



Top 300 Organizations Granted U.S. Patents in 2007

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This annual report listing the organizations that received the most U.S. utility patents is being published by IPO for the 25th consecutive year. It is based on data obtained from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Patents granted to parent and subsidiary companies are combined in some instances. See the end notes for background on how the report was prepared.

IPO does not intend for this report to encourage or discourage patenting. Some critics believe companies are applying for too many patents. In 2007 the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office announced that it would no longer publish its own report on organizations receiving the most patents, because it wanted to discourage “any perception that we believe more is better.” IPO has opted to continue publishing this IPO report, however, because the number of patents granted is one of the few objective measures of the patent system as a whole and the patenting activities of individual industries and companies. IPO and others are studying ways to develop more reliable measures of patent quality.

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2007 Patent Owners Numerical Listing

Rank	Organization	Patent	Rank	Organization	Patent
1	International Business Machines Corp.	3,125	45	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	454
2	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	2,723	46	Lucent Technologies Inc.	432
3	Canon K.K.	2,047	47	Boeing Co.	428
4	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	1,972	48	LG Philips LCD Co., Ltd.	418
5	Intel Corp.	1,864	49	Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.	413
6	Toshiba Corp.	1,734	50	Hynix Semiconductor Inc.	405
7	Microsoft Corp.	1,662	51	Boston Scientific Corp.	403
8	Micron Technology, Inc.	1,484	52	Konica Corp.	386
9	Hewlett-Packard Co.	1,470	53	United Technologies Corp.	367
10	Sony Corp.	1,454	54	Delphi Technologies, Inc.	356
11	Siemens AG	1,432	55	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	352
12	Hitachi, Ltd	1,381	56	Toyota Jidosha K.K.	351
13	General Electric Co.	1,369	57	TDK Corp.	338
14	Fujitsu Ltd.	1,293	58	University of California, Regents of	333
15	Seiko Epson Corp.	1,205	59	Brother Kogyo K.K.	325
16	Infineon Technologies AG	847	60	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	322
17	Denso Corp.	753	61	Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Netherlands B.V.	322
18	Texas Instruments, Inc.	749	62	Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co., Ltd.	321
19	Ricoh Co., Ltd.	727	63	BASF Group	315
20	AT&T	726	64	Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	315
21	LG Electronics Inc.	682	65	Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.	313
22	Nokia Corp.	679	66	Applied Materials, Inc.	310
23	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	677	67	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	305
24	Fujifilm Corp.	660	68	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	304
25	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	658	69	Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd	294
26	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.	654	70	Avago Technologies (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	291
27	Sharp Corp.	646	71	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	284
28	Motorola, Inc.	631	72	Qualcomm, Inc.	284
29	Honeywell International Inc.	605	73	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	282
30	DuPont	601	74	Genentech, Inc.	281
31	NEC Corp.	600	75	OKI Electric Industry Co., Ltd.	279
32	Cisco Technology, Inc.	580	76	Procter & Gamble Co.	278
33	Robert Bosch GmbH	568	77	Nortel Networks Ltd.	272
34	Johnson & Johnson	550	78	Altera Corp.	268
35	General Motors Corp.	539	79	United States of America, Navy	268
36	Broadcom Corp.	533	80	ASML Holding N.V.	266
37	Silverbrook Research Pty., Ltd.	533	81	NEC Electronics Corp.	261
38	Eastman Kodak Co.	514	82	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	259
39	Xerox Corp.	514	83	Olympus Corp.	256
40	Renesas Technology Corp.	505	84	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	253
41	STMicroelectronics, Inc.	486	85	Medtronic Inc.	250
42	3M Innovative Properties Co.	473	86	LSI Logic Corp.	247
43	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	467	87	Lockheed Martin Corp.	244
44	Mitsubishi Denki K.K.	459			

