

An **invention** is a new solution to a technical problem which satisfies the criteria of:

- novelty: the solution must be novel (new);
- inventiveness: it must involve a (non-obvious) inventive step;
- industrial applicability: it must be capable of industrial use.

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