C08G

Macromolecular compounds obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving unsaturated carbon-to-carbon bonds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Macromolecular compounds obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds, e.g. condensation polymers, where the polymers are:

Polymers from aldehydes or ketones, the polymers including polyacetals and phenol-formaldehyde-type resins such as novolaks or resoles,

Polymers from isocyanates or isothiocyanates, the polymers including polyurethanes and polyureas,

Epoxy resins,

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a carbon-to-carbon link in the main chain, e.g. Polyphenylenes and polyxylylenes,

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing oxygen in the main chain, e.g. Polyesters, polycarbonates, polyethers and copolymers of carbon monoxide with aliphatic unsaturated compounds,

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing nitrogen in the main chain, e.g. Polyamides, polyamines, polyhydrazides, polytriazoles, polyimides, polybenzimidazoles and nitroso rubbers,

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing sulphur in the main chain, e.g. Polysulphides, polythioethers, polysulphones, polysulphoxides, polythiocarbonates and polythiazoles,

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing silicon in the main chain, e.g. Polysiloxanes, silicones or polysilicates,

Other polymers obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds, e.g. Polymers obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing other elements in the main chain, e.g. P, b, al, sn, block copolymers obtained by inter-reacting polymers in the absence of monomers, dendrimers and hyperbranched polymers.

Processes for preparing the macromolecular compounds provided for in this subclass.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Composition of polymers with organic or inorganic additives should not classified (see [N: Note 1] after C08L title).

Relationship with other subclasses of class C08 and C09

Subclasses C08B to C08L are generally function-oriented subclasses in relation to the polymers per se, while C09D to C09K are application-oriented subclasses in relation to the said polymers (see below for the special relationship with C09D and C09J).

Polysaccharides per se and their derivatives are classified in C08B.

Treatment and chemical modification of rubbers, including conjugated diene rubbers, are classified in C08C – however synthesis of rubbers and treatment or chemical modification of non-rubbers are classified in subclasses C08F or C08G.

Macromolecular compounds per se obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds (usually known as addition polymers) are in C08F. Compositions based on monomers of such polymers are also in C08F.

Macromolecular compounds per se obtained otherwise than by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds (usually known as condensation polymers) are classified in C08G. Compositions based on monomers of such polymers are also classified in C08G.

Derivatives of natural macromolecular polymers per se, e.g. derived from proteins or vulcanised oils, are classified in C08H.

Working-up, general processes of compounding and after-treatment are covered by subclass C08J. These include making solutions, dispersions etc., plasticising, compounding with additives, e.g. colouring or masterbatching, crosslinking, manufacture of articles or shaped materials, chemical treatment or coating of such articles, making porous, cellular or foamed materials, and recovery or working up of waste materials.

Use or choice of inorganic or non-macromolecular organic materials as compounding agents are classified in C08K; Compositions classified in C08K according to note 3 of C08K, are not classified in C08L. However, if a composition contains two polymers and an additive following C08K, classification is made in C08L.

Coating compositions and other polymer compositions for similar uses, e.g. paints, inks, woodstains and printing pastes, are classified in C09D.

C09G covers the application of the compositions of C08L when used as polishes.

Adhesives and adhesive processes are classified in C09J.

Materials used in applications not otherwise provided for, are classified in C09K. These include sealing or anti-slip materials, heat-transfer, heat-exchange or heat-storage materials, drilling compositions, luminescent or tenebrescent materials, etching, surface-brightening or pickling materials,

antioxidant materials, soil-conditioning or soil-stabilising materials, liquid crystal or fireproofing materials.

Multiple classification

Application of macromolecular compositions as biocides, pest-repellants, pest-attractants, or plant growth activity regulators is further classified in subclass A01P.

Therapeutic activity of macromolecular compounds is further classified in subclass A61P.

The use of cosmetics or similar toilet preparations is further classified in subclass A61Q.Processes using enzymes or micro-organisms in order to (i) liberate, separate or purify a pre-existing compound or composition, or to (ii) treat textiles or clean solid surfaces of materials, are further classified in subclass C12S.

Relationship between C08F, C08G, C08L, C09D and C09J

Polymers as such, or their preparations are classified in C08F or C08G.

Polymer compositions are classified in C08L.

Coating compositions are classified in C09D and adhesive compositions are classified in C09J.

C09D and C09J are seen as "related fields" of C08L - this structure has implications on search and classification.

For classification:

if the claims only pertain to a "coating composition...", only the C09D class is given.

if the claims pertain to a composition as such and to coating (e.g. "composition for use as coating..."), both the C09D class and the corresponding C08L class are given.

For searching: both classes are to be searched, regardless of the wording of the claims, since in many documents of C08L, a passage relating to the use of the composition for coating can be found.

These rules apply in analogy for the adhesive compositions of C09J.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

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

Application of macromolecular compositions as pesticides or herbicides	A01N
Application of macromolecular compositions as pharmaceutical compositions or cosmetics	A61K
Application for golf balls	A63B
Application for hollow fibres membranes	B01D 69/08
Application for tyres	B29D 30/00
Application of macromolecular compositions as explosive compositions	C06B
Application of macromolecular compositions in coating compositions	C09D
Application of macromolecular compositions in adhesive compositions	C09J
Application of macromolecular compositions in lubricants	C10M
Application for fibres	D01F
Application for non-woven fabrics	D04H 1/00
Application for the treatment of fibres with polymers	**D06M5/00**
Application for tubes	F16L
Application for optical articles, optical parts, e.g. contact lenses	G02B 1/00
Application for optical elements e.g. polarizer	G02B 5/30
Application for cables or wires	H01B

Application for printed circuits, in particular photosensitive compositions	H05K, H05K 3/287

Informative references

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

Layered products	B32B
Liquid crystal compositions	C09K 19/00
Electrolytic processes, e.g. electrophoresis	C25

Special rules of classification

In this subclass, group C08G 18/00 takes precedence over all other groups. A further classification is given if the polymers are obtained by reactions forming specific linkages for which an appropriate group is provided.

Within each main group of this subclass, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the last appropriate place.

In groups C08G 61/00-C08G 79/00, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming two different linkages in the main chain are classified only according to the linkage present in excess.

In group C08G 18/00, for the purpose of groups C08G 18/28-C08G 18/69, the addition of water for the preparation of cellular materials is not taken into consideration.

When classifying in group C08G 18/00, it is desirable to add the Indexing Code of **C08G101/00** relating to manufacture of cellular products.

This subclass also covers compositions based on monomers which form macromolecular compounds classifiable in this subclass. In this subclass:

if the monomers are defined, classification is made in groups C08G 2/00-C08G 79/00, C08G 83/00 according to the polymer to be formed;

if the monomers are defined in a way that a composition cannot be classified within one main group of this subclass, the composition is classified in group C08G 85/00;

if the compounding ingredients are of interest per se, classification is also

made in subclass C08K.

