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What is Intellectual Property (IP)?!

Property rights for intellectual creations that have been put into fixed, tangible format

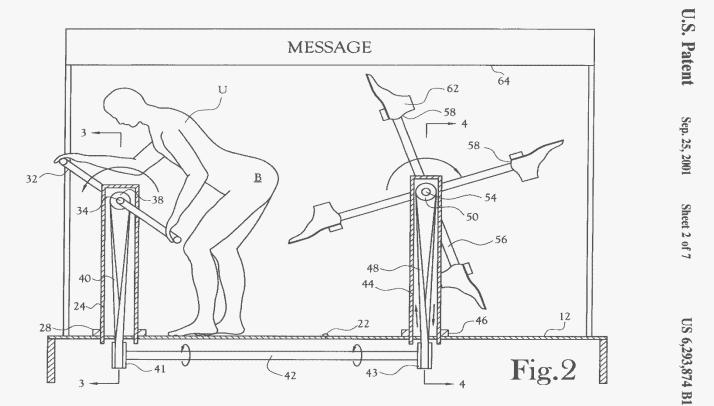


Four types of intellectual property

- **Patents** protects new inventions
- Trademarks anything that identifies the source of a product or service offered in commerce
- **Copyrights** protect the *specific expression of an idea* in text, music, choreography, graphic arts
- Trade Secrets any secret formula, process, or business method that offers a commercial advantage to the holder



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What is a patent?



- A Patent is a property right granted by the United States to the original inventor(s) for a limited time in exchange for public disclosure of the invention.
- The Patent gives the inventor the [negative] right "to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling" the invention in the United States, or importing the invention into the United States.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 of the United States Constitution, known as the 'Copyright Clause'



Three types of patents

- Utility Patents Granted for a process; machine or manufacture; composition of matter; or an improvement thereof. Utility patents have sequential numbers.
- Design Patents Protects the new, ornamental design (i.e. "outward appearance") for an article of manufacture. Design patent numbers are preceded by the letter "D."
- Plant Patents granted on any distinct and new variety of an asexually reproduced plant.
 Plant patent numbers are preceded by "PP."



Patent Terms

- Utility patent twenty years from the nonprovisional patent filing date
- Design patent fourteen years from issue date
- Plant patent twenty years from filing date

Once these terms expire, the invention is now 'public domain,' and may be made, used or sold by anyone without licensing!

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Trademarks









Trademarks

- Any word, phrase, symbol, logo, color, sound, or scent used to:
 - Distinguish product or service from others in the marketplace
 - Identify the source of commercial origin
 - Certify quality, standards, or geographic origin
- A service mark is the same as a trademark except that it identifies and distinguishes the source of a *service* rather than a product.

Federal trademarks once registered remain in effect for ten years, and may be renewed indefinitely once they expire.



Obtaining Trademark Rights

Three sources:

- Common-law use of the mark in commerce without registration; or
- Registration with the Utah (or other) State Dept.
 of Commerce as a state trademark; or
- Federal registration of a mark in actual use or with an 'intent to use' with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



Trademark Symbols

- [™] and SM (either superscript or subscript)
 - The letters SM may be used in place of TM to indicate a service mark.
 - These two symbols indicate the owner considers this to be their *common-law* (i.e., *unregistered*) trademark.
 - May also be used with State-registered trademarks
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 - This symbol indicates that the mark has been registered with the USPTO, and may only be used when such registration has been granted.



Trademarks may become generic

Trademark rights may be lost if the trademark becomes the *common term* for the product, even when produced by other companies, *e.g.*

- Aspirin
- Raisin Bran
- Kerosene
- Thermos
- Elevator, escalator

So, be careful when using the words 'Kleenex' and 'Xerox!'



State & Common Law Marks

There's no legal requirement to search state or common law marks in order to apply for a federal trademark registration. However, doing so may save you time, and MONEY!





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Why Apply for a Federal Trademark?

- constructive notice to the public of claim of ownership;
- legal presumption of the registrant's ownership of the mark and exclusive right to use the mark nationwide on or in connection with the goods and/or services listed in the registration;
- use of the U.S registration as a basis to obtain registration in foreign countries;
- ability to bring an action concerning the mark in federal court;
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What is a trademark or service mark?

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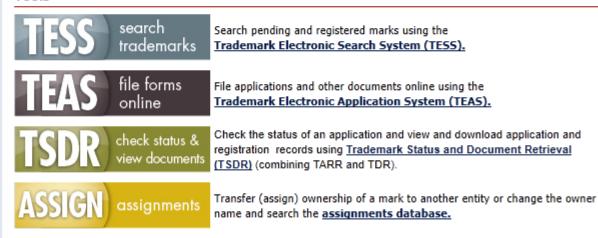
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What is copyright?

