

CLASS 206, SPECIAL RECEPTACLE OR PACKAGE

SECTION I - CLASS DEFINITION

Class 206 is the residual locus for: (a) a container configured to hold a particular article or set of articles or material; (b) a mercantile unit - i.e., means in or by which goods (article or material) are displayed, protected, packaged or arranged in a particular manner, to facilitate sale, transportation in commerce, use or storage or (c) a packet, compact or case carried on the person of a user.

- (1) Note. Containers of this class type must function, by disclosure, to hold contents which in turn are to be eventually removed from the container.
- (2) Note. Generally, specific container (or retainer) structure as defined above, in combination with composition or stock material characteristics of said structure is considered classifiable in Class 206. However, mere "nominal" inclusion of a container (or retainer) in such combination is not considered "specific". For example: "A gas bag of synthetic polyester textile fiber mesh laminated between polyester films," is considered properly classified elsewhere. Similarly, "An acid tank with walls made of leak stopping composition x, y, z" and "A match safe with walls made of fireproof material x, y, z," are considered subject matter for the appropriate composition class. See Lines With Other Classes and Within This Class and References to Other Classes, below.
- (3) Note. Included here is a bale, bundle, roll, pile, stack or nest of articles (or material) which arrangement must be destroyed for use of an individual component or its contents-e.g., a roll of severably connected fasteners, an article or receptacle configured to nest or stack with another article or receptacle, or the knockdown interfitted arrangement of a device or article.
- (4) Note. Generally, unless provided for in some other class as partially indicated under "SEARCH CLASS" below, the combination of an article (or material) and its containment means is to be found in this

(206) class. However, the claimed disclosure of content is ordinarily not a basis for intra class distinctions among the subclasses therein.

- (5) Note. Included here is a package for (or with) a plurality of articles or material, or an arrangement of articles or material, which articles or materials are to be used together (successively or cooperatively) in any operation or to make a definite solution, mixture, composition or assemblage.
- (6) Note. Included here is a container, package or packing element under the class definition having (a) means for displaying an article or material, (b) indicia, a sign, panel or simulation means or (c) an indicator relative to the container or contents.
- (7) Note. Included here is a container wherein the content (article or material) included, or to be included therein, bears some relationship to the container other than mere containment.
- (8) Note. Placement of patents within class schedule. Patents issued since 1940 have been classified, both for original and cross reference placement, in accord with the claimed disclosure. However, patents issued prior to 1940 have generally been evaluated as to total disclosure, and thus placement of these older patents does not necessarily indicate lines of classification.
- (9) Note. The subclass schedule and definitions, as revised and published in late 1973, represent an initial effort toward a realignment of the several receptacle classes-both with respect to each other and to other related classes. See Lines With Other Classes and Within This Class, below, for a further discussion of this topic.

SECTION II - LINES WITH OTHER CLASSES AND WITHIN THIS CLASS

The subclass schedule and definitions, as revised and published in late 1973, represent an initial effort toward a realignment of the several receptacle classes-both with respect to each other and to other related classes. Thus, as of this time (1973) no significant inter-class changes

have been effected except with respect to the transfer from Class 220 into this (206) class of (a) portable carriers for plural beverage receptacles (subclasses 139+) and (b) nesting or stacking features (subclasses 499 - 520). As subsequent changes are completed they will be annotated in this section for emphasis.

Special attention is directed to the major receptacle classes listed below which, except as noted above, have not been modified as a result of this particular reclassification in 1973.

150, Purses, Wallets, and Protective Covers

190, Trunks and Hand-Carried Luggage

215, Bottles and Jars

217, Wooden Receptacles

220, Receptacles

229, Envelopes, Wrappers, and Paperboard Boxes

312, Supports: Cabinet Structure

As between Class 206 and the other receptacle classes, above, claimed disclosure of (a) content (article or material) in combination with the container or retainer structure or (b) specific retainer structure, per se, is classified in Class 206. However, the following language is not considered as "claimed disclosure" for Class 206.

"A container for (a named article or material) ..."

"A container adapted to hold (a named article or material) ..."

"A (named article or material) container ..."

Similarly, a mere multi-compartmented or partitioned container, is not "special" or specific retainer structure for Class 206.

SECTION III - REFERENCES TO OTHER CLASSES

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

8, Bleaching and Dyeing: Fluid Treatment and Chemical Modification of Textiles and Fibers, particularly subclasses 524+ for compositions used in the processes named in the class title,

which may be in the form of cakes, tablets, flakes, powders, etc.

