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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1798

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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
SCHEME:		
Symbols Deleted:	F21S	2017/00, 2017/02
	F21S	41/395
Symbols New:	F21S	2217/00, 2217/02
Titles Changed:	F21S	6/001
Guidance Headings New:	F21S	2217/00
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	F21S	41/00, 41/125, 41/13, 41/135, 41/141, 41/143, 41/145, 41/147, 41/148, 41/151, 41/153, 41/155, 41/16, 41/162, 41/164, 41/166, 41/168, 41/17, 41/172, 41/173, 41/176, 41/18, 41/19, 41/192, 41/194, 41/196, 41/198, 41/24, 41/25, 41/255, 41/26, 41/265, 41/27, 41/275, 41/28, 41/285, 41/29, 41/295, 41/321, 41/322, 41/323, 41/332, 41/333, 41/335, 41/336, 41/337, 41/338, 41/36, 41/365, 41/39, 41/43, 41/435, 41/47, 41/50, 41/55, 41/62, 41/635, 41/645, 41/657, 41/663, 41/675, 41/686, 41/689, 41/692, 41/695, 41/698
	F21S	43/00
	F21S	45/00, 45/10, 45/20, 45/30, 45/33, 45/37, 45/43, 45/435, 45/46, 45/465, 45/47, 45/48, 45/49, 45/50, 45/60, 45/70
	F21W	2102/135, 2102/14, 2102/145, 2102/15, 2102/155, 2102/16, 2102/165, 2102/18, 2102/19, 2102/20, 2102/30, 2102/40
	F21W	2106/00
	F21W	2107/00
Definitions Modified:	F21L	SUBCLASS
	F21L	4/005
	F21S	6/001

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL):
F21S 8/00, F21S 10/04

This Notice of Changes includes the following:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- ☒ A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- ☐ B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)

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- ☐ C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- ☒ D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- ☒ A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
 - ☐ B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)
- 3. ☒ REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)
 - 4. ☒ CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)
 - 5. ☒ CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)**SUBCLASS F21S - NON-PORTABLE LIGHTING DEVICES; SYSTEMS THEREOF; VEHICLE LIGHTING DEVICES SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR VEHICLE EXTERIORS**

Type*	Symbol	Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)	Title <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to</u>[#]
M	F21S 6/001	1	{candle-shaped}	
D	F21S 2017/00	0	Details solely applicable to the devices covered by groups F21S 13/00 and F21S 15/00	<administrative transfer to F21S 2217/00>
D	F21S 2017/02	1	Fastening and lifting of the lamp-glass	<administrative transfer to F21S 2217/02>
D	F21S 41/395	3	{specially adapted to extension reflectors}	<administrative transfer to F21S 41/55>
U	F21S 45/70	1	Prevention of harmful light leakage	
N	F21S 2217/00	0	Details	
N	F21S 2217/02	1	Fastening or lifting of lamp glass	

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets} are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types.
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.

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- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalisation projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)**SUBCLASS F21S - NON-PORTABLE LIGHTING DEVICES; SYSTEMS THEREOF; VEHICLE LIGHTING DEVICES SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR VEHICLE EXTERIORS**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Guidance Heading</u>	<u>New/Modified Guidance Heading</u>
N	F21S 2217/00 - F21S 2217/00		<u>Indexing codes associated with groups F21S 13/00 or F21S 15/00 relating to details</u>

*N = new guidance heading, M =modified guidance heading, D = deleted guidance heading

NOTES:

- The “Location” column requires the symbol AFTER the guidance heading location. No further directions such as “before” or “after” are required.
- In cases where there may be confusion as to whether a new group falls within the scope of a guidance heading, indicate the guidance heading and whether the group does or does not go with the guidance heading. This can be included in the “Location” column. For example, the guidance heading “Compounds containing carbon together with sulfur, selenium or tellurium with or without hydrogen, halogens, oxygen or nitrogen” encompasses groups C07C 301/00-395/00 only. If a new group C07C 398/00 is proposed and is included in the guidance heading scope, indicate this in the “Location” column as follows: 398/00 to be included under the guidance heading: “Compounds containing carbon together with sulfur, selenium or tellurium with or without hydrogen, halogens, oxygen or nitrogen.”

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

F21S 41/00

Relationships with other classification places

Arrangements within illuminating devices specially adapted for vehicle exteriors, for purposes of emission or distribution of light, are classified in F21S 41/00.

Arrangement of exterior optical signalling or lighting devices for vehicles, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor are classified in B60Q 1/00.

Lighting devices specially adapted for vehicle interiors are classified in B60Q 3/00.

Functional features or details of non-vehicle lighting devices are classified in F21V.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Reversing lights	F21S 43/00
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Special rules of classification

In this group, it is desirable to allocate F21Y indexing codes for aspects of a disclosure that cannot be classified in this group or any of its subgroups. For example, the indexing codes of F21Y 2107/00, e.g. F21Y 2107/90 for light sources on both sides of the substrate, are allocated in combination with classification in this group, since there are no corresponding classification places in F21S 41/00.

Classification in the F21Y indexing codes does not apply when there is a classification place in F21S 41/00 covering the same subject matter. For example, F21Y 2115/10 (light-emitting diodes [LED]) and F21Y 2115/30 (semiconductor lasers) are not being allocated in combination with F21S 41/00 and subgroups since corresponding classification places are present: F21S 41/141 and F21S 41/16.

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F21S 41/13

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Illumination devices where the road is illuminated with UV or IR light and seen by the camera. The view in front of the vehicle is then represented to the driver on the screen.
- Illumination devices where the UV and IR light sources are used for warming up the cover glass for melting the snow (in combination with F21S 45/60).

