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Scenario

An automobile manufacturer intends to launch a new line of cars in Germany and would like to incorporate parking assist technologies into these cars.



Scenario

- Your task is to determine:
 - whether patent applications have been filed for parking assist technologies in Germany
 - what the current status of these patent applications is



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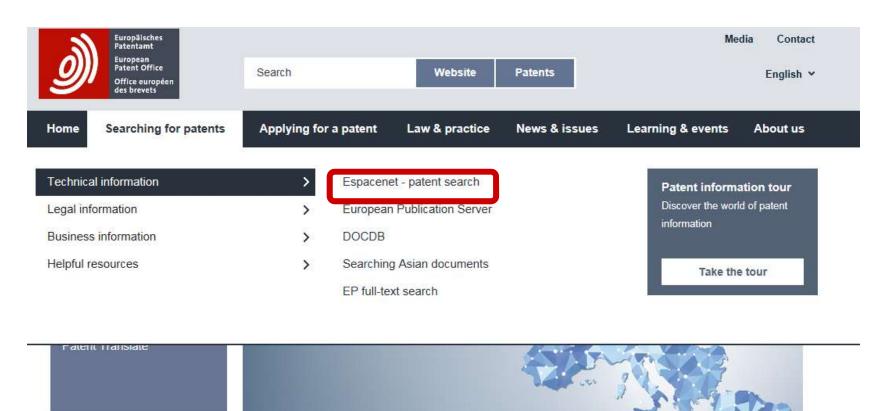




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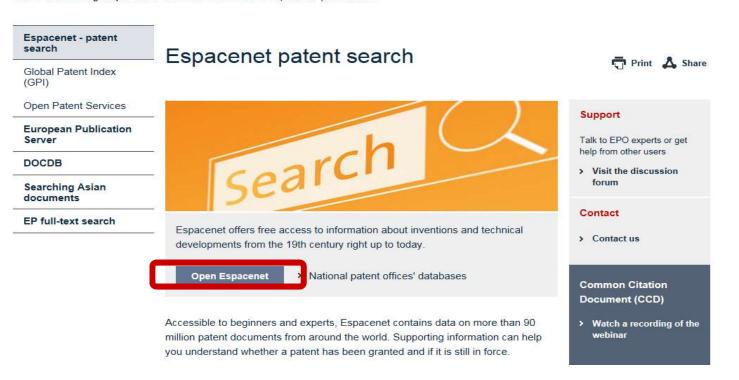


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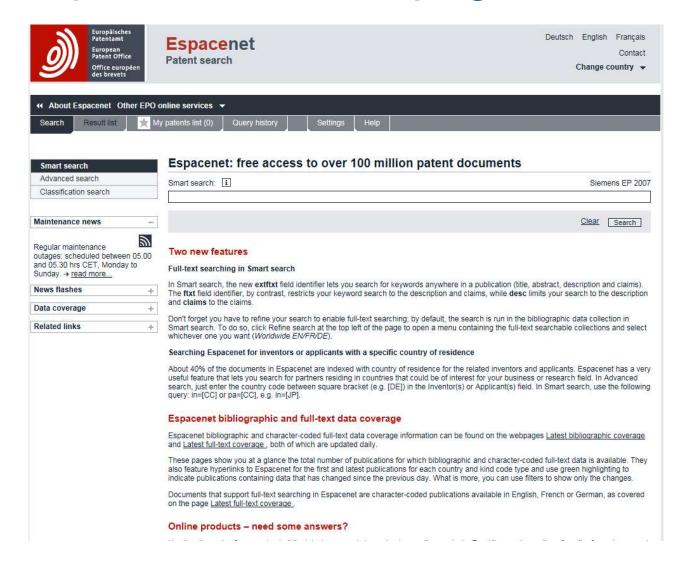
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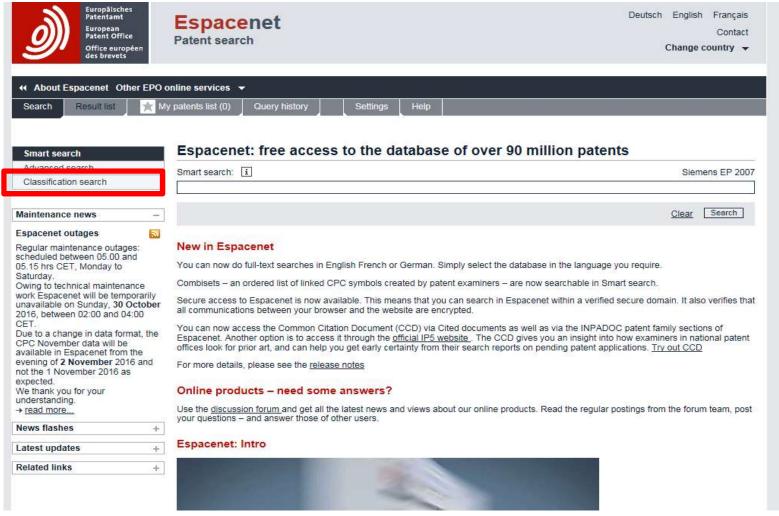


