

Top 300 Organizations Granted U.S. Patents in 2010

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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 28th 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.

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2010 Patent Owners

Numerical Listing

Rank	Organization	Patents	Rank	Organization	Patents
1	International Business Machines Corp.	5,866	45	Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.	733
2	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	4,518	46	DuPont	694
3	Microsoft Corp.	3,121	47	Mitsubishi Denki K.K.	692
4	Hitachi, Ltd.	2,852	48	Schlumberger Technology Corp.	664
5	Canon K.K.	2,656	49	Boeing Co.	658
6	Panasonic Corp.	2,536	50	Motorola, Inc.	656
7	Toshiba Corp.	2,212	51	SAP AG	645
8	Sony Corp.	2,130	52	STMicroelectronics, Inc.	607
9	Siemens Corp.	1,743	53	Robert Bosch GmbH	586
10	Intel Corp.	1,652	54	Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.	571
11	Fujitsu Ltd.	1,646	55	Apple	563
12	Hewlett-Packard Co.	1,596	56	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	522
13	General Electric Co.	1,516	57	United Technologies Corp.	510
14	LG Electronics Inc.	1,488	58	3M Innovative Properties Co.	492
15	Seiko Epson Corp.	1,438	59	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	489
16	NEC Corp.	1,283	60	Renesas Technology Corp.	488
17	Oracle	1,222	61	Konica Minolta Holdings, Inc.	485
18	Ricoh Co., Ltd.	1,198	62	Applied Materials, Inc.	482
19	Cisco Technology, Inc.	1,114	63	Research In Motion Ltd.	477
20	Honeywell International Inc.	1,074	64	Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan	476
21	Xerox Corp.	1,026	65	Marvell International Ltd.	474
22	Fujifilm Corp.	1,025	66	Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute	460
23	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	987	67	Hong Fu Jin Precision Industry (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	456
24	AT&T Corp.	980	68	Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	438
25	Hynix Semiconductor Inc.	973	69	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	438
26	Broadcom Corp.	958	70	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	435
27	General Motors Corp.	940	71	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	435
28	Toyota Jidosha K.K.	936	72	TE Connectivity Ltd.	409
29	Micron Technology, Inc.	928	73	Olympus Corp.	402
30	Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co., Ltd.	874	74	Procter & Gamble Co.	396
31	Texas Instruments, Inc.	827	75	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	388
32	Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.	804	76	Merck & Co., Inc.	370
33	Denso Corp.	797	77	AU Optronics Corp.	365
34	Sharp Corp.	794	78	Baker Hughes Inc.	362
35	Alcatel-Lucent	794	79	TDK Corp.	359
36	Johnson & Johnson	790	80	Exxon Mobil Corp.	355
37	Qualcomm, Inc.	772	81	Eastman Kodak Co.	352
38	Brother Kogyo K.K.	770	82	Sprint Nextel Corp.	352
39	Infineon Technologies AG	763	83	University of California, The Regents of	349
40	Nokia Corp.	758	84	EADS N.V.	347
41	Silverbrook Research Pty. Ltd.	752	85	Samsung Mobile Display Co., Ltd.	335
42	Boston Scientific Corp.	740	86	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	335
43	LG Display Co., Ltd.	737			
44	Medtronic Inc.	735			