- A form of protection provided to the creators of "original works of authorship."
- Includes literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works, both published and unpublished.
- Registered by the U.S. Copyright Office at the Library of Congress.
- Current registration fee \$65.00 for paper filing, \$35.00 for online filing
- Copyright term your lifetime plus 70 years.



What kinds of work are protected under copyright?

- Literary works
- Serials/Periodicals
- Musical and Dramatic works, with accompanying words or music
- Sound and video recordings
- Pictorial, Graphic and Sculptural works
- Architectural works
- Computer software
- Mask works fixed in semiconductor chips



What kinds of work are <u>not</u> protected?

- Works not fixed in a tangible form of expression
- Titles, names, slogans, short phrases, familiar designs or symbols, mere variations of typographic ornamentation, lettering, or coloring, mere listings of contents or ingredients
- Ideas, procedures, methods, systems, processes, concepts, principles, discoveries, or devices, as distinguished from a description, explanation, or illustration.
- Works consisting entirely of common property information and containing no original authorship.



Rights Under Copyright Law

Section 106 of the 1976 Copyright Act gives the owner of copyright, and others authorized by the owner, certain exclusive rights, including the right:

- To *reproduce* the work
- To prepare derivative works
- To distribute copies or phonorecords of the work through transfer of ownership such as through sale, or lease
- To *display* the work publicly
- To *publicly perform* the work by means of a digital audio transmission (for sound recordings)
- To authorize others to do all of the above

http://www.copyright.gov/title17/index.html, Title 17, "Copyright."



Some limitations under Copyright Law

- Copyright covers the *particular* expression of an idea, not the idea itself!
- Rights are not unlimited sections 107-122 of the Copyright Law of the United States of America, Chapter 1, establish limitations:
 - <u>http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html</u>.



"Fair Use" Limitations

- Not mentioned in older copyright law; developed through court decisions over the years
- Currently covered in section 107 of the present copyright law (17 USC 107) http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap1.html#107
- Covers purposes for which reproduction of a copyrighted work may be considered "fair", and four factors used to determine the fairness of a particular use.



Four Factors That Help Determine "Fair Use"

- What is the nature of the copyrighted work?
- How much of the work is used and how substantial a portion of the whole work?
- What is the purpose and character of the use? Commercial? Nonprofit educational use?
- What effect does the use have on the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work?



Purposes For Which Reproduction of a Copyrighted Work Might Be Considered "Fair Use"

- Criticism
- Comment
- Parody

- News reporting
- Teaching
- Scholarship
- Research



How Is Copyright Secured Under Current U.S. Copyright Law?

- Automatic granted under the Berne Convention of 1989 from the time the work is created in fixed form, whether published or unpublished;
- Registration *not required*, but confers definite advantages when dealing with enforcement issues and compensation for infringement;
- Unpublished foreign works are also eligible for copyright protection in the U.S., but there are eligibility restrictions for published foreign works.



Benefits to Copyright Registration

- Registration establishes a public record for the claim of copyright;
- For works of U.S. origin, registration is required before an infringement suit may be filed in Federal court (!);
- Registration enables the copyright owner to record the registration with the U.S. Customs
 Service for protection against the importation of infringing copies!



Form of Copyright Notice

- Notice of Copyright is *no longer required* under the Berne Convention, but may still be used, and is recommended.
- Notice has three elements:
 - The symbol © or the word "Copyright" or the abbreviation "Copr." (Use a "P" rather than a "C" in the circle for sound recordings)
 - Year of first publication
 - Name of owner of copyright



When does a copyrighted work enter the Public Domain?

- Works copyrighted before 1923 are now in the public domain.
- Works copyrighted on or after 1/1/1923 *may still be* under copyright protection, but determining copyright is not a simple question; see

http://copyright.cornell.edu/resources/publicdomain.cfm

• The U.S. Copyright Office will do a search to determine current copyright status on a particular work upon request, for an hourly fee.

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Trade Secrets





Trade Secrets

- Information not generally known to others that is capable of yielding a business advantage over competitors who do not know it.
- May be:
 - Formulas
 - Patterns
 - Processes
 - Devices
 - Compounds
 - Data, mailing lists, etc.
 - Other compilation of information that is used in business.



Examples of Trade Secrets

- The formula for Coca-Cola is the world's most famous trade secret, but check out what the Wikipedia says <u>here</u>.
- Colonel Sanders' secret recipe for fried chicken, served at <u>KFC</u>. Sanders also received U.S. patent <u>3,245,800</u> for a method of pressure-cooking fried chicken.
- The formula for WD-40.



