

## A43C

### FASTENINGS OR ATTACHMENTS OF FOOTWEAR; LACES IN GENERAL

#### Definition statement

*This subclass/group covers:*

Equipment of the shoe e.g. laces, eyelets, cleats, studs.

#### References relevant to classification in this subclass

*This subclass/group does not cover:*

Equipment for ski boots	<a href="#">A43B 5/0415</a>
Equipment for skate	<a href="#">A43B 5/16</a>

## A43C 1/00

### Shoe lacing fastenings (garment fastening devices A41F)

#### Definition statement

*This subclass/group covers:*

Every fastening system including at least one lace and concerning the lace, e.g. a special way of lacing, a specific position of the lace on the shoe, several laces used, etc...

Hooks for laces; Guards for hooks	<a href="#">A43C 3/00</a>
Eyelets	<a href="#">A43C 5/00</a>
Holding devices for laces	<a href="#">A43C 7/00</a>
Laces; Laces in general for garments made of textiles, leather, or plastics	<a href="#">A43C 9/00</a>
Cable fastening	<a href="#">A43C 11/16</a>

#### Informative references

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

Garment fastening device	<a href="#">A41F</a>
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Combined fastening	<a href="#">A43C 11/008</a>
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## **A43C 3/00**

### **Hooks for laces (making from sheet metal B21D53/46); Guards for hooks**

#### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*

Hooks for lacing, along the upper, generally the lace joining together the hooks in the lateral part with the hooks situated on the medial part of the upper.

#### **Informative references**

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

Making of Hooks from metal sheet	<a href="#">B21D 53/46</a>
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## **A43C 5/00**

### **Eyelets (machines for setting eyelets A43D100/00)**

#### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*

Holes in the upper generally to help the lace to bring together the lateral part with the medial part of the upper

#### **Informative references**

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

Machine for setting eyelets	<a href="#">A43D 100/00</a>
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## **A43C 7/00**

### **Holding-devices for laces**

#### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*  
Systems to hold lace(s) in tighten position.

## **A43C 9/00**

**Laces; Laces in general for garments made of textiles, leather, or plastics**

### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*  
The lace itself.

## **A43C 11/00**

**Other fastenings specially adapted for shoes (dress fastenings in general A44B)**

### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*  
Any fastening that is not a lace. Still some of the documents can have a lace, in case they relate to footwear provided with more than one fastening system.

### **References relevant to classification in this group**

*This subclass/group does not cover:*

Fastenings with device mounted on the tongue (could still involve lace)	<a href="#">A43C 11/20</a>
Ornaments and decorative devices with fastening function (could involve a lace)	<a href="#">A43C 11/24</a>

### **Informative references**

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

Dress fastenings in general	<a href="#">A44B</a>
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## **A43C 11/008**

**[N: Combined fastenings, e.g. to accelerate undoing or**

## fastening]

### Definition statement

*This subclass/group covers:*

Combination of two different fastenings e.g. a lace for precision lacing of a boot, and a zipper, for quick release of the boot.

### Special rules of classification within this group

If one of the two fastenings is a lace, classification should be given in [A43C 1/00](#) and sub-groups.

## A43C 11/24

**Ornamental buckles or other ornaments for shoes, with fastening function (buckles in general A44B11/00)**

### Informative references

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

Buckles in general	<a href="#">A44B 11/00</a>
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## A43C 13/00

**Wear-resisting attachments**

### Definition statement

*This subclass/group covers:*

Additional device(s) attached on the shoe to protect against wear.

## A43C 15/00

**Non-skid devices or attachments (apparatus for climbing poles, trees, or the like A63B27/00)**

### Definition statement

*This subclass/group covers:*

Additional device(s) attached to a footwear to improve friction.

### Informative references

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

Soles made anti skid, either by impregnation, either by antiskid devices monolithic to the sole, or multilayer soles, with a part of it in contact with the ground, but excluding the cleats, and studs	<a href="#">A43B 13/22</a> , <a href="#">A43B 13/24</a> , <a href="#">A43B 13/26</a>
Sport footwear	<a href="#">A43B 5/00</a>
Football/soccer footwear	<a href="#">A43B 5/02</a>
Apparatus for climbing poles, trees, or the like	<a href="#">A63B 27/00</a>
Snowshoes	<a href="#">A63C 13/00</a>

## **A43C 17/00**

### **Spurs**

## **A43C 19/00**

### **Attachments for footwear, not provided for in other groups of this subclass**

#### **Definition statement**

*This subclass/group covers:*

Any attachment to a footwear not covered by the other groups, e.g. a plate with the name of the user, a tool to clean a golf club with the foot, an electronic device, any attachment not integrated in the footwear.

#### **References relevant to classification in this group**

*This subclass/group does not cover:*

Overshoes	<a href="#">A43B 3/16</a>
Overshoes for sporting purpose	<a href="#">A43B 5/18</a>