30, Cutlery, subclasses 124+ and 535 for cutlery combined with receptacles.

40, Card, Picture, or Sign Exhibiting, subclasses 312+ for boxes having indicia thereon.

42, Firearms, particularly subclasses 49.01+ and 87+ for magazines and magazine chargers.

43, Fishing, Trapping, and Vermin Destroying, subclass 26 for covers and containers to hold sections of jointed rods, subclasses 54.1+ for holders for bait, tackle and the catch, and subclasses 56+ for minnow buckets.

44, Fuel and Related Compositions, subclasses 540 and 541 for a bundled, covered or wrapped fuel product.

47, Plant Husbandry, subclasses 66.1+ for flower pots, and subclasses 50+ for sap buckets.

48, Gas: Heating and Illuminating, subclasses 59+ for carbide cartridges, and subclass 174 for gas holders.

51, Abrasive Tool Making Process, Material, or Composition, subclass 294 for an abradant-filled bag.

53, Package Making, particularly subclasses 394+ for matchbook making and subclasses 396+ for methods of package making.

62, Refrigeration, subclasses 457.1+ for a refrigerator specialized to a portable receptacle.

70, Locks, subclasses 456+ for key holders.

71, Chemistry: Fertilizers, subclasses 64.01+ and the notes thereunder for fertilizers in commercial forms.

73, Measuring and Testing, subclasses 426+ for measuring vessels.

102, Ammunition and Explosives, particularly subclass 282 for bags adapted to contain explosive powder and subclasses 283+ for sticks or bars of explosive substance arranged to modify the rate or manner of burning or exploding.

112, Sewing, subclasses 400+ for a stock material product of a sewing operation. See notes thereunder for the locus of other sewn products.

116, Signals and Indicators, subclass 72 for poison receptacles and alarms.

126, Stoves and Furnaces, subclasses 261+ for heated lunch receptacles.

131, Tobacco, subclasses 347+, particularly subclasses 349+ for packages of tobacco users' appliances combined with ash receptacles. The recitation of significant claimed tobacco product structure or composition-i.e., more than a named article such as a cigar or cigarette will effect classification in Class 131.

- 132, Toilet, particularly subclass 286 for toilet kits.
- 149, Explosive and Thermic Compositions, or Charges.
- 150, Purses, Wallets, and Protective Covers, appropriate subclasses for receptacles used to carry money, credit cards or items of identification on the person, and for flaccid protective article covers not provided for elsewhere.
- 219, Electric Heating, subclasses 385+ for an electric heating device combined with a container or enclosure.
- 220, Receptacles, and the notes appended to the class definition thereof for other receptacles.
- 221, Article Dispensing, appropriate subclasses for article dispensers not otherwise provided for. Class 221 is the residual article dispensing class and takes receptacles having means to eject or release articles therefrom where not otherwise provided for. As between Class 206 and Class 221, if a container, otherwise classifiable in Class 206, includes a dispensing feature recognized as indicative of classification in Class 221, as set forth in the class definition of Class 221, patents are classified therein.
- 222, Dispensing, subclasses 3+ for gas or vapor dispensing. See 20 in the class definition of Class 222 relative to collapsibility as a dispensing feature.
- 223, Apparel Apparatus, subclasses 106+ for spool and implement holders.
- 224, Package and Article Carriers, for animal worn or vehicle carried receptacles which are package or article carriers.
- 242, Winding, Tensioning, or Guiding, subclasses 159+ for a detail of a wound storage package, subclasses 588+ for a randomly oriented coil holder, and subclasses 137+ for a spool holding carrier in which material from a coil remains within in a reusable receptacle.
- 248, Supports, subclasses 200+ for a bracket type soap holder, subclasses 317+ for a suspended type soap holder and subclasses 683+ for a holder which supports the soap while in storage position and remains with the soap while in use.
- 250, Radiant Energy, subclasses 475.2+ for special ray photographic cassettes.
- 252, Compositions, particularly subclass 176 for packages of compositions of the type included in that class.
- 294, Handling: Hand and Hoist-Line Implements, appropriate subclasses for package and article carriers which are not receptacles and which do not form a mercantile unit when holding the article.
- 312, Supports: Cabinet Structure, subclass 351 for a soap dish provided with means to support the soap in spaced relation to the bottom wall of the structure.
- 378, X-Ray or Gamma Ray Systems or Devices, subclasses 167+ for photographic detector supports combined with X-ray devices.
- 396, Photography, subclasses 511+ for means which hold sensitized surfaces during exposure.
- 401, Coating Implements With Material Supply, subclasses 88+ for a holder or wrapper enclosing a piece of self-sustaining coating material with an end of the piece exposed so as to apply to a surface by rubbing contact therewith; subclasses 118+, for the combination of a container for a supply of coating material and a removable hand-manipulable applicator for applying the material to a work surface; subclasses 196+, for a coating implement with material supply having a porous work-engaging portion, through which porous portion the material flows from the supply to the work surface (e.g., a mere porous pad with a pocket for soap, in subclass 201); and subclasses 268+ for a brush, broom or mop with means to retain a piece of soap in direct proximity to the filamentary tool elements.
- 422, Chemical Apparatus and Process Disinfecting, Deodorizing, Preserving, or Sterilizing, subclass 547, for chemical test package or kit; subclasses 500-570 for laboratory receptacles; and other appropriate subclasses for containers for that class. An alternative electronic search of U.S. patents based upon a modification of the European Patent Office Classification (ECLA) System for certain subject matter in this subclass may also be found in Class 422 Cross-Reference Art Collections 908-948. (There are no definitions associated with these Cross-Reference Art Collections. The most available disclosure as to the types of documents contained herein is given in any notes associated with the titles.)
- 424, Drug, Bio-Affecting and Body Treating Compositions, subclasses 14+ for a medicine enclosed in an ingestible capsule, etc., and subclasses 16+ for a base (carrier or vehicle) coated or impregnated with a composition of that class (424).
- 426, Food or Edible Material: Processes, Compositions, and Products, subclasses 106+ for a food package. A food package for Class 426 must

