

B42F

SHEETS TEMPORARILY ATTACHED TOGETHER; FILING APPLIANCES; FILE CARDS; INDEXING (reading desks A47B19/00; book rests A47B23/00)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Sheets temporarily attached together, with or without involving perforation of the sheets.

Means therefor.

Sheet details for temporary attachment.

Sheets and objects temporarily attached together.

Means therefor.

Filing aspects of albums, especially album sheet details for temporarily attaching objects thereto.

Filing appliances, i.e. Holders for collections of papers, sheets, cards, or units thereof, each paper, sheet, card, or unit being individually insertable and extractable.

Without or with fastening means, e.g. With clamping action, with separate holding means or using perforations.

Adapted for being suspended.

Specially adapted for card-filing.

File cards.

Indexing means; Indexing tabs or protectors therefor, e.g.: book fillings, pads, sheets, papers or cards, having edges cut away to facilitate retrieval of a particular location, tabs integral with, permanently fastened to, or detachably mounted on sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files, to facilitate classifying.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Permanent and temporary attachment.

Machines, devices and methods for permanently attaching together sheets, quires, or signatures or for permanently attaching objects, e.g. map sections, to sheets are covered by [B42B 2/00](#) - [B42B 7/00](#). The permanent attachment can be obtained by similar means as the temporary attachment, especially by clips or by finger, claw, or ring-like elements passing through the sheets, quires, or signatures.

Furniture

Reading desks, book rests and cabinets, racks, shelf units or accessories, specially adapted for book-storing are covered by [A47B](#). Cabinets, racks or shelf units, specially adapted for storing documents, forms, or the like are as well covered by [A47B 63/00](#). Furniture features in general, e.g. of cabinets or drawers, or of show stands, hangers or shelves, are covered by [A47B](#) or [A47F](#).

Informative references

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

Reading desks, e.g. characterised by association with paper clamps as auxiliary devices	A47B 19/00
Book rests	A47B 23/00
Cabinets, racks or shelf units, specially adapted for storing books, documents, forms, or the like	A47B 63/00
Book-troughs; Accessories specially adapted for book-storing, e.g. book-ends	A47B 65/00

Special rules of classification within this subclass

In this subclass, it is desirable to add the Indexing Codes of groups [B42P 2201/00](#) - [B42P 2261/00](#).

Glossary of terms

In this subclass/group, the following terms (or expressions) are used with the meaning indicated:

Filing appliance	means holders for collections of papers, sheets, cards, or units thereof, each paper, sheet, card, or unit being individually insertable and extractable. This expression may thus include a calendar, an instruction manual, or a letter file.
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Sheets temporarily attached together without perforating; Means therefor

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Sheets temporarily attached together and means, other than filing appliances, therefor, which do not involve perforation of the sheets. Usually, the means are repeatedly usable fastening means effecting a gripping action on the sheets, e.g. by a clamping jaws or resilient deformation of a clip.

Informative references

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

Clips for holding paper bills	A45C 1/06
Wire-working in the manufacture of paper fasteners or clips	B21F 45/22
Hand tools for applying fasteners	B25B 31/00
Permanently attaching together sheets, quires, or signatures, e.g. by laces, ribbons or clips	B42B 5/00
Filing appliances without fastening means	B42F 7/00
Filing appliances with devices clamping file edges; Covers with clamping backs	B42F 9/00
Tabs detachably mounted on sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files	B42F 21/06
Combinations of writing implements with other articles, e.g. with memorandum appliances	B43K 29/00
Clothes-pegs with pivoted clamping members	D06F 55/02
Friction-grip releasable fastenings in general, e.g. clamps or clips	F16B 2/00

Fastening or securing labels, tag tickets, or similar identification or indication means by clamps	G09F 3/16
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Sheets temporarily attached together involving perforations; Means therefor; Sheet details therefor (staples, fasteners in general F16B)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Sheets temporarily attached together and means, other than filing appliances, therefor which involve perforation of the sheets. Usually, the means are repeatedly usable fastening means engaging perforations previously provided in the sheets, e.g. bifurcated pins with bendable legs or rings engaging punch-holes in the sheets.

