

SECTION G — PHYSICS

G06 COMPUTING; CALCULATING; COUNTING

G06K RECOGNITION OF DATA; PRESENTATION OF DATA; RECORD CARRIERS; HANDLING RECORD CARRIERS
(postal sorting B07C; secondary surveillance radar G01S; detecting presence of transponders or tags G01S, G01V)**Note(s)**

1. This subclass covers:
 - marking, sensing, and conveying of record carriers;
 - recognising characters or other data;
 - presenting visually or otherwise the data recognised or the result of a computation.
2. This subclass does not cover printing per se.

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| 1/00 | Methods or arrangements for marking the record carrier in digital fashion (interpreting G06K 3/02) | 3/00 | Methods or arrangements for printing of data in the shape of alphanumeric or other characters from a record carrier, e.g. interpreting, printing-out from a magnetic tape |
| 1/02 | • by punching (punching in general B26F) | | |
| 1/04 | • • controlled by sensing markings on the record carrier being punched (sensing of record carriers G06K 7/00) | 3/02 | • Translating markings on a record carrier into printed data on the same record carrier, i.e. interpreting |
| 1/05 | • • High-speed punches, e.g. controlled by electric computer | 5/00 | Methods or arrangements for verifying the correctness of markings on a record carrier; Column-detection devices |
| 1/06 | • • Manually-controlled devices | 5/02 | • the verifying forming a part of the marking action |
| 1/08 | • • • Card punches | 5/04 | • Verifying the alignment of markings |
| 1/10 | • • • Tape punches (specially adapted for a particular purpose, <u>see</u> the relevant subclass, e.g. for transmission of digital information H04L) | 7/00 | Methods or arrangements for sensing record carriers (G06K 9/00 takes precedence) |
| 1/12 | • otherwise than by punching (printing in general B41, e.g. B41J) | 7/01 | • Details |
| 1/14 | • by transferring data from a similar or dissimilar record carrier | 7/015 | • • Aligning or centring of the sensing device with respect to the record carrier (in general G11B) |
| 1/16 | • • by reproducing data from one punched card on to one or more punched cards without the code representation, i.e. duplicating | 7/016 | • • Synchronisation of sensing process (in general G11B) |
| 1/18 | • • by transferring data from one type of record carrier on to another type of record carrier, e.g. from magnetic tape to punched card | 7/02 | • by pneumatic or hydraulic means, e.g. sensing punched holes with compressed air; by sonic means |
| 1/20 | • Simultaneous marking of record carrier and printing-out of data, e.g. printing-punch | 7/04 | • by mechanical means, e.g. by pins operating electric contacts |
| 1/22 | • • Simultaneous marking and printing on different record carriers, e.g. on different types of record carrier | 7/06 | • by means which conduct current when a mark is sensed or absent, e.g. contact brush for a conductive mark |

