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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2024

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81 ¹	15541	
a. By patent owner	4066	26.2%
b. by other member of the public	11300	72.7%
c. By order of Commissioner	175	1.1%
2. Number of Filings by discipline		
a. Chemical Operation	4032	25.9%
b. Electrical Operation	5978	38.5%
c. Mechanical Operation	5095	32.8%
d. Design Patents	436	2.8%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1991 309 2001 295 2011 734 2021 304		
1982 187 1992 390 2002 272 2012 780 2022 337		
1983 186 1993 359 2003 394 2013 305 2023 290		
1984 189 1994 379 2004 436 2014 355 2024 425		
1985 230 1995 395 2005 520 2015 244		
1986 232 1996 413 2006 473 2016 222		
1987 240 1997 380 2007 600 2017 191		
1988 269 1998 348 2008 690 2018 187		
1989 242 1999 391 2009 603 2019 163		
1990 297 2000 312 2010 697 2020 198		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	6099	39.2%
5. Decisions on requests ²	15536	
a. No. granted	14386	92.6%
(1) By examiner	14197	
(2) By Director (on petition)	189	
b. No. denied	1244	8.0%
(1) By examiner	1150	
(2) Reexam vacated	94	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1138	
a. Patent owner requester	533	46.8%
b. Third party requester	605	53.2%

1 Total decisions on requests does not include requests that have been vacated or are pending.

2 The Director granted requests are only granted petitions on denial under 37 CFR 1.515.

7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	25.1 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	18.7 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	13%	9%	0%	21.9%	2809
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	6%	8%	0%	14.1%	1807
c. Certificates with claims changes	35%	28%	1%	64.0%	8205

9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present) 12821

10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.

a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	6853
a. All claims confirmed	1620 23.6%
b. All claims canceled	781 11.4%
c. Claims changed	4452 65.0%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER	5794
a. All claims confirmed	1172 20.2%
b. All claims canceled	980 16.9%
c. Claims changed	3642 62.9%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	174
a. All claims confirmed	17 9.8%
b. All claims canceled	46 26.4%
c. Claims changed	111 63.8%

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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81 ¹	15114
a. By patent owner	4027 26.6%
b. by other member of the public	10912 72.2%
c. By order of Commissioner	175 1.2%
2. Number of Filings by discipline	
a. Chemical Operation	3977 26.3%
b. Electrical Operation	5796 38.3%
c. Mechanical Operation	4989 33.0%
d. Design Patents	352 2.3%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings	
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No	
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1991 309 2001 295 2011 734 2021 304	
1982 187 1992 390 2002 272 2012 780 2022 338	
1983 186 1993 359 2003 394 2013 305 2023 287	
1984 189 1994 379 2004 436 2014 355	
1985 230 1995 395 2005 520 2015 244	
1986 232 1996 413 2006 473 2016 222	
1987 240 1997 380 2007 600 2017 191	
1988 269 1998 348 2008 690 2018 187	
1989 242 1999 391 2009 603 2019 163	
1990 297 2000 312 2010 697 2020 198	
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	5593 37.0%
5. Decisions on requests ²	14485
a. No. granted	13376 92.3%
(1) By examiner	13187
(2) By Director (on petition)	189
b. No. denied	1198 8.3%
(1) By examiner	1109
(2) Reexam vacated	89
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1110
a. Patent owner requester	526 47.4%
b. Third party requester	584 52.6%

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2 The Director granted requests are only granted petitions on denial under 37 CFR 1.515.

