

Classification information on Swedish patent documents

What classification information is printed on Swedish patent specifications (C documents) and pre-grant publications (B documents)?

- Before 1902 (number 14100), no classification was printed on the documents.
- Between 1902 and 1914 (numbers 14101 - 36514), classification according to the Swedish classification system "Industriklasserna" ("The industry classes") was printed on the documents.
- Between 1914 and 1927 (numbers 36515 - 62476), classification according to the DPK was printed on the documents, but only to subclass level.
- Between 1927 and 1971 (numbers 62477 - 341560), complete classification symbols according to the DPK was printed on the documents. In some cases, however, the classification information is out-of-date because the Swedish translation of the DPK was made in 1948. DPK classifications which are printed on documents published after 1948 should always be valid.
- Between 1958 and 1971 (numbers 161801 - 341560), IPC was printed on the documents, in parallel with DPK. To begin with the documents were only classified to subclass level, but later they were also given complete classification symbols.
- Before 1963-06-30 (number 184450), only one classification symbol was printed on the documents, and no multiple classifications. After that date, classification symbols for multiple classification were also printed on the documents. To begin with they were placed at the bottom of the first page.
- Since 1972 (number 341561), only IPC has been printed on the documents. To begin with, however, DPK could also be given as a double class.
- Since 2006 (number 527142), classification according to the advanced level of the IPC is printed on the documents. If the number of class symbols is too large, only the first 15 are printed. However, all class symbols are available in the Swedish Patent Database.

What classification information is printed on Swedish 18-month publications (L documents and A documents)?

- When L documents started to be published in 1971, both IPC and DPK were printed on the documents, but only to sub-class level.
- Since 1972, only IPC has been printed on the documents, most often the complete classification, but in the beginning sometimes only to subclass level.
- Before 1975-07-30, only one classification symbol was printed on the documents, and no multiple classifications. After that date, multiple classification symbols were printed on the documents.
- Since 2006, classification according to the advanced level of the IPC is printed on the documents.