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Lidar systems specially adapted for anti-collision purposes of land vehicles	G01S 17/931
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F21S 41/135

Definition statement

This place covers:

Headlamps having polarising filters for reducing glare. Usually, LCD devices have polarising filters.

F21S 41/141

Definition statement

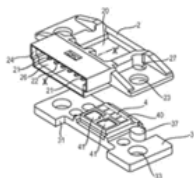
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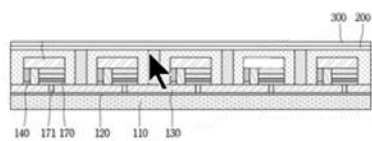
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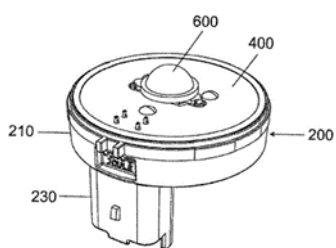
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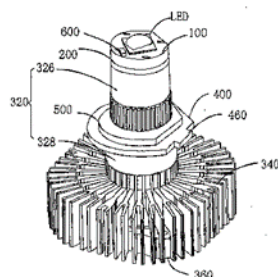
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Special rules of classification

Documents where it is clearly said that the LEDs are used, but the main emission direction of the LED in comparison to the optical axis cannot be assessed, or are not known, are classified in this group.

Documents where LEDs with parallel and angled emission regarding to the optical axis of the headlamp are used should be classified in both subgroups (i.e. both in

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F21S 41/143 or F21S 41/145 and in F21S 41/147 or F21S 41/148) and not in F21S 41/141.

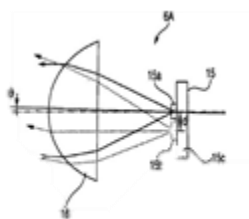
F21S 41/143

Definition statement

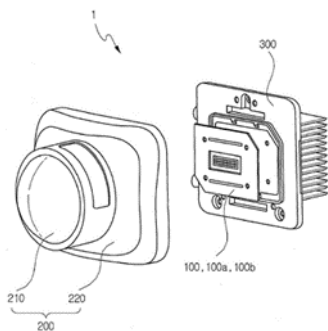
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F21S 41/145

Definition statement

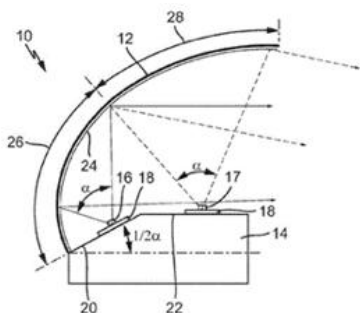
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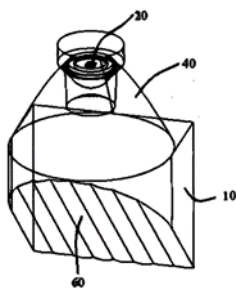
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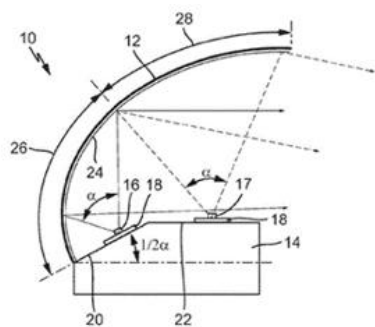
F21S 41/148

Definition statement

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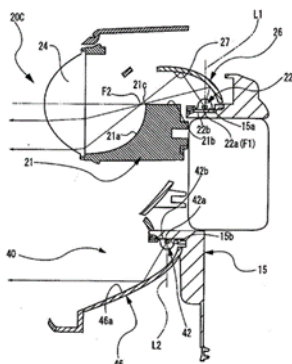
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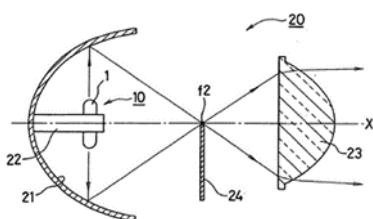
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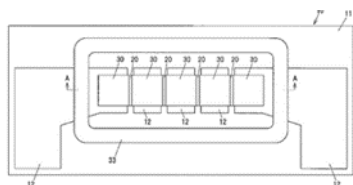
F21S 41/151

Definition statement

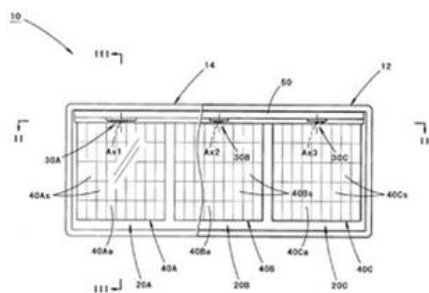
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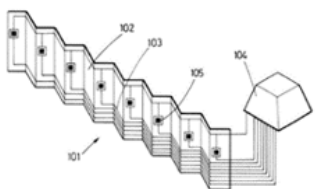
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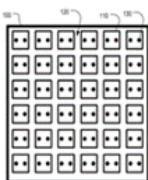
F21S 41/153

Definition statement

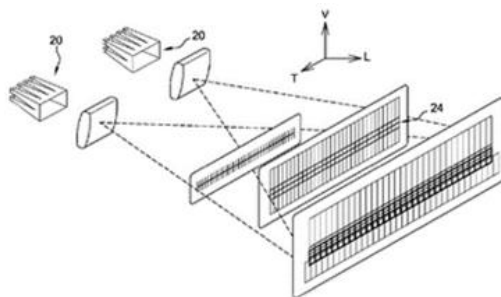
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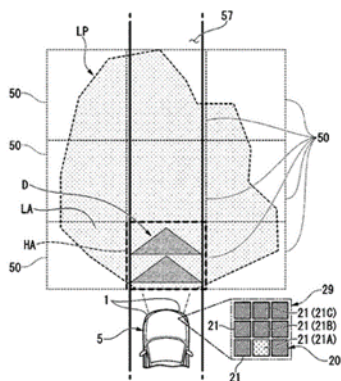
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Special rules of classification

In this group, LEDs could also be classified where it is explicitly clear from description or drawings that the chips have a distinctive two-dimensional construction or many LED chips are joined in matrix fixed on the same PCB.