7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	25.2 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	18.9 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	7%	15%	0%	21.6%	2675
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	3%	10%	0%	13.7%	1696
c. Certificates with claims changes	22%	42%	1%	64.7%	8012

9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present) 12383

10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.

a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	3983	
a. All claims confirmed	854	21.4%
b. All claims canceled	400	10.0%
c. Claims changed	2729	68.5%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER	8226	
a. All claims confirmed	1804	21.9%
b. All claims canceled	1250	15.2%
c. Claims changed	5172	62.9%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	174	
a. All claims confirmed	17	9.8%
b. All claims canceled	46	26.4%
c. Claims changed	111	63.8%

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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2022

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81 ¹	14827	
a. By patent owner	4001	27.0%
b. by other member of the public	10651	71.8%
c. By order of Commissioner	175	1.2%
2. Number of Filings by discipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3937	26.6%
b. Electrical Operation	5644	38.1%
c. Mechanical Operation	4917	33.2%
d. Design Patents	329	2.2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1991 309 2001 295 2011 734 2021 304		
1982 187 1992 390 2002 272 2012 780 2022 338		
1983 186 1993 359 2003 394 2013 305		
1984 189 1994 379 2004 436 2014 355		
1985 230 1995 395 2005 520 2015 244		
1986 232 1996 413 2006 473 2016 222		
1987 240 1997 380 2007 600 2017 191		
1988 269 1998 348 2008 690 2018 187		
1989 242 1999 391 2009 603 2019 163		
1990 297 2000 312 2010 697 2020 198		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	5592	37.7%
5. Decisions on requests ²	14485	
a. No. granted	13376	92.3%
(1) By examiner	13187	
(2) By Director (on petition)	189	
b. No. denied	1198	8.3%
(1) By examiner	1109	
(2) Reexam vacated	89	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1110	
a. Patent owner requester	526	47.4%
b. Third party requester	584	52.6%

1 Total decisions on requests does not include requests that have been vacated or are pending.

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7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	25.0 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	19.1 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	7%	14%	0%	21.3%	2592
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	3%	10%	0%	13.3%	1623
c. Certificates with claims changes	22%	42%	1%	65.3%	7947

9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present) 12162

10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.

a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	3980	
a. All claims confirmed	851	21.4%
b. All claims canceled	395	9.9%
c. Claims changed	2734	68.7%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER	8008	
a. All claims confirmed	1724	21.5%
b. All claims canceled	1182	14.8%
c. Claims changed	5102	63.7%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	174	
a. All claims confirmed	17	9.8%
b. All claims canceled	46	26.4%
c. Claims changed	111	63.8%

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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2021

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81 ¹	14489
a. By patent owner	3979 27.5%
b. by other member of the public	10335 71.3%
c. By order of Commissioner	175 1.2%
2. Number of Filings by discipline	
a. Chemical Operation	3889 26.8%
b. Electrical Operation	5452 37.6%
c. Mechanical Operation	4844 33.4%
d. Design Patents	304 2.1%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings	
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No	
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1991 309 2001 295 2011 734 2021 304	
1982 187 1992 390 2002 272 2012 780	
1983 186 1993 359 2003 394 2013 305	
1984 189 1994 379 2004 436 2014 355	
1985 230 1995 395 2005 520 2015 244	
1986 232 1996 413 2006 473 2016 222	
1987 240 1997 380 2007 600 2017 191	
1988 269 1998 348 2008 690 2018 187	
1989 242 1999 391 2009 603 2019 163	
1990 297 2000 312 2010 697 2020 198	
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	5593 38.6%
5. Decisions on requests ²	14491
a. No. granted	13386 92.4%
(1) By examiner	13197
(2) By Director (on petition)	189
b. No. denied	1185 8.2%
(1) By examiner	1105
(2) Reexam vacated	80
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1105
a. Patent owner requester	526 47.6%
b. Third party requester	579 52.4%

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7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	26.0 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	19.9 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	7%	14%	0%	21.2%	2530
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	3%	9%	0%	13.1%	1559
c. Certificates with claims changes	23%	42%	1%	65.8%	7854

9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present) 11943

10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.		
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER		3957
a. All claims confirmed	846	21.4%
b. All claims canceled	386	9.8%
c. Claims changed	2725	68.9%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER		7812
a. All claims confirmed	1667	21.3%
b. All claims canceled	1127	14.4%
c. Claims changed	5018	64.2%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM		174
a. All claims confirmed	17	9.8%
b. All claims canceled	46	26.4%
c. Claims changed	111	63.8%

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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2020