- claim the content as a food either specifically or on the basis of sole disclosure. Recital of food and nonfood as alternative content will effect classification in this (206) class.
- 428, Stock Material or Miscellaneous Articles, appropriate subclasses for structure falling within the Class 428 and further modified by the bare recital that such other structure is (a) in the form of a "roll", "reel", "drum", "coil", "stack", "pile", "bale", or (b) "packaged" or "within a container".
- 429, Chemistry: Electrical Current Producing Apparatus, Product, and Process, subclasses 163+, especially 176 for vessels designed specifically for battery elements.
- 435, Chemistry: Molecular Biology and Microbiology, subclasses 243+ for packages of products that contain ferments, that are living fungi.
- 446, Amusement Devices: Toys, subclasses 2+ for money boxes, and subclass 11 for toys in the form of containers or for containers which may be converted into toys.
- 449, Bee Culture, subclass 17 for a container for marketing comb honey.
- 508, Solid Antifriction Devices, Materials Therefor, Lubricant or Separant Compositions for Moving Solid Surfaces, and Miscellaneous Mineral Oil Compositions, for packages of compositions of the type included in that class.
- 510, Cleaning Compositions for Solid Surfaces, Auxiliary Compositions Therefor, or Processes of Preparing the Compositions, particularly subclasses 120, 140, 277, 293, 295+, 406, and 439 for packages of compositions of the type included in that class and subclass.
- 520, Synthetic Resins or Natural Rubbers, appropriate subclasses, particularly Class 523, subclass 134 for a composition containing a synthetic resin or natural rubber having utility as a battery container or battery container cover or to processes of preparing said composition.
- 588, Hazardous or Toxic Waste Destruction or Containment, subclasses 249 through 260 for containment or storage of hazardous or toxic waste.
- 600, Surgery, subclasses 1+ for radioactive substances applied to the body for therapy including radioactive seeds and holders.
- 604, Surgery, subclasses 403+ for a medicator constituting a container or holder for a solid, liquid, or gas.

SUBCLASSES

- .5 INFUSION CONTAINING:**
This subclass is indented under the class definition. Receptacles and packages containing an infusing substance which may be infused directly from or through the walls of the receptacle or package.
- SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:
524.1+, for a container with specified material for the cover or content, especially subclass 524.7 for a soluble container.
- SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:
4, Baths, Closets, Sinks, and Spittoons, subclasses 226, 228-231 for disinfecting chemical holders for use in the flush pipes and flush bowls of water closets.
8, Bleaching and Dyeing; Fluid Treatment and Chemical Modification of Textiles and Fibers, subclasses 524+ for compositions used in the processes named which may be in the form of cakes, tablets, powders, etc.
15, Brushing, Scrubbing, and General Cleaning, subclasses 561+ for material applicators of general utility having a work contacting means and a material supply wherein the material permeates the work contacting means.
99, Foods and Beverages: Apparatus, subclass 323 for reusable infusion receptacles for use in preparing beverages.
134, Cleaning and Liquid Contact With Solids, subclass 93 for soap dissolving devices forming part of a cleaning apparatus.
210, Liquid Purification or Separation, subclass 282 for removable cartridges or hand-manipulated containers for particulate material functioning as a separator, and subclass 484 for a unit comprising a filter medium within a foraminous container.
239, Fluid Sprinkling, Spraying, and Diffusing, subclasses 34+ for holders for slow diffusers.