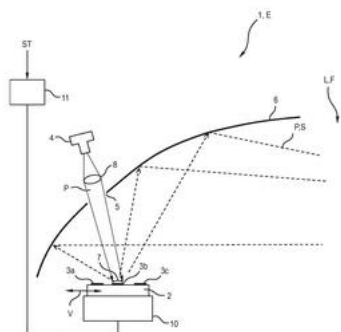
F21S 41/16

Definition statement

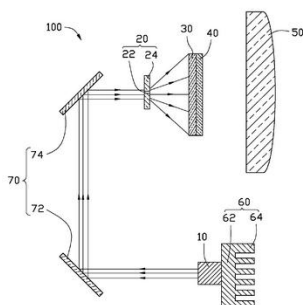
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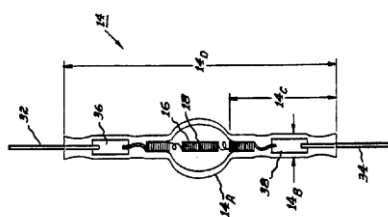
F21S 41/166

Definition statement

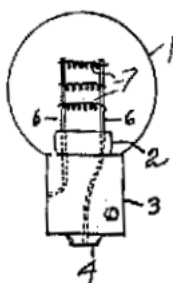
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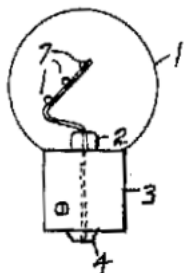
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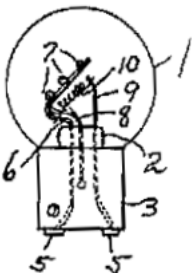
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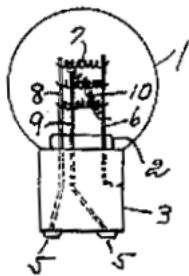
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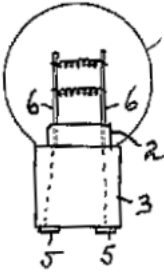
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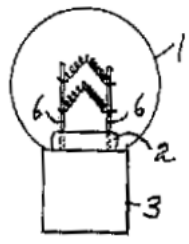
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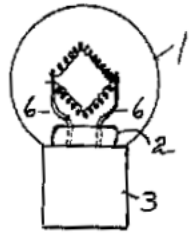
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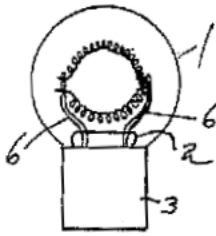
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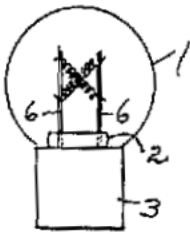
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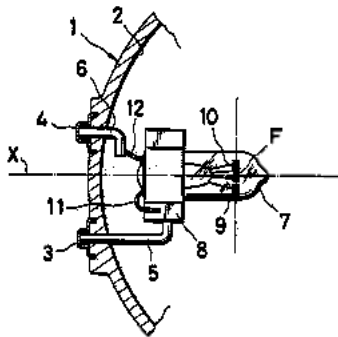
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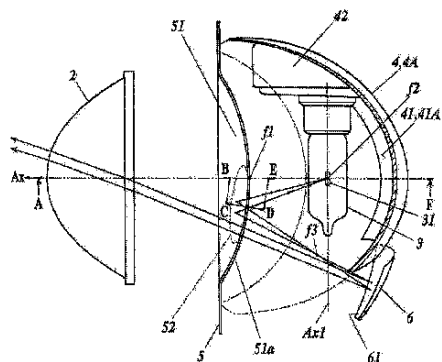
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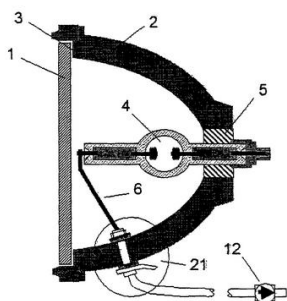
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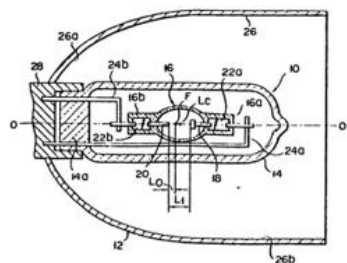
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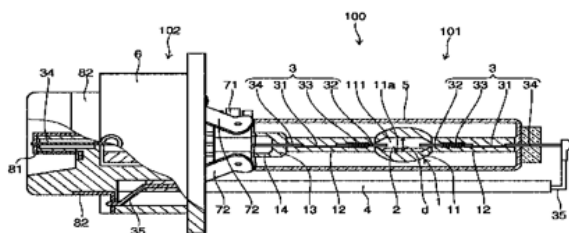
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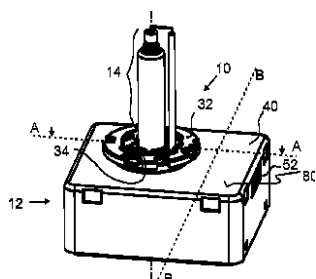
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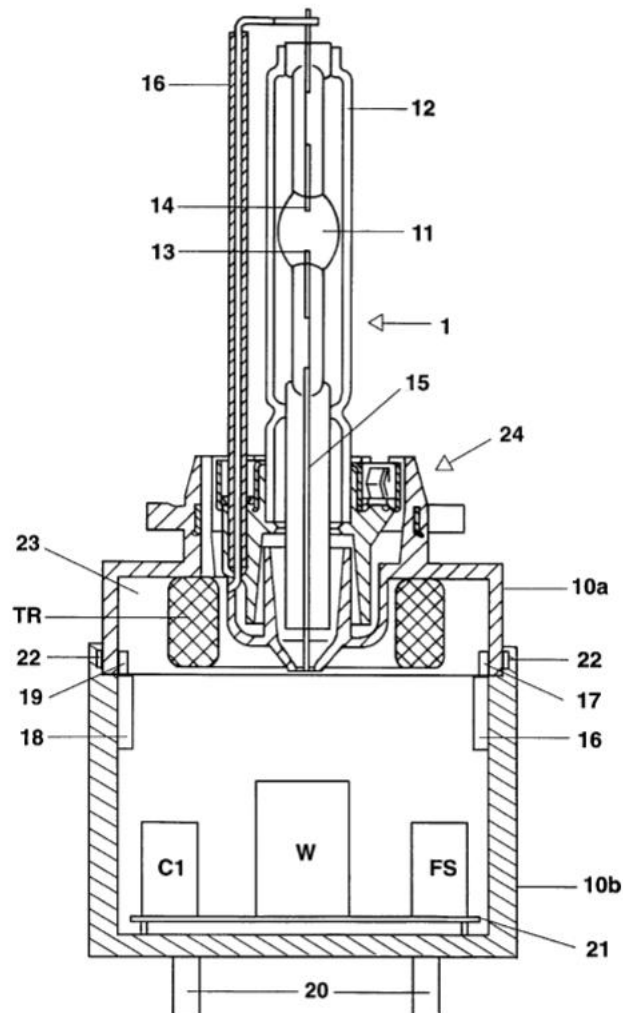
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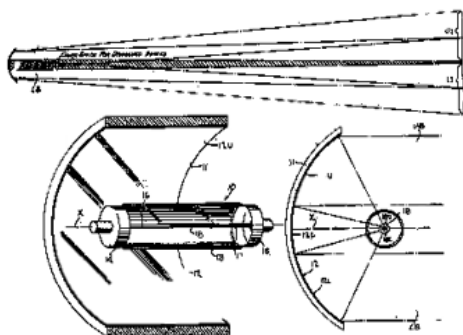
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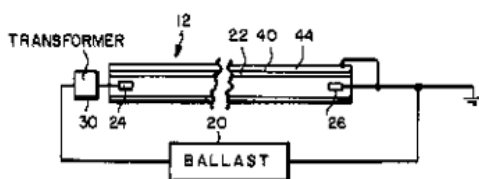
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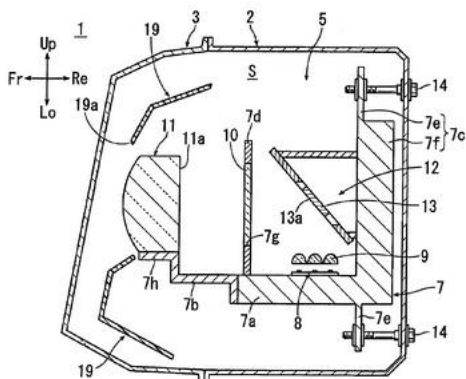
Light sources where the light is generated by photoluminescent material spaced from a primary light generating element. The most commonly used photoluminescent material is phosphor.

