

# Patent Public Search - Highlights



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In Patent Public Search's Advanced Search interface, you can manage highlights, search terms that can be highlighted with different colors to aid in review of full-text documents. Combining highlighted terms and the Keyword in Context display option can facilitate full-text review of multiple documents.

## Highlights default

1. Enter a query in the **Search** pane.

In **Quick Search** mode, the Highlights option will default to "Single Color."

In Enhanced Search mode, the Highlights option will default to "Multi-color."

You can change the default color selection in the Highlights option by using the drop down arrow; see **Figure 1**.

(If the Highlights dropdown is not visible, use the **Options** button to adjust the display.)

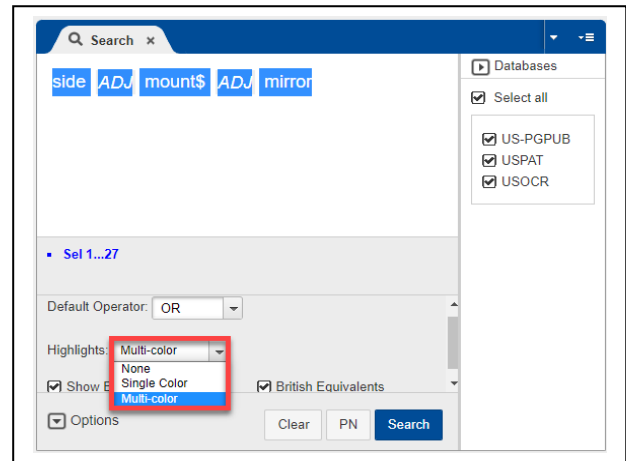


Figure 1. Highlights option

2. In the **Search Results** view, highlighted search terms appear above the search results list. If a search term has a truncated ending (e.g. "mount\$"), variants of that term will display the same color ("mounted," "mounting," "mount," "mountain," "mounts"). If the **Plurals** option is on, then singular and plural versions of the search term appear (e.g., "side," "sides") with the same color; see **Figure 2**. Clicking on any highlighted term will remove the highlighted color.

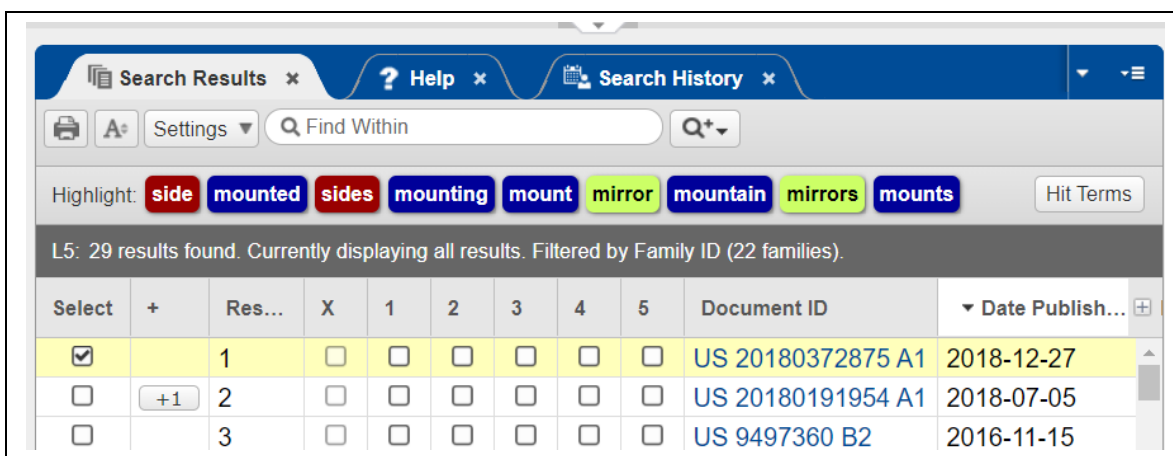


Figure 2. Search Results

## Keyword in context view

- In the **Document View** pane, the highlighted term(s) will display in a horizontal list above each document record. Scroll to see where the highlighted terms appear in the record.
- To see the highlighted terms within paragraphs, select the **"K" (Keyword in Context)** icon from the **Document Viewer** panel. When selected, the view will only show paragraphs where the highlighted terms appear. Section headings (e.g. "Descriptions," "Background/Summary") appear as well to aid in contextual understanding. This can be a valuable tool for searching the full-text of patents or published applications with several pages of text.

