

F03D

WIND MOTORS

Definition statement

This place covers:

Mechanisms for converting the energy of wind into useful mechanical power.

In particular:

Wind motors with rotation axis substantially parallel to the flow of air entering the machine

Wind motors with rotation axis substantially at right angle to the flow of air entering the machine

Other wind motors

Controlling wind motors

Adaptations of wind motors for special use

Combinations of wind motors with apparatus driven thereby

Other details, component parts, or accessories of wind motors

Relationships with other classification places

[F03D](#) covers mechanisms for converting natural wind energy into useful mechanical energy, and the transmission of such mechanical energy to its point of use. Electrical power generation aspects of wind motors (e.g. dynamo-electric conversion and electric generators) are classified in [H02P](#). Arrangements or systems for supplying or distributing electric power are classified in [H02J](#). Circuit arrangements or sy

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Circuit arrangements or systems for supplying or distributing electronic power	H02J
Control or regulation of electric generators, or dynamo-electric converters	H02P

Informative references

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

Vehicles for transportation	B60P 3/40
Propulsive devices of ships or other waterborne vessels directly acted on by wind, using the Magnus effect	B63H 9/02
Rotors for airplanes and helicopters	B64C 27/00
Handling by cranes, hoisting, lifting	B66C
Machines or engines for liquids, Water turbines	F03B
Ventilators	F04D 25/08
Dynamo-electric machines	H02K

Structural association of electric generator with mechanical driving motor in dynamo-electric machines, e.g. turbine	H02K 7/18
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Glossary of terms

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

Rotor	Wind engaging parts of the wind motor and the rotary member carrying them
Rotation axis	Axis of rotation of the rotor

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following abbreviations are often used:

HAWT	Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine
VAWT	Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

- "wind turbine", and "windmill"
- "azimuth angle", and "yaw angle"
- "rotor hub", "rotor cone" and "spinner"

F03D 1/00

Wind motors with rotation axis substantially parallel to the air flow entering the rotor (controlling thereof [F03D 7/02](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Wind motors having their rotation axis substantially parallel to the flow of air entering the machine. When the flow has been guided into a direction other than the original wind direction, the final flow into the wind motor should be considered for classification.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Controlling of wind motors	F03D 7/02
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Informative references

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

Solar updraft	F03G 6/045
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F03D 3/00

Wind motors with rotation axis substantially perpendicular to the air flow entering the rotor (controlling thereof [F03D 7/06](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Wind motors having their rotation axis substantially perpendicular to the flow of air entering the machine. When the flow has been guided into a direction other than the original wind direction, the final flow into the wind motor should be considered for classification.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Controlling of wind motors	F03D 7/06
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F03D 3/0427

{with augmenting action, i.e. the guiding means intercepting an area greater than the effective rotor area ([F03D 3/0463](#), [F03D 3/049](#) take precedence)}

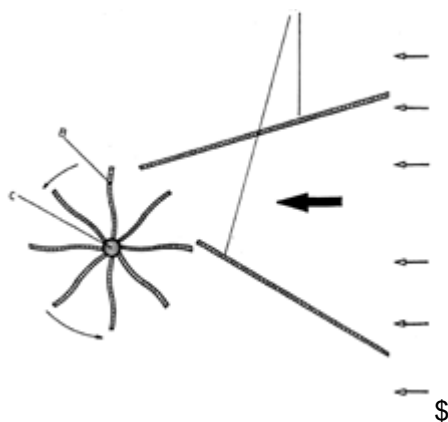
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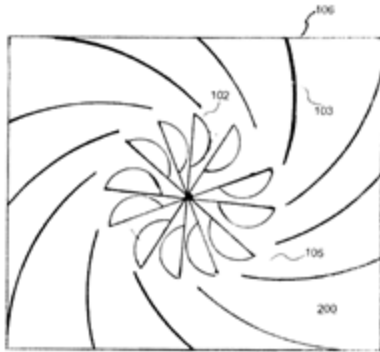
Wind motors characterised by the "effective area" of the rotor which is the cross section area of the rotor which contributes positively, i.e. causes a torque in/ to the desired rotation. The "augmenting" guiding means are those guiding means which intercept an area of flow greater than this "effective rotor area", and direct the flow into the rotor. The guiding means which fulfil this intercepting role are bounded on all sides from inlet to outlet into rotor, and therefore also accelerate or "concentrate" the flow into the rotor.