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88	ExxonMobil Corp.	239	134	Rohm Co. Ltd.	143
89	Seagate Technology, LLC	237	135	Analog Devices, Inc.	142
90	Xilinx, Inc.	233	136	Finisar Corp.	142
91	Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan	229	137	Massachusetts Institute Of Technology	141
92	Pfizer Inc.	228	138	Ben Q Corp.	138
93	National Semiconductor Corp.	227	139	Monsanto Co.	138
94	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	225	140	Shell Oil Co.	138
95	Pioneer Corp.	223	141	Interdigital Technology Corp.	137
96	Thomson Licensing S.A.	221	142	SanDisk Corp.	135
97	Schlumberger Technology Corp.	217	143	Nikon Corp.	134
98	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute	206	144	Northrop Grumman Corp.	134
99	GlaxoSmithKline	205	145	Dell Products, L.P.	133
100	Chrysler LLC	203	146	Macronix International Co., Ltd.	129
101	Agere Systems Inc.	193	147	Rohm and Haas Co.	129
102	Caterpillar Inc.	193	148	Lear Corp.	127
103	Sprint Communications Co., L.P.	193	149	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	126
104	Dongbu Electronics Co., Ltd.	189	150	Mediatek Inc.	126
105	Corning Inc.	187	151	Raytheon Co.	126
106	Black & Decker Inc.	184	152	United Microelectronics Corp.	125
107	VIA Technologies, Inc.	183	153	Funai Electric Co., Ltd.	123
108	AU Optronics Corp.	181	154	Eaton Corp.	121
109	NXP B.V.	181	155	Wyeth	119
110	Yamaha Corp.	174	156	Apple, Inc.	118
111	EMC Corp.	173	157	California Institute Of Technology	116
112	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	173	158	NGK Insulators Ltd.	116
113	Baker Hughes Inc.	172	159	Pacesetter, Inc.	116
114	Alps Electric Co., Ltd.	168	160	Cypress Semiconductor Corp.	115
115	Oracle International Corp.	168	161	Minolta Camera Co., Ltd.	113
116	Sharp Laboratories Of America, Inc.	168	162	Spansion LLC	113
117	Lexmark International, Inc.	167	163	Hyundai Motor Co.	109
118	EADS	166	164	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.	109
119	Tyco Electronics Corp.	166	165	Nvidia Corp.	108
120	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	164	166	CNH America LLC	106
121	Deere & Co.	164	167	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	106
122	L'Oreal S.A.	163	168	Toyoda Gosei K.K.	106
123	Marvell International Ltd.	160	169	Hong Fu Jin Precision Industry (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	105
124	Alcatel	154	170	Omron Corp.	105
125	Sanofi-Aventis	153	171	Merck Patent Gesellschaft Mit Beschränkter Haftung	104
126	SAP AG	150	172	NCR Corp.	103
127	Research In Motion Ltd.	149	173	Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.	103
128	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd.	149	174	AstraZeneca AB	100
129	Sumitomo Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	149	175	Nitto Denko Corp.	100
130	Merck & Co., Inc.	146	176	Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.	99
131	Yazaki Corp.	146	177	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	99
132	NTT Docomo, Inc.	145	178	KLA-Tencor Technologies Corp.	98
133	United States Of America, Army	144			