Details of sheets intended, prepared or modified for being temporarily attached together, usually perforation details.

Informative references

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

Hand-held punching or perforating pliers	B26F 1/36
Attaching together paper or cardboard sheets by perforating, e.g. by folding over the partially cut part	B31F 5/02
Using claws or rings for permanently attaching sheets together	B42B 5/08
Filing appliances with means for engaging perforations or slots, e.g. ring files	B42F 13/00 , B42F 13/16
Fasteners in general	F16B
Staples	F16B 15/00

B42F 5/00

Sheets and objects temporarily attached together; Means therefor; Albums (bookbinding aspects of albums B42D1/08 ; advertising or display aspects G09)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Sheets and objects temporarily attached together and means for temporarily keeping them attached together;

Filing aspects of albums, especially those of album pages for temporarily attaching objects to the pages.

Usually, the means are repeatedly usable for attaching objects and are integral with, assembled to, or fastenable to, the sheets, e.g. corner-holding slits cut into sheets, filing strips on sheets or corner-holding devices to be applied to album pages.

Informative references

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

Frames or housings for storing medals, badges, or the like	A47G 1/12
Multiple-step processes for making flat articles by attaching individual objects to webs or sheets or for making mounting corners for photographs or cards	B31D 1/00
Bookbinding aspects of albums	B42D 1/08
Filing appliances without fastening means	B42F 7/00
Processes for producing mountings for pictures	B44C 5/02
Means for mounting individual pictures to be projected, e.g. cardboard frames for transparency	G03B 21/64
Advertising or displaying aspects of sheets and objects temporarily attached together	G09F

Cards of samples or books of samples	G09F 5/04
Cases or containers for storing record carriers, e.g. disc records	G11B 33/04

B42F 7/00

Filing appliances without fastening means (B42F17/00 takes precedence; suspension files B42F15/00; wallets, notecases, briefcases A45C, e.g. A45C1/00; furniture features A47B, A47F; envelopes B65D, e.g. B65D27/00)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Filing appliances without fastening means acting on the members of the collection can comprise flexible or rigid holders with a single filing space, e.g. pockets, trays, covers with retention means, e.g. for preventing the collection from slipping out, or with a plurality of connected compartments, e.g. portfolios or multi-compartment cases.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Packaging or container features in general, e.g. of a box body or container closure details are covered by [B65D](#).

Informative references

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

Wallets, notecases	A45C 1/06
Ticket-holders or credit card holders	A45C 11/18
Briefcases	A45C 3/02
Map-cases used as travelling equipment	A45F 3/50
Cabinets, racks or shelf units, specially adapted for storing documents, forms, or the like	A47B 63/00
Furniture devices for holding or	A47B 97/02

supporting maps	
Show stands, hangers, or shelves, adapted for pictures, cards, magazines, newspapers, books or book-like articles, e.g. audio or video cassettes	A47F 7/17
Filing aspects of albums	B42F 5/00
Filing appliances with separate intermediate holding means	B42F 11/00
Suspension aspects of filing appliances	B42F 15/00
Card-filing arrangements	B42F 17/00
Indexing features	B42F 21/00
Envelopes, e.g. with two or more compartments	B65D 27/00
Advertising or displaying in general	G09F
Cases or containers for storing record carrier discs	G11B 33/04

B42F 9/00

Filing appliances with devices clamping file edges; Covers with clamping backs (B42F13/00, B42F17/00 take precedence)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Filing appliances whereby the clamping devices or clamping backs comprise clamps with one or two pivoting or sliding jaws and releasable resilient clips allowing to insert and extract individual collection members.

Informative references

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

Permanently attaching together	B42B 5/06
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sheets, quires or signatures by clips	
Supports for note pads, e.g. combined with auxiliary devices	B42D 5/00
Writing or drawing underlays	B43L 3/00
Drawing boards having means for clamping sheets of paper thereto	B43L 5/02

B42F 11/00

Filing appliances with separate intermediate holding means (B42F17/00 takes precedence; with adhesive strips for mounting papers or sheets B42D1/10)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Filing appliances whereby the separate intermediate holding means are detachably mounted to the filing appliance, usually a cover, and can hold or engage parts of the collection, with or without using fastening means. Usually, both, the cover and the separate intermediate holding means are particularly adapted for releasable mutual engagement.

