

Guide to STN Patent Databases

Preface

This manual is intended for use as a textbook, working book and reference book for patent searching on STN International. It is designed to simplify access to online patent information for the expert searcher having knowledge of the patent sector, and also to brush up the occasional user's knowledge of special features in patent searching.

The manual is arranged as follows:

- The *Introduction* presents the main types of on-line patent searches in compact form. The tabular *Overview* of the databases and types of searches helps identify the sections of interest when preparing a patent search.
- The short description of *STN patent databases* is not meant to replace the database sheets but to complement them with certain details that are of particular interest in patent searches.
- Another chapter deals with the most essential *Types of search*, as far as possible covering all relevant databases and pointing out specific features of the individual databases.
- These are illustrated by the *Search examples*, representing the basic strategies for searching.
- Finally, some *Surveys* are presented which proved to be useful in practical work.

When a search problem arises it is advisable to first consult the *Introduction* to identify the type of search and sections to be read, then to obtain information about the contents and important special features of the selected databases (*Patent databases on STN International*), then to read the notes on the search type in general and special features of the database (*Types of search*), and finally to work on the corresponding examples (*Search examples*). And always consult a current database list before starting your search.

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