

Germany

Designs

▪ **Contents:**

Legal, administrative and bibliographic information concerning German industrial designs:

- 1st Publication Bulletin of the office: July 1988
- The update is programmed within 24 hours of reception of the data from the office.
- DE Design protection starts on the date of registration of the design in the Designs Register. The maximum term of protection of a design is 25 years from the filing date. To maintain registration, protection must be renewed at the end of each term (every 5 years). For this purpose, renewal fees must be paid. If protection is not maintained, the term of protection expires and the registration is cancelled from the Designs Register. Please refer to the following link to learn more about the protection of a German Design:
<http://www.dpma.de/english/designs/faq/index.html#a21>

▪ **Period covered:** From October 1988, same coverage for the images.

▪ **Link to bulletin:** Yes

▪ **Frequency of updating:** Semimonthly

▪ **Source:** DPMA

▪ **Searchable Fields:**

INID	Field Designation
11	Registration Number
15	Registration Date
21	Application Number
22	Application Date
31	Priority Number
32	Priority Date
33	Priority Country
45	Publication Date
46	Date of Expiration of Deferment
51	Locarno Class
54	Title
57	Description
72	Designer
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74	Representative

▪ **Search Format:**

Design number:

Prior Dec. 1994:

M <7 digits> – <4 digits>: Mxxxxxxx-yyyy
Examples: M9100878
M9100878-0001

From Jan. 1995 to Dec. 2007:

4 <7 digits> – <4 digits> 4xxxxxxx-yyyy
Examples: 40402311
40402311-0002

Since Jan. 2008:

40<year><6 digits> – <4 digits> 402008xxxxx-yyyy
Examples: 402008001811-0003

Specifications on some fields:

- **Design Number:**

- Any multiple designs in a single application are broken into 1 record per design, sharing a single parent number in the format x number of digits – y number of digits, where “x” is the parent design number and “y” is an incremental suffix number, also called child.
- There are some inconsistencies from the office in the numbering from 1995 to 2004. Some numbers may be found with the “M” at the beginning, some will have the “4”.

Remarks: For a comprehensive search of all industrial designs having effect in Germany, we recommend a search covering **GERMANY, INTERNATIONAL** and **EUROPE** registers.

You can get the most updated database status directly on DesignFinder interfaces under the Source Field.