

The Czech territory has been the industrial heart of Europe since the beginning of its industrialization. The aim of this bachelor thesis is to prove that our ancestors were able not only to invent and improve the product, but also protect their ideas through patent law. In the first part of the thesis was explored the development of the patent protection during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The second part describes how the Ringhoffer Company protected their inventions, especially in the automotive industry. Besides the quantitative data about the registered patents there are mentioned an internal protection of the know-how and patent protection of a specific structural parts. Based on my own archive research there is reconstructed course of chosen patent litigation. The result of the research is confirmation of the hypothesis, that our ancestors were able effectively protect and defend their intellectual rights.