

SECTION F — MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING

F27 FURNACES; KILNS; OVENS; RETORTS

Note(s)

- This class covers:
 - furnaces, kilns, ovens, retorts, open sintering apparatus and other similar apparatus for heat treatment of materials or articles, and details or accessories therefor, in general;
 - the arrangement of electrical heating elements in or on furnaces.
- This class does not cover:
 - combustion apparatus per se, i.e. apparatus for direct combination of oxygen gas and a burnable substance;
 - electrical heating elements per se;
 - processes carried on within the furnaces.
- In this class, the following term is used with the meaning indicated:
 - "furnaces" covers kilns, ovens, or retorts.

F27B FURNACES, KILNS, OVENS, OR RETORTS IN GENERAL; OPEN SINTERING OR LIKE APPARATUS (combustion apparatus F23; electric heating H05B)

Note(s)

Attention is drawn to the references and Notes following the title of class F27 and the Note (3) of section H.

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FURNACES WITH STATIONARY CHARGE

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OPEN SINTERING OR LIKE APPARATUS.....21/00

1/00 Shaft or like vertical or substantially vertical furnaces (for preheating, burning, calcining or cooling lime, magnesia or dolomite C04B 2/12)	1/22	• • Arrangements of heat-exchange apparatus (heat-exchangers in general F28C, F28D)
1/02 • with two or more shafts or chambers, e.g. multi-storey	1/24	• • Cooling arrangements
1/04 • • Combinations or arrangements of shafts	1/26	• • Arrangements of controlling devices
1/06 • of other than up-draught type	1/28	• • Arrangements of monitoring devices, of indicators, of alarm devices
1/08 • heated otherwise than by solid fuel mixed with charge	3/00	Hearth-type furnaces, e.g. of reverberatory type (F27B 9/00-F27B 15/00, F27B 21/00 take precedence); Electric arc furnaces [4]
1/09 • • heated electrically [4]	3/02	• of single-chamber fixed-hearth type
1/10 • Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to furnaces of these types	3/04	• of multiple-hearth type; of multiple-chamber type; Combinations of hearth-type furnaces
1/12 • • Shells or casings; Supports therefor	3/06	• with movable working chambers or hearths, e.g. tiltable
1/14 • • • Arrangements of linings (linings in general F27D 1/00)	3/08	• heated electrically, e.g. electric arc furnaces, with or without any other source of heat
1/16 • • Arrangements of tuyères	3/10	• Details, accessories, or equipment, e.g. dust-collectors, peculiar to hearth-type furnaces
1/18 • • Arrangements of dust collectors	3/12	• • Working chambers or casings; Supports therefor
1/20 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]		
1/21 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]		

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- 3/14 • • • Arrangements of linings
- 3/16 • • • Walls; Roofs
- 3/18 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
- 3/19 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
- 3/20 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 3/22 • • Arrangements of air or gas supply devices
- 3/24 • • Cooling arrangements
- 3/26 • • Arrangements of heat-exchange apparatus
- 3/28 • • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]

5/00 **Muffle furnaces; Retort furnaces; Other furnaces in which the charge is held completely isolated** (F27B 9/00 takes precedence)

- 5/02 • of multiple-chamber type
- 5/04 • adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
- 5/05 • • in vacuum [5]
- 5/06 • Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to furnaces of these types
- 5/08 • • Arrangements of linings
- 5/10 • • Muffles
- 5/12 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
- 5/13 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
- 5/14 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 5/16 • • Arrangements of air or gas supply devices
- 5/18 • • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]

7/00 **Rotary-drum furnaces, i.e. horizontal or slightly inclined**

- 7/02 • of multiple-chamber or multiple-drum type
- 7/04 • • with longitudinal divisions
- 7/06 • adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
- 7/08 • externally heated
- 7/10 • internally heated, e.g. by means of passages in the wall
- 7/12 • tiltable
- 7/14 • with means for agitating or moving the charge
- 7/16 • • the means being fixed relatively to the drum (F27B 7/04 takes precedence)
- 7/18 • • the means being movable within the drum
- 7/20 • Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to rotary-drum furnaces
- 7/22 • • Rotary drums; Supports therefor
- 7/24 • • • Seals between rotary and stationary parts
- 7/26 • • Drives
- 7/28 • • Arrangements of linings
- 7/30 • • Arrangements of partitions
- 7/32 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
- 7/33 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
- 7/34 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 7/36 • • Arrangements of air or gas supply devices
- 7/38 • • Arrangements of cooling devices
- 7/40 • • • Planetary coolers [4]
- 7/42 • • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]