Benefits of Trade Secrets

- No Fees
- No need to disclose details to the public
- Can be established without naming inventors
- No term limits
- Rights obtained immediately



Drawbacks of Trade Secrets

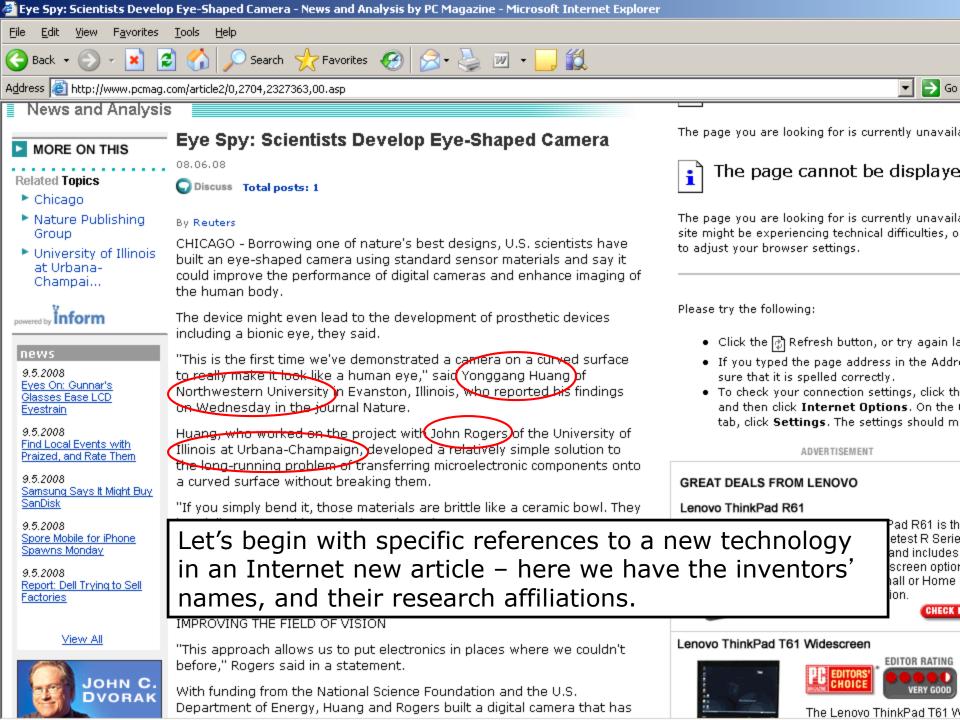
- Must be able to keep it a secret!
- May be independently discovered by legitimate or illegitimate means, thus, no longer a secret.
- May be more difficult to enforce rights and prosecute lawsuits involving a trade secret, as the existence of the trade secret must be proven before a lawsuit may proceed.