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179	Pentax Corp.	98	226	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	77
180	Verizon	98	227	International Rectifier Corp.	77
181	Shin Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	97	228	Network Appliance, Inc.	77
182	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	97	229	Dow Chemical Co.	76
183	Amgen, Inc.	96	230	Fu Zhun Precision Industrial Co., Ltd.	76
184	Rolls-Royce PLC	96	231	Realtek Semiconductor Corp.	76
185	International Game Technology (IGT)	95	232	BAE Systems Information And Electronic Systems Integration, Inc.	75
186	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	94	233	Minebea Co., Ltd.	75
187	Advantest Corp.	93	234	HRL Laboratories, LLC	74
188	Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen AG	93	235	Kao Corp.	74
189	Acushnet Co.	92	236	Unilever	74
190	Delta Electronics Inc.	92	237	Degussa AG	73
191	Lenovo PTE Ltd.	92	238	Shimano Inc.	73
192	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.	91	239	Synopsys Inc.	73
193	Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique	91	240	Applera Corp.	72
194	Fanuc Ltd.	91	241	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	72
195	NSK Ltd.	91	242	Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.	71
196	Rockwell Automation Technologies, Inc.	91	243	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	71
197	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	91	244	Casio Computer Co., Ltd.	70
198	Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.	91	245	Kyocera Corp.	70
199	Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	90	246	United States of America, National Aeronautics and Space Administration	70
200	Institut Francais du Petrole	90	247	Eli Lilly and Co.	69
201	Silicon Laboratories Inc.	90	248	Hitachi Displays, Ltd.	69
202	University of Texas	90	249	Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.	69
203	ADC Telecommunications, Inc.	89	250	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.	68
204	LAM Research Corp.	89	251	Avaya Technology Corp.	68
205	Air Liquide Corp.	87	252	Schering Corp.	68
206	Japan Science and Technology Agency	87	253	Takata Corp.	68
207	Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	87	254	Alstom Technology Ltd.	67
208	Aisin Seiki K.K.	86	255	Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.	67
209	Rambus, Inc.	86	256	Novellus Systems, Inc.	66
210	Unisys Corp.	86	257	Uni-Charm Corp.	66
211	Inventec Corp.	85	258	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	65
212	Stanford University	85	259	Sandia Corp.	65
213	Elpida Memory, Inc.	84	260	Thales	65
214	Hitachi High-Technologies Corp.	83	261	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	64
215	ITT Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.	83	262	Palo Alto Research Center Inc.	63
216	AOL LLC	82	263	Cirrus Logic, Inc.	62
217	Atmel Corp.	82	264	JDS Uniphase Corp.	62
218	Fujinon Corp.	82	265	ARM Ltd.	60
219	Henkel Corp.	82	266	Digimarc Corp.	60
220	Juniper Networks, Inc.	82	267	Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Ltd.	60
221	Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.	82	268	Bosch Siemens Hausgerate GmbH	59
222	Visteon Global Technologies, Inc.	80	269	Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	59
223	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	79	270	Sci-Med Life Systems, Inc.	59
224	Ebara Corp.	79			
225	Seiko Instruments Inc.	79			

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271	Bridgestone Sports Co., Ltd.	58			
272	Headway Technologies, Inc.	58			
273	Callaway Golf Co.	57			
274	Ciena Corp.	57			
275	Komatsu Ltd.	57			
276	Shinko Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	57			
277	University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc.	57			
278	Adobe Systems, Inc.	56			
279	BEA Systems, Inc.	56			
280	British Telecommunication, PLC	56			
281	Daikin Industries Ltd.	56			
282	SRI Sports Ltd.	56			
283	Western Digital Technologies, Inc.	56			
284	Whirlpool Corp.	56			
285	Allergan, Inc.	55			
286	Columbia University	55			
287	Eastman Chemical Co.	55			
288	FCI Americas Technology, Inc.	55			
289	Abbott Laboratories	54			
290	Cornell Research Foundation Inc.	54			
291	K.K. Toyota Jidoshokki	54			
292	Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.	54			
293	Stine Seed Farm, Inc.	54			
294	DirecTV Group, Inc.	53			
295	Hoya Corp.	53			
296	Kaneka Corp.	53			
297	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology	53			
298	Okidata Corp.	53			
299	Rockwell Collins, Inc.	53			
300	Shimadzu Corp.	53			
301	Veritas Operating Corp.	53			

