

# Patent search websites

## United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Types of searching: number, name, subject matter, patent classification

Coverage: US only, page images from 1790, full text from 1976

Patent images: yes (copies of patent specifications, claims and drawings)

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Coverage: Europe, United States, Japan - date coverage variable (from 1971 for US patents); INPADOC data

Patent images: yes, for a fee

## esp@ce – European Patent Office

Address: [ep.espacenet.com](http://ep.espacenet.com) (no www)

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Coverage: worldwide database covers 50 countries including New Zealand, Australia, United States, Japan, Europe, PCT - differing date coverage; also EP database, PCT database, JP database and databases for individual EPC states covering recent publications.

Patent images: some (in the language of publication)

## PatentScope® – World Intellectual Property Organisation

Address: [www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/search-adv.jsp](http://www.wipo.int/pctdb/en/search-adv.jsp)

Types of searching: number, name, title and abstract, patent classification

Coverage: PCT applications published from 1 January 1997

Patent images: yes (good quality)

## IP Australia

Address: [www.ipaustralia.gov.au/auspat/](http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/auspat/)

Types of searching: number, name, title, patent classification

Coverage: Australia from about 1979

Patent images: yes (good quality)

Issues: no useful subject matter search

## Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand

Address: [www.iponz.govt.nz](http://www.iponz.govt.nz)

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Coverage: New Zealand

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## Canadian Patent Office

Address: [cipo.gc.ca](http://cipo.gc.ca) (no www)

Types of searching: number, name, subject matter, patent classification

Coverage: Canada, bibliographic data only available for pre-1978 patents

Patent images: yes (good quality)

## Japanese Patent Office

Address: [www.jpo.go.jp](http://www.jpo.go.jp)

Types of searching: number, name, title and abstract, patent classification

Coverage: abstracts from 1993, includes legal status information, computer generated translation of full text available for some documents.

Patent images: abstracts only

## World Intellectual Property Office (general IP information)

Address: [www.wipo.int](http://www.wipo.int)

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Coverage: international treaties: texts, details of member states; conferences eg, biodiversity and IP; IP policy; international IP classifications; not a patent database, but a source of international treaties and IP policy and proposals.

## IP classifications @ WIPO

Address: <http://www.wipo.int/classifications/en/index.html>

Types of searching: details of classifications

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