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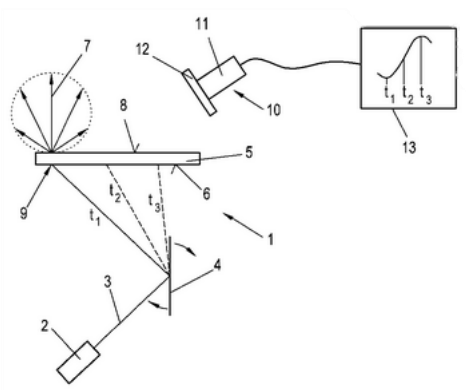
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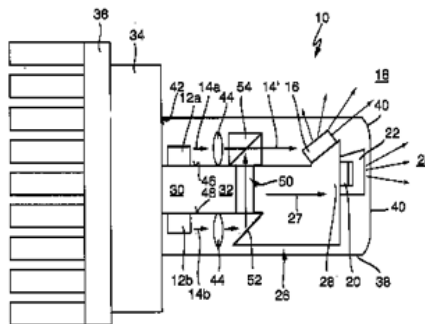
Combination of light sources of different types or shapes, e.g. LEDs and laser or LEDs and OLEDs or LEDs and incandescent bulb.

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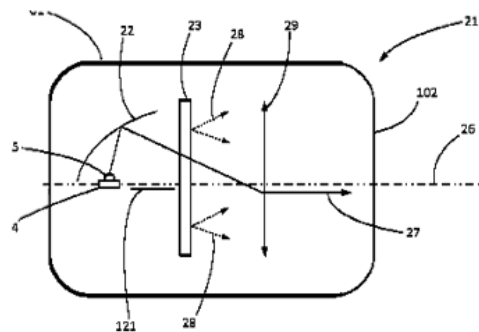
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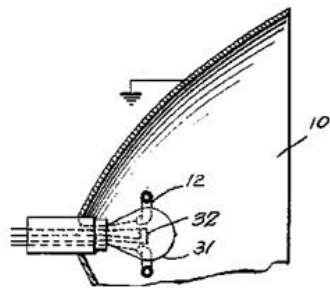
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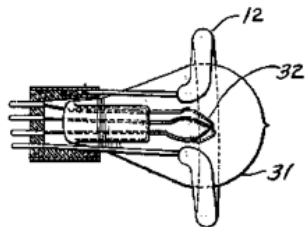
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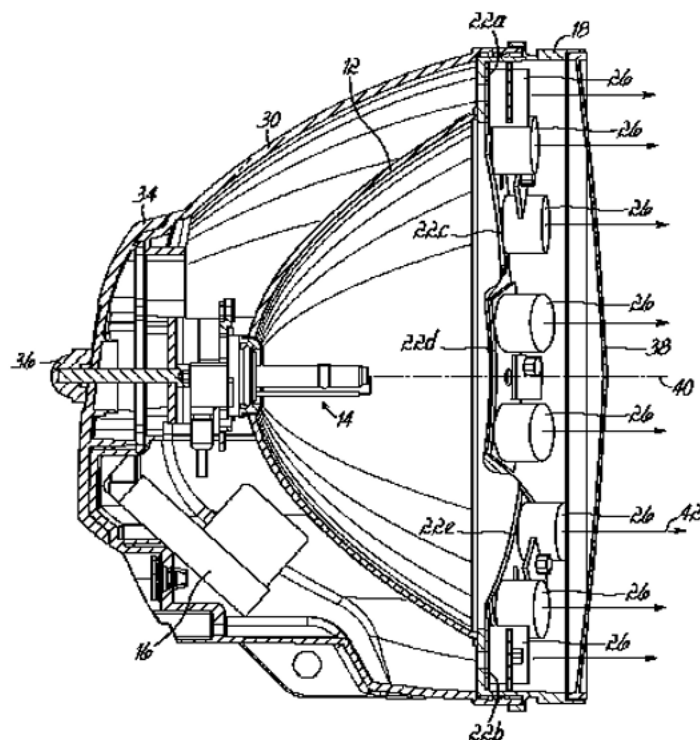
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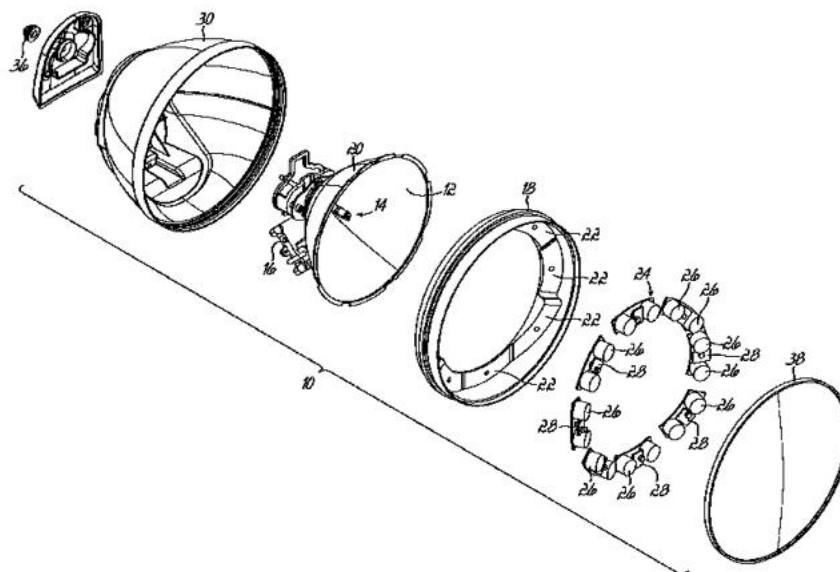
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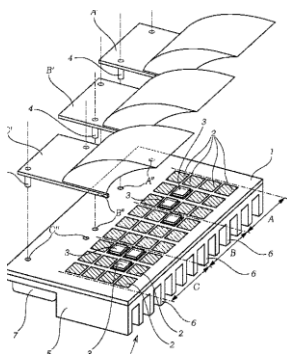