9/00 **Furnaces through which the charge is moved mechanically, e.g. of tunnel type** (F27B 7/14 takes precedence); **Similar furnaces in which the charge moves by gravity**

- 9/02 • of multiple-track type; of multiple-chamber type; Combinations of furnaces

- 9/04 • adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
- 9/06 • heated without contact between combustion gases and charge; electrically heated
- 9/08 • • heated through chamber walls
- 9/10 • • heated by hot air or gas
- 9/12 • with special arrangements for preheating or cooling the charge
- 9/14 • characterised by the path of the charge during treatment; characterised by the means by which the charge is moved during treatment (F27B 9/28 takes precedence; travelling or movable supports or containers for the charge F27D 3/12)
- 9/16 • • the charge moving in a circular or arcuate path
- 9/18 • • • under the action of scrapers or pushers
- 9/20 • • the charge moving in a substantially straight path
- 9/22 • • • under the action of scrapers or pushers (F27B 9/26 takes precedence)
- 9/24 • • • being carried by a conveyer
- 9/26 • • • on or in trucks, sleds, or containers
- 9/28 • for treating continuous lengths of work
- 9/30 • Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to furnaces of these types
- 9/32 • • Casings
- 9/34 • • • Arrangements of linings
- 9/36 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 9/38 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
- 9/39 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
- 9/40 • • Arrangements of controlling or monitoring devices

11/00 **Bell-type furnaces** (for treating metal strips or wire C21D 9/663)

13/00 **Furnaces with both stationary charge and progression of heating, e.g. of ring type, of type in which segmental kiln moves over stationary charge**

- 13/02 • of multiple-chamber type with permanent partitions; Combinations of furnaces
- 13/04 • of single-chamber type with temporary partitions
- 13/06 • Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to furnaces of this type
- 13/08 • • Casings
- 13/10 • • • Arrangements of linings
- 13/12 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 13/14 • • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]

14/00 **Crucible or pot furnaces; Tank furnaces** [4]

- 14/02 • with tilting or rocking arrangements (F27B 14/04 takes precedence)
- 14/04 • adapted for treating the charge in vacuum or special atmosphere
- 14/06 • heated electrically, e.g. induction crucible furnaces, with or without any other source of heat (F27B 14/04 takes precedence)
- 14/08 • Details peculiar to crucible, pot or tank furnaces [4]
- 14/10 • • Crucibles
- 14/12 • • • Covers therefor
- 14/14 • • Arrangements of heating devices
- 14/16 • • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
- 14/18 • • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
- 14/20 • • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]

15/00	Fluidised-bed furnaces; Other furnaces using or treating finely-divided materials in dispersion (combustion apparatus in which combustion takes place in a fluidised bed of fuel or other particles F23C 10/00)	17/02	• specially designed for laboratory use
15/02	• Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to furnaces of these types	19/00	Combinations of different kinds of furnaces that are not all covered by any single one of main groups F27B 1/00-F27B 17/00
15/04	• • Casings; Supports therefor	19/02	• combined in one structure
15/06	• • • Arrangements of linings	19/04	• arranged for associated working
15/08	• • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]	21/00	Open or uncovered sintering apparatus; Other heat-treatment apparatus of like construction
15/09	• • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]	21/02	• Sintering grates or tables
15/10	• • Arrangements of air or gas supply devices	21/04	• Sintering pots or sintering pans
15/12	• • Arrangements of dust collectors	21/06	• Endless-strand sintering machines
15/14	• • Arrangements of heating devices	21/08	• Details, accessories, or equipment peculiar to sintering or like apparatus [4]
15/16	• • Arrangements of cooling devices	21/10	• • Arrangement of devices for charging [4]
15/18	• • Arrangements of controlling devices	21/12	• • Arrangement of devices for discharging [4]
15/20	• • Arrangements of monitoring devices, of indicators, of alarm devices	21/14	• • Arrangement of controlling, monitoring, alarm or like devices [4]
17/00	Furnaces of a kind not covered by any of groups F27B 1/00-F27B 15/00 (structural combinations of furnaces F27B 19/02)		
F27D	DETAILS OR ACCESSORIES OF FURNACES, KILNS, OVENS, OR RETORTS, IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE OF KINDS OCCURRING IN MORE THAN ONE KIND OF FURNACE (combustion apparatus F23; electric heating H05B)		