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81 ¹	14185	
a. By patent owner	3954	27.9%
b. by other member of the public	10056	70.9%
c. By order of Commissioner	175	1.2%
2. Number of Filings by discipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3843	27.1%
b. Electrical Operation	5279	37.2%
c. Mechanical Operation	4790	33.8%
d. Design Patents	273	1.9%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1989 242 1997 380 2005 520 2013 305		
1982 187 1990 297 1998 348 2006 473 2014 355		
1983 186 1991 309 1999 391 2007 600 2015 244		
1984 189 1992 390 2000 312 2008 690 2016 222		
1985 230 1993 359 2001 295 2009 603 2017 191		
1986 232 1994 379 2002 272 2010 697 2018 187		
1987 240 1995 395 2003 394 2011 734 2019 163		
1988 269 1996 413 2004 436 2012 780 2020 198		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	5428	38.3%
5. Decisions on requests ²		14185
a. No. granted	13082	92.2%
(1) By examiner	12888	
(2) By Director (on petition)	194	
b. No. denied	1183	8.3%
(1) By examiner	1103	
(2) Reexam vacated	80	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1103
a. Patent owner requester	525	47.6%
b. Third party requester	578	52.4%

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² The Director granted requests are only granted petitions on denial under 37 CFR 1.515.

³ Historic certificates were reviewed and the data in items 8-10 reflects the outcome of the review to the extent the data is available as of Oct 1, 2020

7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	25.7 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	19.3 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis: ³	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	6%	14%	0%	20.9%	2672
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	3%	10%	0%	13.1%	1668
c. Certificates with claims changes	22%	44%	1%	66.0%	8424

9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present) 12764

10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.

a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER		3960
a. All claims confirmed	809	20.4%
b. All claims canceled	396	10.0%
c. Claims changed	2755	69.6%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER		8630
a. All claims confirmed	1846	21.4%
b. All claims canceled	1226	14.2%
c. Claims changed	5558	64.4%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM		174
a. All claims confirmed	17	9.8%
b. All claims canceled	46	26.4%
c. Claims changed	111	63.8%

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³ Historic certificates were reviewed and the data in items 8-10 reflects the outcome of the review to the extent the data is available as of Oct 1, 2020



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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2019

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	13987	
a. By patent owner	3919	28%
b. by other member of the public	9893	71%
c. By order of Commissioner	175	1%
2. Number of Filings by discipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3791	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5214	37%
c. Mechanical Operation	4732	34%
d. Design Patents	250	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1989 242 1997 380 2005 520 2013 305		
1982 187 1990 297 1998 348 2006 473 2014 355		
1983 186 1991 309 1999 391 2007 600 2015 244		
1984 189 1992 390 2000 312 2008 690 2016 222		
1985 230 1993 359 2001 295 2009 603 2017 191		
1986 232 1994 379 2002 272 2010 697 2018 187		
1987 240 1995 395 2003 394 2011 734 2019 163		
1988 269 1996 413 2004 436 2012 780		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	1938	14%
5. Decisions on requests ²		14130
a. No. granted	12905	91%
(1) By examiner	12718	
(2) By Director (on petition)	187	
b. No. denied	1277	9%
(1) By examiner	1225	
(2) Reexam vacated	52	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1226
a. Patent owner requester	524	43%
b. Third party requester	702	57%

1 Total decisions on requests does not include requests that have been vacated or are pending.

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7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....	
a. Average pendency	25.8 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	19.4 (mos.)

8. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 - present).....				11980	
	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall	Numbers
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	20.7%	2480
b. Certificates with all claims canceled	3%	10%	0%	12.7%	1517
c. Certificates with claims changes	19%	46%	1%	66.6%	7983

9. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.

a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	3325
a. All claims confirmed	693 21%
b. All claims canceled	300 9%
c. Claims changed	2332 70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER	8481
a. All claims confirmed	1769 21%
b. All claims canceled	1170 14%
c. Claims changed	5542 65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	174
a. All claims confirmed	18 10%
b. All claims canceled	47 27%
c. Claims changed	109 63%

