

Patent searches

Patent searches and analysis are carried out by qualified patent attorneys and experts in patent examination issues. An essential element of the research is to conduct patent searches in both nonpatent and patent literature. Patent searches bring many benefits, including the possibility of gaining crucial information about what kind of solutions are available and the territory in which one should apply for patent protection, and what technologies are protected and by whom. As a result, patent searches represent an objective and valuable tool for companies seeking to manage their intellectual property, and can assist in evaluating the potential commercial success of a business venture.

Patent searches benefits

- set directions for R&D,
- look for market niches,
- assess the patentability of an invention,
- determine the patent clearance of an invention,
- minimize the risk of the Patent Office refusing to grant a patent,
- evaluate an invention's commercial potential,
- create business strategies,
- monitor competitors' activities.

To whom do we offer patent searches?

- R & D institutions
- individual researchers | inventors
- entrepreneurs|companies

Types of searches we offer:

- **prior art search:** this search uses special tools such as public and commercial databases in order to find patent documents (e.g. patent and utility model application descriptions or patent specifications) relating to processes, product supply, technology, applications, etc. The results obtained in the course of this study are often subject to further analysis and more advanced patent searches.
- **patentability search:** patentability searches enable us to determine whether the invention has a chance of obtaining patent protection. This information will be useful not only for inventors who are wondering whether patent protection is worth investing in, but also to those who would like evaluate the chances of competitors obtaining patents following applications they have filed with the Polish Patent Office.
- **legal status search:** this search determines the current legal status of a patent, including whether the patent is in force, the identity of the holder, when the maximum period of a granted patent monopoly expires, or when a patent protection expired and for what reason.
- **scope of protection search:** this search determines the characteristics of the invention covered by patent protection, and involves interpreting the claims of the patent while taking into account current law and jurisprudence in the relevant field.
- **patent 'clearance' search:** the purpose of this search is to determine whether bringing a certain product or industrial application of the technology on to the market will cause a breach of the exclusive rights of other parties, as well as the risk of being the subject of legal action for infringement.

- others: depending on a company's needs, it is often recommended to combine some of the above mentioned searches or even modify search and analysis methods so as to achieve the desired results. Companies can use searches to create a family of patents to be monitored (including whether a patent or patent application has its counterparts in other countries), and it is easy to keep statistics concerning, for example, the number of patents owned by a company or inventions developed by a particular inventor. It is also possible to monitor the number of times that a patent has been cited in other patent applications.