Glossary of terms

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

Addition polymers	Polymers in which unsaturated monomer molecules join together to form a polymer in which the molecular formula of the repeat unit is identical (except for the double bond) with that of the monomer.
Block polymers	Polymers formed by polymerization of monomers on to a macromolecule having groups capable of inducing the formation of new polymer chains bound at one or both ends of the starting macromolecule, or by polymerization using successively different catalyst types or successively different monomer systems without deactivating the intermediate polymer.
Condensation polymers	Polymers in which water or some other simple molecule is eliminated from 2 or more monomer molecules as they combine to form the polymer or crosslinks between polymer chains.
Copolymers	Usually denotes polymers of 2 chemically distinct monomers, and sometimes denotes terpolymers containing more than 2 types of monomer unit.
Graft polymers	Macromolecular compounds obtained by polymerizing monomers on to preformed polymers or on to inorganic materials. Such preformed polymers could be rubbers, polysaccharides, condensation polymers, homopolymers or copolymers of the addition polymer type.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following abbreviations are often used:

CPET	Crystallised polyethylene terephthalate
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo-2,2,2-octane or triethylene diamine (amine catalyst for PU foams)
DBP	Dibutyl phthalate
DOP	Dioctyl phthalate
HDI	Hexamethylene diisocyanate
IPDI	Isophorone diisocyanate
MDI	Diphenylmethane-4,4'-diisocyanate
PBT	Polybutylene terephthalate
PEEK	Polyetheretherketone
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
PEI	Polyetherimide
PEK	Polyetherketone
PEO	Polyethylene oxide
PES	Polyethersulphone
PET	Polyethylene terephthalate
PPS	Polyphenylene sulphide
PPSU	Polyphenylene sulphone
PUR	Polyurethane
TETA	Triethylene tetramine

TDI	Toluene diisocyanate

C08G 2/00

Addition polymers of aldehydes or cyclic oligomers thereof or of ketones; Addition copolymers thereof with less than 50 molar percent of other substances

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Addition polymers from aldehydes or ketones, i.e. polyacetals and copolyacetals

Catalysts used for such polymerisation

Post-polymerisation treatments of such resins.

Polymerization initiated by wave energy or particle radiation

Chemical modification by after-treatment

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Catalysts in general	B01J
Addition polymers of heterocyclic oxygen compounds containing in the ring at least –O-C-O-	C08G 4/00
Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones only	C08G 6/00

C08G 2/12

Polymerisation of acetaldehyde or cyclic oligomers thereof

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymerisation of acetaldehyde or cyclic oligomers thereof e.g. polymerisation of trioxane

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C08G 4/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with polyalcohols; Addition polymers of heterocyclic oxygen

compounds containing in the ring at least once the grouping -O-C-O-

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with polyalcohols, e.g. the condensation product of formaldehyde and alkylene oxides

Addition polymers of heterocyclic oxygen compounds containing in the ring at least once the grouping -O-C-O- , e.g. addition polymers of dioxolane, i.e.

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References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Cyclic oligomers of aldehydes	C08G 2/00

C08G 6/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones only

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

condensation polymers of aldehydes

condensation polymers of ketones

condensation polymers of aldehydes with ketones, see for example WO2007141119 or US2005080222

C08G 6/02

Condensation polymers of aldehydes with ketones

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Condensation polymers of aldehydes with ketones, see for example WO2007141119 or US2005080222

C08G 8/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with phenols only

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

For example condensation of polymers of

ketones with aldehydes (C08G 8/26)

m-cresol with propionaldehyde (C08G 8/04)

formaldehyde with phenol (C08G 8/10)

resorcinol with forlmaldehyde (C08G 8/22)

3,4-xylenol with formaldehyde (C08G 8/10)

aminophenol with formaldehyde (C08G 8/16)

Glossary of terms

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

Novolac resin	Phenol-formaldehyde resin where the molar ratio of formaldehyde to phenol of less than one, so the pH is less than 7
Resol resin	Phenol-formaldehyde resin where the formaldehyde to phenol ratio is greater than one, so the pH is greater than 7

C08G 10/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with aromatic hydrocarbons or halogenated aromatic

hydrocarbons only

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
For example,

Naphthalene-formaldehyde polymer (C08G 10/02).

C08G 12/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with only compounds containing hydrogen attached to nitrogen

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
For example

Aminoplast resins, i.e. urea-formaldehyde (C08G 12/12)

Melamine-formaldehyde (C08G 12/32) or

Urea-melamine-formaldehyde (C08G 12/38)

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Condensation polymers of aldehyde or ketone with aminophenol	C08G 8/16
Reaction of polyamides with aldehydes	C08G 69/50

Special rules of classification within this group

Within this main group, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the last appropriate place. This means that urea-melamine-formaldehyde resins are classified in C08G 12/38.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following abbreviations are often used:

MF	Melamine-formaldehyde

UF	Urea-formaldehyde

C08G 14/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with two or more other monomers covered by at least two of the groups C08G 8/00 to C08G 12/00

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

for example

Melamine-phenol-formaldehyde resins (C08G 14/10)

Urea-phenol-formaldehyde resins (C08G 14/08), see EP2197928.

C08G 16/00

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with monomers not provided for in the groups C08G 4/00 to C08G 14/00

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

For example, condensation of aldehydes or ketones with natural products, oils, bitumens or residues.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones with polynitriles	C08G 69/38

C08G 18/00

Polymeric products of isocyanates or isothiocyanates

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

- Polyurethanes, i.e. polymeric products of isocyanates or isothiocyanates and

compounds that are reactive towards isocyanates or isothiocyanates.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Preparation of isocyanates or isothiocyanates	C07C 263/00, C07C 331/16
Polymeric products containing ureide or urethane prepared without using isocyanate or isothiocyanate	C08G 71/00
Preparatory processes of porous or cellular materials, in which the monomers or catalysts are not specific	C08J

Informative references

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

Preparations for medical, dental or toilet purposes	A61K
Shaping or joining plastics	B29C
Mould release agents	B29C 33/60
Layered products comprising polyurethanes	B32B 27/40
Use of inorganic or non-macromolecular organic substances as compounding ingredients	C08K
Processes for applying liquid materials to surfaces	B05D 1/00
Coating compositions characterized by their physical nature or their effects produced	C09D 5/00
Adhesives processes	C09J 5/00

Working up of polyurethanes to porous or cellular articles	C08J 9/00
Materials for sealing	C09K 3/10

Special rules of classification within this group

In this group the Indexing Codes C08G are added, in particular C08G 2101/00 to C08G 2410/00.

Synonyms or keywords

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

CPP	Copolymer polyol
DABCO	1,4-Diazabicyclo(2.2.2)octane
DMPA	Dimethylol propionic acid
EDA	Ethylene diamine
EO	Ethylen oxide
HDI	Hexane diisocyanate
H12MDI	Dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate
IEM	Isocyanato ethyl methacrylate
IPDI	Isophorone diisocyanate
JEFFAMINE	Amine capped polyether
MDI	4,4-Methylenebis(phenyl)isocyanate
PEG	Polyethyleneglycol
PIR	Polyisocyanurate
PMDI	Polymethylene poly(phenylisocyanate)

PO	Propylene oxide
PPG	Polypropylene glycol
PTMO	Polytetramethylene oxide
TDI	Toluene diisocyanate
TMP	Trimethylol propane
TMXDI	Trimethylol propane
TPU	Tetramethylxylylene diisocyanate
XDI	Xylylene diisocyanate

C08G 18/02

of isocyanates or isothiocyanates only

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Oligomerisation of isocyanates or isothiocyanates in the absence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate or isothiocyanate.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Oligomerised isocyanates per se	C07C or C07D
Oligomerisation in the presence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate	C08G 18/09
Use of oligomerised isocyanates	C08G 18/79

C08G 18/08

Processes

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Process features such as catalysts which are specific for polymeric products of isocyanates or isothiocyanates and are not covered elsewhere

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Working-up of polymeric products of polymeric products of isocyanates or isothiocyanates to foams	C08J 9/00

C08G 18/09

comprising oligomerisation of isocyanates or isothiocyanates involving reaction of a part of the isocyanate or isothiocyanate groups with each other in the reaction mixture (use of preformed oligomers see C08G 18/79)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Oligomerisation of isocyanates in the presence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Oligomerisation of isocyanates in the absence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate	C08G 18/02
Use of oligomerized isocyanates	C08G 18/79

Special rules of classification within this group

Additional information: oligomerisation to isocyanurate groups are classified in C08G 2105/02.