The "K" (Keyword in Context) icon is only available in Text View, not Image View.

The up and down arrow "Key" icons allow movement from keyword to keyword in a document record.

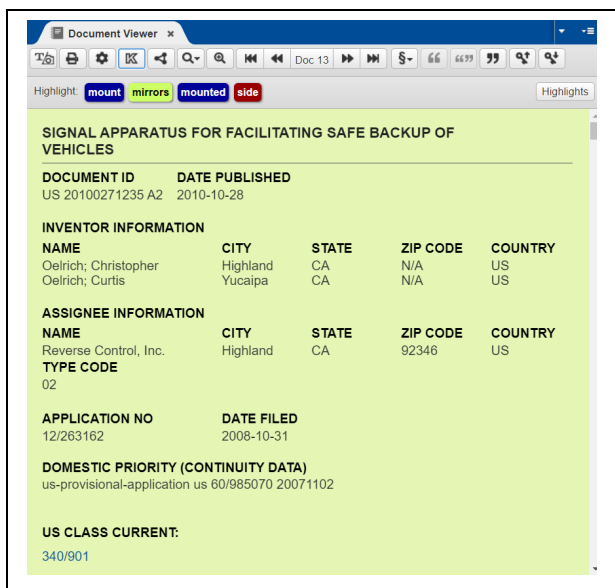


Figure 3: Document Viewer record without Keyword in Context selected

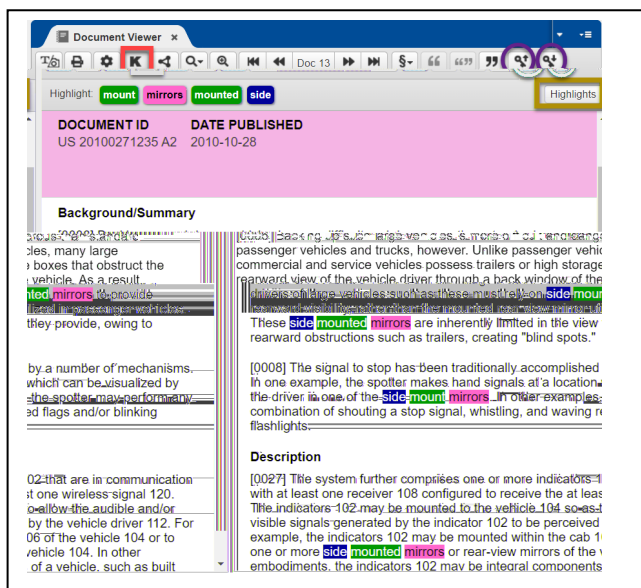


Figure 4: Document Viewer record with Keyword in Context selected ("K" icon is noted with a red rectangle; "Key" icons noted with purple circles)

- Selecting the **"Highlights"** button (see **Figure 4** green rectangle) will create a pop-up **"Highlights Details"** window. You can deselect highlights to hide the associated text. Selecting the color for a highlighted term provides the option of changing the color; see **Figure 5**.

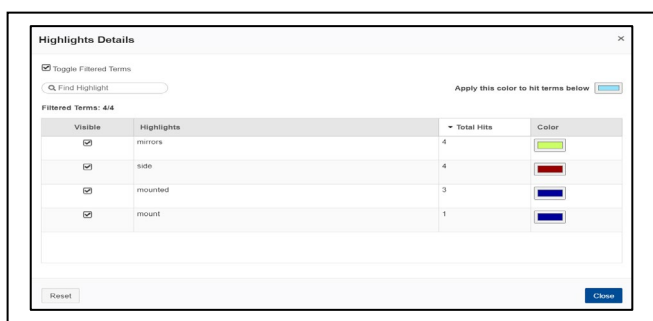


Figure 5: Highlights details pop-up window