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- 7/08 • by means detecting the change of an electrostatic or magnetic field, e.g. by detecting change of capacitance between electrodes
- 7/10 • by electromagnetic radiation, e.g. optical sensing; by corpuscular radiation
- 7/12 • • using a selected wavelength, e.g. to sense red marks and ignore blue marks
- 7/14 • • using light without selection of wavelength, e.g. sensing reflected white light
- 9/00 Methods or arrangements for reading or recognising printed or written characters or for recognising patterns, e.g. fingerprints** (processing or analysis of tracks of nuclear particles G01T 5/02; testing patterns on paper currency or similar valuable papers G07D 7/20; speech recognition G10L 15/00) [1, 7]
- 9/03 • Detection or correction of errors, e.g. by rescanning the pattern [3]
- 9/18 • using printed characters having additional code marks or containing code marks, e.g. the character being composed of individual strokes of different shape, each representing a different code value
- 9/20 • Image acquisition [3]
- 9/22 • • using hand-held instruments [3]
- 9/24 • • • Construction of the instrument [3]
- 9/26 • • using a slot moved over the image [3]
- 9/28 • • using discrete sensing elements at predetermined points [3]
- 9/30 • • using automatic curve following means [3]
- 9/32 • • Aligning or centering of the image pick-up or image-field [3]
- 9/34 • • Segmentation of touching or overlapping patterns in the image field [3]
- 9/36 • Image preprocessing, i.e. processing the image information without deciding about the identity of the image (image data processing or generation, in general G06T) [3]
- Note(s)**
Group G06K 9/58 takes precedence over groups G06K 9/38-G06K 9/54.
- 9/38 • • Quantising the analogue image signal [3]
- 9/40 • • Noise filtering [3]
- 9/42 • • Normalisation of the pattern dimensions [3]
- 9/44 • • Smoothing or thinning of the pattern [3]
- 9/46 • • Extraction of features or characteristics of the image [3]
- 9/48 • • • by coding the contour of the pattern [3]
- 9/50 • • • by analysing segments intersecting the pattern [3]
- 9/52 • • • by deriving mathematical or geometrical properties from the whole image [3]
- 9/54 • • Combinations of preprocessing functions [3]
- 9/56 • • • using a local operator, i.e. means to operate on an elementary image point in terms of the immediate surroundings of this point [3]
- 9/58 • • using optical means [3]
- 9/60 • Combination of image acquisition and preprocessing functions [3]
- 9/62 • Methods or arrangements for recognition using electronic means (learning machines G06F 15/18; digital correlation G06F 17/15; analogue correlation G06G 7/19) [3]
- 9/64 • • using simultaneous comparisons or correlations of the image signals with a plurality of references, e.g. resistor matrix [3]
- 9/66 • • • references adjustable by an adaptive method, e.g. learning [3]
- 9/68 • • using sequential comparisons of the image signals with a plurality of reference, e.g. addressable memory [3]
- 9/70 • • • the selection of the next reference depending on the result of the preceding comparison [3]
- 9/72 • • using context analysis based on the provisionally recognised identity of a number of successive patterns, e.g. a word [3]
- 9/74 • Arrangements for recognition using optical reference masks (optical analogue correlation G06E 3/00) [3]
- 9/76 • • using holographic masks [3]
- 9/78 • Combination of image acquisition and recognition functions [3]
- 9/80 • Combination of image preprocessing and recognition functions [3]
- 9/82 • • using optical means in one or both functions [3]
- 11/00 Methods or arrangements for graph-reading or for converting the pattern of mechanical parameters, e.g. force or presence, into electrical signals** (combined with character or pattern recognition G06K 9/00; feelers for copying devices on machine tools B23Q 35/00; arrangements for measuring areas G01B; measuring force G01L; adapted as input devices to computers G06F 3/00; systems for transmitting the position of an object with respect to a predetermined reference system, e.g. tele-autographic system, G08C 21/00) [2]
- 11/02 • Automatic curve followers
- 11/04 • • using an auxiliary scanning pattern [2]
- 11/06 • Devices for converting the position of a manually-operated writing or tracing member into an electrical signal [3]
- 13/00 Conveying record carriers from one station to another, e.g. from stack to punching mechanism** (transport devices in general B65G)
- 13/02 • the record carrier having longitudinal dimension comparable with transverse dimension, e.g. punched card
- 13/04 • • Details, e.g. flaps in card-sorting apparatus
- 13/05 • • • Capstans; Pinch rollers
- 13/06 • • Guiding cards; Checking correct operation of card-conveying mechanisms [2]
- 13/063 • • • Aligning cards [2]
- 13/067 • • • Checking presence, absence, correct position, or moving status of cards [2]
- 13/07 • • Transporting of cards between stations
- 13/073 • • • with continuous movement [2]
- 13/077 • • • with intermittent movement; Braking or stopping movement [2]
- 13/08 • • Feeding or discharging cards
- 13/10 • • • from magazine to conveying arrangement
- 13/103 • • • • using mechanical means [2]
- 13/107 • • • • using pneumatic means [2]
- 13/12 • • • from conveying arrangement to magazine
- 13/14 • • • Card magazines, e.g. pocket, hopper (card magazines in general B42F)
- 13/16 • • Handling flexible sheets, e.g. cheques
- 13/18 • the record carrier being longitudinally extended, e.g. punched tape (features of interest apart from data processing G11B; magnetic-tape drive G11B 15/00)
- 13/20 • • Details
- 13/22 • • • Capstans; Pinch rollers