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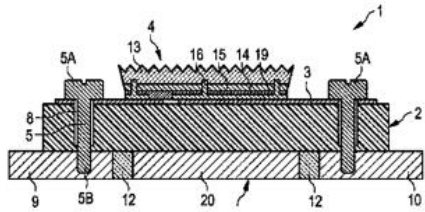
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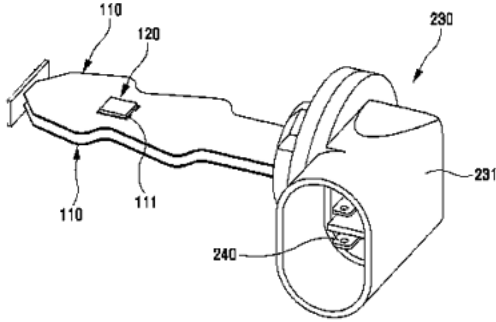
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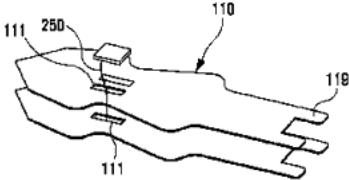
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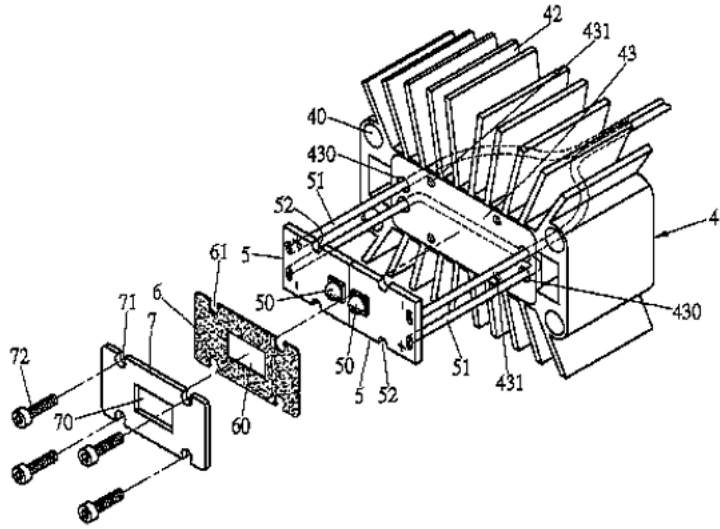
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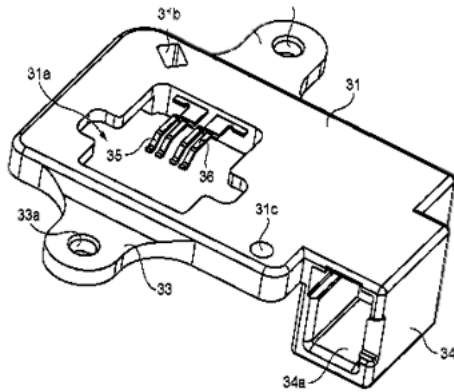
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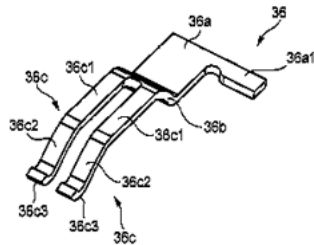
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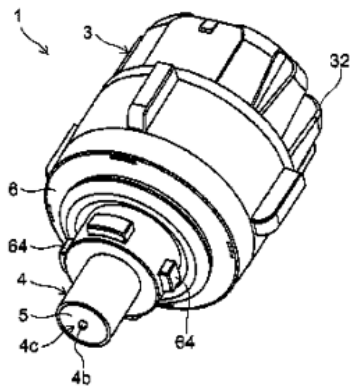
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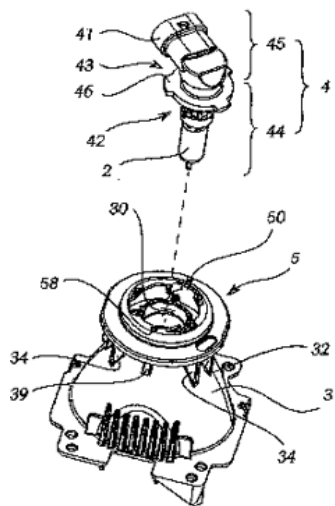
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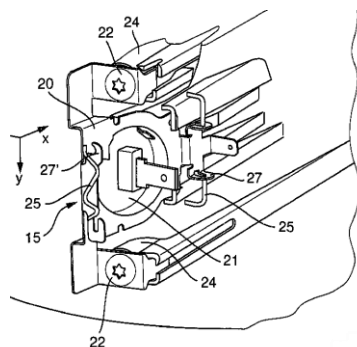
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Definition statement