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Ex Parte Reexamination Filing Data - September 30, 2018

1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	14005	
a. By patent owner	4137	30%
b. by other member of the public	9825	70%
c. By order of Commissioner	43	0%
2. Number of Filings by discipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3782	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5270	38%
c. Mechanical Operation	4717	34%
d. Design Patents	236	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1989 242 1997 380 2005 520 2013 305		
1982 187 1990 297 1998 348 2006 473 2014 355		
1983 186 1991 309 1999 391 2007 601 2015 243		
1984 189 1992 390 2000 312 2008 691 2016 225		
1985 230 1993 359 2001 295 2009 605 2017 189		
1986 232 1994 379 2002 272 2010 698 2018 189		
1987 240 1995 395 2003 394 2011 736		
1988 269 1996 413 2004 436 2012 781		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4731	34%
5. Decisions on requests.....		13178
a. No. granted	12042	91%
(1) By examiner	11891	
(2) By Director (on petition)	151	
b. No. denied	1136	9%
(1) By examiner	1089	
(2) Reexam vacated	47	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		2272
a. Patent owner requester	586	26%
b. Third party requester	1686	74%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....		
a. Average pendency	27.7 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	19.8 (mos.)	

1 Total decisions on requests does not include requests that have been vacated or are pending.

data as of 9/30/2018

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	21%
b. All claims canceled	3%	10%	0%	12%
c. Claims changed	20%	47%	0%	67%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				11403
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2391	21%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1404	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			7608	67%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3337
a. All claims confirmed			690	21%
b. All claims canceled			293	9%
c. Claims changed			2313	69%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				8362
a. All claims confirmed			1681	20%
b. All claims canceled			1062	13%
c. Claims changed			5174	62%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				41
a. All claims confirmed			2	5%
b. All claims canceled			23	56%
c. Claims changed			16	39%



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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	13641	
a. By patent owner	3912	29%
b. by other member of the public	9686	71%
c. By order of Commissioner	43	0%
2. Number of Filings by dicipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3670	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5148	38%
c. Mechanical Operation	4596	34%
d. Design Patents	227	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No Fiscal Yr. No		
1981 78 (3 mos.) 1989 242 1997 380 2005 520 2013 305		
1982 187 1990 297 1998 348 2006 473 2014 355		
1983 186 1991 309 1999 391 2007 601 2015 243		
1984 189 1992 390 2000 312 2008 691 2016 219		
1985 230 1993 359 2001 295 2009 605 2017 191		
1986 232 1994 379 2002 272 2010 698		
1987 240 1995 395 2003 394 2011 736		
1988 269 1996 413 2004 436 2012 781		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4648	34%
5. Decisions on requests.....		13147
a. No. granted	12047	92%
(1) By examiner	11913	
(2) By Director (on petition)	134	
b. No. denied	1100	8%
(1) By examiner	1054	
(2) Reexam vacated	46	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1056
a. Patent owner requester	494	47%
b. Third party requester	562	53%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....		
a. Average pendency	26.4 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	19.4 (mos.)	

1 Total decisions on requests does not include requests that have been vacated or are pending.

data as of 9/30/2016

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	21%
b. All calims canceled	3%	9%	0%	12%
c. Claims changed	21%	46%	0%	67%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				11403
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2391	21%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1404	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			7608	67%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3296
a. All claims confirmed			690	21%
b. All calims canceled			293	9%
c. Claims changed			2313	70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				7917
a. All claims confirmed			1681	21%
b. All calims canceled			1062	13%
c. Claims changed			5174	65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				41
a. All claims confirmed			2	5%
b. All calims canceled			23	56%
c. Claims changed			16	39%



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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	13450	
a. By patent owner	3887	29%
b. by other member of the public	9520	71%
c. By order of Commissioner	43	0%
2. Number of Filings by dicipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3632	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5085	38%
c. Mechanical Operation	4521	34%
d. Design Patents	212	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
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4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4350	32%
5. Decisions on requests.....		12929
a. No. granted	11835	92%
(1) By examiner	11704	
(2) By Director (on petition)	131	
b. No. denied	1094	8%
(1) By examiner	1048	
(2) Reexam vacated	46	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1048
a. Patent owner requester	492	47%
b. Third party requester	556	53%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....		
a. Average pendency	25.77 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	20.2 (mos.)	