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289	Abbott Laboratories	54	120	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	164
189	Acushnet Co.	92	280	British Telecommunication, PLC	56
203	ADC Telecommunications, Inc.	89	36	Broadcom Corp.	533
278	Adobe Systems, Inc.	56	59	Brother Kogyo K.K.	325
250	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.	68	269	Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	59
68	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	304	157	California Institute Of Technology	116
242	Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.	71	273	Callaway Golf Co.	57
187	Advantest Corp.	93	3	Canon K.K.	2,047
101	Agere Systems Inc.	193	149	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	126
73	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	282	244	Casio Computer Co., Ltd.	70
205	Air Liquide Corp.	87	102	Caterpillar Inc.	193
258	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	65	100	Chrysler LLC	203
208	Aisin Seiki K.K.	86	192	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.	91
233	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	79	274	Ciena Corp.	57
124	Alcatel	154	263	Cirrus Logic, Inc.	62
285	Allergan, Inc.	55	32	Cisco Technology, Inc.	580
114	Alps Electric Co., Ltd.	168	166	CNH America LLC	106
254	Alstom Technology Ltd.	67	286	Columbia University	55
78	Altera Corp.	268	193	Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique	91
183	Amgen, Inc.	96	290	Cornell Research Foundation Inc.	54
135	Analog Devices, Inc.	142	105	Corning Inc.	187
216	AOL LLC	82	186	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	94
156	Apple, Inc.	118	160	Cypress Semiconductor Corp.	115
240	Applera Corp.	72	199	Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd.	90
66	Applied Materials, Inc.	310	281	Daikin Industries Ltd.	56
265	ARM Ltd.	60	121	Deere & Co.	164
80	ASML Holding N.V.	266	237	Degussa AG	73
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217	Atmel Corp.	82	190	Delta Electronics Inc.	92
108	AU Optronics Corp.	181	17	Denso Corp.	753
70	Avago Technologies (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	291	266	Digimarc Corp.	60
251	Avaya Technology Corp.	68	294	DirecTV Group, Inc.	53
232	BAE Systems Information And Electronic Systems Integration, Inc.	75	104	Dongbu Electronics Co., Ltd.	189
113	Baker Hughes Inc.	172	229	Dow Chemical Co.	76
63	BASF Group	315	30	DuPont	601
279	BEA Systems, Inc.	56	118	EADS	166
138	Ben Q Corp.	138	287	Eastman Chemical Co.	55
106	Black & Decker Inc.	184	38	Eastman Kodak Co.	514
47	Boeing Co.	428	154	Eaton Corp.	121
268	Bosch Siemens Hausgerate GmbH	59	224	Ebara Corp.	79
51	Boston Scientific Corp.	403	98	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute	206