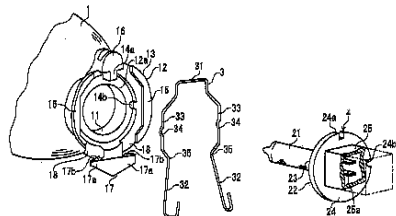
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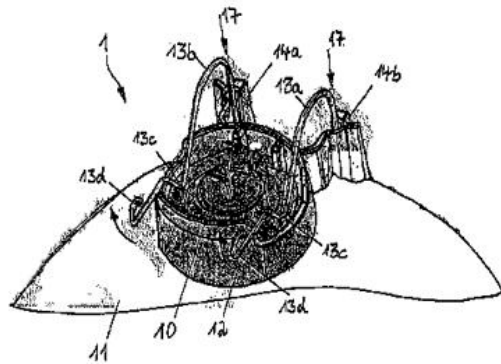
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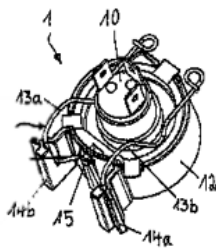
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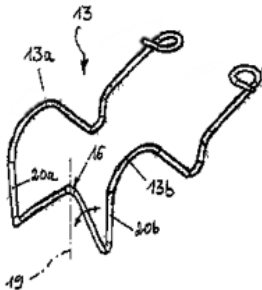
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Definition statement

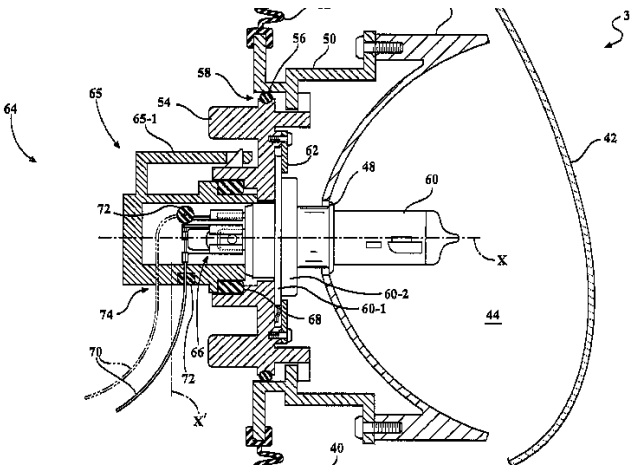
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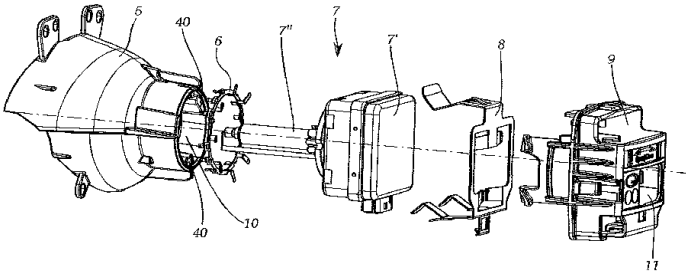
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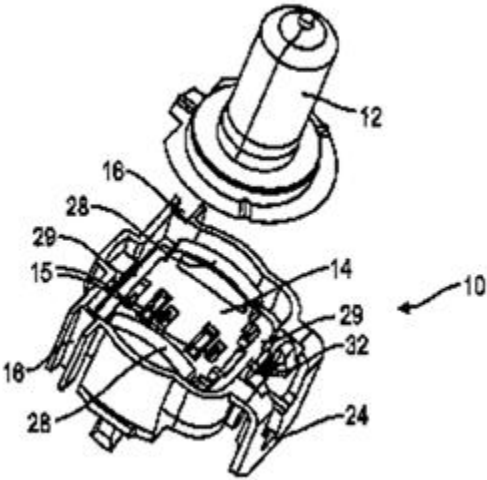
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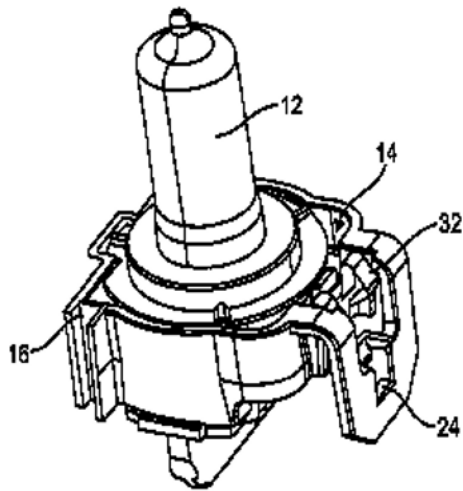
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Definition statement