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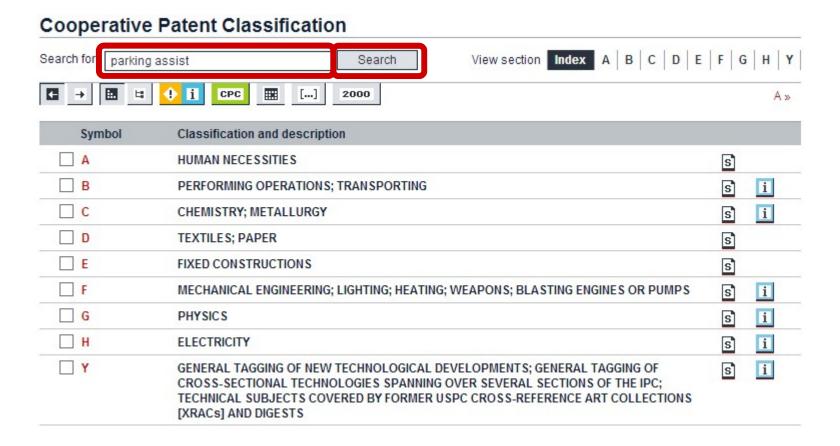


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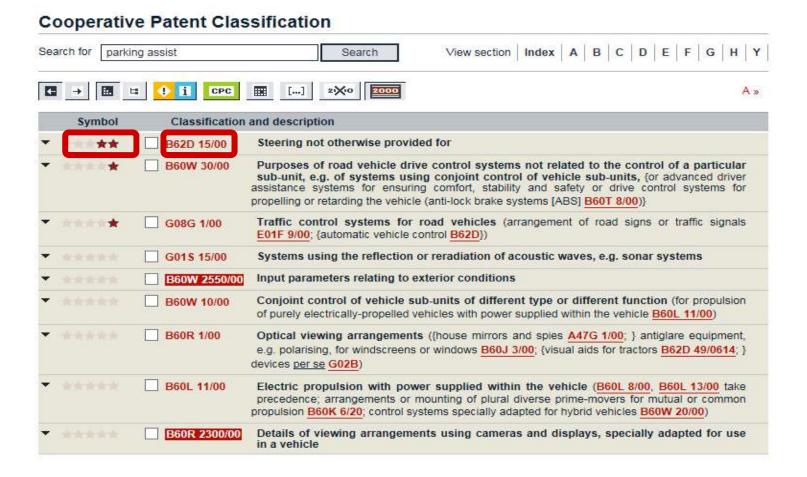




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	B62D 15/02	 Steering position indicators; {Steering position determination; Steering aids}
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	B62D 15/021	• • {Determination of steering angle} ({ sensors in general G01B })
	B62D 15/0215	• • • {by measuring on the steering column}
	B62D 15/022	•••• (on or near the connection between the steering wheel and steering column)
	B62D 15/0225	• • • {by measuring on a steering gear element, e.g. on a rack bar}
	B62D 15/023	• • {by measuring on the king pin}
	B62D 15/0235	• • • {by measuring or deriving directly at the electric power steering motor}
	B62D 15/024	 • (Other means for determination of steering angle without directly measuring it, e.g. deriving from wheel speeds on different sides of the car)
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	B62D 15/025	 • {Active steering aids, e.g. helping the driver by actively influencing the steering system after environment evaluation} ({ B62D 1/28 takes precedence; parking aids B62D 15/027 })
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	B62D 15/026	• • • {combined with automatic distance control, i.e. electronic tow bar}
	B62D 15/0265	• • •{Automatic obstacle avoidance by steering}
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	B62D 15/0275	 • • {by overlaying a vehicle path based on present steering angle over an image without processing that image}
	B62D 15/028	 • {Guided parking by providing commands to the driver, e.g. acoustically or optically}
	B62D 15/0285	• • •{Parking performed automatically}
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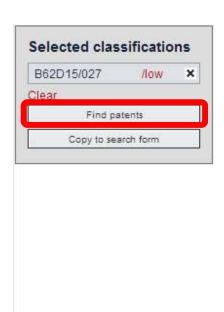
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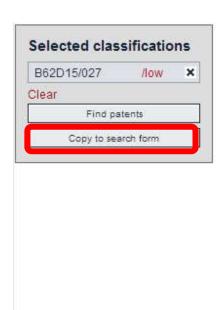
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Developing Scenario

In fact, the manufacturer has seen Volkswagen cars that have a system of particular interest and asks for a list of all these patents for information.

