classification scheme of this place:

"bagatelle"	"billard anglais"
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Billiards, e.g. carom billiards or pocket billiards; Billiard tables (bagatelle [A63D 13/00](#))

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Bagatelle	A63D 13/00
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Informative references

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

Coin-freed apparatus for billiards	G07F 17/38
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A63D 15/003

{Pockets for pocket billiard tables}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Pockets for pocket billiard tables, and in particular, also covers the billiard tables with pockets/holes in non-standard positions, e.g. golf-billiard, that include also obstacles on the billiard table.

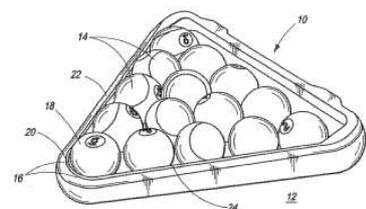
A63D 15/005

{Ball-spotting racks, i.e. frames for positioning the balls in pocket billiards or pool}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



A63D 15/006**{Training or aiming arrangements on billiard tables}****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Training or aiming arrangements of billiard tables, e.g. light emitting cues and player stance training mats.

A63D 15/04**Billiard tables convertible into other tables, or the like (into beds [A47C 17/62](#))****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Billiard tables convertible into beds	A47C 17/62
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A63D 15/06**Cushions or fastenings therefor****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Cushions or fastening therefore, and in particular it also covers billiards which are not rectangular-shaped but hexagonal, circular, square, etc.

A63D 15/08**Cues****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Manufacture or reconditioning of sport articles, e.g. bowling pins, frames of tennis rackets, skis, paddles	B27M 3/22
Connecting constructional elements or machine parts by a part of or on one member entering a hole in the other and involving plastic deformation	F16B 17/00

A63D 15/20**Scoring or registering devices****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Indicating or scoring devices for other games or sports	A63B 71/06
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Counting mechanism in general	G06M
Registering, indicating or recoding playing time	G07C , G07C 1/28
Displaying means in general	G09F