DEPATISnet quick reference guide – Basic search

Basic search

All the following fields are connected by AND. You must at least fill in one field

Formulate search

Field	Example
Publication number	e.g. DE4446098C2
Title	e.g. microprocessor
Applicant/Owner/Inventor	e.g. Heinrich Schmidt
Publication date	e.g. 12.10.1999
All classification fields	e.g. F17D5/00
Search in full text	e.g. bicycle

An example is shown in each of the input fields.

Search terms entered within one field are combined by the "L" operator. An "L" combination means that all search terms entered must be contained in one segment (same subsection).

In the Basic search, it is not possible to perform an "OR" combination of terms.

Text fields (Title, Applicant/Owner/Inventor, All classification fields and Search in full text):

If you enter an umlaut (ä, ö, ü) in the text fields, the search will also include terms with the basic vowel (a, o, u).

You may also truncate words in the text fields. The following characters are allowed:

Character	Meaning
?	any number of characters or no characters
!	precisely one character
#	one character or no characters

Result list configuration:

Use the result list configuration to select the data to be displayed in your result list. Here you can also choose the number of results to be shown per page.

It is recommended that you set the "Maximum number of results" to 10,000.

Result list configuration hide

☑ Publication number	☐ Application date	☐ Publication date
☐ IPC main class	☐ IPC secondary / index classes	☐ CPC
☐ Reclassified IPC (MCD)	☐ Search file IPC	☐ Inventor
☐ Applicant/Owner	☑ Title	☐ Abstract
☐ Sequence listings		

Result list sorted by [Publication number] [ascending] Results/page [100] Maximum number of results [10000]

Data available:

DEPATISnet provides to you a document archive with well over 130 million data records from about 100 countries. Almost 80% of these data records are directly available in PDF format. It allows you to conduct online searches on prior art published in patent literature from all over the world, stored in the DEPATIS data archive. For an overview of the contents of the DEPATIS search database by country and database field, please refer to the Data coverage table in the Service section.

German Patent and Trade Mark Office

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More fields to select from than the "Basic search"

Example for the Advanced search:

You are looking for German patents of the owner "Siemens" from the application year 2017. The patents are to include the keywords "Herstellung" or "Verfahren".
Input:
For the search field displayed select "Applicant/Owner" in the drop-down list and enter the name "Siemens". By clicking the + button you can add further input fields. To the left of the input fields is a drop-down list with the Boolean operators. The "AND" operator is set by default.
Select "Publication number" for the country, "Application date" for the time period and "Kind code" for patents and fill the input fields as indicated in the screenshot. To enter the keywords "Herstellung" or "Verfahren", click the + button and also the () button, select "Search in full text" and enter "Herstellung". For "Verfahren", click the + button again and select "Search in full text". Click "OR" in the drop-down list of Boolean operators and start the search.

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Publication number:
An IP application or granted IP right is published under the publication number. It consists of a country code, document number and kind code.

Search for	Search expression
Country code, document number, kind code	DE10328846A1
- alternative spelling	DE 10328846 A1
standardised format	DE000010328846A1
All publications for DE10328846	DE10328846
Publications with country code "DE" and with kind code "B3"	DE?B3

All classification fields :
The 'all classification fields' (IC) field is a global field and allows simultaneous searching within the following classification fields: bibliographic IPC, reclassified IPC and search file IPC (IC = ICB + MCD + ICP).

Input options for classification symbols:
F17D5/00
F17D5-00
F17D0005000000 (normiert)

Title and full text data:
A full text search covers the data fields "Description" (*DE*), "Title" (*TI*), "Abstract" (*AB*) and "Claims" (*CL*), however among the available data there are numerous documents with data fields without content.

Search for	Search expression
< Mikroprozessor >	mikroprozessor
< Mikroprozessor > and < Speicher >	mikroprozessor speicher
< Mikroprozessor > and < Chip > and < Speicher >	mikroprozessor chip speicher
Word string < Speicher für einen Mikroprozessor >	"speicher für einen mikroprozessor"
< Mikrowelle > alternative spelling < Microwelle >	mi!rowelle
< Mikroprozessor >alternative spelling < microprocessor >	mi!ropro!essor
< Mikrowelle > alternative spelling < Mikrowellen >	mikrowelle#
< Mikrowelle(n) > alternative spelling < Microwelle(n) >	mi!rowelle#
< Mikrowelle... > alternative spelling < Microwelle... > Examples: Mikrowelle, Mikrowellenherd, microwellengeeignet	mi!rowelle?
< ...mikroprozessor > Examples: Mikroprozessor, Sprachmikroprozessor, Multimikroprozessor	?mikroprozessor

Applicant/Owner/Inventor:
A search in this field simultaneously finds applicants, owners and inventors of published patents and patent applications as well as owners of published utility models.

Search for	Search expression
Heinrich Schmidt	Heinrich Schmidt
Company "Schmidt und Söhne" alternative spelling "Schmidt & Söhne"	schmidt söhne
"Schmidt" of Unna	schmidt unna
Applicant/Owner/Inventor from Canada	CA
Company "Smith" in Canada	smith ca
Schmi(e)dl... Examples: Schmidl, Schmiedler, Schmidleitner	schmi#dl?

Publication date:
Either enter the full date or a date range in the "Publication date" field.

Date ranges		
Example	Scheme	Type
M01-2009	M < mm > - < yyyy >	all data records from the 1st month of the year 2009 (January 2009)
KW12-2009	KW < ww > - < yyyy >	all data records from the 12th calendar week of 2009
Q3-2009	Q < q > - < yyyy >	all data records from the 3rd quarter of 2009
J-2009	J - < yyyy >	all data records from the year 2009

Date values	
Example	Scheme
06.03.2009	dd.mm.yyyy
6.03.2009	d.mm.yyyy
06.3.2009	dd.m.yyyy
6.3.2009	d.m.yyyy
06.03.09	dd.mm.yy
6.03.09	d.mm.yy
06.3.09	dd.m.yy
6.3.09	d.m.yy
20091026	yyyymmdd

Further explanations and search examples are available in our help pages.