

Patent Numbers for Questel.Orbit and Derwent formats

Type Description	Comments on type	Derwent or Host format?	Host system?	Pre-Y2K format - DISPLAY	Post-Y2K format - DISPLAY	Changes needed for Y2K?	Comments on Number format - Search & Display
General Format		Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C n n n n n n n n			
General Format		Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C N N N N N N N N			
General Format		Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C N N N N N N N N			
General Format		Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N N N		9 Chr for 7 digit numbers
General Format		Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N N N		10 Chr for 8 digit numbers (JP and some DE)
7-Digit Patent Numbers		Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C N N N N N N N			
7-Digit Patent Numbers		Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N	No change	Number of digits specified - 7
Less than 7 digits	e.g. 5 digit	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C - - N N N N N N			
Less than 7 digits	e.g. 5 digit	Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N	No change	Variable number of digits, with no padding to bring up to 7 digits
Less than 7 digits	e.g. 5 digit	Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C - - N N N N N N	C C - - N N N N N N	No change	Variable number of digits, hyphen-padded to bring up to 7 digits
Patent Numbers that include the year		Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C Y Y N N N N N N			
Patent Numbers that include the year		Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C Y Y N N N N N N	C C Y Y N N N N N N	numbers with a year based on "19XX" - No Change	Leading zeros after YY to make up 5 digits
Patent Numbers that include the year		Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C Y Y N N N N N N	C C Y Y Y Y N N N N N N	numbers with a year based on 2000+ - Changed to YYYY	Leading zeros after YYYY to make up 5 digits
Patent Numbers that include letters as well as numbers	ie. some Hungarians, US, etc	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C X Y N N N N N N			
Patent Numbers that include letters as well as numbers	ie. some Hungarians, US, etc	Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C X Y N N N N N N	C C X Y N N N N N N	No change	Leading zeros after XY to make up 5 digits (where X is a letter & Y is a letter or number)
8-Digit Patent Numbers exactly	ie. Chinese pre-89 and some German	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C N N N N N N N N			
8-Digit Patent Numbers exactly	ie. Chinese pre-89 and some German	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	C C N N N N N N N N			
8-Digit Patent Numbers exactly	ie. Chinese pre-89 and some German	Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N	No change	From 9221 onwards, 8 digit number
8-Digit Patent Numbers exactly	ie. Chinese pre-89 and some German	Derwent + Questel	Questel	C C N N N N N N N N	C C N N N N N N N N	No change	Prior to 9221, 7 digit number as leading digit was dropped
JP-A Unexamined (Kokai)	ie. current format JP-A and -W, -X, Y, -Z, based on Emperor Year	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J P E E N N N N N N			
JP-A Unexamined (Kokai)	ie. current format JP-A and -W, -X, Y, -Z, based on Emperor Year	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J E E N N N N N N N			
JP-A Unexamined (Kokai)	ie. current format JP-A and -W, -X, Y, -Z, based on Emperor Year	Derwent + Questel	Questel	J P E E N N N N N N	J P E E N N N N N N	No change	Leading zeros after EE to make up 6 digits
JP Unexamined (from 2000)	ie. new format JP-A planned for Year 2000, based on Western Year	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	n/a			
JP Unexamined (from 2000)	ie. new format JP-A planned for Year 2000, based on Western Year	Derwent + Questel	Questel	n/a	J P Y Y Y Y N N N N N N	Treated the same as Patent Numbers that include a year based on 2000+	Only issued from 2000 onwards
JP-B Examined (Kokoku)	ie. Old Law JP-B, based on Western Year	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J P Y Y N N N N N N			
JP-B Examined (Kokoku)	ie. Old Law JP-B, based on Western Year	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J Y Y N N N N N N N			
JP-B Examined (Kokoku)	ie. Old Law JP-B, based on Western Year	Derwent + Questel	Questel	J P Y Y N N N N N N	J P Y Y N N N N N N	No change - as Old Law JP-Bs no longer being issued	Leading zeros after YY to make up 6 digits
JP-B Examined (Toroku)	ie. New Law JP-Bs, no Year element	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J P N N N N N N N N			
JP-B Examined (Toroku)	ie. New Law JP-Bs, no Year element	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J N N N N N N N N			
JP-B Examined (Toroku)	ie. New Law JP-Bs, no Year element	Derwent + Orbit	Orbit	J N N N N N N N N			