Example:

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Special rules of classification

When the guiding means form also a shield means on one side of the rotor [F03D 3/0463](#) or [F03D 3/049](#) take precedence.

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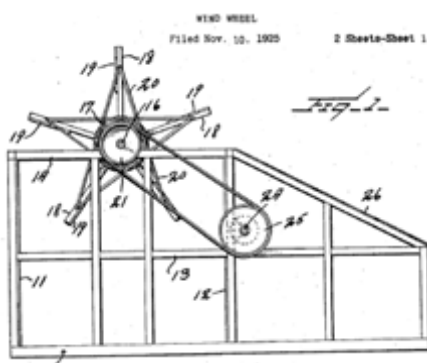
{and only with concentrating action, i.e. only increasing the airflow speed into the rotor ([F03D 3/0463](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

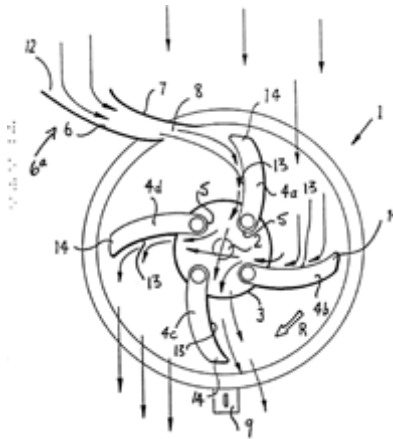
This place covers:

Wind motors with a concentrating means, i.e. the guiding means only increase the flow speed into the rotor without intercepting an area of flow greater than the effective rotor area (see definition of this effective area in [F03D 3/0427](#) entry). These concentrating guiding means can be either bounded on all sides or only on some.

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F03D 3/067

{the wind engaging parts having a cyclic movement relative to the rotor during its rotation}

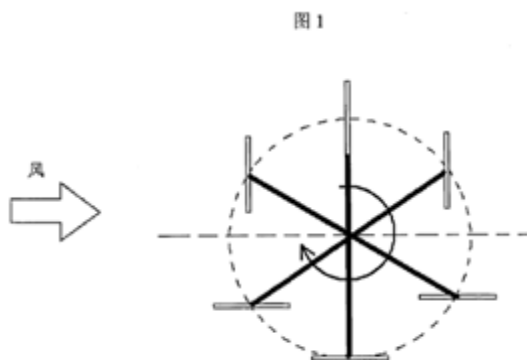
Definition statement

This place covers:

Wind motors wherein the wind engaging parts, i.e. the blades, vanes, paddles or cups, undergo a change of orientation within each cycle of rotation of the wind rotor, coming back to their original position after each revolution. This change of orientation happens of itself, passively, the direct result of the wind acting on the wind engaging parts as the relative wind direction changes with the rotation.

Example:

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F03D 3/068

{the cyclic relative movement being coupled to the movement of rotation;
Controlling same, e.g. according to wind direction or force}

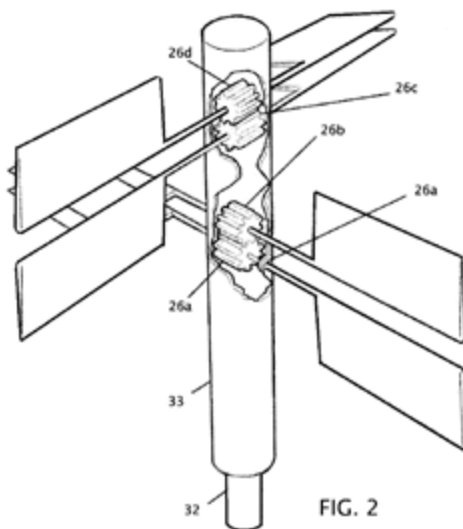
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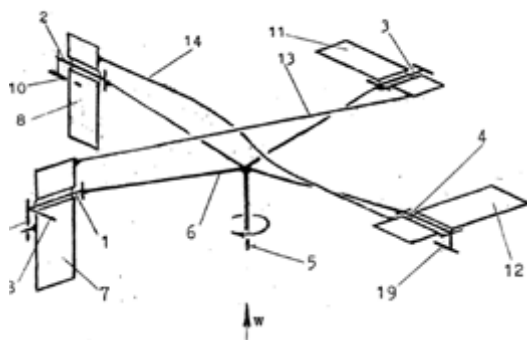
Wind motors whereby the cyclic movement of the wind engaging parts during each revolution of the rotor are forcibly and actively related to the rotor rotation, not the result of the action on the part by the wind flow itself .