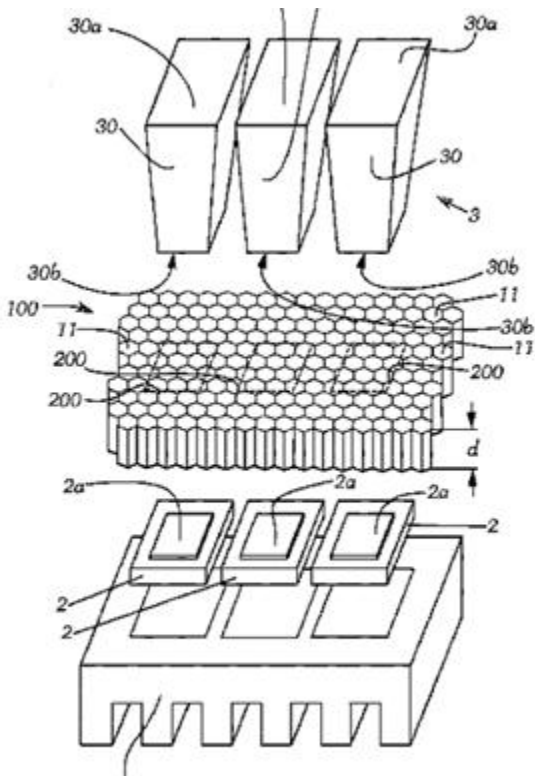
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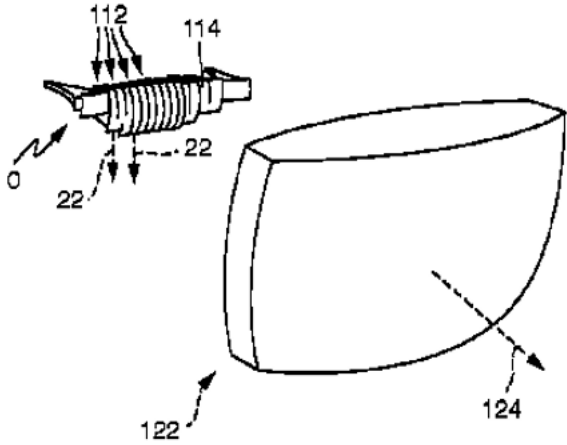
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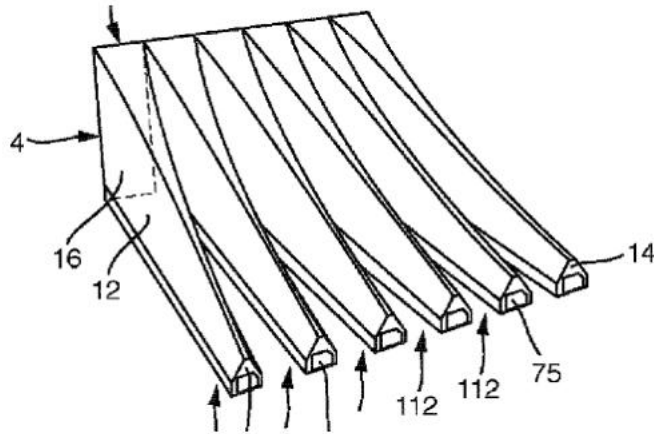
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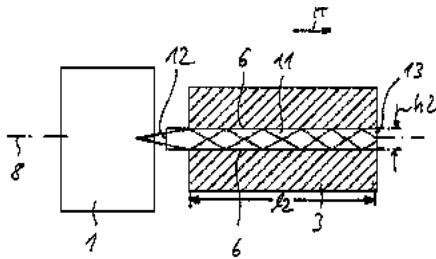
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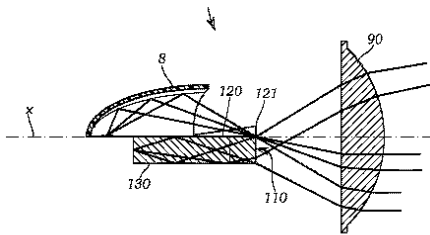
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Relationships with other classification places

This group covers only the light guides used for illumination functions. Light guides which are mounted in headlamps but used for signal functions as daytime running lamp [DRL] or turning indicator [TI] should be classified only in F21S 43/235 or subgroups.