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	21%
b. All calims canceled	3%	9%	0%	12%
c. Claims changed	21%	45%	0%	66%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				10979
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2337	21%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1339	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			7303	67%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3270
a. All claims confirmed			685	21%
b. All calims canceled			291	9%
c. Claims changed			2294	70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				7519
a. All claims confirmed			1631	22%
b. All calims canceled			999	13%
c. Claims changed			4889	65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				41
a. All claims confirmed			2	5%
b. All calims canceled			23	56%
c. Claims changed			16	39%

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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	13136	
a. By patent owner	3957	30%
b. by other member of the public	9014	69%
c. By order of Commissioner	165	1%
2. Number of Filings by dicipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3569	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5265	40%
c. Mechanical Operation	4418	34%
d. Design Patents	220	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
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1987 240 1995 392 2003 392 2011 759		
1988 268 1996 418 2004 441 2012 787		
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4819	37%
5. Decisions on requests.....		12641
a. No. granted	11623	92%
(1) By examiner	11492	
(2) By Director (on petition)	131	
b. No. denied	1018	8%
(1) By examiner	980	
(2) Reexam vacated	38	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1118
a. Patent owner requester	496	44%
b. Third party requester	622	56%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....		
a. Average pendency	26.5 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	19.6 (mos.)	

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8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	21%
b. All calims canceled	3%	9%	0%	12%
c. Claims changed	21%	45%	1%	67%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				10951
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2331	21%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1334	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			7286	67%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3268
a. All claims confirmed			685	21%
b. All calims canceled			291	9%
c. Claims changed			2292	70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				7513
a. All claims confirmed			1628	22%
b. All calims canceled			998	13%
c. Claims changed			4887	65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				170
a. All claims confirmed			18	11%
b. All calims canceled			45	26%
c. Claims changed			107	63%



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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	13217	
a. By patent owner	3833	29%
b. by other member of the public	9217	70%
c. By order of Commissioner	167	1%
2. Number of Filings by dicipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3516	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5167	39%
c. Mechanical Operation	4330	33%
d. Design Patents	204	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
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4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4362	33%
5. Decisions on requests.....		12429
a. No. granted	11402	92%
(1) By examiner	11271	
(2) By Director (on petition)	131	
b. No. denied	1027	8%
(1) By examiner	990	
(2) Reexam vacated	37	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....		1067
a. Patent owner requester	665	62%
b. Third party requester	621	58%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date).....		
a. Average pendency	22.3 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	15.9 (mos.)	

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8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	22%
b. All calims canceled	3%	9%	0%	12%
c. Claims changed	21%	44%	1%	66%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				10698
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2303	22%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1301	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			7094	66%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3256
a. All claims confirmed			685	21%
b. All calims canceled			289	9%
c. Claims changed			2282	70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				7272
a. All claims confirmed			1600	22%
b. All calims canceled			967	13%
c. Claims changed			4705	65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				170
a. All claims confirmed			18	11%
b. All calims canceled			45	26%
c. Claims changed			107	63%

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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>Ex Parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	12874	
a. By patent owner	3833	30%
b. by other member of the public	8874	69%
c. By order of Commissioner	167	1%
2. Number of Filings by dicipline		
a. Chemical Operation	3435	27%
b. Electrical Operation	5001	39%
c. Mechanical Operation	4234	33%
d. Design Patents	204	2%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings		
Fiscal Yr. No	Fiscal Yr. No	Fiscal Yr. No
1981 78 (3 mos.	1989 243	1997 376
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1984 189	1992 392	2000 318
1985 230	1993 359	2001 296
1986 232	1994 379	2002 272
1987 240	1995 392	2003 392
1988 268	1996 418	2004 441
2005 524	2006 511	2007 643
2008 680	2009 658	2010 780
2011 759	2012 787	2013 305
4. Number known to be in litigation.....	4167	32%
5. Decisions on requests.....	12016	
a. No. granted	11013	92%
(1) By examiner	10891	
(2) By Director (on petition)	122	
b. No. denied	1003	8%
(1) By examiner	968	
(2) Reexam vacated	35	
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1067	
a. Patent owner requester	498	47%
b. Third party requester	606	57%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)		
a. Average pendency	27.8 (mos.)	
b. Median pendency	20.1 (mos.)	