- 424, Drug, Bio-Affecting and Body Treating Compositions, subclasses 411+ for a base (carrier or vehicle) coated or impregnated with a composition, e.g., insecticide, medicine, etc., of that class.
- 426, Food or Edible Material: Processes, Compositions, and Products, subclass 77 for tea, coffee and beverage bags.
- 604, Surgery, subclasses 403+ for receptacles designed to hold medicaments, especially containers facilitating the charging of medicating device.

.6 FOR GAS:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. Receptacles and packages for storing gas.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 48, Gas: Heating and Illuminating, subclasses 174+ for gas holders.
- 62, Refrigeration, subclasses 45.1+ for process and apparatus for handling liquefied gas as a commodity including steps or means involving pressure or temperature control special to liquefied gas and more than required for other liquids.
- 141, Fluent Material Handling, With Receiver or Receiver Coating Means, appropriate subclasses for processes and apparatus for filling a receiver with gas.
- 169, Fire Extinguishers, particularly subclasses 11 and 12, for fire extinguishers in which the extinguishing agent is a gas.
- 222, Dispensing, subclasses 3+, for other gas dispensing.
- 424, Drug, Bio-Affecting and Body Treating Compositions, subclasses 43+, for an effervescent composition of that class.

.7 With gas storing absorbent or solvent:

This subclass is indented under subclass .6. Devices containing an absorbent, adsorbent or solvent in which the gas is stored.

- (1) Note. A device for storing hydrogen in the form of a metal hydride, suitable for decomposition in situ to produce hydrogen gas, is classified in this subclass.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 252, Compositions, subclass 364, for solvents.
- 312, Supports: Cabinet Structure, subclasses 31+, for containers for non-gaseous materials having slow diffusers or absorbents.
- 423, Chemistry of Inorganic Compounds, subclass 658.2 for a method for producing elemental hydrogen by direct decomposition of a metal hydride.
- 502, Catalyst, Solid Sorbent, or Support Therefor: Product or Process of Making, especially subclasses 60+, 400+ and 526 for a sorbent composition

.8 FOR COIN (E.G., MAT):

This subclass is indented under the class definition. Receptacles and packages for containing or holding coins. For example, in this subclass are mats or pads specially constructed to facilitate picking up of coins lying thereon.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:

- 37+, for pocket and personal use receptacles for articles other than coins.
- 557+, for trays for articles other than coins.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 150, Purses, Wallets, and Protective Covers, subclasses 150+ for a coin-holding pocketbook.
- 211, Supports: Racks, subclass 49.1 for racks for stacking poker chips and other disc form devices similar to coins.
- 229, Envelopes, Wrappers, and Paperboard Boxes, particularly subclasses 87.2 and 92.9 for coin receptacles, packages and wrappers of paper and for coin cards.
- 232, Deposit and Collection Receptacles, particularly subclasses 55+ for coin traps and 64+ for devices for dumping change into a customer's hand.
- 235, Registers, subclasses 2 through 49 for cash and fare registers.
- 312, Supports: Cabinet Structure, for money drawers.