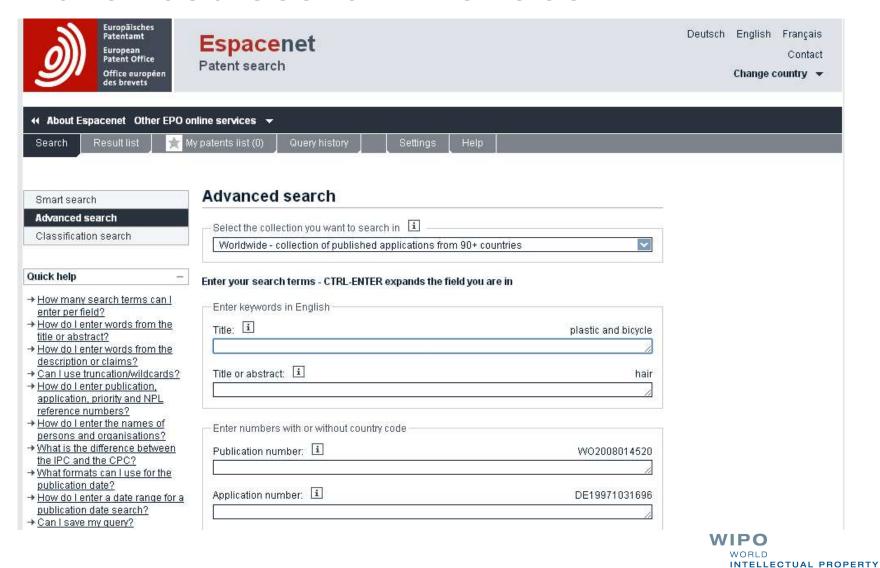




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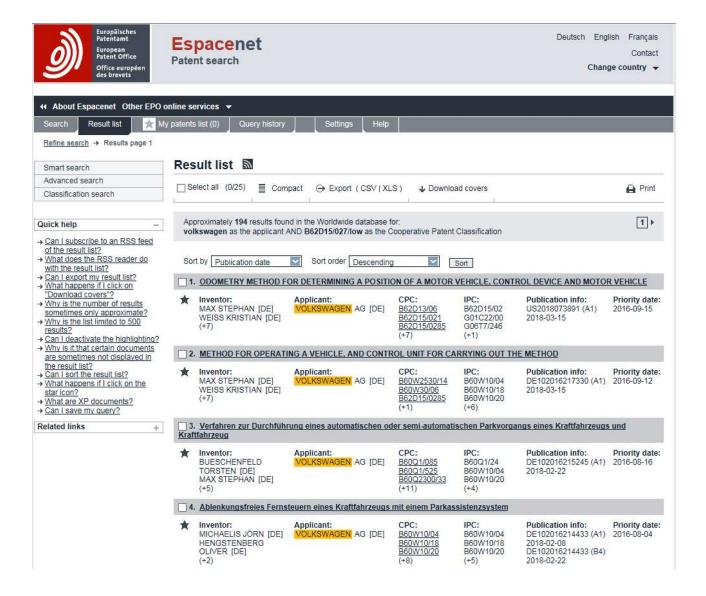


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44. Method and device for recognising when a kerbstone has been driven over

HUEGER PHILIPP IDEI BRANDT FABIAN [DE]

Applicant: OLKSWAGEN AG B60W2520/10 B60W2520/28 B60W2550/147 B60W30/06 B60W40/10

Publication info: DE102012014809 (A1) 2012-07-26 2014-01-30

Priority date:

45. Method for determining threatening collision between e.g. motor car and trailer, involves detecting position of trailer with respect to towing vehicle, and determining collision between towing vehicle and trailer based on detected position

Inventor: HUEGER PHILIPP [DEI WUTTKE ULRICH [DE]

Applicant: [DE]

CPC: B60D1/305 B60D1/62 B62D13/06 (+1)

IPC: B60D1/30 B62D13/06

Publication info: DE102012006206 (A1) 2012-03-27 2013-10-02

Priority date:

46. METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ASSISTING PARKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Inventor: HUEGER PHILIPP IDEI SCHWITTERS FRANK [DE] Applicant: OLKSWAGEN AG CPC:

IPC: B60W10/20 B60W30/06 B62D15/02

Publication info: KR20130045284 (A) 2013-05-03 KR101468791 (B1) 2014-12-03

Priority date: 2010-06-04

47. Method for parking motor car in transverse parking space, involves determining parking trajectory from starting position of car and detected parking space edges, and executing assisted parking process along determined trajectory

Inventor:

HUEGER PHILIPP [DE] WUTTKE ULRICH [DE]

