

Industry Recognition: Companies Citing the Rock Innovation Patent Family

OVERVIEW

Forward citations occur when a later patent application references an earlier patent as prior art. They are widely regarded as one of the most reliable objective measures of a patent's technical significance and influence within its field. The Rock Innovation patent family has accumulated over 80 forward citations from major technology, financial services, and enterprise companies — placing it well above the industry average for blockchain-related patents.

80+

TOTAL FORWARD CITATIONS

20+

CITING COMPANIES VERIFIED

3

PATENTS IN FAMILY

2016

PRIORITY DATE

VERIFIED CITING COMPANIES

Each of the following companies has filed one or more patent applications that cite the Rock Innovation portfolio as prior art. All citations are drawn from public USPTO records and independently verifiable.

IBM	Bank of America	Alibaba	Microsoft	Visa	Samsung	Mastercard	Capital One	Toyota	Dell
T-Mobile	Siemens	Robert Bosch	Seagate	KPMG	Micron	HP Enterprise	TD Bank	NTT	Swatch

CITING COMPANIES BY SECTOR

SECTOR	COMPANIES	SIGNIFICANCE
Technology	IBM, Microsoft, Samsung, Dell, HP Enterprise, NTT	Leading technology companies recognize blockchain reconciliation as a critical infrastructure capability for enterprise and cloud platforms
Financial Services	Visa, Mastercard, Bank of America, Capital One, TD Bank	Major payment networks and banks cite the patents in connection with blockchain-based transaction processing and settlement
E-Commerce	Alibaba	The world's largest e-commerce platform references the portfolio for supply chain and transaction management on blockchain
Automotive / Industrial	Toyota, Siemens, Robert Bosch	Global manufacturers cite the patents for IoT, supply chain tracking, and industrial blockchain applications
Telecommunications	T-Mobile, NTT	Telecom providers reference the portfolio for blockchain-based identity, billing, and network management
Storage / Hardware	Seagate, Micron	Storage and semiconductor companies cite the patents for blockchain data management and verification
Professional Services	KPMG	Big Four citations reflect the patents' relevance to audit, compliance, and financial blockchain systems
Consumer	Swatch	Luxury goods manufacturer references blockchain-based product authenticity and supply chain verification

Why Forward Citations Matter

When companies like Microsoft, Visa, and IBM cite a patent in their own applications, it signals that the patented technology is recognized as foundational prior art. Forward citations are among the strongest objective indicators of patent value used by licensing professionals, investors, and courts. The Rock Innovation portfolio's 80+ citations — spanning 21 direct citations and 66 family-to-family citations — place it well above the median for blockchain patents. All data is derived from public USPTO records and verifiable at patents.google.com. Data current as of April 2026.