



IPOP HIL Public Search

## Patent Search USERS GUIDE

Figure 1: Patent Search



### How to

1. The following are searchable fields

- **Old file number:** The application or registration number issued by the office before the deployment of the Industrial Property Automation System (IPAS) on 06 December 2012.
- **File number:** The new file number format is broken down into 4 parts:

- “PH”, which stands for the Philippines. This is fixed.
- Type of application: This refers to the type of application that can be the subject of search. The search may be for Inventions only, Utility Models only, Industrial Designs only, or any of the three;
- The third part refers to the year of filing (YYYY). The user can input any year.
- The fourth part pertains to the number of the file which is automatically assigned when the application is filed with the IPOPHL.
- **Inventor:** refers to the person who invented the subject of the application or registration.
- **Owner:** This refers to applicant or registrant. The system will search for the name or surname of the patent owner(s).

**Title:** This refers to the heading on the first page of the description. The title refers to the technical feature or features of the invention.

- **Abstract:** This refers to the short summary of the disclosure of the invention as contained in the description, claims, and drawings.
- **Locarno Class Code:** This is the international classification used for registration of industrial designs. It comprises a list of classes and subclasses with explanatory notes and an alphabetical list of goods in which industrial designs are incorporated, with an indication of the classes and subclasses into which they fall. The valid format to search in this field is as follows:

**<Locarno class Code>.<Sub Class Code>;**

*( take note of the “.” in between codes)*

- IPC Codes.** The acronym IPC stands for the International Patent Classification. It is a hierarchical classification system used primarily to classify and search patent documents (patent applications, specifications of granted patents, utility models, etc.) according to the technical fields to which they pertain. It serves as an instrument for an orderly arrangement of the patent documents, a basis for selective dissemination of information, and as basis for investigating the state of the art in given fields of technology. The user may search for more than one IPC. The system will search any word or words that appear in the IPC Section Code, Class Code, Sub Class Code, Group Code and Sub Group Code of the respective fields. The valid format to search in this field is as follows:

<section code>.<class code>.<sub class code>.<group  
 code>.<sub group code>

To search for **IPC F01N 1/00**, the correct syntax will be **F.01.N.1.00**. Multiple IPCs can be searched provided it is operated by a **white space**;

**Example: F.01.N.1.00 A.01.K.1 \***

The screenshot shows the IPOP HL Patent Search interface. On the left, there are input fields for OLD FILE NO., FILE NO. (with a dropdown menu set to 'Any'), INVENTOR, OWNER, TITLE, and ABSTRACT. A 'SEARCH' button is located below these fields. On the right, under 'FOR ADVANCE USERS ONLY', there are fields for 'LOCARNO' and 'IPC'. The 'IPC' field contains the search term 'F.01.N.1.00'. Below the 'IPC' field, a legend explains the syntax: '<section code> <class code> <subclass code> <group code> <subgroup code>'. Below the search fields, it indicates 'DOCUMENTS FOUND: 7'. At the bottom, there is a 'SEARCH RESULTS' table with columns for 'SEARCH RESULTS' and 'IMAGE'. The first result is for file PH/1/2009/194, with details on filing date (6/23/2009), publication date (5/9/2011), title (MOTORCYCLE), and owner (YAMAHA HATSUDOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA).

SEARCH RESULTS		IMAGE
FILE NO:	PH/1/2009/194	
OLD FILE NO:	12009000194	
FILING DATE:	6/23/2009	
PUBLICATION DATE:	5/9/2011	
ISSUED DATE:		
TITLE:	MOTORCYCLE	
ABSTRACT:		
OWNER/S:	YAMAHA HATSUDOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA.	
INVENTOR/S:	TOMOFUMI AJITO	
STATUS:	IN SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION	
LINK/S:		

Figure 2: To search for **IPC F01N 1/00**

2. The user may search one or more fields.
3. If more than one field is searched by the user, the fields will be treated as being joined by “AND”. The search will be narrowed down to those that contain the word indicated in the all the fields being search.

In the example below, if the user chooses “Any” in File No., inputs the word “**bottle**” in the field “Title” and “**Villanueva**” in the “Owner” field”, the system will search all patent files (inventions, utility models, and industrial designs with the word “bottle” in the title, and with “Villanueva” in the name of the applicant, registrant, or holder. Figure 4 below is an example of a search of the fields “Owner” and “Title”.

The screenshot shows the IPOPATENT SEARCH interface. The search criteria are as follows:

- FILE NO.: Any
- INVENTOR:
- OWNER: VILLANUEVA
- TITLE: BOTTLE
- ABSTRACT:

The search results show one document found:

SEARCH RESULTS	IMAGE
<p>FILE NO: <a href="#">PH/2/1971/793</a></p> <p>OLD FILE NO: 21971000793</p> <p>FILING DATE: <a href="#">6/5/1970</a></p> <p>PUBLICATION DATE:</p> <p>ISSUED DATE: <a href="#">7/1/1971</a></p> <p>TITLE: COMBINATION BELT BUCKLE AND BOTTLE CROWN REMOVER</p> <p>ABSTRACT: Abstract to be Uploaded</p> <p>OWNER/S:   VILLANUEVA, AUGOSTO A.</p> <p>INVENTOR/S:   VILLANUEVA, AUGOSTO A.</p> <p>STATUS: --</p> <p>LINK/S: <a href="#">BD - Bibliographic Data</a>   <a href="#">DE - Description</a>   <a href="#">DR - Drawings</a>  </p>	

Figure 3 : The system will interpret search request as follows:

All patent application filed **under Invention, UM and Industrial design** with a word “**bottle**” in the title **AND** owned a person or entity with “**Villanueva**” as part of the name of the applicant or registrant.

4. The use of the operator “or” within the field means that the system will search either of the words in that field. The illustration above shows that the user chose “**Any**” in the field, encoded “bottle” in the Title field and “**Villanueva**” in the owner field.
5. The valid “comparison operators” that can be used within each field are: “and”, “or”, “not”
6. Wildcard characters can be used as follows:
  - “San\*”: if the user types this in the owner field, the system will search and display all owners with names beginning with “San”, such as “Santos”, “Santiago”, “Sandoval”, etc.
  - “San???”; this search will display results that will include owners with their names beginning with “San” and followed by any **three** characters, such as “Santos”, “Sandoz”
7. The search system will display the first 1000 hits based on their relevance to the request condition(s).

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