OLKSWAGEN AG

CPC: B62D15/0285 IPC: B60W30/06

Publication info: Priority date: DE102011122421 (A1) 2011-12-24 2013-06-27

48. METHOD FOR PARKING A VEHICLE AND CORRESPONDING PARKING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE

Inventor: HUEGER PHILIPP [DE] WUTTKE ULRICH [DE]

Applicant: HUEGER PHILIPP [DE] WUTTKE ULRICH [DE]

CPC: B60W30/06 B62D1/00 B62D15/025 (+4)

B62D15/02

Publication info: US2013116879 (A1) 2013-05-09 US9168954 (B2) 2015-10-27

Priority date: 2010-05-12

49. METHOD FOR PARKING A VEHICLE AND CORRESPONDING PARKING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE

Inventor: TERKES MEHMET [DE] WUTTKE ULRICH IDEI

Applicant: TERKES MEHMET [DE] WUTTKE ULRICH [DE] (+3)

CPC: B60W30/06 B62D15/028 IPC: B62D15/02

IPC:

B62D15/02

Publication info: US2013116878 (A1) 2013-05-09 US9272733 (B2) 2016-03-01

Priority date: 2010-05-12

☐ 50. METHOD FOR PULLING A VEHICLE INTO OR OUT OF A PARKING SPACE AND CORRESPONDING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE

inventor: WUTTKE ULRICH [DE] HUEGER PHILIPP [DE] (+1)

Applicant: WUTTKE ULRICH [DE] HUEGER PHILIPP [DE]

CPC: B60W10/20 B60W2050/143 B60W2050/146

Publication info: US2013110342 (A1) 2013-05-02 US9505435 (B2) 2016-11-29

Priority date: 2010-05-12

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A method to park a vehicle using a parking assistance system, a target position of the vehicle within a parking space is automatically determined. A parking process of the parking assistance system is considered successfully ended when the vehicle reaches the target position. In order to carry out the parking process of the parking assistance system, a steering intervention in a steering system of the vehicle is automatically activated. A state that prevents the target position from being reached is automatically detected during the parking process. Depending on the state, the target position is newly determined and the parking process is continued with the newly determined target position.

Question

- If a patent has been granted for an invention related to parking assist technologies in the United States, can it be enforced in Germany?
- → No, unless an equivalent patent has been granted in Germany.
- → Patents are territorial in nature.



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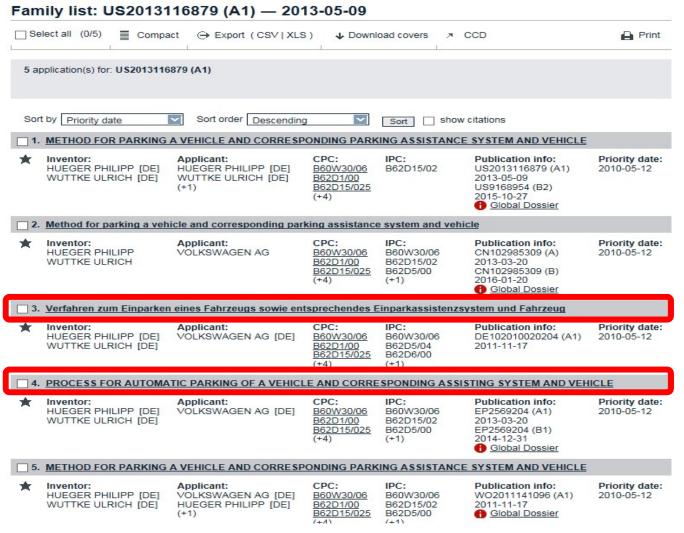


