

## Leaflet European Patent in Austria

### National patent number

The Austrian part of the European patent will be assigned a national patent number ("E" followed by a number currently comprising seven digits).

### Duration

Provided that the annual national renewal fees are paid, the patent has a duration of 20 years from the European filing date.

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