Beginning with the current United States Patent and Trademark website, you will need to click on the Trademarks menu underneath the uspto.gov header. The Trademarks Home page is shown below. In order to access the Official Gazette (OG), you must click on the left navigation menu with the title “Manuals, Guides, Official Gazette” which is highlighted on the image below.

The Manuals, Guides, Official Gazette page will open and is shown in the two graphic below which highlights the section with the Official Gazette.
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Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP) – October 2014

The TMEP provides trademark examining attorneys in the USPTO, trademark applicants, and attorneys and representatives for trademark applicants with a reference work on the current law, practices, and procedures relative to prosecution of applications to register marks in the USPTO. The TMEP contains guidelines for examining attorneys and materials in the nature of information and interpretation, and outlines the procedures that examining attorneys are required or authorized to follow in the examination of trademark applications.

Between updates to the TMEP, the Office occasionally provides guidance about a particular issue through the issuance of an Examination Guide. Typically, as to that issue, the Examination Guide supersedes the current edition of the TMEP to the extent any inconsistency exists. Any Examination Guides issued subsequently to the publication of the October 2014 revision, or any issued prior to publication but not incorporated in the TMEP, are listed on the Trademark Examination Guides page.

Notes: The current version of the TMEP is October 2014. Since October 2012, the TMEP has been identified by the month and year in which it is issued.

Zipped PDF and HTML files and archived copies of prior versions of the TMEP, beginning with the 4th edition, are available at TMEP files and archives.

To submit comments regarding selected chapters and/or sections of the TMEP via the Trademark policy collaboration site, see the notice at http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/notices/Trade_Scale_800.jsp.

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP) – June 2014

The TBMP provides stakeholders with basic information generally useful for litigating trial cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB). The manual describes current practice and procedure under the applicable authority, including the Trademark Act, the Trademark Rules of Practice, the Federal Rules (where applicable), and precedential case law.

The TBMP is updated periodically. Between updates, it is recommended that the TTAB’s home page be checked for announcements concerning policy, practice and rules changes.


The ID Manual lists classifications of goods and services and their respective classifications that the USPTO examining attorneys will accept without further inquiry if the specimen record supports the identification and classification. The listing is not exhaustive, but is intended to serve as a guide to both examining attorneys in acting on applications and to filers in preparing applications.

Using language directly from the ID Manual helps avoid objections by examining attorneys concerning "indistinct" identification of goods or services. However, applicants must assert actual use in commerce or bona fide intent to use the mark in commerce for the goods or services specified. Therefore, even with a definite identification, examining attorneys may inquire as to whether the identification chosen accurately identifies the applicant's goods or services.

A failure to list the goods/services correctly with which you use your mark, or intend to use your mark, may prevent you from registering your mark; therefore, proper selection from the ID Manual is critical. More information on how to identify your goods/services can be found on the "Goods and Services" search page.

Trademark Examination Guides

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Design Search Code Manual

The USPTO assigns all marks containing design figurative elements a 6-digit numerical code(s) for searching purposes. This manual lists the categories, divisions, and sections that make up these codes. For example, a single five-pointed star would be coded in category 01 (celestial bodies, natural phenomena and geographical maps), division 01 (stars, comets) and
Please note that you will need to click on the title “Official Gazette” to access more specific information about the Official Gazette which includes background information on the Official Gazette, a link to the Frequently Asked Questions regarding the OG, a hyperlink to the electronic version of the Official Gazette (eOG), the PDF version of the OG as well as registration certificate issues by date. The illustration below highlights the link to the eOG.

When you click on the electronic version, a new page is opened for the electronic version of the Official Gazette. The image below shows the new graphical user interface. You are
automatically placed into the Search Tab and the most recent issue of the Trademark Official Gazette is shown.

PLEASE NOTE: There is currently a user advisory regarding web browser compatibility. Currently tested and approved browsers are IE 10.0 or later and the latest versions of FireFox, Chrome or Safari.

The left hand filters can be collapsed so that they are hidden. You will need to click on the 3 vertical bars to the right of the FILTERS section defaults button.
Now you see the menu is not visible. Only the three vertical bars are visible to the left of the search records numbers below the Search Results title. To toggle open the search results box, just click on the three vertical bars again.

When you change the filters, you will see the Results filtered by box which is above the ascending serial number results reflect the choices you have picked. The more options you pick, the more filter boxes appear.

If you accidentally pick the wrong filter you can choose the item you want to close in the Results filtered by list and click on the x surrounded by a circle to close that individual item or you can uncheck one of the previous filter options that you selected.
In this particular example, the keyword soap has been selected to search. After typing soap into the search by field and clicking on the magnifying glass to the right of the field, the following list of 431 records are displayed in ascending order by serial number. Note that the search term is highlighted in the results. However, only the exact matches will be highlighted. Example, if you searched for the word “edge”, results will include the word “edging” but will not be highlighted. This will be fixed in the next release.
In order to change to descending order, click on the DESC option to the right of the serial number drop down above the Search Results.

This image shows the ASC button depressed.

This image shows the DESC button depressed.

The results filtered in descending order are shown below.

When you click on the customize button beneath the Email All Results button, on the right hand side above the first result shown, you will have a pop up box appear with different case field options to check.
The fields that are checked are those displayed and those that are unchecked are not displayed.

In the SEARCH BY section, there are 8 fields which can be selected or deselected based on preference.

The additional statements option includes the following types of data and/or statements: color location, color(s) claimed, lining and stippling, disclaimers, translations, transliterations, order restricting scope, acquired distinctiveness claims, distinctiveness limitation, distinctiveness
restriction, certification statement, concurrent use, used anywhere in another form, used in commerce in another form, name/portrait/consent.

The ISSUES filters section has the option to choose up to but not more than 5 issues. When you click on the right arrow you can choose from August 2013 to the present. If you need to search more than five issues at a time, we recommend you parcel your information and save to your list.
The REASON FOR PUBLICATION filter has two right arrow menus available. The Registrations menu has 10 different options available.

The Registrations Cancelled filter has 8 options which are check boxes and you also need to click on the appropriate radio button under Select Type.

The CLASS NUMBERS filter has one right arrow menu for all of the International Classes available.
While the US Class numbers have the currently used classes available.

In the list of results, the user selected the select all checkbox above the results list. A new option then appears above that. It is a button with the words Add to My List.
Note that while there are 431 results, when select all results was checked and added, the green confirmation box that shows above the Search Results header shows that only 20 results have been added.

If you want to select more than 20 items at one time, you will need to change the number of results displayed per page. You will need to scroll to the bottom of the screen, just below the results where the record number and results per page are displayed. The default is 20 results per page. Note there is a down arrow next to the number 20. This means you can click in the box to change the number. The maximum number of items to display is 200. Please note that 200 results per page may take a little longer for the page to load on some machines.
You will also notice a change has taken place on the My List tab. It now displays the number 20 in the gray circle next to My List instead of the number 0.

When you click on the My List tab, you can see the results you have previously chosen and can sort the records in Ascending or Descending order. You will also see a Remove button below the Showing 20 record(s) header.
In order to selectively download to a PDF file for printing, you will need to click on the individual records or you can check the select all checkbox. Then click on the Download button.

You will see that your browser will show you that it has downloaded your PDF file. When you open the downloaded document, it will display in the PDF viewer.
Note that the only fields that will be shown are those that you selected.

If the document does not contain all of the fields that you would prefer, you can delete this document, return to My List, click on the Customize button and select the additional fields to display per record.
You can also email the results to yourself by clicking on the Email button. A new tab will open up and if your computer is automatically set to use an email program, that program should open with the link to the results in the eOG.