C08G 18/10

Prepolymer processes involving reaction of isocyanates or isothiocyanates with compounds having active hydrogen in a

first reaction step ([N: C08G 18/0838 takes precedence] ; masked polyisocyanates see C08G 18/80)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Prepolymer processes involving reaction of isocyanates or isothiocyanates with compounds having active hydrogen having a high molecular weight in a first reaction step

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Isocyanates or isothiocyanates reacted with low molecular weight active hydrogen compounds	C08G 18/80
Masked polyisocyanates	C08G 18/80

Special rules of classification within this group

In this subgroup combination sets can be used: see Note after C08G 18/10 title.

C08G 18/0838 takes precedence over this subgroup.

C08G 18/30

Low-molecular-weight compounds [N: (C08G 18/2805 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Compounds containing active hydrogen and having a molecular weight of less than 500 or have less than 10 repeating monomer units.

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 18/0838 takes precedence over this subgroup.

C08G 18/32

Polyhydroxy compounds; Polyamines; Hydroxyamines

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Compounds having more than one group containing active hydrogen.

C08G 18/40

High-molecular-weight compounds [N: (C08G 18/2805 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Compounds having more than one group containing active hydrogen and having a molecular weight of more than 500 or having more than 10 repeating monomer units.

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 18/0838 takes precedence over this subgroup.

C08G 18/63

Block or graft polymers obtained by polymerising compounds having carbon-to-carbon double bonds on to polymers

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymer polyols, i.e. dispersions of polymer particles in compounds having active hydrogen.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Macromolecular compounds obtained by polymerising monomers on to polymers of C08G	C08F 283/00

C08G 18/65

Low-molecular-weight compounds having active hydrogen with high-molecular-weight compounds having active hydrogen [N: (C08G 18/2805 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Mixtures of low molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen with high molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen where either the low molecular weight compound is essential for the invention or where the high molecular weight compound is not a compound of groups C08G 18/42 , C08G 18/48 or C08G 18/52

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 18/0838 takes precedence over this subgroup.

C08G 18/66

Compounds of groups C08G 18/42, C08G 18/48, or C08G 18/52

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Mixtures of low molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen with high molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen from the groups C08G 18/42 , C08G 18/48 or C08G 18/52

C08G 18/67

Unsaturated compounds having active hydrogen

Definition Statement

This subclass/group covers:

Compounds that have Carbon to Carbon unsaturation and groups that are reactive towards isocyanate/isothiocyanate

Special rules of classification within this group

In this subgroup, combination sets can be used following the note after the group title.

C08G 18/79

characterised by the polyisocyanates used, these having groups formed by oligomerisation of isocyanates or isothiocyanates

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Use of oligomerised isocyanates.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Oligomerised isocyanates per se	C07C or C07D
Oligomerisation of isocyanates in the absence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate	C08G 18/02
Oligomerisation in the presence of compounds that are reactive towards isocyanate	C08G 18/09

C08G 18/80

Masked polyisocyanates

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Blocked polyisocyanates or polyisocyanates prereacted with low molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Prepolymers, i.e. polyisocyanates prereacted with high molecular weight compounds having active hydrogen	C08G 18/10

C08G 18/83

Chemically modified polymers

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Chemical modification of polyurethanes other than through reaction with isocyanate or isothiocyanate

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds having specific groups	C08L 101/00

C08G 59/00

Polycondensates containing more than one epoxy group per molecule (low-molecular-weight polyepoxy compounds C07) ; Macromolecules obtained by polymerising compounds containing more than one epoxy group per molecule using curing agents or catalysts which react with the epoxy groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Epoxy resins, i.e. all polycondensates having more than one epoxy groups per molecule (diepoxides and polyepoxides).

Epoxy resins characterized by special parameters.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

The use or choice of inorganic or non-macromolecular organic materials as compounding agents are classified in subclass C08K.

Compositions of macromolecular compounds, either with other macromolecular compounds or with other ingredients, including compositions of polysaccharides, rubbers or natural macromolecular compounds, are classified in subclass C08L.

Coating compositions and other polymer compositions for similar uses, e.g. paints, inks, woodstains and printing pastes, are classified in subclass C09D.

Adhesives and adhesive processes are classified in subclass C09J.

Materials for applications not otherwise provided for, or applications of materials not otherwise provided for, are classified in subclass C09K. These include sealing or anti-slip materials, heat-transfer, heat-exchange or heat-storage materials, drilling compositions, luminescent or tenebrescent materials, etching, surface-brightening or pickling materials, antioxidant materials, soil-conditioning or soil-stabilising materials, liquid crystal or fireproofing materials.

Subclasses C08B-C08L are generally function-oriented subclasses in relation to the polymers they cover, while C09D-C09K are application-oriented

subclasses in relation to the said polymers.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Low-molecular-weight polyepoxy compounds	C07
Monoepoxide compounds, e.g. oxiranes or preparation of oxiranes	C07D 303/00

Informative references

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

Polymers containing ether groups, e.g. oxetanes	C08G 65/18
Polymers containing S- link, e.g. thiiranes	C08G 75/08
Compositions of homo- or copolymers of acrylic or methacrylic esters having pendent glycidyl groups	C08L 33/068

Special rules of classification within this group

No Indexing Codes are used in this group.

Last place rule:

When an epoxy composition comprises a special hardener, or mixtures of special hardeners, catalysts or characteristic epoxy resins, classification is given in C08L 63/00, but also the corresponding classes in subgroups of C08G 59/00, since C08G 59/00 is much more detailed.

Glossary of terms

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

Epoxy resins	All polycondensates having more than one epoxy groups per molecule

Synonyms and Keywords

Bisphenol A	4,4'-(Propane-2,2-diyl)diphenol
Bisphenol F	2-[(2-Hydroxyphenyl)methyl]phenol
Bisphenol S	4-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)sulfonylphenol
DGEBA	Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A
Epoxide	Oxirane
Glycidyl-	2,3-Epoxypropyl-
Hardener	Crosslinker

C08G 59/02

Polycondensates containing more than one epoxy group per molecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

The preparation of epoxy resins, in a general way.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Chemical after-treatment of diepoxides or polyepoxides	C08G 59/14
Polymers obtained by pre-reaction of diepoxides or polyepoxides with curing agents	C08G 59/18

C08G 59/022

[N: characterized by the preparation or apparatus used]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polycondensates containing more than one epoxy group per molecule, characterised by the preparation or apparatus used.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Chemical after-treatment of diepoxides or polyepoxides	C08G 59/14
Polymers obtained by pre-reaction of diepoxides or polyepoxides with curing agents	C08G 59/18

C08G 59/025

[N: characterized by purification methods used]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polycondensates containing more than one epoxy group per molecule, characterized by the purification methods.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Chemical after-treatment of diepoxides or polyepoxides	C08G 59/14
Polymers obtained by pre-reaction of diepoxides or polyepoxides with curing agents	C08G 59/18

C08G 59/027

[N: obtained by epoxydation of unsaturated precursor, e.g. polymer or monomer]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of polycondensates containing more than one epoxy group per

molecule, where an unsaturated precursor is epoxydized, e.g. by an oxidative step.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Chemical after-treatment of diepoxides or polyepoxides	C08G 59/14
Polymers obtained by pre-reaction of diepoxides or polyepoxides with curing agents	C08G 59/18

C08G 59/14

Polycondensates modified by chemical after-treatment

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

The modification of epoxy resins, by further reaction with organic or inorganic compounds.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Epoxy resins obtained by unsaturated monomeric or polymeric precusors	C08G 59/027
Polymers obtained by pre-reaction of diepoxides or polyepoxides with curing agents	C08G 59/18

C08G 59/18

Macromolecules obtained by polymerising compounds containing more than one epoxy group per molecule using curing agents or catalysts which react with the epoxy groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers obtained by polycondensation of epoxy resins with curing agents or

catalysts

Advancement polymers having end epoxy groups.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Macromolecules obtained by epoxydation of unsaturated precursor, e.g. polymer or monomer	C08G 59/027
Chemical after-treatment of diepoxides or polyepoxides	C08G 59/14

C08G 61/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carbon-to-carbon link in the main chain of the macromolecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers obtained by reactions forming a carbon-to-carbon link in the main chain otherwise than by addition polymerisation reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds (wherein in the latter case the reactive carbon-carbon group stays intact without cleavage of fragments). The polymers included in this main group are typically prepared by means of polycondensation reactions.