Examples:

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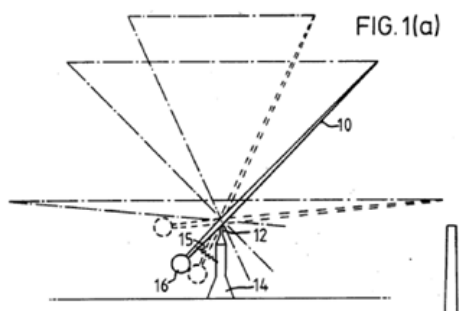
F03D 5/00Other wind motors (controlling thereof [F03D 7/00](#))**References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Controlling of wind motors	F03D 7/00
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F03D 5/005**{Wind motors having a single vane which axis generate a conus or like surface}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrated example of subject matter classified in [F03D 5/005](#).

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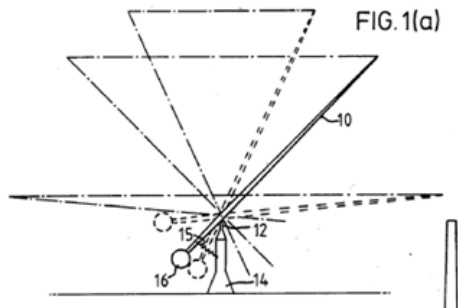
**F03D 5/02**

the wind-engaging parts being attached to endless chains or the like

Definition statement*This place covers:*Illustrated example of subject matter classified in [F03D 5/02](#).

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F03D 5/04

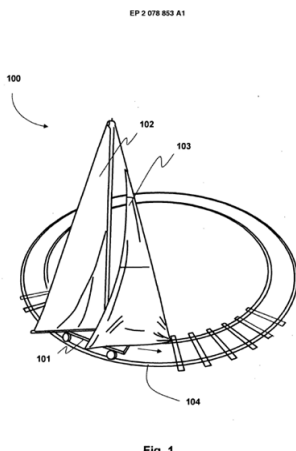
the wind-engaging parts being attached to carriages running on tracks or the like

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrated example of subject matter classified in [F03D 5/04](#).

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F03D 5/06

the wind-engaging parts swinging to-and-fro and not rotating

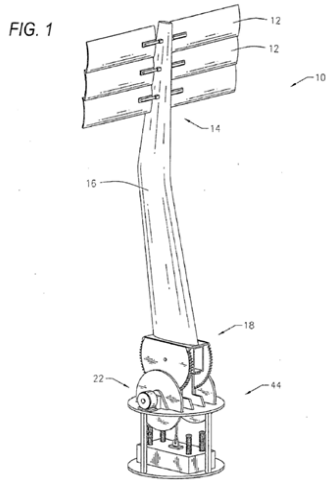
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrated example of subject matter classified in [F03D 5/06](#).

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F03D 7/00

Controlling wind motors

Definition statement

This place covers:

Control of wind motors and related control arrangements.

[F03D 7/02](#) and [F03D 7/06](#) covers essentially the two main types of wind motors according groups [F03D 1/00](#) and [F03D 3/00](#). Main group [F03D 7/00](#) covers all other types of wind motors.

Subgroups [F03D 7/0204](#) - [F03D 7/0296](#) cover the purpose of the control or the type of control actuators. Subgroups under [F03D 7/04](#) cover the type of controllers and/or the control methods.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Supplying or distributing electric power	H02J
Controlling electric generators	H02P

Informative references

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

Controlling in general	G05B , G05D
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Special rules of classification

Documents should be classified in [F03D 7/02](#) for purpose of control or the type of controller and in addition according the control method or type of controller in group [F03D 7/04](#). For example, a model-based controller acting on the pitch system to reduce rotor noise should be classified in groups [F03D 7/045](#), [F03D 7/0224](#) and [F03D 7/0296](#).

