

H01G

CAPACITORS; CAPACITORS, RECTIFIERS, DETECTORS, SWITCHING DEVICES OR LIGHT-SENSITIVE DEVICES, OF THE ELECTROLYTIC TYPE (selection of specified materials as dielectric [H01B 3/00](#); [N: ceramics [C04B](#)])

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Passive two-terminal electrical components used to store energy in an electrical field, typically two electrical conductors, i.e. electrodes, separated by a dielectric or dielectric medium.

Non-electrolytic, fixed capacitors, per se, e.g. thin and thick film capacitors, details thereof, e.g. electrodes, dielectrics, housings and encapsulations, and structural combinations thereof with each other, e.g. stacked, multilayer, feed-through or anti-noise capacitors, or with electrolytic devices covered by this subclass, or with other electric elements not covered by this subclass where the structure consists mainly of a capacitor. Processes of manufacture thereof. [H01G 4/00](#).

Non-electrolytic, variable capacitors per se, in which the capacitance is varied by mechanical means, e.g. using variation of effective area of electrode, using variation of distance between electrodes, e.g. capacitors making use of micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS), or using multiple capacitors. Details thereof, and structural combinations thereof with each other, with electrolytic devices covered by this subclass, or with other electric elements not covered by this subclass where the structure consists mainly of a capacitor. Processes of manufacture thereof. [H01G 5/00](#).

Non-electrolytic, variable capacitors per se, in which the capacitance is varied by non-mechanical means, e.g. electrets, ferroelectric capacitors. Details thereof, and structural combinations thereof with each other, with electrolytic devices covered by this subclass, or with other electric elements not covered by this subclass where the structure consists mainly of a capacitor. Processes of manufacture thereof. [H01G 7/00](#).

Electrolytic capacitors per se, e.g. liquid, solid, electric double layer, hybrid or redox capacitors, details thereof, e.g. terminals, electrolytes, electrodes, housings, and processes of manufacture thereof. Electrolytic rectifiers, detectors, switching devices, light-sensitive or temperature-sensitive devices per se, and details thereof. Structural combinations thereof with each other, with non-electrolytic capacitors or with other electric components not covered by this subclass. Processes of manufacture thereof. [H01G 9/00](#).

Apparatus specially adapted for manufacturing capacitors; Processes specially adapted for manufacturing capacitors not provided for in other main groups of this subclass. [H01G 13/00](#).

Structural combinations of capacitors or other devices covered by at least two

different main groups of this subclass with each other. [H01G 15/00](#).

Structural combinations of capacitors or other devices covered by at least two different main groups of this subclass with other electric elements, not covered by this subclass, e.g. RC combinations. [H01G 17/00](#). Details common to two or more main types of devices covered by this subclass, e.g. special adaptation for mounting; cooling, heating and ventilating arrangements; housings, encapsulations and protection or prevention arrangements. [H01G 2/00](#).

References relevant to classification in this subclass

This subclass/group does not cover:

Selection of specified materials as dielectric	H01B 3/00
Capacitors with potential-jump or surface barrier	H01L 29/92 , H01L 51/05 .
Electret transducers	H04R 19/00
Impedance networks utilizing capacitors, e.g. filters and circuitry thereof	H03H

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

Capacitive deionisation for electrochemical separation	C02F 1/4691
Indicating or measuring liquid level, or level of fluent solid material by measuring variations of capacity of capacitors	G01F 23/26
Measuring temperature using capacitive elements	G01K 7/34
Thin- or thick-film integrated circuits; Capacitors as components of an integrated circuit, e.g. stacked capacitors in DRAMs	H01L 27/00
Thin-film capacitors for integrated circuits; corresponding multi-step	H01L 28/40

manufacturing processes	
Thin- or thick-film solid state devices	H01L 49/02
Printed circuits incorporating printed capacitors	H05K 1/16

Informative references

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

Powder metallurgy	B22F
Layered products	B32B
Micro-mechanical devices, comprising flexible or deformable elements	B81B 3/00
Active carbon	C01B 31/08
Compositions of ceramic materials	C04B 35/00
Polymeric films or sheets	C08J 5/18
Electrolytic coating by surface reaction, i.e. forming conversion layers	C25D 11/00-C25D 11/38
Measuring force or stress by measuring variations in capacitance	G01L 1/14
Measuring steady or quasi-steady pressure of a fluid or a fluent solid material by making use of variations in capacitance	G01L 9/12
Investigating or analyzing material by investigating capacitance	G01N 27/22
Measuring capacitance; Measuring dielectric constants	G01R 27/26
Variable capacitance devices operated as switches	H01H 1/00

Casings for electrical apparatus in general	H05K 5/00
Batteries and fuel cells	H01M
Circuit arrangements for charging or depolarising batteries or for supplying loads from batteries	H02J 7/00

Special rules of classification within this subclass

Processes of manufacture specially adapted for manufacturing capacitors, e.g. parts thereof. e.g. dielectrics, electrodes, etc are covered by the corresponding product subgroups.