Polyphenylenes

Polyxylylenes

Polyfluorenes

Polynorbornenes prepared by ring-opening metathesis reactions

Poly(ether ketone ketones) prepared from diacid chloride compounds and aryl comonomers by means of Friedel-Crafts reactions (classified in C08G 61/127)

Polymers prepared by polycondensation reactions involving the reactions between aryl compounds and co-monomers containing methylol groups or protected methylol groups or chloromethyl moieties.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Relationship with other subclasses and main groups of classes C08 and C09:

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds under polyaddition reactions are classified in subclass C08F.

Corresponding main groups for the polymers according to main group C08G 61/00 can be found in the main groups C08L 65/00 (compositions based on such polymers), C09D 165/00 (coating compositions based on said polymers), and C09J 165/00 (adhesive compositions based on such polymers).

Relationship with main groups of the same subclass C08G:

Polymers prepared by condensation reactions of aldehydes or ketones with phenols only are classified in groups C08G 8/00 - C08G 8/38, since C08G 2/00 - C08G 16/00 takes precedence. For the same reasons, condensation polymers of aldehydes or ketones only are classified in C08G 6/00 - C08G 6/02. Polymers which may otherwise be formed by carbon-carbon bond formation, but which are prepared by condensation reactions other than those involving the formation of carbon-carbon bonds in the main chain, are classified in the appropriate groups, e.g. C08G 73/0611 for polypyrroles formed from amines and polyketones. Polyketones are classified in C08G 67/02.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Production of polymers using enzymes	C12P

Informative references

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

Catalysts in general	B01J
Polyacetylenes prepared by polyaddition	C08F 38/02
Condensation polymers of aldehydes with aromatic hydrocarbons or halogenated aromatic hydrocarbons only	C08G 10/02
Poly(ether ketones) obtained by reactions forming an ether link in the main chain of the macromolecule	C08G 65/4012
Polycondensates having	C08G 73/06

nitrogen-containing heterocyclic rings in the main chain of the macromolecules obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing nitrogen, including polypyrroles	
Condensation polymers of aldehydes with phenols only	C08G 8/04
Compositions, coating compositions and adhesive compositions based on polymers according to main group C08G 61/00 are classified in main groups	C08L 65/00, C08L 65/00, C09D 165/00, C09J 165/00
Conductors characterised by the conductive material: Intrinsically conductive polymers	H01B 1/124
Solid state devices using oligomeric or polymeric organic materials as the active part, or using a combination of organic materials including organic oligomers or polymers with other materials as the active part	H01L 51/0034, H01L 51/0034
Complementary pieces of information concerning C08G 61/00	C08G 2261/00 - **M08G261/00F4**

Special rules of classification within this group

In the subclass C08G, main group C08G 18/00 takes precedence over all other groups. A further classification is given if the polymers are obtained by reactions forming specific linkages for which an appropriate group is provided.

Within each main group of this subclass, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the last appropriate place.

In main groups C08G 61/00-C08G 79/00, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming two different linkages in the main chain are classified only according to the linkage present in excess.

In the subgroup C08G 61/12, the following peculiarities apply:

For polymers comprising different heterocyclic constituents in the polymer main chain, a classification will be put for each. For example, a polymer

consisting of thiophene, pyrrole, and triphenylamine in polymerised form will be classified in C08G 61/12 for the triphenylamine, C08G 61/124 and C08G 61/126.

Polymers according to C08G 61/00 which have been obtained from five-membered heterocyclic monomers comprising more than one heteroatom in the heterocycle will be classified in C08G 61/123.

When the macromolecular compounds are formed from condensed heterocyclic monomers, e.g. 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole, which comprise a five- or six-membered heterocycle, such a compound would still be considered derived from five- or six-membered heterocyclic compounds.

For example, a polymer derived from a 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole starting compound would be classified in C08G 61/123. Complementary structural aspects, such as codification of condensed heterocycles, are classified in **M08G261/00B**-**M08G261/00B7F**.

When assigning the main group C08G 61/00 or subgroups thereof to a document, classification in the main group C08G 2261/00 and/or subgroups thereof is obligatory.

Glossary of terms

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

Addition polymer	Polymer which is formed by an addition reaction, where monomers bond together via rearrangement of bonds without the loss of any atom or molecule. This is in contrast to a condensation polymer which is formed by a condensation reaction where a molecule, such as water, is cleaved off during the formation.
Condensation polymer	Polymer in which water or some other simple molecule is eliminated from 2 or more monomer molecules as they combine to form the polymer.

Synonyms and Keywords

ADMET	Acyclic diene metathesis
ROMP	Ring-opening metathesis polymerisation

C08G 63/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carboxylic ester link in the main chain of the macromolecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymeric products containing ester bonds in the backbone.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polymers based on ethylenically unsaturated monomers containing ester bonds in the side chain	C08F 20/00, C08F 120/00, C08F 220/00, C08F 18/00, C08F 118/00, C08F 218/00
Graft polymers obtained by polymerizing unsaturated monomers on polyesters	C08F 290/061
Polyester-urethanes	C08G 18/42
Polycarbonates	C08G 64/00
Polyester-amides	C08G 69/44
Polyester-imides	C08G 73/16
Block- and graft copolymers containing polyester and polysiloxane sequences	C08G 77/445
Block or graft copolymers containing ester bonds and sequences of polymers of C08C and C08F	C08G 81/027
Polyhydroxycarboxylic acids obtained by fermentation or enzyme-using processes	C12P 7/625

Informative references

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

Preparation of medical dental or toilet purposes	A61K
Chemical aspects of and materials for bandages, dressings, absorbent pads or surgical articles	A61L
Layered products comprising polyesters	B32B 27/36
Polyhydroxy compounds	C07C 31/00-C07C 35/00, C07C 39/00
Polycarboxylic or hydrocarboxylic acids	C07C 69/00
Dendrimers, hyperbranched polymers, polyrotaxanes, polycatenanes or supramolecular polymers	C08G 83/00
Use of inorganic or non-macromolecular organic substances a compounding ingredients	(C08K 3/00, C08L 67/00)-(C08K 3/00, C08L 67/08), (C08K 5/00, C08L 67/00)-(C08K 5/00, C08L 67/08)
Degradable polymer compositions	C08L 101/16
Coating compositions characterized by their physical nature or their effects produced	C09D 5/00
Polyester fibres	D01F 6/62, D01F 8/14
Binders for toners	G03G 9/08755

C08G 63/02

Polyesters derived from hydroxycarboxylic acids or from polycarboxylic acids and polyhydroxy compounds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyester not provided for in groups C08G 63/06 to C08G 63/6988.

C08G 63/06

derived from hydroxycarboxylic acids

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters containing sequences obtained by polycondensation of one or more #-hydroxycarboxylic acid derivatives, e.g. hydroxyalkanoates

Informative references

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

Polyhydroxycarboxylic acids containing oxygen in the form of ether groups	C08G 63/664
Polyhydroxycarboxylic acids containing atoms other than carbon, hydrogen and oxygen	C08G 63/68

C08G 63/08

Lactones or lactides

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters containing sequences obtained by ring-opening of one or more cyclic esters, e.g. polylactic acid or #-caprolactone.