- .81 Combined:**
This subclass is indented under subclass .8. Devices combined with other features, e.g., with a receptacle or pocket for paper money and things other than coins, with indicia, with a mirror, etc.
- SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
38+, for a combined pocket or personal use container for articles other than coins.
- .815 Bulk coin receptacle having a coin insertion slit or slot (e.g., savings bank type):**
This subclass is indented under subclass .8. Receptacle or package which includes a relatively long narrow opening sized to accept a coin and which is intended to hold randomly arranged coins (i.e., the coins are not held in position).
- SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:
229, Envelopes, Wrappers, and Paperboard Boxes, subclass 92.9 for a coin card.
232, Deposit and Collection Receptacles, subclasses 4+ for a savings box in which money is inserted through an opening one item at a time and is removed in bulk through a different opening.
446, Amusement Devices: Toys, subclasses 8+ for a toy money bank.
- .82 With closing or fastening means:**
This subclass is indented under subclass .8. Devices having either means for closing the same or means for fastening the coins in place.
- .83 Multiple pocket or compartment:**
This subclass is indented under subclass .82. Devices having two or more compartments or pockets for coins.
- SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
.81, for devices that have one or more pockets or compartments for coins and one or more for other things.
- .84 Multiple pocket or compartment:**
This subclass is indented under subclass .8. Devices having two or more pockets or compartments for coins.
- SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
.81, for devices that have one or more pockets or compartments for coins and one or more for other things.
.83, for multiple pocket or compartment devices with closing or fastening means.
- 1.5 WITH STRUCTURAL LOCKING MODIFICATION:**
This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container in which the structure is modified to effect a locked condition, the unlocking not being effected by conventional means, but generally by a manipulation of the container or a part thereof.
- SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
262, for a tobacco product (or pipe) casing formed of hinged covers released by translation of said covers.
- SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:
70, Locks, subclasses 289+ for an operating lock mechanism of a complex or puzzle type.
- 1.7 FOR ARTIST EQUIPMENT:**
This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container which is constructed or configured to hold materials and appliances especially for use by artists.
- SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:
312, Supports: Cabinet Structure, appropriate subclass for artists' receptacles which include features, beyond that for holding the artists' supplies, such as supporting structure for the receptacle or the work.
- 1.8 Paint holder (e.g., color box):**
This subclass is indented under subclass 1.7. A container in the form of a box provided with a plurality of spaced receptacles, each receptacles holding a paint tablet or a container of liquid paint.

1.9 Paint package:

This subclass is indented under subclass 1.7. A container for a disc or wafer of paint put up as a package and sealed against the entry of dust and other foreign matter by means of a protective cover.

3 FOR AMMUNITION:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container specifically restricted to the function of containing ammunition for storage and shipping.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 42, Firearms, particularly subclasses 87+ for devices holding fixed ammunition ready for insertion into magazines of firearms.
- 217, Wooden Receptacles, subclasses 18+ for cell structures for receptacles.
- 224, Package and Article Carriers, appropriate subclasses, particularly subclasses 196, 199, 223, 239, 600+, and 660+ cross-reference art collection 931 for carriers and holders for cartridges and caps.

5 FOR EYEGLOSS OR SPECTACLE:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container comprising cases or covers for a face carried, vision correcting, optical device.

5.1 Contact lens:

This subclass is indented under subclass 5. A container for a small eyeglass of the type that is worn against the eyeball itself.

6 Hinged parts:

This subclass is indented under subclass 5. A container involving hinged parts.

6.1 FOR JEWELRY:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. Subject matter comprising either a container for, or a package including, one or more items of personal adornment.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:

- 205, for a container including an ancillary article contacting medium (e.g., anti-tarnish composition).

- 301, for a container for a watch or clock.
- 553, for a container for silverware eating utensils.
- 566, for a tray type (i.e., open, shallow) container for jewelry.

8 Hat and headwear:

This subclass is indented under subclass 278. A container comprising hat boxes and cases. Also forms and special devices for retaining hats, etc., in boxes.

9 Rack, frame, or ring:

This subclass is indented under subclass 8. A container for packing a plurality of hats, etc. Also constructions of rings or bands placed around any individual hat to protect it when it is nested or packed with other hats. Includes cases and frames for hats which are modified to permit the display of the hat, provided the packing function is retained.

11 Fur:

This subclass is indented under subclass 278. A container constructed to contain sets of furs, muffs, collars, etc.

14 Violin:

This subclass is indented under subclass 314. A container for violins and like instruments. Also devices for holding violin-bows in the cases.

15 For holding a phonograph cylinder:

This subclass is indented under subclass 307. A container provided with means for holding cylindrical phonograph-records, either a case for a single record or for a plurality of records.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:

- 309, for holders for phonograph-disks not forming articles of furniture.
- 314, for portable cases for holding any other part of a phonograph.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 211, Supports: Racks, subclass 40, for phonograph record type racks.
- 312, Supports: Cabinet Structure, subclasses 9.1+, for phonograph record cabinets.