The following exceptions apply:

- Solid inorganic dielectrics vapour deposited are covered by [H01G 4/08](#).
- Formation of the dielectric layer is covered by [H01G 9/0032](#).
- Formation of a solid electrolyte layer is covered by [H01G 9/0036](#).

Glossary of terms

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

Collector	a conductive component in intimate contact with an electrode material in an electrolytic or electric double layer capacitor
Electrolyte	an ionic conducting liquid or solid either comprised in one of the electrodes, typically the cathode, of an electrolytic capacitor or ensuring electric conduction between electrode active parts or electric double layers therein in Electric Double Layer Capacitors

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following abbreviations are often used:

MLCC	Multilayer Ceramic Capacitor
EDLC	Electric Double Layer Capacitor

In patent documents the following expressions/words are often used as synonyms:

In patent documents the following expressions/words "capacitor" and "condenser" are often used as synonyms.

In patent documents the following expressions/words "supercapacitor", "ultracapacitor", "electrochemical capacitor" and "electric double layer capacitor" are often used as synonyms.

In patent documents the following expressions/words "multilayer capacitor" and "stacked capacitor" are often used as synonyms.

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Details of capacitors not covered by a single one of groups [H01G 4/00-H01G 11/00](#)

H01G 4/00

Fixed capacitors; Processes of their manufacture (electrolytic capacitors [H01G 9/00](#))

H01G 5/00

Capacitors in which the capacitance is varied by mechanical means, e.g. by turning a shaft; Processes of their manufacture

H01G 7/00

Capacitors in which the capacitance is varied by non-mechanical means; Processes of their manufacture (capacitors with potential jump or surface barrier [H01L 29/00](#))

H01G 9/00

Electrolytic capacitors, rectifiers, detectors, switching devices, light-sensitive or temperature-sensitive devices; Processes of their manufacture

H01G 9/20

Light-sensitive devices

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Photoelectrochemical cells based on junctions between an inorganic semiconductor and an electrolyte

Photoelectrochemical cells based on a dye dissolved in the electrolyte or adsorbed on an electrode

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Photo electrochemical storage cells	H01M 14/005
Solid state light sensitive devices using an organic semiconductor as the active part	H01L 51/42
Solid state light sensitive devices using an inorganic semiconductor as the active part	H01L 31/00

Special rules of classification within this group

In this group, documents are classified according to the ECLA Reform approach, i.e. "invention information" is identified with ECLA classification symbols, e.g. [H01G 9/2031](#), while "additional information" is identified with Indexing Code symbols, e.g. [H01G 9/2059](#).

In this subclass, Indexing Codes are mainly attributed with a view to allow retrieval of documents comprising a combination of technical characteristics, some of them being unimportant per se, and, hence, identified with an Indexing Code symbol rather than with the corresponding ECLA onepotential-jump barrier or surface barrier.

Synonyms and Keywords

DSSC	dye sensitized solar cell
PEC	photo electrochemical cell

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[N: characterised by the electrolyte, e.g. comprising an organic electrolyte]

Informative references

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

Accumulators with non-aqueous electrolyte	H01M 10/05
Primary cells with non-aqueous electrolyte	H01M 6/14

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[N: comprising an oxide semiconductor electrode]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Photo electrochemical cells having an oxide semiconductor as working electrode or having oxide semiconductor particles dispersed in the electrolyte;

examples of oxide semiconductors are: zinc oxide [ZnO], tungsten trioxide [WO₃], copper oxide [CuO], niobium pent oxide [Nb₂O₅]

Informative references

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

Zinc oxides	C01G 9/02
Tungsten oxides	C01G 41/02

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[N: comprising titanium oxide, e.g. TiO₂] ([H01G 9/2036](#) takes precedence)]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Dye sensitized solar cells; the sensitizer may be a dye (organic) or an

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Light sensitive devices comprising an oxide semiconductor electrode	H01G 9/2027
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[N: Panels or arrays of photoelectrochemical cells, e.g. photovoltaic modules based on photoelectrochemical cells]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

- Serial interconnection of photoelectrochemical cells;
- sealing of photoelectrochemical cells;
- dye sensitized solar cells in form of a fibre;
- special provisions for filling the photoelectrochemical cell with the electrolyte or dyeing solution.

H01G 11/00

Hybrid capacitors, i.e. capacitors having different positive and negative electrodes; Electric double-layer [EDL] capacitors [EDLCs]; Processes specially adapted for the manufacture thereof or of parts thereof

H01G 13/00

Apparatus specially adapted for manufacturing capacitors; Processes specially adapted for manufacturing capacitors not provided for in groups [H01G 4/00](#) to [H01G 11/00](#)

H01G 15/00

Structural combinations of capacitors or other devices covered by at least two different main groups of this subclass with each other (involving at least one hybrid or EDL capacitor as main component [H01G 11/08](#))

H01G 17/00

Structural combinations of capacitors or other devices covered by at least two different main groups of this subclass with other electric elements, not covered by this subclass, e.g. RC combinations (thin- or thick-film circuits [H01L 27/00](#) ; RC-filters [H03H](#))