Informative references

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

Processes for the preparation of polylactones and polylactides characterized by the catalyst used	C08G 63/823

C08G 63/12

derived from polycarboxylic acids and polyhydroxy compounds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters derived from polycarboxylic acids and polyhydroxy compounds which have been prepared in the presence of 10 wt% or more of ester forming compounds having more than two reactive groups.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polyesters having been prepared in the presence of less than 10 wt% of compounds having more than two reactive groups	C08G 63/20 C08G 63/21
Polyesters containing oxygen in the form of ether groups	C08G 63/668
Polyesters containing atoms other than carbon, hydrogen and oxygen	C08G 63/68
Polyesters modified by chemical after-treatment	C08G 63/914

C08G 63/16

Dicarboxylic acids and dihydroxy compounds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters containing sequences obtained by polycondensation of one or more dicarboxylic acids and one or more dihydroxy compounds.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polyesters containing oxygen in the form of ether groups	C08G 63/672
Polyesters containing atoms other than carbon, hydrogen and oxygen	C08G 63/68

Polyesters modified by chemical after-treatment	C08G 63/916

C08G 63/20

Polyesters having been prepared in the presence of compounds having one reactive group or more than two reactive groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters derived from dicarboxylic acids and dihydroxy compounds which have been prepared in the presence of less than 10 wt% of compounds having one reactive group or more than two reactive groups.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polyesters derived from dicarboxylic acids and dihydroxy compounds which have been prepared in the presence of 10 wt% or more of compounds having more than two reactive groups	C08G 63/12-C08G 63/137

C08G 63/47

by unsaturated monocarboxylic acids or unsaturated monohydric alcohols or reactive derivatives thereof

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters chemically modified by esterification with unsaturated monoacids or monoalcohols.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polymeric reaction products of polyesters which are chemically modified by esterification with	C08F 290/061

unsaturated acids or alcohols with ethylenically unsaturated compounds	

Informative references

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

Polyesters derived from polycarboxylic acids and polyhydroxy compounds modified by chemical after-treatment	C08G 63/914

C08G 63/64

Polyesters containing both carboxylic ester groups and carbonate groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers containing carboxylic ester groups and carbonate groups, even if the carbonate groups are in excess.

C08G 63/66

Polyesters containing oxygen in the form of ether groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters containing ether groups of any kind, e.g. sugar moieties, polyalkylene oxide sequences.

Informative references

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

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming an ether link in the main chain of the macromolecule	C08G 65/00

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 63/42 and C08G 63/58 take precedence over C08G 63/66.

C08G 63/68

Polyesters containing atoms other than carbon, hydrogen and oxygen

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyesters containing heteroatoms at any place in the side- or main chain

C08G 63/785

[N: characterised by the apparatus used]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation processes in which the process or a step thereof is characterized by the apparatus or a feature thereof

Informative references

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

Apparatuses for preparing polymers	B01J
Extrusion molding	B29C 47/00

C08G 63/823

[N: for the preparation of polylactones or polylactides]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Processes in which the preparation of polylactones or polylactides is characterized by the catalyst used.References relevant to classification in this group

Polylactones or polylactides	C08G 63/08

C08G 64/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carbonic ester link in the main chain of the macromolecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymeric products containing carbonate bonds in the backbone.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polycarbonates containing ester groups in the backbone	C08G 63/64
Polyesters	C08G 63/00
Polycarbonate-urethanes	C08G 18/42
Polycarbonate-amides	C08G 69/44
Polycarbonate-imides	C08G 73/16

Informative references

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

Layered products comprising polycarbonates	B32B 27/00
Carbonates	C07C 68/00, C07C 69/96
Use of inorganic or non-macromolecular organic substances a compounding ingredients	(C08K 3/00, C08L 69/00(B))(C08K 5/00, C08L 69/00(B))
Dendrimers, hyperbranched polymers, polyrotaxanes, polycatenanes or supramolecular polymers	C08G 83/00
Polycarbonate record carriers	**G11B7/253B2**

Polycarbonate binders for toners	G03G 9/08757
Polycarbonate fibres	D01F 6/64
Polycarbonate lenses	G02B 1/041

C08G 64/18

Block or graft polymers

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block- and graft copolymers containing polycarbonate sequences and sequences of polymers of C08G.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Block or graft copolymers containing carbonate bonds and sequences of polymers of C08C and C08F	C08G 81/027
Graft polymers obtained by polymerizing unsaturated monomers on unsaturated polycarbonates	C08F 290/061, C08F 283/01
Polycarbonates containing blocks of ester groups in the backbone	C08G 63/64

Informative references

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

Block- or graft polymers containing polycarbonate and polysiloxane sequences	C08G 77/448

C08G 65/26

from cyclic ethers and other compounds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of polyether by ring opening reaction of cyclic ether in the presence of "other compound" e.g. active H containing compound which acts as an initiator for polymerisation. e.g. R-OH + n ethylene oxide # R-(O-CH2-CH2)n

Informative references

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

Preparation of ethers by reaction of an oxirane with hydroxy group	C07C 41/02

Special rules of classification within this group

(1) If the "other compound" contains two different active H containing groups, the compound should be classified in both relevant groups e.g. aminoethanol should be classified in C08G 65/2609 and C08G 65/2624.

(2) If the "other compound" is sugar or polysaccharide containing OH groups, classification should be made in C08G 65/2606.

(3) Aniline is classified in C08G 65/2627 which reads " Aromatic or arylaliphatic amine group" .

(4) Pyridine or piperazine are classified in C08G 65/263 which reads "Heterocyclic amine" .

C08G 65/2642

[N: characterised by the catalyst used]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Compounds characterised by the catalyst used in the ring opening reaction between a cyclic ether and an "other compound".

Informative references

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

Cyanide catalysts	B01J 27/26
Catalysts per se	B01J 21/00-B01J 27/32

Special rules of classification within this group

(1) Classification is made according to the metal in the catalyst if any.

(2) Boron is considered a metal.

(3) Magnesium is to be considered an alkaline earth metal.

(4) If a catalyst is classified in C08G 65/269 (mixed catalyst systems), then separate components should be classified as well; for example,

- iron/calcium based catalyst should be classified in C08G 65/269, C08G 65/266 and C0G65/26P1F

- aluminium/SiCl4 based catalyst are classified in C08G 65/269, C08G 65/2654 and C08G 65/2687.

(5) If a catalyst should be classified in C08G 65/2693 – then if possible both components should be classified, e.g. aluminium supported on clay based catalyst is classified in C08G 65/2693, C08G 65/2654 and C08G 65/2657.

Glossary of terms

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

DMC	Double Metal Cyanide

C08G 65/30

Post-polymerisation treatment, e.g. recovery, purification, drying

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Post-polymerisation treatment of cyclic ethers made exclusively by ring opening reactions of cyclic ethers, e.g. recovery, purification, drying or removal of catalyst residues even if done by chemical means for example acidification.

Informative references

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

Separation or purification of ethers	C07C 41/34

C08G 65/40

from phenols (I) and other compounds (II), e.g. OH-Ar-OH + X-Ar-X, where X is halogen atom, i.e. leaving group

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyethers made from phenols and other compounds e.g. OH-Ar-OH + X-Ar-X where X is a halogen leaving groups. It encompasses aromatic (Ar) polyethers or polyetherketones.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polyetherketones made by Friedel -Krafts acylation	C08G 61/127
Polyphenylene ether/oxide	C08G 65/44
Polyketones from carbon monoxide	C08G 67/02
Polyetherimides	C08G 73/1046
Polythioether-ethers	**C08G75/15**
Polyethersulphones	C08G 75/23

Informative references

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

Polyethersuphones	C08G 75/23

Glossary of terms

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

PEK	Polyetherketones

PEEK	Polyetheretherketones
PES	Polyethersulphones
PEI	Polyetherimides
PAEK	Polyaryletherketones
PAES	Polyarylethersulphones

C08G 67/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming in the main chain of the macromolecule a linkage containing oxygen or oxygen and carbon not provided for in groups C08G 2/00 to C08G 65/00

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Copolymers of carbon monoxide and aliphatic unsaturated compounds

Polyanhydrides

C07G 67/02

Copolymers of carbon monoxide and aliphatic unsaturated compounds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyketones made by reaction of from carbon monoxide with aliphatic unsaturated compounds

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polyaryletherketones	C08G 65/4012
Polyetherketones made by Friedel-Krafts acylation	C08G 61/127

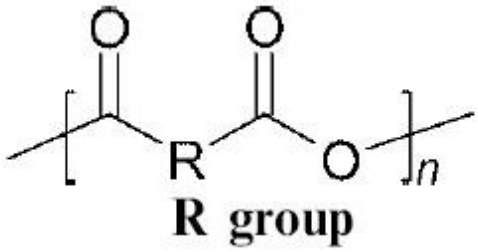
C08G 67/04

Polyanhydrides

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers containing the following repeat unit:



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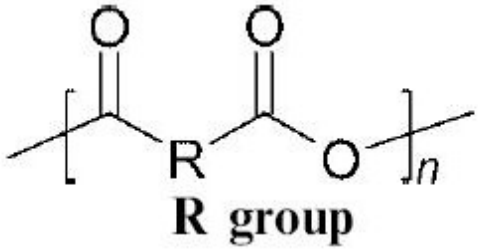

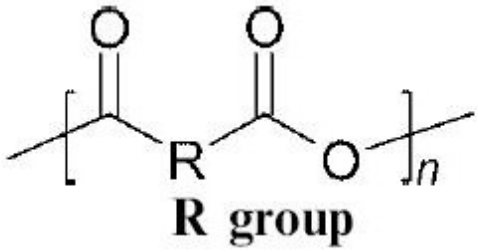

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C08G 69/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carboxylic amide link in the main chain of the macromolecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyamides derived from

amino-carboxylic acids, e.g. alpha-amino-carboxylic acids

lactams, e.g. beta-lactams

from polyamines and polycarboxylic acids

Pyrrolidones or piperidones

Polyester-amides

Preparations of above polymers

Post-polymerisation treatment or polymers modified by chemical after-treatment

References relevant to classification in this subclass

This subclass/group does not cover:

Products obtained from isocyanates or isothiocyanates	C08G 18/00
Polysuccinimides	C08G 73/1092
Polyamide-imides	C08G 73/14
Artificial filaments or fibres	D01F
Treatment of textiles	D06L-D06Q

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the expressions "Polycaprolactam" and "Nylon 6" are often used as synonyms.

In patent documents the expressions "Aramid" and "aromatic polyamide" are often used as synonyms.

C08G 73/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing nitrogen with or without oxygen or carbon in the main chain of the macromolecule, not provided for in groups C08G 12/00 to C08G 71/00

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyamines, e.g. polyethyleneimines

Polyhydrazides, polytriazoles, polyamino-triazoles or polyoxadiazoles

Polyimides, polyester-imides or polyamide-imides

Unsaturated polyimide precursors

Polybenzimidazoles

Polybenzoxazoles

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polycarbodiimides prepared from isocyanates	C08G 18/025, C08G 18/797
Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a carbon-to-carbon link in the main chain of the macromolecule, derived from five-membered heterocyclic compounds, containing one nitrogen atom in the ring	C08G 61/124
Polythiazoles	C08G 75/32

Special rules of classification within this group

The IPC group **C08G73/04** is not used, group C08G 73/0206 or subgroups are used instead.

C08G 77/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by reactions forming a linkage containing silicon with or without sulfur, nitrogen, oxygen or carbon in the main chain of the macromolecule

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain; they are referred to with the MDTQ nomenclature.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Compositions of polymers containing Si in the main chain and other polymers are classified in C08L 83/00.

Coating of polymers containing Si in the main chain are classified in C09D 183/00 and adhesives of polymers containing Si in the main chain are classified in C09J 183/00.

Informative references

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

Application for medical or pharmaceutical purposes	A61J
Application in cosmetics	A61K 8/89
Application in layered products	B32B
Application to construction materials	C04B 41/4905
Preparation of aqueous siloxane emulsions	C08J 3/03
Manufacturing of foams	C08J 9/00
Compounding ingredients	C08K
Compositions of polymers of other C08L groups	C08L
Application of siloxanes as pressure sensitive adhesives, i.e. PSA	C09J 7/0207
Release coating composition on which the PSA is applied	C09J 7/0225
Treating fibres and yarns	D06M 15/643
Application in optical articles, optical parts, e.g. contact lenses	G02B 1/043
Application in semiconductors e.g. as dielectric layer or encapsulation	H01L 21/3122, H01L 23/296

Special rules of classification within this group

When classifying within this group, a distinction has to be made structurally between polysilicates and siloxanes which contain Si-R groups, such as

polymers, which contain only D-units, or resins which contain at least one branching unit such as T or Q.

Polysilicates are in C08G/02, all kind of other polymers or resins are in C08G 77/04 or its sub-groups.

It is obligatory to add the following Indexing Codes if applicable:

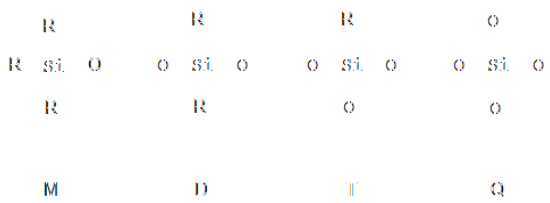
- C08G 77/70 for every document which uses the MDTQ nomenclature in the claims or the examples

- C08G 77/80 for polysiloxanes having aromatic substituents such as phenyl side groups.

Glossary of terms

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

Condensation cure	The cure is established via condensation reactions such as Si-OR + HO-Si # Si-O-Si or Si-OH + HO-Si # Si-O-Si, e.g. HOMDxMOH + (RO)3SiR # elastomer which is performed with the help of a variety of condensation catalysts, e.g. tin compounds, acids or bases.
Curing systems	The three most important ways to harden or cure siloxanes are hydrosilation-, condensation- or radical cure
Hydrosilation cure	The cure is established via the hydrosilation (or hydrosilylation or addition) reactionSi-CH=CH2 + H-Si # Si-CH2-CH2-Si , e.g. ViMDxMVi + MDH3DxM # elastomeric material (3d x-linked), which is done in most cases with the help of a platinum catalyst, e.g. platinic acid, platinum compounds or Karstedt catalyst.
MDTQ nomenclature	The so called MDTQ nomenclature exists to facilitate the description of siloxane molecules.

	 where R is an organic group O is an oxygen connected to other silicon atomsM (R3SiO1/2) stands for monofunctional unit , i.e. monofunctional with respect to the connection to other Si atoms D (R2SiO2/2= R2SiO) is difunctional, T (RSiO3/2) trifunctional and Q (SiO4/2= SiO2) is tetrafunctional
MDTQ-resin	Contain all four elements
MQ-resin	A resin which contains M and Q units, i.e. prepared from tetraalkoxysilanes, e.g. TEOS and monoalkoxysilanes
Radical or peroxide cure	The cure is established via the reaction Si-CH3 + CH3-Si # Si-CH2-CH2-Si which is done in most cases with the help of a peroxide catalyst.
Silsesquioxane	Resin which falls under the stochiometric formula RSiO3/2 (silsesqui means one and a half), e.g. a T-resin
T-resin	A branched structure which contains only T-units, i.e. is prepared from trialkoxysilanes or trichlorosilanes

Synonyms and Keywords

MDxM	Non functional PDMS, i.e. polydimethylsiloxane
MM	Hexamethyldisiloxane
ViMDxMVi	PDMS having vinyl end groups

MDHxDxM	PDMS having SiH side groups

Synonyms and Keywords

MDxM	Non functional PDMS, i.e. polydimethylsiloxane
MM	Hexamethyldisiloxane
ViMDxMVi	PDMS having vinyl end groups
MDHxDxM	PDMS having SiH side groups

In patent documents the following expressions

"platin+" or" karstedt" are often used as synonyms when searching for "platinum catalyst";

: ((alkoxy 2d cur+), (condens+ 2d cur+), tin+, stannous+ or (moisture 2d cur+)) are often used as synonyms when searching for condensation catalysts;

perox+ when searching for radical or peroxide catalysts

C08G 77/02

Polysilicates

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers containing Si in the main chain where only Q groups are present, with no organic groups attached to the siloxane backbone, e.g. synthesis of polymers or gels via TEOS condensation reactions.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Synthesis of silica particles	C01B 33/12

C08G 77/04

Polysiloxanes

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes, i.e. at least one M, D or T group present, e.g. T-resins, MQ-resins, D-polymers or silsesquioxanes, with more than 25 silicon atoms.