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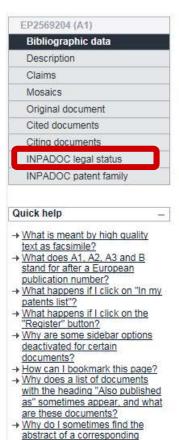
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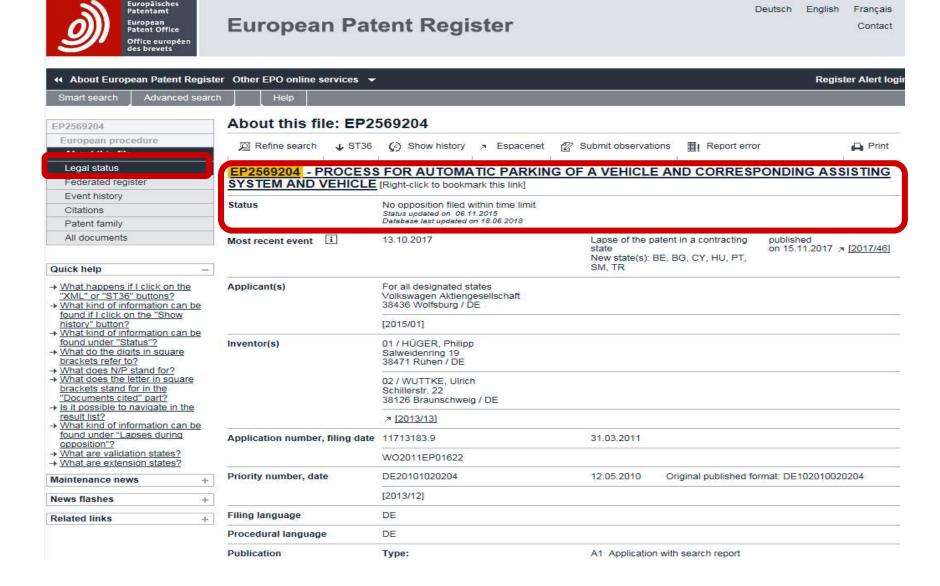
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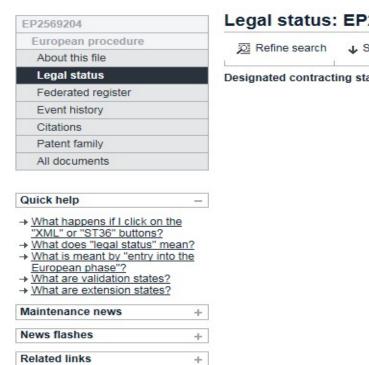


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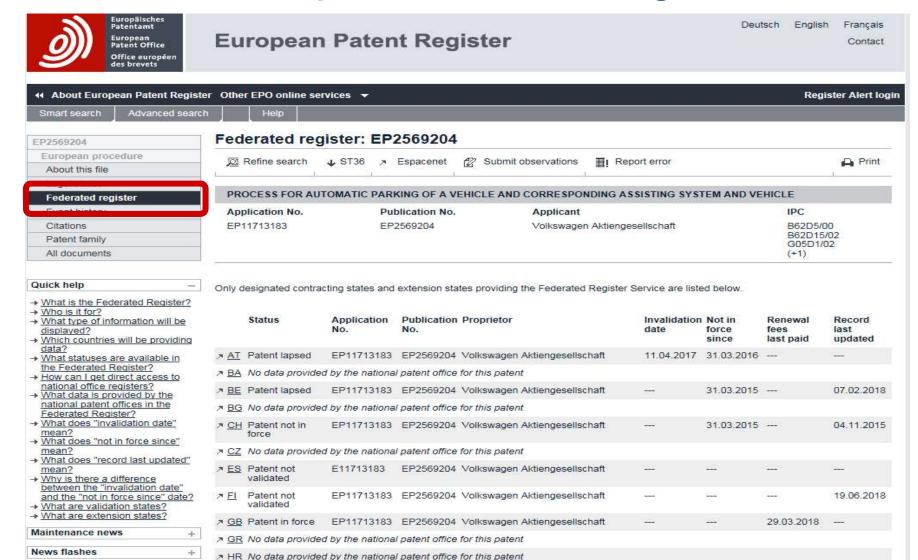
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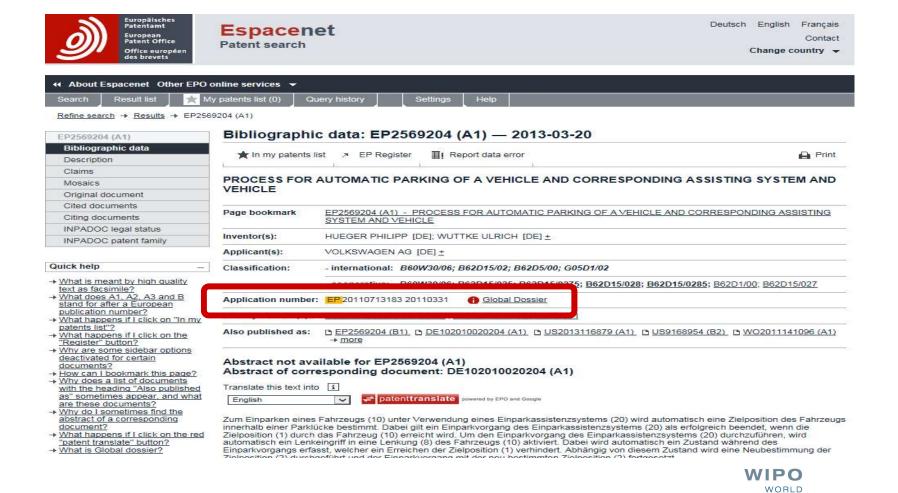


