

CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

B PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING

(NOTES omitted)

PRINTING

B41 PRINTING; LINING MACHINES; TYPEWRITERS; STAMPS

B41D APPARATUS FOR THE MECHANICAL REPRODUCTION OF PRINTING SURFACES FOR STEREOTYPE PRINTING; SHAPING ELASTIC OR DEFORMABLE MATERIAL TO FORM PRINTING SURFACES ([{engraving by spark erosion B23H;}](#) marking or engraving metal by the action of a high concentration of electric current [B23H 9/06](#); type, machines or accessories for making, setting, or distributing type [B41B](#); processes for the manufacture or reproduction of printing surfaces [B41C](#); machines or apparatus for engraving in general, or for embossing [B44B 3/00](#), [B44B 5/00](#); chemical etching of metal [C23F 1/00](#); electrolytic etching [C25F 3/00](#); photomechanical reproduction [G03F](#))

WARNING

In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

1/00 Preparing or treating stereotype matrices
 1/02 . using brushes
 1/04 . using cylinders or rollers
 1/06 . using presses, e.g. toggle or like lever-and-link type presses
 1/08 . . using hydraulic presses
 1/10 . Performing secondary operations on matrices
 1/12 . . Humidifying or moistening
 1/14 . . Drying

7/00 Shaping elastic or deformable material, e.g. rubber, plastics material, to form printing surfaces ([making rubber printing blocks B41C 3/04](#))
 7/02 . by impression
 7/04 . Forming printing surfaces by covering printing forms with a thin elastic skin, e.g. rubber foil, and retaining the latter thereon; Obtaining reduced or enlarged printing surfaces by using thin elastic transfer foils ([pantographic instruments for copying, reducing, or enlarging B43L 13/10](#))

Producing printing surfaces

3/00 Casting stereotype plates; Machines, moulds, or devices therefor
 3/02 . Horizontal moulds for casting flat plates
 3/04 . Moulds, e.g. horizontal, for casting curved, e.g. semi-cylindrical, plates
 3/06 . . Vertical moulds
 3/08 . Moulds, e.g. horizontal, for casting tubular, i.e. cylindrical, plates
 3/10 . . Vertical moulds
 3/12 . Multiple mould stereotype casting machines
 3/14 . Details
 3/16 . . Matrix clamps
 3/18 . . Devices for closing or opening moulds
 3/20 . . Melting pots
 3/22 . . . with pumps for conveying the molten metal into the casting chambers or boxes
 3/24 . . . with control valves
 3/26 . . . with devices for stirring the molten metal
 3/28 . . Devices for cooling the moulds

5/00 Working, treating, or handling stereotype plates
 5/02 . by bending
 5/04 . of flat plates
 5/06 . of curved plates

99/00 Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass