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Record Description:

## **U.S. Patent Number – A 7-position alphanumeric field.**

**Utility Patent** – 7 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

**Design Patent** – “D” followed by 6 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

**Statutory Invention Registration (SIR)**

SIR Utility – “H” followed by 6 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

SIR Design – “HD” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

SIR Plant – “HP” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

**Plant Patent** – “PP” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

**Reissue Patent**

Reissue Utility – “RE” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

Reissue Design – “RD” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

Defensive Publications – “T” followed by 6 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

“X” Patent – “X” followed by 6 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

“X” Reissue Patent – “RX” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

Additional Improvements – “AI” followed by 5 numeric positions right justified with leading zeros.

**U.S. Patent Classification – A 9-position alphanumeric field.**

 Classification **–** A 3-position alphanumeric field right justified with leading zeros.

 Subclassification **–** A 6-position alphanumeric field right justified with leading zeros.

## **U.S. Patent Classification Type Code – A 1-position alphabetic field.**

“O” for Original Classification

“X” for Cross Reference Classification

## **Linefeed – A 1-position alphanumeric field that contains: Hexidecimal “OA”**

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### **Example 1**

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PP11614PLT321000O

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RD25414D06495000O

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