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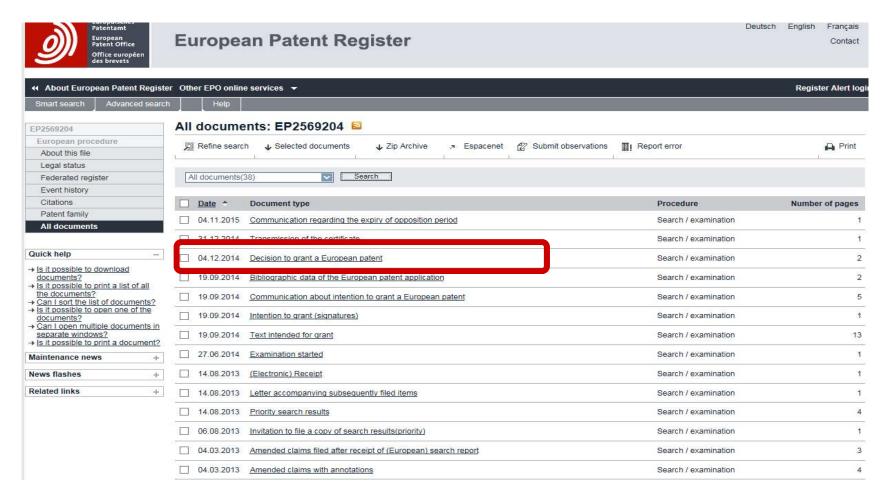
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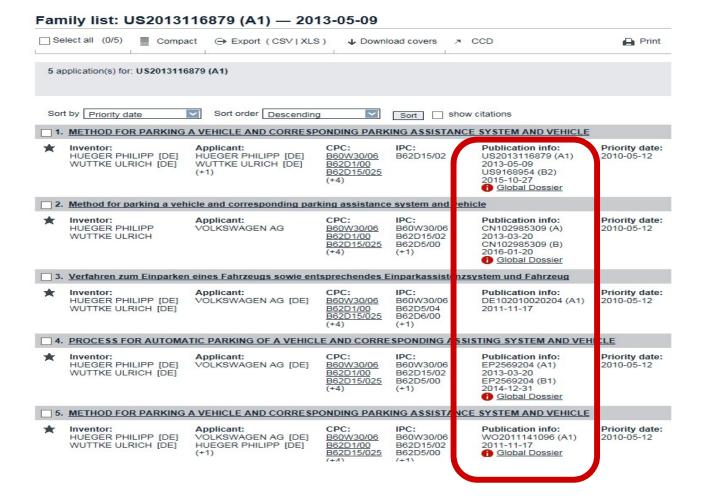
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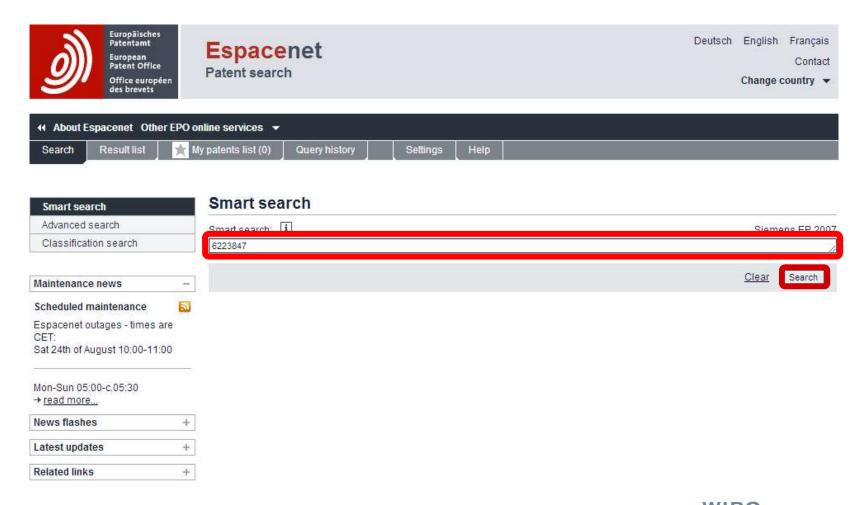
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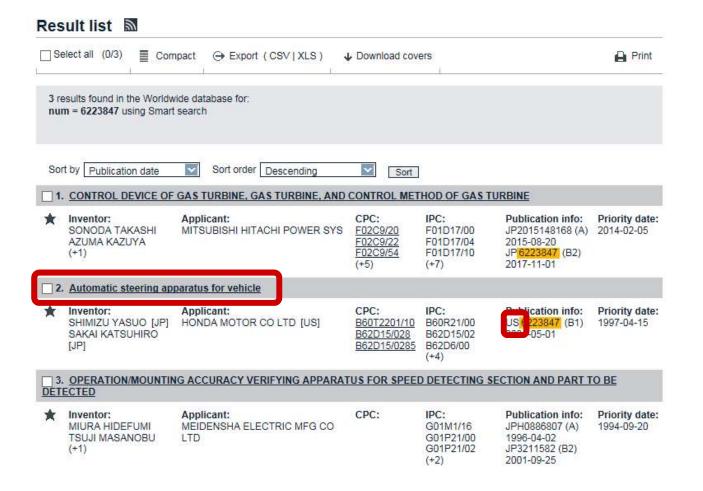
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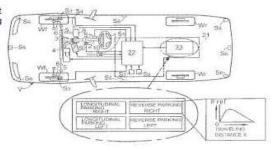
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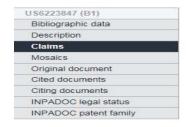
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When the automatic parking operation is to be carried out by the automatic steering apparatus, the vehicle is first stopped at a starting position, which is in a given positional relationship to a target or completion position at which the vehicle is to be parked. The automatic parking control operation is then started at the starting position. Therefore, if the vehicle is not correctly stopped, a deviation is generated from the target position which the vehicle reaches using the automatic parking control operation. However, in the prior art, a driver stops the vehicle at the starting position by visual estimation of the starting position. Hence, it is difficult to avoid an error due to a deviation in the starting position.