Informative references

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

Books or other bound products in which the fillings and covers are united by other means	B42D 1/06
Files with adhesive strips for mounting papers or sheets	B42D 1/10
Filing appliances comprising a single pocket or compartment	B42F 7/02

B42F 13/00

Filing appliances with means for engaging perforations or slots (B42F17/00 takes precedence; indexing features

B42F21/00)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Filing appliances with means for engaging perforations or slots;

Particular parts of, or auxiliary devices or operations for, filing appliances:

Covers for loose leave binders and details thereof.

Locking followers or pressure bars for use therewith.

Content transfer devices.

Converting filing appliances into permanent binders.

Informative references

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

Hand held punching or perforating apparatus, e.g. pliers	B26F 1/32
Permanently attaching together sheets, quires or signatures by finger, claw, or ring-like elements passing there through	B42B 5/08
Manufacturing covers of loose-leaf binders	B42C 7/00
Book covers	B42D 3/00
Sheet details, e.g. perforations, for sheets temporarily attached together involving perforations	B42F 3/00
Suspended filing appliances for suspending stacks of temporarily bound sheets	B42F 15/00

Special rules of classification within this group

Details of covers which are the same for book covers, and covers of loose-leaf binders, are classified in [B42D 3/00](#) only.

B42F 15/00

Suspended filing appliances (indexing features B42F21/00; hanging of books, newspapers or the like B42D17/00; [N: manufacturing suspended files B42C7/001])

Informative references

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

Cabinets, racks or shelf units, specially adapted for storing drawings or the like	A47B 63/02
Devices, as accessories for furniture, for holding or supporting maps, drawings, or the like, including means for preventing rolling-up	A47B 97/02
Manufacturing suspended files	B42C 7/00
Hanging or securing devices for books, newspapers, or the like	B42D 17/00
Drawing boards having means for clamping sheets of paper thereto	B43L 5/02

B42F 17/00

Card-filing arrangements, e.g. card indexes or catalogues or filing cabinets (indexing features B42F21/00 ; furniture features A47B, A47F)

Informative references

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

Cabinets, racks or shelf units, specially adapted for storing documents, forms, or the like	A47B 63/00
Drawers for cabinets; Guides for drawers	A47B 88/00
File cards	B42F 19/00
Partitions for rigid or semi-rigid	B65D 25/06

containers adapted to be fitted in two or more alternative positions	
Information retrieval from punched cards designed for manual use or handling by machine, e.g. by selecting coincident marginally notched cards	G06K 21/00

B42F 19/00

File cards (B42F21/00 takes precedence; punched cards for information retrieval, e.g. for manual use, G06K21/00)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Cards adapted for filing purposes, e.g. for card filing arrangements

Informative references

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

Identity, credit, cheque or like information-bearing cards	B42D 15/10
Card-filing arrangements	B42F 17/00
Record carriers for use with machines and with at least a part designed to carry digital markings, e.g. being marginally punched or notched with elongated slots	G06K 19/063
Apparatus or tools adapted for slotting or otherwise marking information-retrieval cards	G06K 21/06

B42F 21/00

Indexing means; Indexing tabs or protectors therefor

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Indexing means, e.g. edges cut away on book or pad sheets, papers, or cards, to facilitate retrieval of a particular location, especially for classifying.

Indexing tabs integral with, permanently fastened to, or detachably mounted on sheets, papers, cards, or suspension files.

Protectors for indexing tabs.

Informative references

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

Bookmarkers, e.g. loose or detachably mounted on a page	B42D 9/00
Labels, tag tickets, or similar identification or indication means, e.g. fastened to an article by an adhesive layer	G09F 3/00

B42F 23/00

Filing appliances not provided for in other groups of this subclass