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1/00	Casings; Linings; Walls; Roofs (refractory materials C04B; firebridges for combustion chambers F23M 3/00)	3/12	• Travelling or movable supports or containers for the charge
1/02	• Crowns; Roofs	3/14	• Charging or discharging liquid or molten material
1/04	• characterised by the form of the bricks or blocks used	3/15	• Tapping equipment; Equipment for removing slag
1/06	• • Composite bricks or blocks	3/16	• Introducing a fluid jet or current into the charge (F27D 3/18 takes precedence) [3]
1/08	• • • Bricks or blocks with internal reinforcement or metal backing	3/18	• Charging particulate material using a fluid carrier [3]
1/10	• Monolithic linings; Supports therefor	5/00	Supports, screens, or the like for the charge within the furnace (travelling or movable supports F27D 3/12)
1/12	• incorporating cooling arrangements (constructions of tube assemblies in general F28)	7/00	Forming, maintaining, or circulating atmospheres in heating chambers
1/14	• Supports for linings (F27D 1/10 takes precedence)	7/02	• Supplying steam, vapour, gases, or liquids
1/16	• Making or repairing linings	7/04	• Circulating atmospheres by mechanical means
1/18	• Door frames; Doors, lids, removable covers	7/06	• Forming or maintaining special atmospheres or vacuum within heating chambers (F27D 7/02 takes precedence)
3/00	Charging; Discharging; Manipulation of charge (conveying systems characterised by their application for specified purposes not otherwise provided for B65G 49/00; moving charge through a furnace F27B 9/14)	9/00	Cooling of furnaces or of charges therein (F27D 1/00, F27D 3/00 take precedence)
3/02	• Skids or tracks for heavy objects	11/00	Arrangement of elements for electric heating in or on furnaces (electric heating <i>per se</i> H05B)
3/04	• Ram or pusher apparatus	11/02	• Ohmic resistance heating
3/06	• Charging or discharging machines on travelling carriages	11/04	• • with direct passage of current through the material being heated
3/08	• Screw feeders; Screw dischargers		
3/10	• Charging directly from hoppers or shoots		

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- 11/06 • Induction heating, i.e. in which the material being heated, or its container or elements embodied therein, form the secondary of a transformer
- 11/08 • Heating by electric discharge, e.g. arc discharge
- 11/10 • • Disposition of electrodes (automatic control of temperature G05D 23/00; electric discharge apparatus H01T; arrangements for feeding or guiding electrodes H05B 7/10; automatic control of power by positioning of electrodes H05B 7/144) [3]
- 11/12 • with electromagnetic fields acting directly on the material being heated
- 13/00 Apparatus for preheating charges; Arrangements for preheating charges**
- 15/00 Handling or treating discharged material; Supports or receiving chambers therefor**
- 15/02 • Cooling

- 17/00 Arrangement for using waste heat** (heat-exchangers per se F28); **Arrangement for using, or disposing of, waste gases** (removing fumes in general B08B 15/00)
- 19/00 Arrangement of controlling devices**
- 21/00 Arrangement of monitoring devices; Arrangements of safety devices**
 - 21/02 • Observation or illuminating devices
 - 21/04 • Arrangements of indicators or alarms
- 25/00 Devices for removing incrustations [2010.01]**
- 27/00 Stirring devices for molten material** (F27D 3/14 takes precedence) [2010.01]
- 99/00 Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass [2010.01]**