15.2 Closure supported:

This subclass is indented under subclass 361. A container in which the closure for the receptacle is provided with means to statically support the brush or brush head.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 215, Bottles and Jars, subclasses 228+ for receptacles of the type classifiable in Class 215 wherein a brush is supported by the closure.
- 401, Coating Implements With Material Supply, subclasses 126+ for the combination of a container for a supply of coating material, a removable closure for the container, and an applicator to apply the material to a work surface, which applicator depends from the closure in a position to receive coating material from the supply.

15.3 Projecting handle:

This subclass is indented under subclass 15.2. A container in which the receptacle closure is provided with an opening through which the brush handle may extend when it is supported in the receptacle.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 401, Coating Implements With Material Supply, subclass 127 for the combination of a container for a supply of coating material, a removable closure for the container and an opening in the closure to receive material from the supply and apply it to a work surface.

18 Watch or clock movement:

This subclass is indented under subclass 301. A container inclosing and protecting watch-movements. Commonly the case is provided with elastic supports for the watch-movement to prevent injury from shocks.

19 SACRAMENTAL:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container specifically arranged for sacerdotal use.

37 FOR POCKET OR PERSONAL USE:

This subclass is indented under the class definition. A container which is so constructed or configured that it is conveniently carried in the pocket or otherwise on the person of a user.

- (1) Note. A great many of the containers classified in this (206) class are "small" and can be considered as for pocket or personal use. In part, the rules of subclass schedule superiority have resulted in patents to such containers falling into subclasses higher in the schedule. Only a representative sample of those patents have had a cross reference placed in subclasses 37+ and 38+. Therefore, a full search for features considered of import with respect to size must include such higher subclasses.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUBCLASS:

- 5+, for a container for eyeglasses.
- 38+, for a pocket or personal use container configured to hold two or more diverse articles or materials.
- 85+, for a container for tobacco with an igniter.
- 96+, for a match packet or container for matches.
- 242+, for a container for tobacco, cigarettes, a pipe or a cigarette holder.
- 352+, for a container for a razor blade.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

- 150, Purses, Wallets, and Protective Covers, subclasses 131+ for a pocket or purse carried container for relatively small personal items (e.g., money, credit cards, items of identification, etc.).

37.1 For a key:

This subclass is indented under subclass 37. Subject matter wherein the container is intended to hold a keys or keys.

37.2 Including external element for ejecting key:

This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein the key container includes means located exteriorly thereof for forcing the key into its use position.

37.3 Key frictionally retained in container:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein a key is held in position by pressure from opposing portions of the container.

37.4 Compartmented:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein the container includes means for separating two or more keys from one another.

37.5 Includes key retainer of two elements movable relative to each other and to the container:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein the container includes two parts which can be moved in relation to each other and the container.

37.6 Includes plural, serially aligned key retainers:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein the container includes a plurality of elements for securing keys therein, which elements are linearly arranged.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
37.8, for a key container having an element for securing a plurality of keys therein.

37.7 Removable:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.6. Subject matter wherein the key securing elements are separable (detached) from the container.

37.8 Including key retainer for common mounting of plural keys:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37.1. Subject matter wherein the container includes an element for securing a plurality of keys therein, said element extending through each key.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:
37.6, for a key container having a plurality of elements for securing keys therein.

38 For pocket or personal use:
This subclass is indented under subclass 216. A container for pocket or personal use provided with two or more compartments specifically arranged to hold diverse articles; or a box or case, having only a single compartment but also including some article of personal use, such as a comb, knife, compass, etc.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:

37+, for a container for pocket or personal use. See the notes under subclass 37.

SEE OR SEARCH CLASS:

150, Purses, Wallets, and Protective Covers, subclass 106 for a purse combined with personal items, and subclasses 131+ for a pocket or purse carried container for relatively small personal items (e.g., money, credit cards, items of identification, etc.).

221, Article Dispensing, subclasses 92+ for article dispensing devices having plural sources, stacks or compartments.

222, Dispensing, subclasses 129+ for fluent material dispensers having plural sources or compartments for the material to be dispensed.

38.1 Key case:
This subclass is indented under subclass 38. A container under subclass configured either as to shape, interior arrangement, or retaining device for holding a key.

SEE OR SEARCH THIS CLASS, SUB-CLASS:

0.81, for a combined coin and key container.

37.1+, for a key container, per se.

39 Ticket case:
This subclass is indented under subclass 37. A container specially constructed to hold tickets, cards, stamps, etc.

(1) Note. Included here is a patent for a currency or note case made of other than cloth, or leather; for which see reference to Class 150 below.