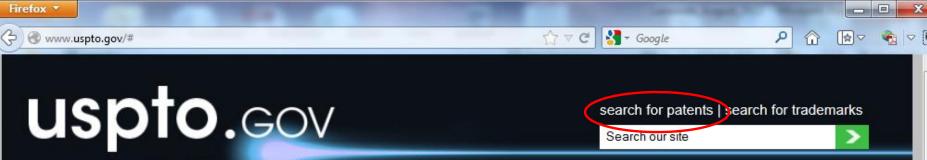


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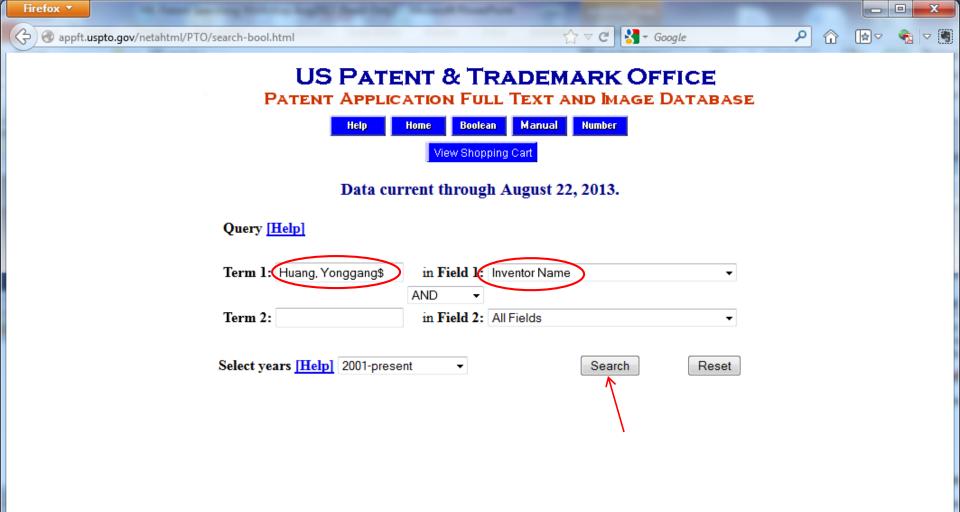
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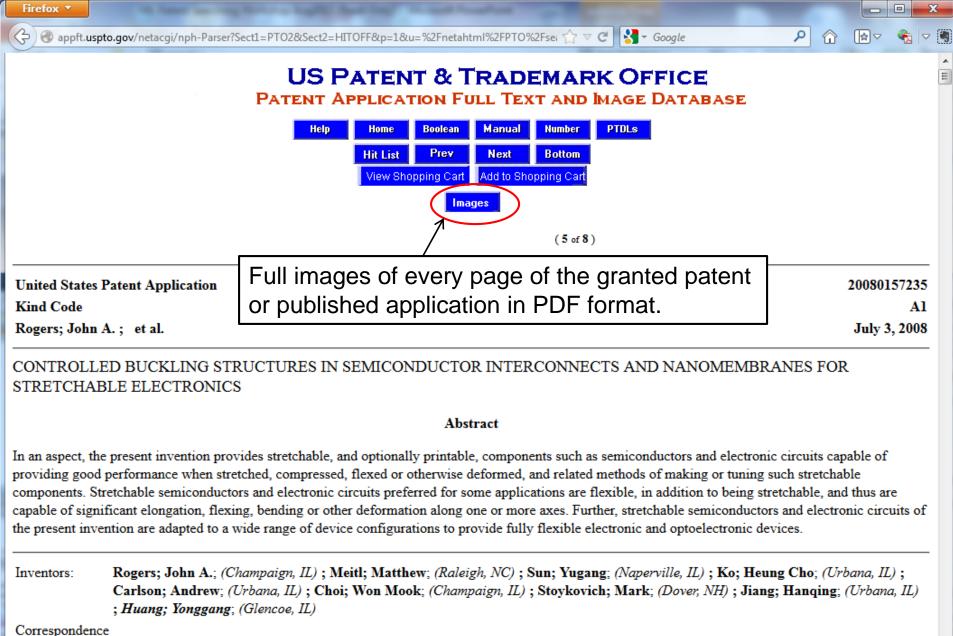
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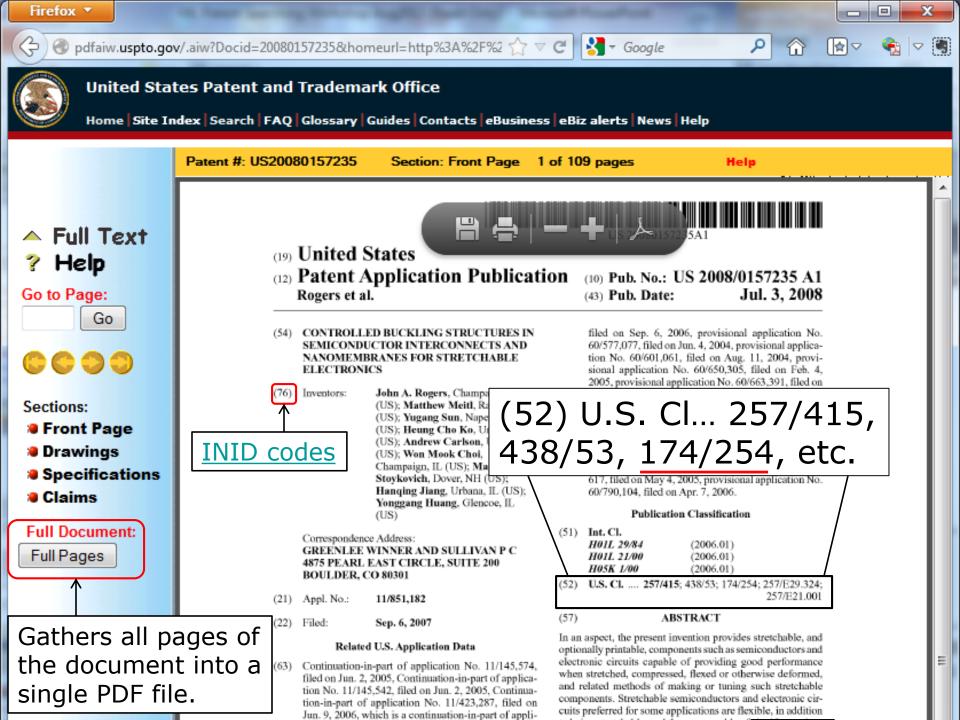
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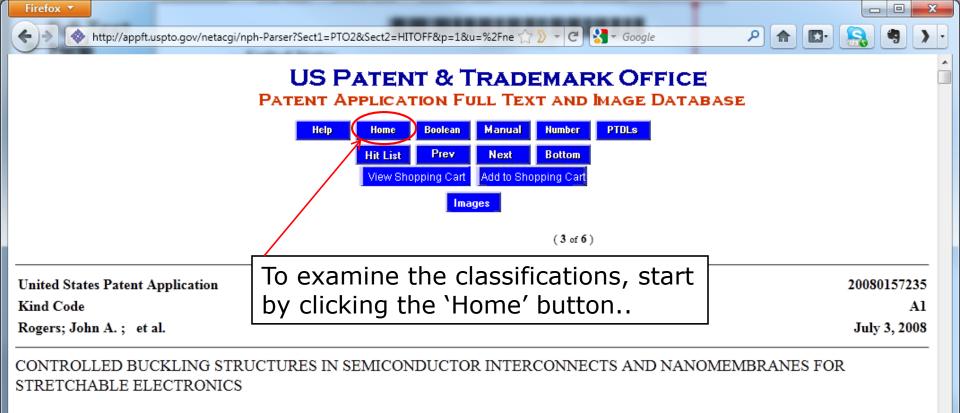
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Abstract

In an aspect, the present invention provides stretchable, and optionally printable, components such as semiconductors and electronic circuits capable of providing good performance when stretched, compressed, flexed or otherwise deformed, and related methods of making or tuning such stretchable components. Stretchable semiconductors and electronic circuits preferred for some applications are flexible, in addition to being stretchable, and thus are capable of significant elongation, flexing, bending or other deformation along one or more axes. Further, stretchable semiconductors and electronic circuits of the present invention are adapted to a wide range of device configurations to provide fully flexible electronic and optoelectronic devices.

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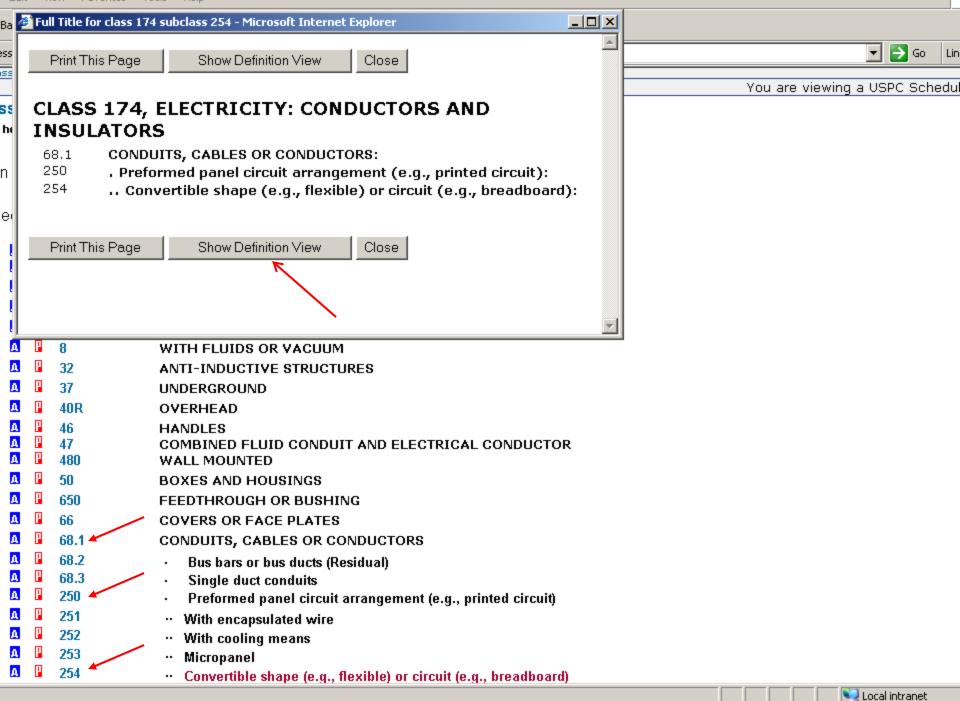
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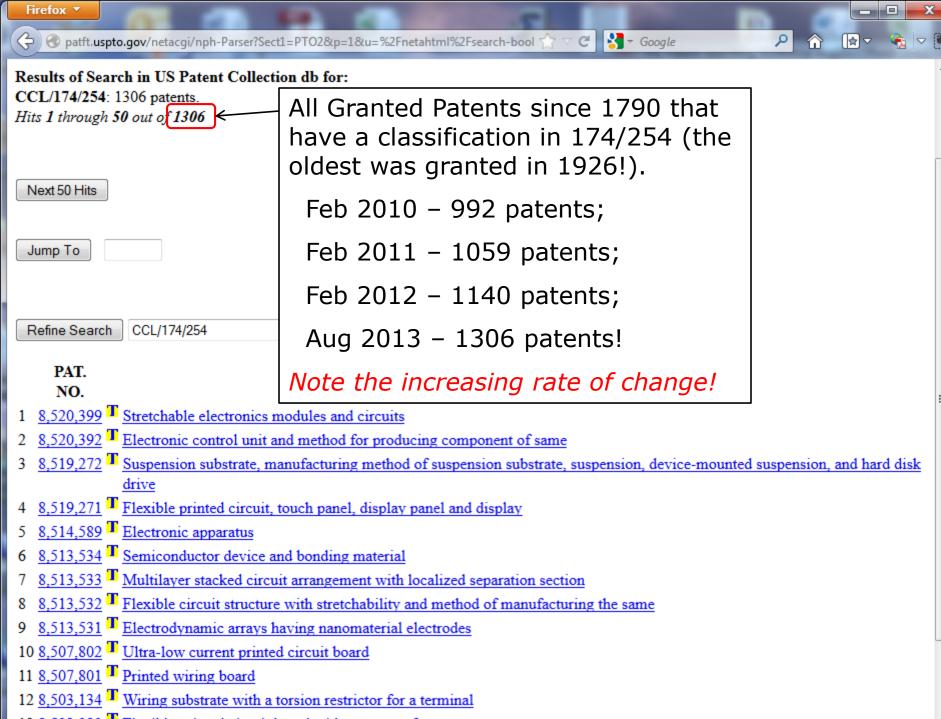
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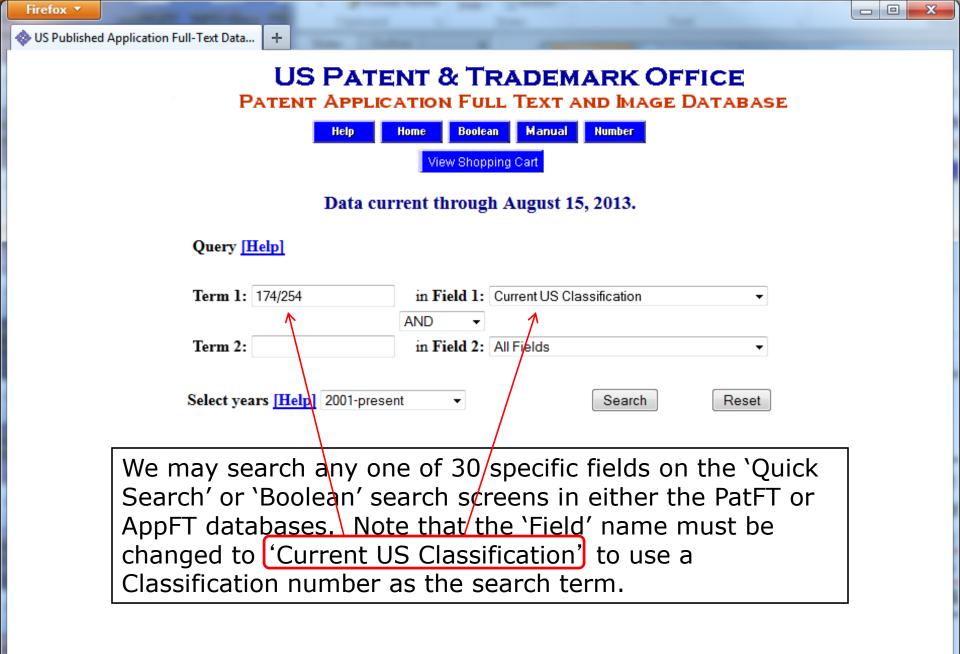
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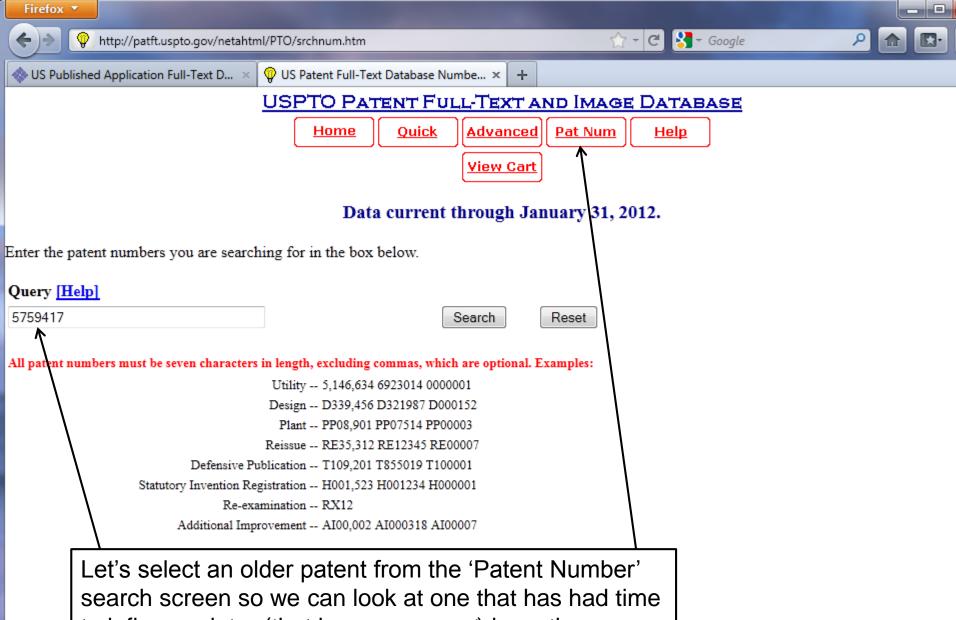
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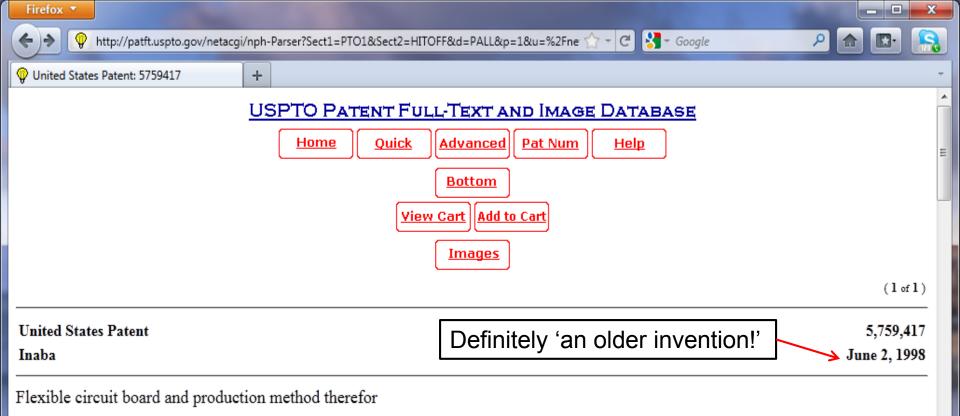


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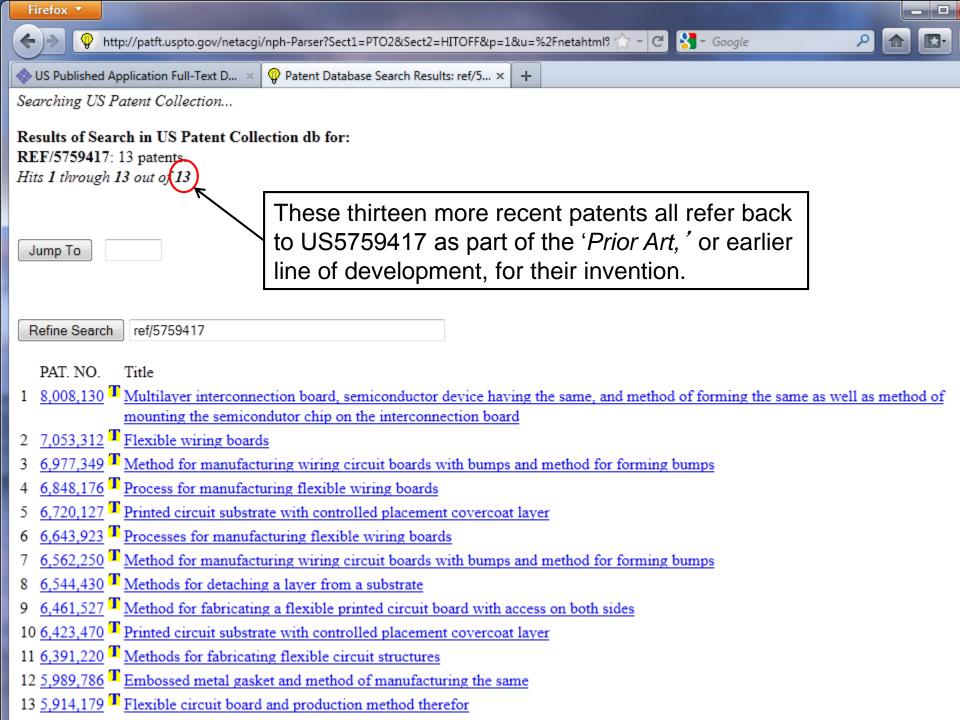


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A desired circuit wiring pattern is formed by forming by plating means a conductive layer having excellent resistance at least to an etching solution on a metal layer which is removed in the post-process by etching means using a resist layer. A surface protective layer having a hole for exposing part of the circuit wiring pattern is formed on both sides of the circuit wiring pattern at a predetermined position as an external connection terminal portion. The circuit wiring pattern can be formed in multiple layers by coating the conductive layer with a circuit wiring layer of another conductive material and a bump is formed to fill the hole as required.