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90	Monsanto Technology, LLC	308	137	Macronix International Co., Ltd.	191
91	EMC Corp.	307	138	Hyundai Motor Co.	190
92	United States of America, Navy	302	139	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	190
93	Lockheed Martin Corp.	298	140	Stanley Black & Decker Inc.	190
94	Yahoo, Inc.	290	141	OKI Semiconductor Co., Ltd.	189
95	Seagate Technology, LLC	289	142	Dell Products, L.P.	185
96	Dow Chemical Co.	287	143	Kyocera Mita Corp.	185
97	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	280	144	Novartis AG	183
98	NTT Docomo, Inc.	277	145	Lexmark International, Inc.	180
99	Google, Inc.	275	146	Nortel Networks Ltd.	180
100	Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd.	272	147	Shell Oil Co.	178
101	Xilinx, Inc.	265	148	Fu Zhun Precision Industrial (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	177
102	Pfizer Inc.	264	149	Sumitomo Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	175
103	International Game Technology (IGT)	262	150	Yamaha Hatsudoki K.K., Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.	175
104	Thomson Licensing	262	151	GlaxoSmithKline	175
105	Caterpillar Inc.	260	152	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	174
106	Dongbu Hitek Co., Ltd.	259	153	Casio Computer Co. Ltd.	171
107	Corning Inc.	259	154	LG Chemical Ltd.	171
108	Sandisk Corp.	258	155	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	164
109	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.	251	156	Aptina Imaging Corp.	164
110	Elpida Memory, Inc.	250	157	L'Oreal S.A.	161
111	Sanofi-Aventis	246	158	Nitto Denko Corp.	160
112	Altera Corp.	240	159	Rohm Co. Ltd.	160
113	NXP B.V.	240	160	United Microelectronics Corp.	159
114	Funai Electric Co., Ltd.	237	161	Merck Patent GmbH	157
115	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	236	162	Shin Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.	157
116	Agere Systems Inc.	235	163	Stanford University	155
117	Delphi Technologies, Inc.	232	164	Rockwell Automation Technologies, Inc.	153
118	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	230	165	Yazaki Corp.	152
119	Mediatek Inc.	229	166	Interdigital Technology Corp.	151
120	Nvidia Corp.	229	167	Pioneer Corp.	150
121	Adobe Systems, Inc.	227	168	Japan Science and Technology Agency	148
122	Juniper Networks, Inc.	221	169	Tyco Healthcare Group L.P.	148
123	Nikon Corp.	218	170	Netapp, Inc.	147
124	ASML Netherlands B.V.	216	171	Stats Chippac Ltd.	147
125	Hoya Corp.	212	172	Amgen, Inc.	147
126	Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB	210	173	United States of America, Army	146
127	Deere & Co.	209	174	ZF Friedrichshafen, AG	145
128	Avaya Technology Corp.	208	175	VIA Technologies, Inc.	144
129	Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique	207	176	Spansion LLC	143
130	LSI Corp.	205	177	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	143
131	Raytheon Co.	205	178	Analog Devices, Inc.	142
132	National Semiconductor Corp.	204			
133	Qimonda AG	204			

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179	Advantest Corp.	137	224	Abbott Laboratories	105
180	Cypress Semiconductor Corp.	137	225	Allergan, Inc.	105
181	NGK Insulators Ltd.	137	226	Cheng Uei Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	104
182	Pacesetter, Inc.	137	227	Seiko Instruments Inc.	104
183	Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc.	136	228	Tsinghua University	104
184	Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	136	229	ARM Ltd.	101
185	Finisar Corp.	135	230	Computer Associates Think, Inc.	101
186	Globalfoundries Inc.	135	231	Okidata Corp.	101
187	United States of America, Department of Health & Human Services	135	232	United States of America, National Aeronautics and Space Administration	101
188	California Institute of Technology	134	233	Tessera, Inc.	101
189	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.	132	234	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.	100
190	Schneider Electric	130	235	American Express Travel Related Services Co., Inc.	100
191	Kyocera Corp.	129	236	Delta Electronics Inc.	100
192	Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	128	237	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Zur Foerderung Der Angewandten Forschung E.V.	97
193	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	126	238	Rockwell Collins, Inc.	97
194	Eaton Corp.	125	239	Trading Technologies International, Inc.	96
195	Dai Nippon Printing Co. Ltd.	124	240	Avago Technologies IP (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	94
196	Sabic Innovative Plastics, IP B.V.	124	241	Cree, Inc.	94
197	Showa Denko K.K.	123	242	NTN Corp.	94
198	Nike, Inc.	122	243	Alstom Technology Ltd.	93
199	University of Texas	122	244	Hamamatsu Photonics K.K.	93
200	Daikin Industries Ltd.	121	245	Invention Science Fund I, LLC	93
201	Jtekt Corp.	120	246	Pitney Bowes Inc.	93
202	Genentech, Inc.	119	247	Accenture	93
203	Rolls-Royce PLC	119	248	Atmel Corp.	91
204	Societe Nationale d'Etude et de Construction de Moteurs d'Aviation	119	249	ITT Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.	91
205	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	118	250	Toyoda Gosei K.K.	91
206	Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.	117	251	Nintendo Co., Ltd.	90
207	Astrazeneca AB	116	252	Thales	90
208	LAM Research Corp.	116	253	Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.	90
209	Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.	116	254	BAE Systems, Inc.	90
210	Acushnet Co.	113	255	Intuit, Inc.	89
211	Kao Corp.	113	256	Shimano Inc.	89
212	Fujinon Corp.	111	257	Himax Technologies Ltd.	88
213	Shinko Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	111	258	PPG Industries Ohio Inc.	87
214	Aisin Seiki K.K.	110	259	Whirlpool Corp.	86
215	CNH America LLC	109	260	Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH	85
216	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	109	261	Omron Corp.	85
217	AOL LLC	108	262	University of Illinois	85
218	Chevron Corp.	108	263	Becton, Dickinson and Co.	84
219	Ibiden Co., Ltd.	108	264	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique - CNRS	84
220	Dongbu Electronics Co., Ltd.	107	265	JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	84
221	Harris Corp.	107	266	Novell, Inc.	84
222	Fairchild Semiconductor Corp.	106	267	Synopsys Inc.	84
223	Realtek Semiconductor Corp.	106			