- 13/24 • • Guiding of record carriers; Recognising end of record carrier
- 13/26 • • Winding-up or unwinding of record carriers; Driving of record carriers [2]
- 13/28 • • • continuously [2]
- 13/30 • • • intermittently [2]
- 15/00 Arrangements for producing a permanent visual presentation of the output data [3]**
- 15/02 • using printers (printers *per se* B41J)
- 15/04 • • by rack-type printers
- 15/06 • • by type-wheel printers
- 15/07 • • • by continuously-rotating-type-wheel printers, e.g. rotating-type-drum printers [2]
- 15/08 • • by flight printing with type font moving in the direction of the printed line, e.g. chain printers
- 15/10 • • by matrix printers
- 15/12 • • by photographic printing
- 15/14 • • by electrographic printing, e.g. xerography; by magnetographic printing
- 15/16 • • Means for paper feeding or form feeding
- 15/22 • using plotters (plotters *per se* B43L 13/00) [3]
- 17/00 Methods or arrangements for effecting co-operative working between equipments covered by two or more of main groups G06K 1/00-G06K 15/00, e.g. automatic card files incorporating conveying and reading operations**
- 19/00 Record carriers for use with machines and with at least a part designed to carry digital markings** (record carriers adapted for controlling specific machines, *see* the appropriate subclass for the machine, e.g. B23Q, D03C, G10F, H04L; form printing B41; file cards B42F 19/00; record carriers in general G11)
- 19/02 • characterised by the selection of materials, e.g. to avoid wear during transport through the machine
- 19/04 • characterised by the shape
- 19/06 • characterised by the kind of the digital marking, e.g. shape, nature, code
- 19/063 • • the carrier being marginally punched or notched, e.g. having elongated slots [5]
- 19/067 • • Record carriers with conductive marks, printed circuits or semiconductor circuit elements, e.g. credit or identity cards (using a coded card to authorise calls from a telephone set H04M 1/675) [5]
- 19/07 • • • with integrated circuit chips [5]
- 19/073 • • • • Special arrangements for circuits, e.g. for protecting identification code in memory (protection against unauthorised use of computer memory G06F 12/14) [5]
- 19/077 • • • • Constructional details, e.g. mounting of circuits in the carrier [5]
- 19/08 • • using markings of different kinds in the same record carrier, e.g. one marking being sensed by optical and the other by magnetic means
- 19/10 • • • at least one kind of marking being used for authentication, e.g. of credit or identity cards (verification of coded identity or credit cards in mechanisms actuated by them G07F 7/12) [5]
- 19/12 • • • • the marking being sensed by magnetic means [5]
- 19/14 • • • • the marking being sensed by radiation [5]
- 19/16 • • • • • the marking being a hologram or diffraction grating [5]
- 19/18 • • • • Constructional details [5]
- 21/00 Information retrieval from punched cards designed for manual use or handling by machine** (G06K 19/00 takes precedence); **Apparatus for handling such cards, e.g. marking or correcting**
- 21/02 • in which coincidence of markings is sensed mechanically, e.g. by needle
- 21/04 • in which coincidence of markings is sensed optically, e.g. peek-a-boo system
- 21/06 • Apparatus or tools adapted for slotting or otherwise marking information-retrieval cards (tools for perforating in general B26F)
- 21/08 • Apparatus or tools for correcting punching or slotting errors [2]