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8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requeste	3rd Party Requeste	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	6%	15%	0%	21%
b. All calims canceled	3%	8%	0%	11%
c. Claims changed	21%	40%	1%	62%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				9991
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2241	22%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1205	12%
c. Certificates with claims changes			6545	66%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3279
a. All claims confirmed			682	21%
b. All calims canceled			283	9%
c. Claims changed			2239	68%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				7174
a. All claims confirmed			1541	21%
b. All calims canceled			882	12%
c. Claims changed			4201	59%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				164
a. All claims confirmed			18	11%
b. All calims canceled			40	24%
c. Claims changed			105	64%

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1. Total requests filed since start of <i>ex parte</i> reexam on 07/01/81.....	12569
a. By patent owner	3872 31%
b. by other member of the public	8532 68%
c. By order of Commissioner	165 1%
2. Number a. Chemical Operation	3373 27%
b. Electrical Operation	4831 38%
c. Mechanical Operation	4178 33%
d. Design Patents	187 1%
3. Annual <i>Ex Parte</i> Reexam Filings	
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4. Number known to be in litigation.....	3994 32%
5. Decisions on requests.....	11737
a. No. granted.....	10755 92%
(1) By examiner	10762
(2) By Director (on petition)	122
b. No. denied.....	982 8%
(1) By examiner	961
(2) Reexam vacated	35
6. Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	1078
a. Patent owner requester	496 46%
b. Third party requester	582 54%
7. Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)	
a. Average pendency	27.9 (mos.)
b. Median pendency	20.5 (mos.)

8. Reexam certificate claim analysis:	Owner Requester	3rd Party Requester	Comm'r Initiate	Overall
a. All claims confirmed	21%	22%	11%	21%
b. All calims canceled	8%	12%	24%	11%
c. Claims changed	71%	66%	65%	68%
9. Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				9328
a. Certificates with all claims confirmed			2029	22%
b. Certificates with all claims canceled			1063	11%
c. Certificates with claims changes			6236	67%
10. Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3rd party or Commissioner initiated.				
a. Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER				3176
a. All claims confirmed			669	21%
b. All calims canceled			280	9%
c. Claims changed			2227	70%
b. Certificates – 3rd PARTY REQUESTER				6026
a. All claims confirmed			1348	22%
b. All calims canceled			745	12%
c. Claims changed			3933	65%
c. Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM				164
a. All claims confirmed			18	11%
b. All calims canceled			38	23%
c. Claims changed			108	66%



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6.	Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....				1014	
	a.	Patent owner requester	476	47%		
	b.	Third party requester	538	53%		
7.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)					
	a.	Average pendency	25.6 (mos.)			
	b.	Median pendency	19.9 (mos.)			
8.	Reexam certificate claim analysis:	<u>Owner Requester</u>	<u>3rd Party Requester</u>	<u>Comm'r Initiated</u>	<u>Overall</u>	
	a.	All claims confirmed	21%	24%	11%	23%
	b.	All claims cancelled	9%	12%	23%	11%
	c.	Claims changes	70%	64%	66%	66%
9.	Total <i>ex parte</i> reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)				8578	
	a.	Certificates with all claims confirmed	1943	23%		
	b.	Certificates with all claims canceled	974	11%		
	c.	Certificates with claims changes	5661	66%		
10.	Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3 rd party or Commissioner initiated.					
	a.	Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER			3040	
		(1) All claims confirmed	651	21%		
		(2) All claims canceled	264	9%		
		(3) Claim changes	2125	70%		
	b.	Certificates – 3 rd PARTY REQUESTER			5380	
		(1) All claims confirmed	1274	24%		
		(2) All claims canceled	674	12%		
		(3) Claim changes	3432	64%		
	c.	Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM			158	
		(1) All claims confirmed	18	11%		
		(2) All claims canceled	36	23%		
		(3) Claim changes	104	66%		