Special rules of classification within this group

This group is used and when no more relevant group can be found.

C08G 77/045

[N: containing less than 25 silicon atoms]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes where at least five silicon atoms present, e.g. cyclosiloxanes, T 8 cubes or oligomers

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Polysiloxanes containing less than five units	C07F 7/00

C08G 77/10

Equilibration processes

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following expression is often used:

Equilibration	Redistribution, polymerization-depolymerization, resizing

C08G 77/14

containing silicon bound to oxygen-containing groups [N: (C08G 77/045 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes where the O atom is present in the substituents and not the backbone, e.g. direct or no direct silicon to oxygen bonding, epoxy groups, glycol or glycerol, polyhydric alcohol substituents or carbinols, i.e.

Si-CH2-OH

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/045 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/16

to hydroxyl groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

HO-PDMS-OH or condensed siloxane resins of the form RSiOxOHy having Si-OH groups.

C08G 77/18

to alkoxy or aryloxy groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

RO-PDMS-OR or condensed siloxane resins of the form RSiOxORy having Si-OR alkoxy groups.

C08G 77/20

containing silicon bound to unsaturated aliphatic groups [N: (C08G 77/045 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes containing silicon bound to unsaturated aliphatic groups, e.g. vinyl or (meth)acrylate.

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/045 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/26

nitrogen-containing groups

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes containing silicon bound to organic groups containing atoms other than carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, e.g. isocyanates or oximes

C08G 77/32

Post-polymerisation treatment ([N: C08G 77/045 takes precedence] chemical after-treatment C08G 77/38)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Physical post-polymerisation treatments which result in no change in length of polysiloxane backbone

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Chemical after-treatment	C08G 77/38

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/045 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/38

Polysiloxanes modified by chemical after-treatment [N: (C08G 77/045 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polysiloxanes modified by chemical after-treatment which result in no change in length of polysiloxane backbone, but in polysiloxanes having substituents to be specified in sub-groups

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/045 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/42

Block-or graft-polymers containing polysiloxane sequences (polymerising aliphatic unsaturated monomers on to a polysiloxane C08F 283/12)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of block- or graft-polymers starting from a pre-existing polysiloxane backbone.

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This subclass/group does not cover:

C08G 77/44

containing only polysiloxane sequences

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of block- or graft-polymers containing only polysiloxane sequences, e.g. from a MQ siloxane resin cocondensed with a D siloxane polymer.

C08G 77/458

containing polyurethane sequences

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Preparation of block- or graft-polymers containing polyurethane sequences, e.g. urethane-urea type copolymers.

C08G 77/50

by carbon linkages [N: (C08G 77/485 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain in which at least two but not all the silicon atoms are connected by carbon linkages, e.g. vinyl

endblocked PDMS is reacted with Si-H endblocked PDMS in a stochiometric ratio of >1:1 so that defined macromolecular species are build:

2 ViMDxMVi + HMDxMH # ViMDxMCH2-CH2MDxMCH2-CH2MDxMVi

or the analog reaction scheme with #,# vinyl endcapped aliphatic hydrocarbons:

ViRVi + HMDxMH # ViR CH2-CH2MDxMCH2-CH2RVi with R being an aliphatic hydrocarbon

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/485 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/52

containing aromatic rings

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain in which at least two but not all the silicon atoms are connected by carbon linkages containing aromatic rings, e.g.

ViRVi + HMDxMH # ViR CH2-CH2MDxMCH2-CH2RVi with R being an aromatic hydrocarbon.

C08G 77/58

Metal-containing linkages [N: (C08G 77/485 takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain in which at least two but not all the silicon atoms are connected by metal-containing linkages, e.g. silane co-condensation with Ti, Al or Zr alkoxides

Special rules of classification within this group

C08G 77/485 takes precedence over this group.

C08G 77/60

in which all the silicon atoms are connected by linkages other

than oxygen atoms

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain in which all the silicon atoms are connected by linkages other than oxygen atoms, e.g. polysilanes or polysilcarbenes

C08G 77/62

Nitrogen atoms

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polymers where there is a Si atom in the main chain in which all the silicon atoms are connected by nitrogen atoms, e.g. polysilazanes

C08G 79/025

Polyphosphazenes

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyphosphazenes are with the repeat unit

-(-RR'P=N-)-n

C08G 79/04

Phosphorus linked to oxygen or to oxygen and carbon

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyphosphates

C08G 81/00

Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers in the absence of monomers

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block copolymers obtained by inter-reacting at least two preformed polymers

in the absence of monomers.

Relationship between large subject matter areas

Relationship between C08G 81/00 and C08F 299/00

C08F 299/00 refers to macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions.

C08G 81/00 refers to macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving reactions other than carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Crosslinking of polymers, i.e. crosslinked macromolecular products obtained by inter-reacting two polymers	C08J 3/24
Intercrosslinking of at least two polymers	C08J 3/246

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

Block or graft polymers obtained by polymerising compounds having carbon-to-carbon double bonds on to polymers	C08G 18/63
Compositions of graft polymers in which the grafted component is obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds; Compositions of derivatives of such polymers; Coatings or adhesives compositions thereof	C08L 51/00, C09D 151/00, C09J 151/00,
Compositions of block copolymers containing at least one sequence of a polymer obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds;Compositions of derivatives of such polymers; ;	C08L 53/00, C09D 153/00, C09J 153/00

Coatings or adhesives compositions thereof	
Compositions of homopolymers or copolymers, obtained by polymerisation reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds, not provided for in groups C08L 23/00 to C08L 53/00	C08L 55/00, C09D 155/00, C09J 155/00

Informative references

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

Involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions	C08F 299/00
Polyester-amides	C08G 69/44
Polyester-imides	C08G 73/16
Polyamides-imides	C08G 73/14
Block- or graft polymers containing polysiloxane sequences	C08G 77/42

C08G 81/02

At least one of the polymers being obtained by reactions involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08F or C08C and of polymers of C08G.

C08G 81/022

[N: containing sequences of polymers of conjugated dienes and of polymers of alkenyl aromatic compounds]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block or graft copolymers obtained by coupling polymers containing sequences of conjugated dienes and of polymers containing vinyl aromatic monomers, e.g. SBR.

Informative references

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

Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions, in the absence of non-macromolecular monomers from polysiloxanes	C08F 299/08
Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08C or C08F and of polymers of C08G	C08G 81/024
Compositions of graft copolymers	C08L 51/00
Compositions of block copolymers	C08L 53/00
Compositions of unspecific macromolecular , obtained otherwise than by polymerisation reactions only involving unsaturated carbon-to-carbon bonds	C08L 87/00

C08G 81/024

[N: Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08C or C08F and of polymers of C08G]

Informative references

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

Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions, in the absence of non-macromolecular monomers from polysiloxanes	C08F 299/08
Compositions of unspecific	C08L 87/00

macromolecular compounds, obtained otherwise than by polymerisation reactions only involving unsaturated carbon-to-carbon bonds	

C08G 81/025

[N: containing polyether sequences]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08F or C08C and polyether.

