

Top Ten U.S. Patentees **by nationality and industry** **(2008)**

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Overview

The Top Ten Companies lists are arranged by –

- Overall Patentees
- Domestic Patentees
- Japanese Patentees
- Non U.S./Japan Patentees
- Bio/Pharma Patentees
- Automotive Patentees

Overview

- Six of the Top Ten companies are Japanese, while three are American (including No. 1 IBM) and one is Korean. (p. 5)

American companies are indicated in bold red.

Korean companies and indicated in bold green.

Other companies are indicated in blue.

Overview

- The Top Ten companies are virtually all electronic or IT; each obtained from ~1500 to 4000-plus patents (p. 5).
- The Top Ten bio/pharma companies obtained an order of magnitude fewer – from 100 to ~ 400 (p. 9).
- Automotive Companies ranged from ~60 to ~1200 (p. 10).

*The data is taken from the IPO₄ Top 300 List for 2008.
The data has been modified where shown by an asterisk (*)
to reflect inclusion of related company data.*

Top Ten U.S. Patentees (all)

• 1 IBM	4169
• 2 Samsung*	4133
• 3 Hitachi	2197
• 4 Canon	2153
• 5 Microsoft	2043
• 6 Intel	1772
• 7 Panasonic	1760
• 8 Toshiba	1575
• 9 Fujitsu	1475
• 10 Sony	1461

Top Ten U.S. Patentees (Domestic)

• 1 IBM	4169
• 2 Microsoft	2043
• 3 Intel	1772
• 4 HP	1422
• 5 Micron	1277
• 6 GE	1243
• 7 AT&T	820
• 8 Honeywell	774
• 8 Texas Instruments	774
• 10 Cisco	704

Top Ten U.S. Patentees (Japan)

• 1 Hitachi	2197	
• 2 Canon	2153	
• 3 Panasonic		1760
• 4 Toshiba	1575	
• 5 Fujitsu	1475	
• 6 Sony	1461	
• 7 Seiko Epson	1219	
• 8 Toyota*	1214	
• 9 Fujifilm	863	
• 10 Ricoh	851	

Top Ten (non-U.S./Japan)

- 1 **Samsung* (Korea)** 4133
- 2 Siemens (Germany) 1288
- 3 Infineon (Germany) 809
- 4 **LG Electronics (Korea)** 805
- 5 Silverbrook Research (Australia) 608
- 6 Philips NV (Netherlands) 584
- 7 Hon Hai Precision Ind. (Taiwan) 498
- 8 Robert Bosch GmbH (Germany) 416
- 9 Taiwan Semiconductor (Taiwan) 365
- 10 Hong Fu Jin (Shenzen) (China) 196

Top Ten Patentees (Bio/Pharma)

• 1 J&J	405
• 2 Genentech	226
• 3 GlaxoSmithKline	171
• 4 Monsanto	169
• 5 Bristol-Myers Squibb	147
• 6 Merck & Co.	145
• 7 Pfizer	141
• 8 Wyeth	137
• 9 Sanofi-Aventis	102
• 10 AstraZeneca	100
• 10 Merck GmbH	100

Others: **Schering 73; Allergan 71; Abbott Laboratories 67;**
Eli Lilly 63; Novartis 61; Amgen 58

Top Ten Patentees (Automotive)

• 1 Toyota*	1214
• 2 Honda	703
• 3 General Motors	510
• 4 Ford	336
• 5 Nissan	222
• 6 Hyundai	104
• 7 Daimler	97
• 8 BMW	73
• 9 Chrysler	59

(no other automotive company is in the Top 300)