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268	France Telecom	83
269	University of South Florida	83
270	Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.	82
271	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.	82
272	Columbia University	82
273	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	82
274	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	82
275	Ebay Inc.	81
276	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology	81
277	Air Liquide	81
278	HRL Laboratories, LLC	80
279	Integrated Device Technology, Inc.	80
280	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	79
281	Chrysler Group LLC	79
282	Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.	79
283	Evonik Degussa GmbH	78
284	Shenzhen Futaihong Precision Industrial Co., Ltd.	78
285	Takata Corp.	78
286	University of Michigan	78
287	Red Hat, Inc.	77
288	United Services Automobile Association (USAA)	77
289	University of Pennsylvania	77
290	Idemitsu Kosan Co. Ltd.	76
291	Inventec Corp.	76
292	Schaeffler KG	76
293	Semiconductor Components Industries, LLC	76
294	Institut Francais du Petrole	75
295	Mosaid Technologies Inc.	75
296	Unilever Patent Group	75
297	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	74
298	Cornell Research Foundation Inc.	74
299	Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.	74
300	The DIRECTV Group, Inc.	74
301	University of Washington	74

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247	Accenture	93	188	California Institute of Technology	134
210	Acushnet Co.	113	5	Canon K.K.	2,656
121	Adobe Systems, Inc.	227	280	Carl Zeiss SMT AG	79
234	Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc.	100	153	Casio Computer Co. Ltd.	171
155	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	164	105	Caterpillar Inc.	260
179	Advantest Corp.	137	264	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique - CNRS	84
116	Agere Systems Inc.	235	226	Cheng Uei Precision Industry Co., Ltd.	104
177	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	143	218	Chevron Corp.	108
277	Air Liquide	81	281	Chrysler Group LLC	79
214	Aisin Seiki K.K.	110	270	Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.	82
297	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	74	271	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.	82
35	Alcatel-Lucent	794	19	Cisco Technology, Inc.	1,114
225	Allergan, Inc.	105	215	CNH America LLC	109
243	Alstom Technology Ltd.	93	272	Columbia University	82
112	Altera Corp.	240	129	Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique	207
205	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	118	230	Computer Associates Think, Inc.	101
235	American Express Travel Related Services Co., Inc.	100	298	Cornell Research Foundation Inc.	74
172	Amgen, Inc.	147	107	Corning Inc.	259
178	Analog Devices, Inc.	142	241	Cree, Inc.	94
217	AOL LLC	108	180	Cypress Semiconductor Corp.	137
55	Apple	563	195	Dai Nippon Printing Co. Ltd.	124
62	Applied Materials, Inc.	482	200	Daikin Industries Ltd.	121
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231	Okidata Corp.	101	213	Shinko Electric Industries Co., Ltd.	111
73	Olympus Corp.	402	197	Showa Denko K.K.	123
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111	Sanofi-Aventis	246	7	Toshiba Corp.	2,212
59	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.	489	250	Toyoda Gosei K.K.	91
51	SAP AG	645	28	Toyota Jidosha K.K.	936
292	Schaeffler KG	76	239	Trading Technologies International, Inc.	96
48	Schlumberger Technology Corp.	664	228	Tsinghua University	104
190	Schneider Electric	130	169	Tyco Healthcare Group L.P.	148
95	Seagate Technology, LLC	289			

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173	United States of America, Army	146
187	United States of America, Department of Health & Human Services	135
232	United States of America, National Aeronautics and Space Administration	101
92	United States of America, Navy	302
57	United Technologies Corp.	510
83	University of California, The Regents of	349
262	University of Illinois	85
286	University of Michigan	78
289	University of Pennsylvania	77
269	University of South Florida	83
199	University of Texas	122
301	University of Washington	74
135	Verizon Communications Inc.	202
274	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	82
175	VIA Technologies, Inc.	144
253	Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.	90
273	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	82
259	Whirlpool Corp.	86
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165	Yazaki Corp.	152
174	ZF Friedrichshafen, AG	145

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 2010 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 company are included with patents of the parent organization if the organization asked IPO by March 1, 2011 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 increased to 207,915 in 2010 from 165,213 in 2009, and the average number of patents per organization listed increased.
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, 2012.
6. IPO makes reasonable efforts to avoid errors, but cannot assure complete accuracy.