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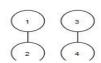
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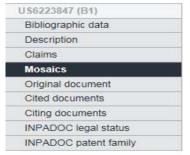
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- An automatic steering apparatus for a vehicle, comprising:
- a movement locus determining means for one of storing and calculating a locus of movement of the vehicle to a target position; an actuator for steering wheels of the vehicle;
- a control means for controlling driving of said actuator based on the locus of movement determined by said movement locus determining means to move the vehicle, which is stopped at a starting position, to said target position; and
- a marker provided for stopping the vehicle at said starting position by a driver wherein said marker is provided on the vehicle, and
- wherein said marker is provided on the eventile, and wherein said marker emits light or sound by operating a manual switch and said manual switch is a switch for selecting any of a plurality of loci of movement stored in said movement locus determining means.
- -2. An automatic steering apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein when the vehicle starts to move from the starting position, emission of light or sound from said marker is stopped.
- 3. An automatic steering apparatus for a vehicle, comprising:
- a movement locus determining means for one of storing and calculating a locus of movement of the vehicle to a target position;
- an actuator for steering wheels of the vehicle; a control means for controlling driving of said actuator based on the locus of movement determined by said movement locus determining means to move the vehicle, which is stopped at a starting position, to said target position; and
- a marker provided for stopping the vehicle at said starting position by a driver, wherein said marker is brought into a visually perceivable state by operating a manual switch and wherein when the vehicle starts to move from the starting position, the marker is brought into a visually non-perceivable state.
- —4. An automatic steering apparatus for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein said manual switch is a switch for selecting any of a plurality of loci of movement stored in said movement locus determining means.

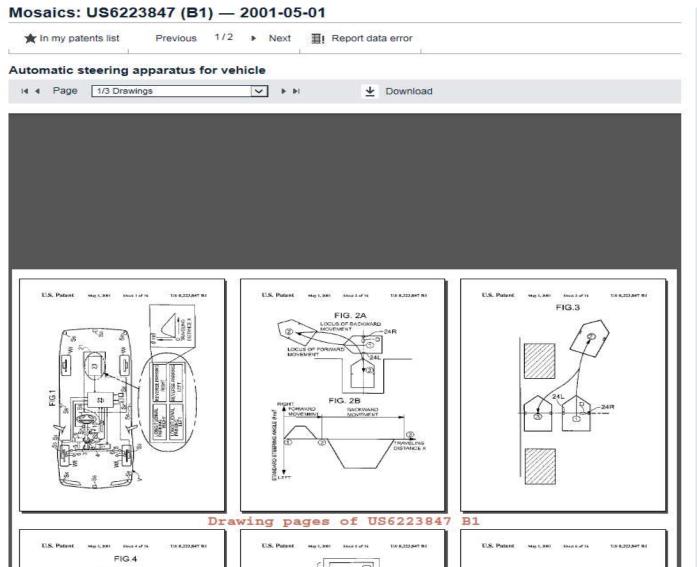


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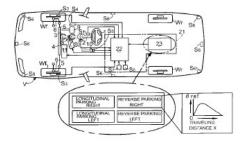
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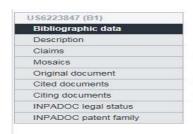