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88	ExxonMobil Corp.	239	267	Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Ltd.	60
194	Fanuc Ltd.	91	206	Japan Science and Technology Agency	87
288	FCI Americas Technology, Inc.	55	264	JDS Uniphase Corp.	62
136	Finisar Corp.	142	34	Johnson & Johnson	550
55	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	352	220	Juniper Networks, Inc.	82
60	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	322	291	K.K. Toyota Jidoshokki	54
230	Fu Zhun Precision Industrial Co., Ltd.	76	296	Kaneka Corp.	53
69	Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd	294	235	Kao Corp.	74
65	Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.	313	112	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	173
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295	Hoya Corp.	53	85	Medtronic Inc.	250
234	HRL Laboratories, LLC	74	130	Merck & Co., Inc.	146
50	Hynix Semiconductor Inc.	405	171	Merck Patent Gesellschaft Mit Beschränkter Haftung	104
163	Hyundai Motor Co.	109	249	Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A.	69
82	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	259	8	Micron Technology, Inc.	1,484
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172	NCR Corp.	103	142	SanDisk Corp.	135
31	NEC Corp.	600	125	Sanofi-Aventis	153
81	NEC Electronics Corp.	261	45	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	454
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158	NGK Insulators Ltd.	116	252	Schering Corp.	68
143	Nikon Corp.	134	97	Schlumberger Technology Corp.	217
261	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	64	270	Sci-Med Life Systems, Inc.	59
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256	Novellus Systems, Inc.	66	116	Sharp Laboratories Of America, Inc.	168
195	NSK Ltd.	91	140	Shell Oil Co.	138
132	NTT Docomo, Inc.	145	300	Shimadzu Corp.	53
165	Nvidia Corp.	108	238	Shimano Inc.	73
109	NXP B.V.	181	181	Shin Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	97
75	OKI Electric Industry Co., Ltd.	279	276	Shinko Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	57
298	Okidata Corp.	53	11	Siemens AG	1,432
83	Olympus Corp.	256	201	Silicon Laboratories Inc.	90
170	Omron Corp.	105	37	Silverbrook Research Pty., Ltd.	533
115	Oracle International Corp.	168	10	Sony Corp.	1,454
159	Pacesetter, Inc.	116	162	Spansion LLC	113
262	Palo Alto Research Center Inc.	63	103	Sprint Communications Co., L.P.	193
179	Pentax Corp.	98	282	SRI Sports Ltd.	56
92	Pfizer Inc.	228	212	Stanford University	85
95	Pioneer Corp.	223	293	Stine Seed Farm, Inc.	54
243	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	71	41	STMicroelectronics, Inc.	486
76	Procter & Gamble Co.	278	164	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.	109
72	Qualcomm, Inc.	284	129	Sumitomo Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	149
209	Rambus, Inc.	86	255	Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.	67
151	Raytheon Co.	126	173	Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.	103
231	Realtek Semiconductor Corp.	76	25	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	658
40	Renesas Technology Corp.	505	239	Synopsys Inc.	73
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299	Rockwell Collins, Inc.	53	18	Texas Instruments, Inc.	749
147	Rohm and Haas Co.	129	260	Thales	65
134	Rohm Co. Ltd.	143	96	Thomson Licensing S.A.	221
184	Rolls-Royce PLC	96	94	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	225
128	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd.	149	6	Toshiba Corp.	1,734
			168	Toyoda Gosei K.K.	106

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56	Toyota Jidosha K.K.	351			
119	Tyco Electronics Corp.	166			
177	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	99			
257	Uni-Charm Corp.	66			
236	Unilever	74			
210	Unisys Corp.	86			
152	United Microelectronics Corp.	125			
133	United States Of America, Army	144			
246	United States of America, National Aeronautics and Space Administration	70			
79	United States of America, Navy	268			
53	United Technologies Corp.	367			
58	University of California, Regents of	333			
277	University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc.	57			
202	University of Texas	90			
301	Veritas Operating Corp.	53			
180	Verizon	98			
107	VIA Technologies, Inc.	183			
221	Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.	82			
222	Visteon Global Technologies, Inc.	80			
182	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	97			
283	Western Digital Technologies, Inc.	56			
284	Whirlpool Corp.	56			
197	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	91			
155	Wyeth	119			
39	Xerox Corp.	514			
90	Xilinx, Inc.	233			
110	Yamaha Corp.	174			
198	Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.	91			
131	Yazaki Corp.	146			
188	Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen AG	93			

Notes:

1. The number of patents granted does not necessarily indicate the value of a company's technology, the effectiveness of its R & D, or whether it will be profitable. The number of patents per company varies widely from industry to industry and from company to company within an industry.
2. This report was compiled by IPO from data provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Patents reported are utility patents granted during calendar year 2007 that listed the organization or a subsidiary as the owner on the printed patent document. If an assignment of rights to an organization or its subsidiary was recorded after the patent document was printed, the patent was not counted. Patents in the name of a majority-owned subsidiary are included with patents of the parent organization if the organization asked IPO to include subsidiaries. Patents that were granted to two or more organizations jointly are attributed to the organization listed first on the patent document.
3. The number of utility patents granted by the USPTO declined to 153,283 in 2007 from 173,771 in 2006.
4. IPO has published this report annually since 1984 as a service to its members. For annual lists go to www.ipo.org/TopPatentOwners.
5. Next year IPO will list patents under the name of the parent organization that are granted to majority-owned subsidiaries if the organization provides the names of its majority-owned subsidiaries to IPO by March 1, 2009.
6. IPO makes reasonable efforts to avoid errors, but cannot assure complete accuracy.