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FEEDING FUEL TO COMBUSTION APPARATUS (fuel feeders specially adapted for fluidised-bed combustion apparatus [F23C 10/22](#); regulating or controlling combustion [F23N](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

General arrangements for preparing and supplying fuel to a combustion apparatus, including accessories and peripheral devices such as for example pumps, pulverisers, pre-heaters or vaporisers, arrangements for adding chemicals to fuels, subdivided according to the type of the fuel which is burned.

Details of devices specially adapted to feed or prepare fuels.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Fuel feeders specially adapted for fluidised bed combustion apparatus	F23C 10/22
Regulating or controlling combustion	F23N

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:

Fuel feeders incorporated into combustion apparatus for burning solid fuel	F23B 40/00
Fuel feeders specially adapted for feeding waste to incinerating apparatus	F23G 5/44

Informative references

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

Filtration in general	B01D
Mixing in general	B01F
Pulverizing in general	B02C
Conveying in general	B65G
Pumps in general	F04
Drying	F26B

Special rules of classification

In this subclass, the first place priority rule is applied, i.e. at each hierarchical level, classification is made in the first appropriate place.

When classifying in this subclass, add codes [F23K 2200/00-F23K 2401/201](#);

[F23K 2900/00001-F23K 2900/05142](#).

Glossary of terms

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

Air	a mixture of gases containing free oxygen and able to promote or support combustion
Primary air	air supplied to the burning fuel in order to liberate combustible gases
Secondary air	air supplied to the combustible gases liberated by the primary air in order to complete their combustion. The term "secondary air" covers "tertiary air" etc.
Ash	means any solid combustion residues, for example remaining in the fuel bed or suspended in the flue gases
Burner	a device by which fluid fuel or solid fuel suspended in air is passed to a combustion space where it burns to produce a self-supporting flame
Combustion	means the direct combination of oxygen gas, e.g. in air, and a burnable substance
Combustion chamber	a chamber in which fuel is burned to establish a self-supporting fire or flame and which surrounds that fire or flame
Combustion zone	the part of the apparatus where the reaction takes place between air and fuel
Flue gases	any gaseous products of combustion
Grate	a perforated surface, e.g. a grid, which supports or delimits a bed of burning fuel and serves to supply primary air

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used with the meaning indicated:

"boiler"	"combustion apparatus".
"burner"	"combustion apparatus".

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Spreader stokers

Definition statement

This place covers:

Feeding devices wherein the fuel is fed by scattering it over the fuel-supporting surface.

F23K 5/00**Feeding or distributing other fuel to combustion apparatus****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Preheating devices in burners using a direct spraying action of liquid droplets or vaporised liquid into the combustion space	F23D 11/44
Vaporizing devices in burners using a direct spraying action of liquid droplets or vaporised liquid into the combustion space	F23D 11/44

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

Pumps in General	F04
Safety arrangements for combustion chambers	F23M 11/00

F23K 5/04**Feeding or distributing systems using pumps ([F23K 5/06](#) takes precedence)****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Feeding or distributing systems using pumps from a central source to a plurality of burners	F23K 5/06
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F23K 5/16**Safety devices ([F23K 5/18](#) takes precedence; safety arrangements for combustion chambers [F23M 11/00](#))****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Cleaning or purging devices, e.g. filters	F23K 5/18
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