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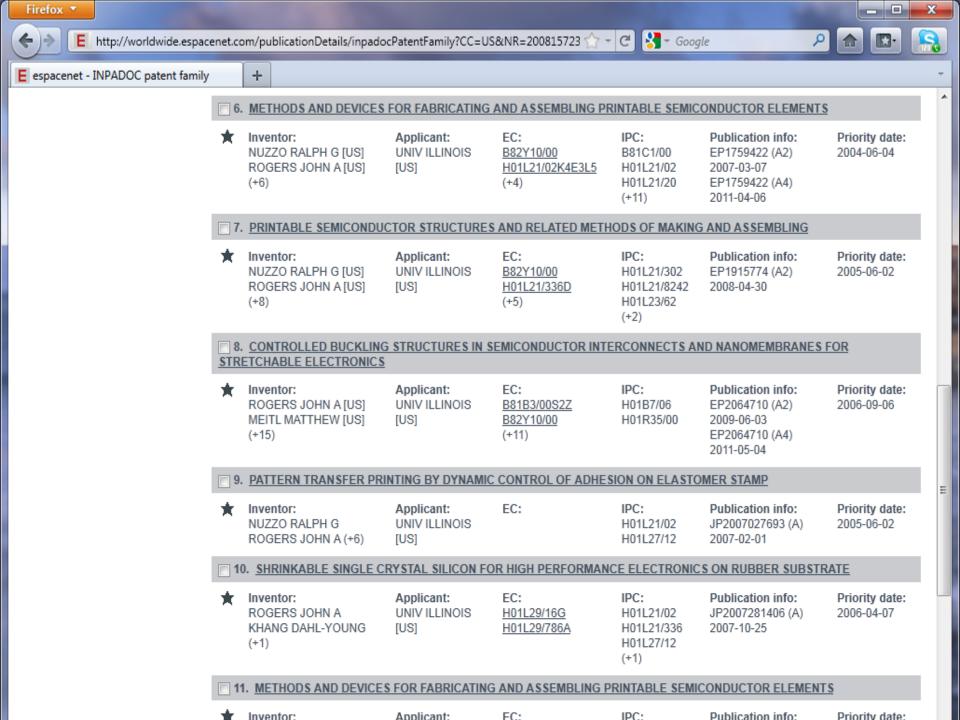
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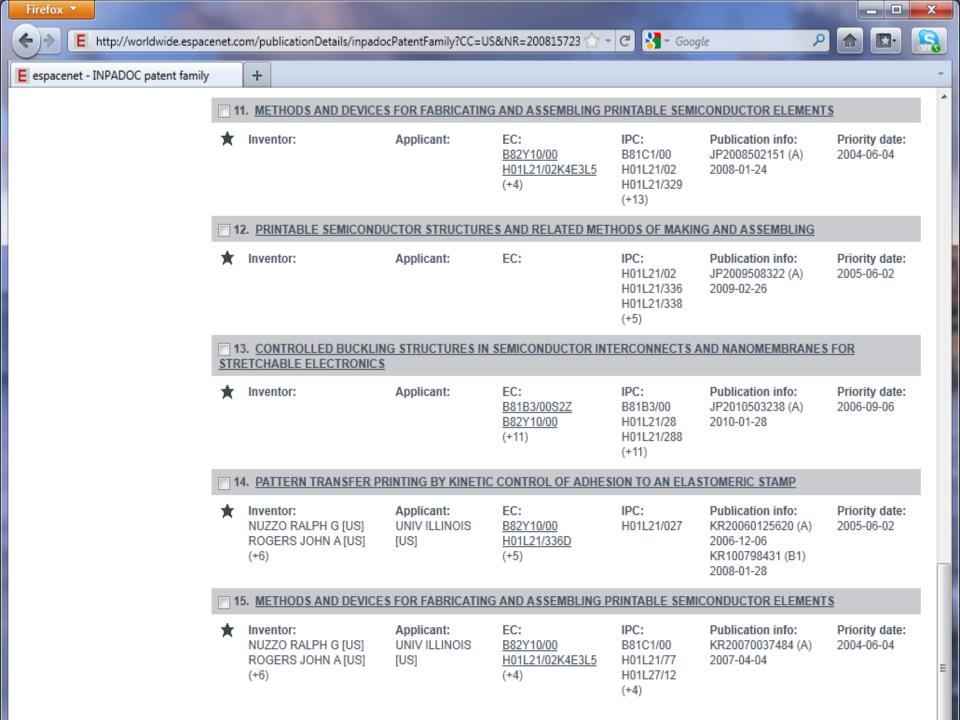
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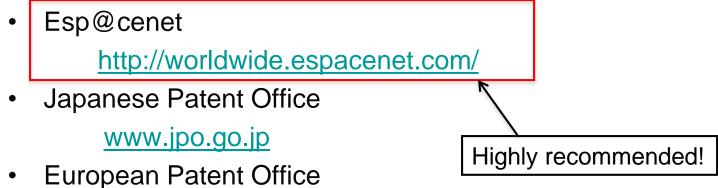


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