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6.	Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	926		
a.	Patent owner requester	451	49%	
b.	Third party requester	475	51%	
7.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)			
a.	Average pendency	25.5 (mos.)		
b.	Median pendency	20.0 (mos.)		
8.	Reexam certificate claim analysis:			
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		<u>Requester</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Initiated</u>
a.	All claims confirmed	22%	25%	12%
b.	All claims cancelled	8%	13%	23%
c.	Claims changes	70%	62%	65%
9.	Total <i>ex parte</i> reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)	7782		
a.	Certificates with all claims confirmed	1817	23%	
b.	Certificates with all claims canceled	893	12%	
c.	Certificates with claims changes	5072	65%	
10.	Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3 rd party or Commissioner initiated.			
a.	Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	2947		
(1)	All claims confirmed	638	22%	
(2)	All claims canceled	251	8%	
(3)	Claim changes	2058	70%	
b.	Certificates – 3 rd PARTY REQUESTER	4681		
(1)	All claims confirmed	1161	25%	
(2)	All claims canceled	607	13%	
(3)	Claim changes	2913	62%	
c.	Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	154		
(1)	All claims confirmed	18	12%	
(2)	All claims canceled	35	23%	
(3)	Claim changes	101	65%	



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6.	Total examiner denials (includes denials reversed by Director).....	870		
a.	Patent owner requester	445	51%	
b.	Third party requester	425	49%	
7.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)			
a.	Average pendency	25.2 (mos.)		
b.	Median pendency	19.7 (mos.)		
8.	Reexam certificate claim analysis:			
		<u>Owner</u>	<u>3rd Party</u>	<u>Comm'r</u>
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a.	All claims confirmed	22%	26%	12%
b.	All claims cancelled	8%	13%	23%
c.	Claims changes	70%	61%	65%
9.	Total <i>ex parte</i> reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)	7089		
a.	Certificates with all claims confirmed	1725	25%	
b.	Certificates with all claims canceled	807	11%	
c.	Certificates with claims changes	4557	64%	
10.	Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3 rd party or Commissioner initiated.			
a.	Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER	2827		
(1)	All claims confirmed	625	22%	
(2)	All claims canceled	233	8%	
(3)	Claim changes	1969	70%	
b.	Certificates – 3 rd PARTY REQUESTER	4111		
(1)	All claims confirmed	1082	26%	
(2)	All claims canceled	540	13%	
(3)	Claim changes	2489	61%	
c.	Certificates – COMMISSIONER INITIATED REEXAM	151		
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(3)	Claim changes	99	65%	



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6.	Total examiner denials (includes denials reserved by Director).....	830		
a.	Patent owner requester	441	53%	
b.	Third party requester	389	47%	
7.	Overall reexamination pendency (Filing date to certificate issue date)			
a.	Average pendency	24.5 (mos.)		
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c.	Claims changes	70%	59%	67%
9.	Total ex parte reexamination certificates issued (1981 – present)			6457
a.	Certificates with all claims confirmed		1624	25%
b.	Certificates with all claims canceled		721	11%
c.	Certificates with claims changes		4112	64%
10.	Reexam claim analysis – requester is patent owner or 3 rd party; or Comm'r initiated.			
a.	Certificates – PATENT OWNER REQUESTER			2722
	(1) All claims confirmed		611	22%
	(2) All claims canceled		214	8%
	(3) Claim changes		1897	70%
b.	Certificates – 3 rd PARTY REQUESTER			3588
	(1) All claims confirmed		995	28%
	(2) All claims canceled		476	13%
	(3) Claim changes		2117	59%
c.	Certificates – COMM'R INITIATED REEXAM			147
	(1) All claims confirmed		18	12%
	(2) All claims canceled		31	21%
	(3) Claim changes		98	67%