



Utility MANUFACTURE

Ex: Monopoly[®] board game, safety pin, Velcro[®] fastener

MACHINE

Ex: cotton gin, bicycle, typewriter

COMPOSITION

Ex: DDT, dynamite, the Pill, biofuel, low-fat whipped cream

METHOD

Ex: Morse code, telephone call, magnetic tape recording, public key cryptography



Design

Ex: Statue of Liberty, Coca-Cola bottle, diamond cut, Eames chair, graphical user interface



Plant ASEXUAL

Ex: Idaho potato, elephant garlic, algae, fungi

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Natural Phenomenon



Ex: mineral, wild plant



Abstract Idea

Ex: mental process, $E=mc^2$



Law of Nature

Ex: gravity, fire requiring oxygen

PATENT REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT MATTER From an eligible category and not from an ineligible category.

NOVELTY This exact invention was not known before.

NON-OBVIOUSNESS If parts of the invention were known separately before, no one would have thought to combine them.

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION Thorough, clear description of how to make and use the invention.

TIMING First to file.

QUESTIONS?

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