Informative references

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

Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions, in the absence of non-macromolecular monomers from polyurethanes	C08F 299/06

C08G 81/027

[N: containing polyester or polycarbonate sequences]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08F or C08C and polyester or polycarbonate.

Informative references

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

Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions, in the absence of	C08F 299/04

non-macromolecular monomers from unsaturated polyesters	
Macromolecular compounds obtained by inter-reacting polymers involving only carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bond reactions, in the absence of non-macromolecular monomers from polyurethanes	C08F 299/06

C08G 81/028

[N: containing polyamide sequences]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Block or graft polymers containing sequences of polymers of C08F or C08C and polyamides

C08G 83/00

Macromolecular compounds not provided for in groups C08G 2/00 to C08G 81/00

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Unusual or so-called "exotic" polymers, including polymers not only of C08G, but also of C08F.

Special rules of classification within this group

In this group are classified documents not provided in any of the (sub)groups of C08G or C08F.

C08G 83/001

Macromolecular compounds containing organic and inorganic sequences, e.g. organic polymers grafted onto silica.

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Informative references

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

Compositions of graft polymers in which the polymer, which is obtained by reactions only involving carbon-to-carbon unsaturated bonds, is grafted on to inorganic particles.	C08L 51/10
Coating compositions based on compositions of graft polymers of C08L 51/10.	C09D 151/10
Adhesive compositions based on compositions of graft polymers of C08L 51/10.	C09J 151/10

C08G 83/002

Dendritic macromolecules

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

all types of dendritic polymers not classified already in C08G 83/003 and C08G 83/005, such as

i) linear dendritic polymers

ii) dendrigraft polymers

iii) star-hyperbranched polymers

iv) hypergraft polymers.

Informative references

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

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search (see corresponding note under C08G 83/003 or C08G 83/005):

Medicinal preparations in nanocapsules made of organic macromolecular compounds; dendrimers	A61K 9/513
Medicinal preparations characterised	A61K 47/487

by the non-active ingredients used, where the non-active ingredient is chemically bound to the active ingredient; starburst conjugates, dendrimers or cascade conjugates.	
Preparations for testing in vivo; nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) characterised by the carrier; debdrimers, dendrons, hyperbranched compounds	A61K 49/124
Catalysts containing polymer immobilised coordination complexes; e.g. PEG or dendrimer, i.e. molecular weight enlarged complexes	B01J 31/1683
Compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C08L 101/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09D 201/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09J 201/005

Special rules of classification within this group

Dendritic polymers are materials with a highly branched structure. Dendritic polymers are characterised by structure and not by chemical nature. Since this particular technical field is growing rapidly, and the classification scheme cannot keep its pace with the developments, in the absence of a more suitable place, all types of dendritic polymers are classified in C08G 83/002 or in one of the subgroups.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following expressions/words "Dendrigraft" and "dendritic polymers" are often used as synonyms.

In patent documents, the following expressions/words "Hypergraft" and "idem" are often used as synonyms.

C08G 83/003

[N: Dendrimers]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Dendrimers; i.e. polymers having a core from which emanates an exponentially increasing number of dendritic branches.

Informative references

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

Medicinal preparations in nanocapsules made of organic macromolecular compounds; dendrimers	A61K 9/513
Medicinal preparations characterised by the non-active ingredients used, where the non-active ingredient is chemically bound to the active ingredient; starburst conjugates, dendrimers or cascade conjugates.	A61K 47/487
Preparations for testing in vivo; nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) characterised by the carrier; debdrimers, dendrons, hyperbranched compounds	A61K 49/124
Catalysts containing polymer immobilised coordination complexes; e.g. PEG or dendrimer, i.e. molecular weight enlarged complexes	B01J 31/1683
Compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C08L 101/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09D 201/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09J 201/005

Catalysts containing dendrimers	B01J 31/064
Use of antigens or antibodies in immunisation	A61K 2039/645
Dendrimers	C10N 2220/03

Special rules of classification within this group

See corresponding note under C08G 83/002.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following expressions/words:

"Starburst" and "dendrimer"

"Arborol(s)", "Dendritic polymer(s)", "Dendron(s)" and "idem"

are often used as synonyms.

C08G 83/005

[N: Hyperbranched macromolecules]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Hyperbranched polymers; i.e. polymers having a tree-like structure.

Informative references

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

Compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C08L 101/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09D 201/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09J 201/005

Compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C08L 101/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09D 201/005
Coating compositions of unspecified macromolecular compounds containing dendritic macromolecules	C09J 201/005

Special rules of classification within this group

See corresponding note under C08G 83/002.

C08G 83/007

[N: Polyrotaxanes; Polycatenanes]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Polyrotaxanes; polycatenanes.

Informative references

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

Cosmetic or similar toilet preparations containing cyclodextrins	A61K 8/738
Compositions of polyalkylene oxides	C08L 71/02
Coating compositions of polyalkylene oxides	C09D 171/02
Adhesive compositions of polyalkylene oxides	C09J 171/02

Special rules of classification within this group

A polyrotaxane comprises a linear molecule and cyclic molecules in which the linear molecule is included in cavities of cyclic molecules in a skewered

manner, and capping groups, each of which locates at each end of the linear molecule in order to prevent the dissociation of the cyclic molecule.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following expressions/words:

"Rotaxane(s)" and "polyrotaxane(s)" or "polycatenane(s)"

"Catenane(s)", "Cyclodextrin(s)", "Crown ether(s)" and "idem"

are often used as synonyms.

C08G 83/008

[N: Supramolecular polymers]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Supramolecular polymers, where the monomer units are held together by reversible secondary interactions in the main chain.

Special rules of classification within this group

Supramolecular polymers are polymeric arrays of monomer units, held together by reversible and highly directional secondary interacting -that is, non-covalent bonds, such as hydrogen bonds.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following expressions/words "Self-assembling polymer(s)" and "supramolecular polymer(s)" are often used as synonyms.

C08G 85/00

General processes for preparing compounds provided for in this subclass

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Processes for treating polymers not classified in any of C08G or C08F groups.

C08G 85/002

[N: Post-polymerisation treatment]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Post-polymerisation treatment of polymers not classified in any of C08G or C08F groups.

Informative references

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

C08G 85/004

[N: Modification of polymers by chemical after-treatment]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

After-treatment of polymers, not classified neither in C08G nor C08F, by chemical modification.

Informative references

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

Chemical modification of membranes	B01D 67/0093
After treatment of addition polymers, e.g. obtained by reactions involving polymers obtained by reactions involving carbon to carbon unsaturated bonds or purification	C08F 8/00 - C08F 8/50
After treatment of condensation or polyaddition polymers	C08G 2/30, C08G 59/14, C08G 63/46, C08G 63/91, C08G 64/42, C08G 65/32, C08G 65/48, C08G 69/48, C08G 75/0286, C08G 77/38, C08G 85/004
Recovery or working-up of waste polymers	C08J 11/04

C08G 85/006

[N: Scale prevention in polymerisation reactors]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
preventing the deposition of scale in polymerisation reactors.

Informative references

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

Scale prevention in a polymerisation reactor or its auxiliary parts	C08F 2/002-C08F 2/007

C08G 85/008

[N: Cleaning reaction vessels using chemicals]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:
Cleaning reaction vessels with chemicals, e.g. polymerisation reactors or extruders.

Informative references

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

Mechanical methods	B08B 9/08
Cleaning extruder parts	**B29C57/08B**