

Concept of the Patent

According to Sec. 1 (1) PatG, patents are granted for inventions in all fields of technology, provided that they

- are *new*
- involve an *inventive step* and
- are *susceptible of industrial application*.

An invention is a teaching for technical action, with which a technical problem (also called task) is solved.

A teaching is technical if it makes use of controllable natural forces outside of human intellectual activity to achieve a causally foreseeable result (BGH, GRUR 1977, 96 - *Dispositionsprogramm*).