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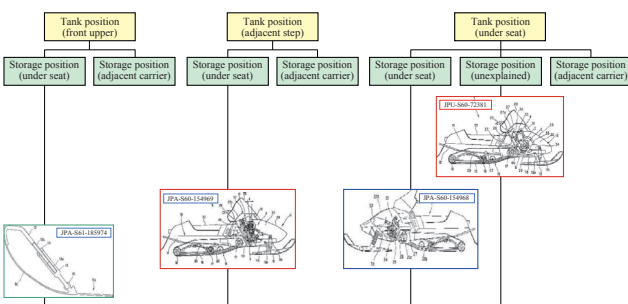
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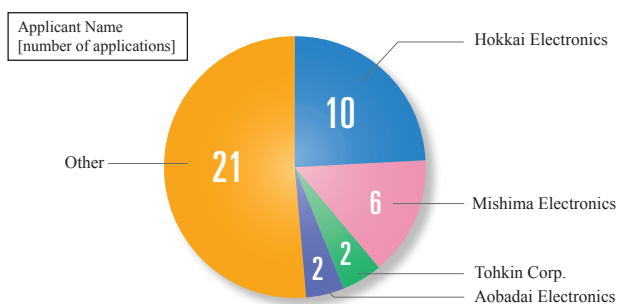
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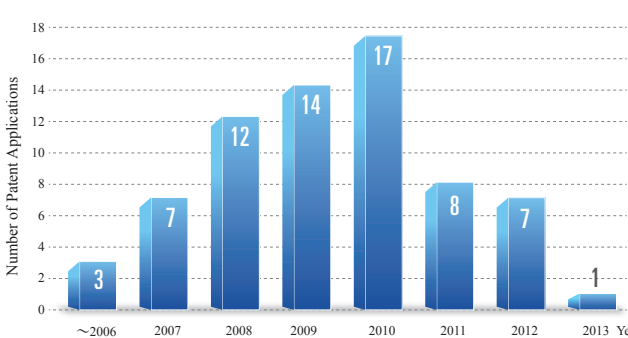
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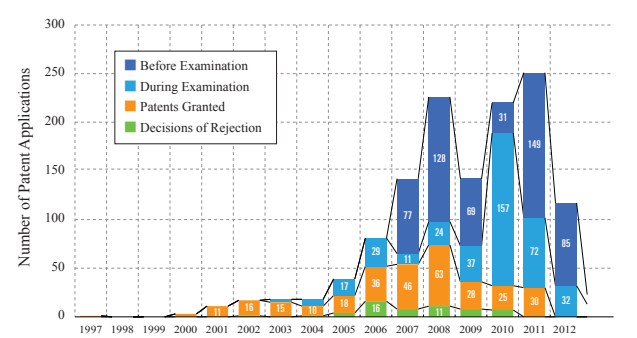
Number of Patent Applications (top 4 companies)



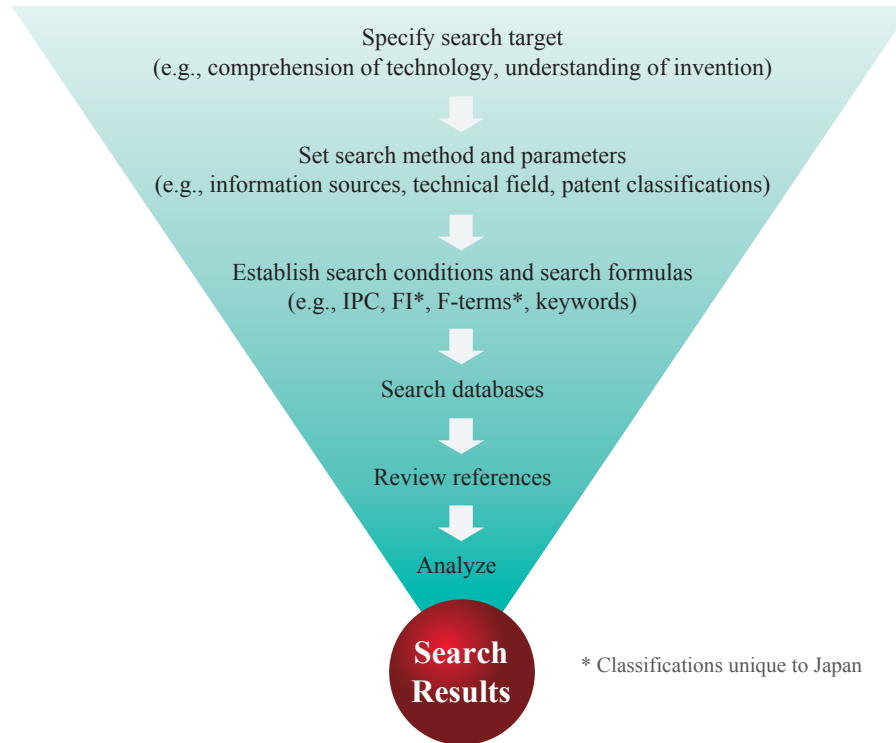
Number of Patent Applications per Year



Number of Patent Applications per Year 1997 to 2013



Search Process



Advantages of conducting invalidity searches in Japan

Japan leads the world in patent information resources

- ◆ Our text searches cover more than 15,000,000 publications issued after 1955.
- ◆ The number of searchable publications increases by approximately 400,000 every year.

High-accuracy database searches using specific classifications unique to Japan

- ◆ Prior art searches using File Index (FI) codes cover approximately 190,000 unique classifications, nearly 2.8 times as many classifications as the International Patent Classification (IPC) system.
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