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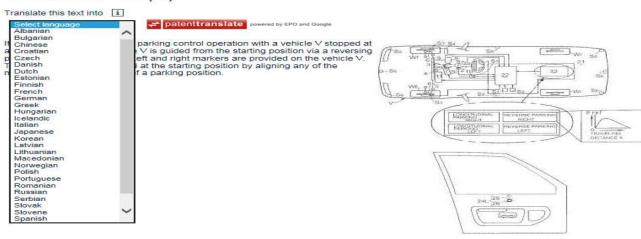
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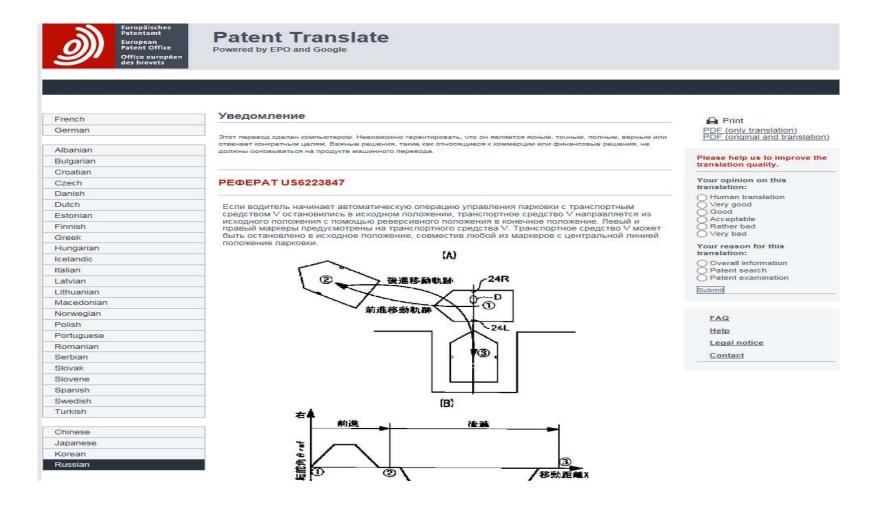


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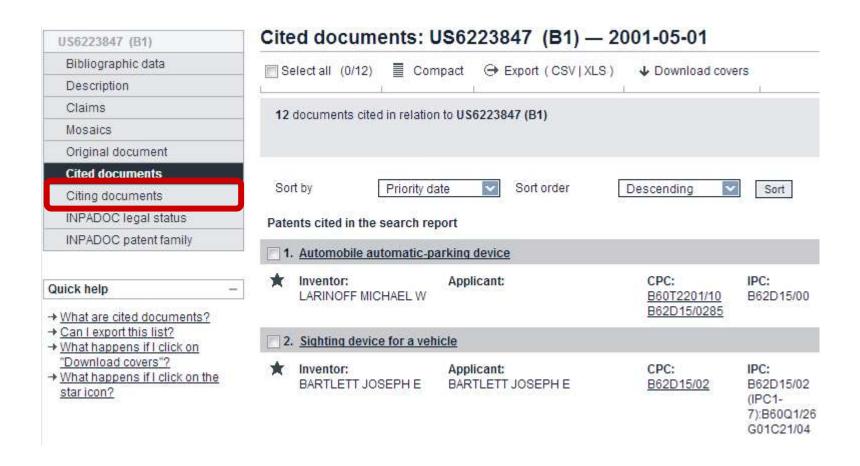


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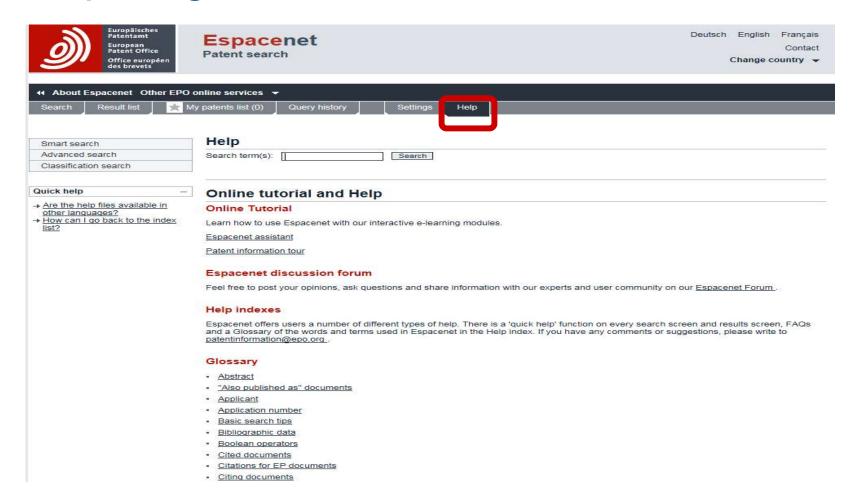


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- Comparison operators
- Range operator
- Wildcard operators
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 - # (one character exactly)
 - * (any number of characters)



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Operators

- Comparison operators (publication date)
 - pd >= year (greater or equal)
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- Range operator (publication date) pd within "year1 year2"



Wildcard operators

- Any number of characters : * electr* → electric, electron, electronic ...
- Zero or one characters (stackable) : ? forge? → forge, forges, forget ... car?? → car, cars, cart, carts ... (not carpet)
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