

Patent It Yourself.

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This definitive publication offers step-by-step guidance for obtaining a U.S. patent, information on the procedures and requirements for registering patents abroad, and an overview of inventing, patents and marketing.

A Guide to Filing a Utility Patent Application

United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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This short guide provides the basic information about filing a utility patent application.

How to Make Patent Drawings

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This step-by-step guide illustrates how to create formal patent drawings that will be needed to show the invention.

Internet Resources For Patent Research

Selected USPTO Internet Websites:

 <http://patft.uspto.gov/>

Patent Search Database For Full-Text and Full-Page Images.

 <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html>

General Patent Information.

 <http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/index.jsp>

Inventors Resources web page is designed for independent and new inventors.

 <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fees.htm>

Schedule of Patent Fees and Other Fee Information.

CASSIS2 DVD-ROM System

CASSIS2 DVD-ROM Workstation for Patent Searching:

The CASSIS2 computer includes the DVD-ROM format of the entire patent and trademark collection for dedicated searching. Other search aids are also available to use for a more complete search. Ask the Librarian for more information about CASSIS2.

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A Guide to Patents & Related Resources at Hawaii State Library



HAWAII STATE LIBRARY

Federal Documents Section

**478 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813-2994**

Reference Desk Phone : (808) 586-3477

Internet Home Page: <http://www.hspls.org/feddocs>

What is a Patent?:

A patent is a grant of property rights by the United States Government through the U.S. Patent and Trademark office. The patent grant excludes others from making, using, or selling the invention in the United States without permission. The terms "Patent Pending" and "Patent Applied For" are used to inform the public that an application for a patent has been filed. A patent application is examined for both technical and legal merits and cannot be obtained on a mere idea or suggestion. Patent protection does not start until the actual grant of a patent.

Types of Patents:

There are three major types of Patents issued by the USPTO: Utility Patents, Design Patents, and Plant Patents. Inside this guide is a brief description of each

Federal Documents Section Reference Assistance

The Federal Document Section staff will assist patent searchers by providing instructions in the use of various patent search tools available in the section. Only preliminary patent and trademark searches can be conducted with the resources located at the Federal Documents Section. The section staff is not qualified to give legal advice of any kind, including interpreting laws and regulations; performing searches for users; or offering opinions about the search strategy effectiveness. No conclusions should be inferred concerning the validity of any patent, design or trademark from any assistance provided by the library staff.

Anyone wishing further assistance will be directed to a list of registered patent attorneys and agents who have specialized knowledge and experience in conducting patent or trademark searches. This roster contains current information filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Not all attorneys and agents listed on this roster will service new public clients.

Utility Patents:

A utility patent is the main type of patent and it covers inventions that function in a novel manner to produce a utilitarian result. A utility patent may be granted to anyone who invents or discovers any unique, useful, and unobvious process, machine, article of manufacture, or composition of matter, or any unique and unobvious improvement thereof.

A utility patent granted after June 8, 1995, is subject to either the 17 year term from grant or the 20 year term from earliest effective U.S. filing date, whichever is longer.

Design Patents:

A design patent may be granted to anyone who invents a new, original, and ornamental design for an article of manufacture. If a lamp, a building, a case for holding something, or a piece of furniture has a unique shape, then its design can be design patented.

A design patent term is 14 years from patent grant.

Plant Patents.

A plant patent may be granted to anyone who invents or discovers and asexually reproduces any distinct and new variety of plant. A plant patent covers asexually reproducible plants, those reproduced through the use of grafts and cuttings. Sexually reproduced plants, those that use pollination, may be monopolized under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 USC 2321). Both types of plants can be granted monopoly rights by utility patent (35 USC 101).

A plant patent granted after June 8, 1995, is subject to either the 17 year term from grant or the 20 year term from earliest effective U.S. filing date, whichever is longer.

For additional information on patents, you may visit the USPTO website at:

<http://www.uspto.gov/patents/index.jsp>

Primary Resources for Patent Research

NOTE: Resources listed in this section may be available in a variety of media formats: print, microfilm, microfiche, USPTO Internet website or the CASSIS2 DVD-ROM collection.

STEP 1: *Index to the U.S. Patent Classification.*

Start your search with this alphabetical subject index to the *Manual of Classification*. Look for common terms describing the invention and its function, effect, end-product, structure, and use. Note class and subclass numbers.

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspcindex/indextouspc.htm>

STEP 2: *Manual of Classification.*

Locate class and subclass numbers in the Manual. Note where the terms fall within the U.S. Patent Classification System. Scan the entire class schedule, paying attention to the dot indent which denotes levels of sub-classifications. Revise your search strategy as needed.

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/>

STEP 3: *Classification Definitions.*

Read the definitions to establish the scope of class(es) and subclass(es) relevant to the search. The definitions include important search notes and suggestions for further searching.

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification>

Official Gazette — Patents.

Go to the *Gazette* for abstract summary and a representative drawing for all patents to eliminate unrelated inventions. For published patent grants or applications, view the complete document on CASSIS2 or through the Internet.

Hawaii State Library—Federal Documents Section holdings:

U.S. Utility Patents:	1790 - Present	U.S. Design Patents:	1842 - Present
U.S. Plant Patents:	1931 - 1997 (color microfiche)		
	1995 - Present (color photographs)		

Current Electronic Official Gazette available on the USPTO website:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog/>

Classification Orders Index.

This file contains a summary of Classification Orders and changes issued by the USPTO. This source may help to explain why you cannot locate the indicated class or subclass.

http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/opc/class_orders.htm

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure .

MPEP is a reference tool describing the practices and procedures relative to the prosecution of patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/index.html>

Attorney Roster.

A listing of Attorneys and agents registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Internet listing cover States, Territories, and some foreign and military areas. A list of Hawaii Attorneys and agents is posted by the CASSIS2 workstation.

<https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/>

Print Resources About General Patent Research

Patent, Copyright & Trademark: an Intellectual Property Desk Reference.

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A guide to the laws that protect inventions, creative expression, business names, and more. Overviews of all intellectual property categories, key terms, and text of important statutes.