F03D 7/06

the wind motors having rotation axis substantially perpendicular to the air flow entering the rotor

References

Informative references

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

Rotor construction, the wind engaging parts having a cyclic movement relative to the rotor during its rotation, the cyclic relative movement being coupled to the movement of rotation; Controlling same, e.g. according to wind direction or force	F03D 3/068
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F03D 9/00

Adaptations of wind motors for special use; Combinations of wind motors with apparatus driven thereby; Wind motors specially adapted for installation in particular locations (hybrid wind-photovoltaic energy systems for the generation of electric power [H02S 10/12](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Adaptations of wind motors for special use, e.g. for converting solar radiation into useful energy by producing heat or for producing heat in heat pump systems;

Combinations of wind motors with water energy converters, e.g. water turbines;

Combinations of wind motors with apparatus driven thereby, e.g. pumps or compressors, electrical generators, heat pump systems or apparatus storing energy.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Hybrid wind-photovoltaic energy systems for the generation of electric power	H02S 10/12
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Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

Arrangements in connection with vehicle propulsion units with power supply from wind	B60K 16/00
Propulsion of ships or other waterborne vessels by wind motors driving water-engaging propulsive elements	B63H 13/00
Pumps characterised by combination with wind motors	F04B 17/02

Informative references

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

Supplying or distributing electric power, Grid connection	H02J
Systems for storing electric energy	H02J 15/00
Structural association of electric generator and wind motor	H02K 7/18

F03D 9/20

Wind motors characterised by the driven apparatus ([F03D 9/10](#) takes precedence)

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Combinations of wind motors with apparatus storing energy	F03D 9/10
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Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

Arrangements of propulsion units in vehicles in connection with power supply derived from wind power	B60K 16/00
Electric propulsion of vehicles using wind power	B60L 8/00
Propulsion of ships or other waterborne vessels by wind motors driving water-engaging propulsive elements	B63H 13/00
Driving auxiliaries on ships of other waterborne vessels using wind power	B63J 3/04

F03D 9/30

Wind motors specially adapted for installation in particular locations (means for mounting or supporting wind motors [F03D 13/20](#))

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Arrangements for mounting or supporting wind motors	F03D 13/20
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Informative references

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

Anchoring arrangements for special vessels	B63B 21/50
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F03D 9/32**on moving objects, e.g. vehicles****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Wind motors specially adapted for installation on moving objects, e.g. vehicles, in which the movement of the object causes air flow through the rotor.

F03D 13/20**Arrangements for mounting or supporting wind motors; Masts or towers for wind motors****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Foundations for poles, masts or chimneys	E02D 27/42
Towers; Masts, poles; Methods of erecting such structures	E04H 12/00

F03D 13/25**specially adapted for offshore installation****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Anchoring arrangements for special vessels	B63B 21/50
Vessels or like floating structures adapted for special purposes	B63B 35/00
Artificial islands mounted on piles or like supports	E02B 17/00

F03D 13/40**Arrangements or methods specially adapted for transporting wind motor components****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Vehicles adapted to transport or carry special loads or objects	B60P 3/00
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F03D 15/00

Transmission of mechanical power

Definition statement

This place covers:

Transmission of mechanical power, i.e. mechanisms by which the wind-derived mechanical power is conveyed to its point of use

References

Informative references

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

Gearing	F16H
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F03D 15/20

Gearless transmission, i.e. direct-drive

Glossary of terms

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

Direct-drive	Gearless transmission arrangement in which the rotor shaft is attached directly to the generator without intermediate gearing.
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F03D 17/00

Monitoring or testing of wind motors, e.g. diagnostics (testing during commissioning of wind motors [F03D 13/30](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Monitoring or testing of wind motors, e.g. diagnostics.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Testing during commissioning of wind motors	F03D 13/30
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Glossary of terms

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

Monitoring or testing	Overseeing or analysing the operating conditions of the wind motor mechanism, typically to identify problematic conditions. This may involve reference to wind motor sensor signals indicating, e.g. wind speed and direction, pitch angle, vibration, rotary torque, blade load and strain.
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F03D 80/10**Arrangements for warning air traffic****References****Informative references**

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

Traffic control systems for aircraft	G08G 5/00
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F03D 80/20**Arrangements for avoiding shadow flicker****Glossary of terms**

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

Shadow flicker	Periodic flickering effect due to repetitive shadows cast by rotating wind turbine blades.
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F03D 80/30**Lightning protection****References****Informative references**

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

Installations of lightning conductors; Fastening thereof to supporting structure	H02G 13/00
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F03D 80/70**Bearing or lubricating arrangements****References****Informative references**

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

Lubricating of machines in general	F01M
Bearings	F16C

F03D 80/80

Arrangement of components within nacelles or towers

Glossary of terms

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

Nacelle	The protective outer housing enclosing wind motor components such as the transmission, associated gearing and turbine.
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