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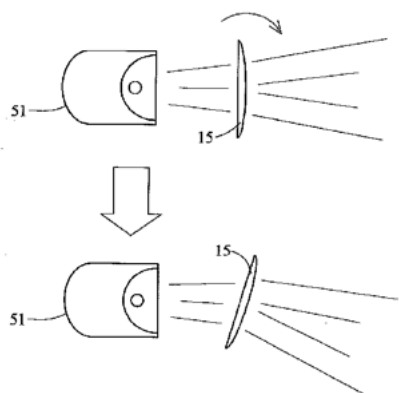
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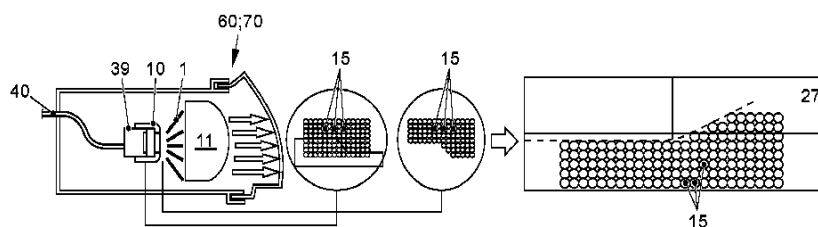
Lenses with clear focal point, e.g. plano convex lenses, for projecting the shape of the bezel or of the reflector board.

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

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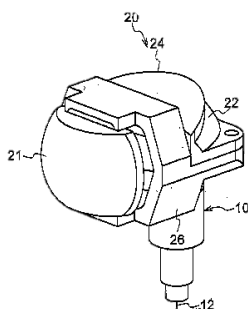
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Definition statement

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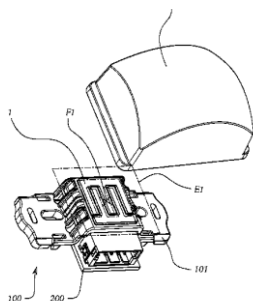
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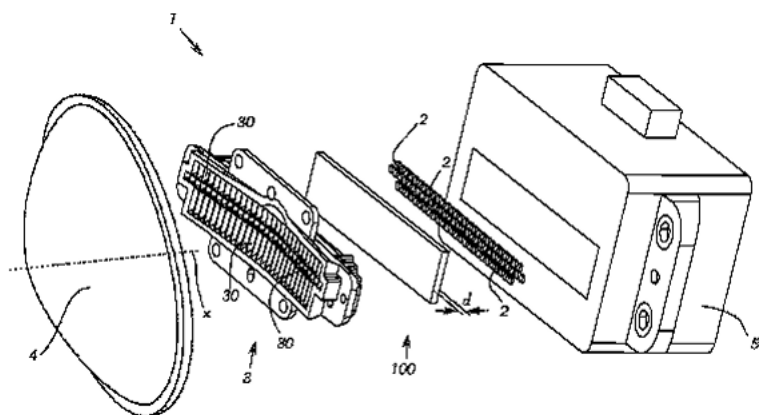
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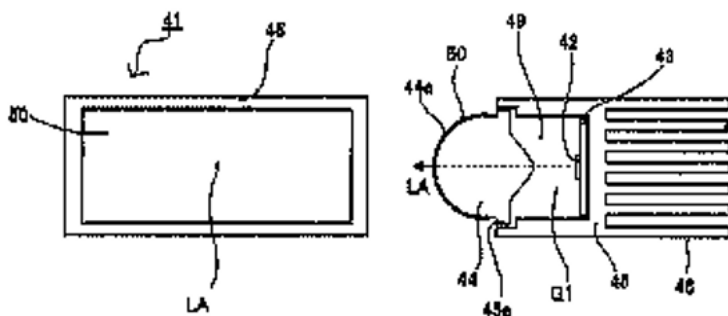
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Definition statement

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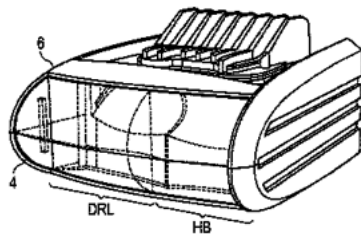
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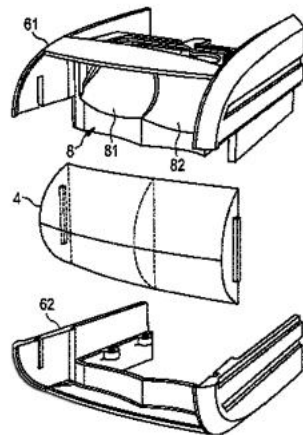
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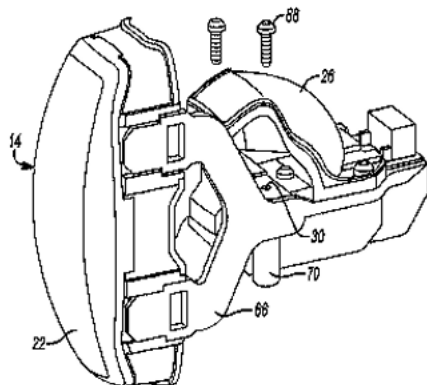
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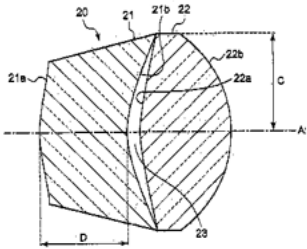
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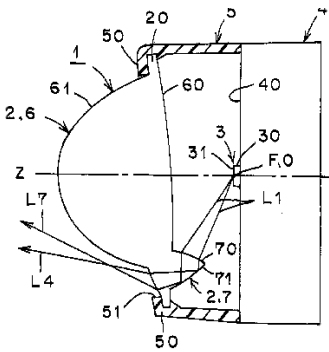
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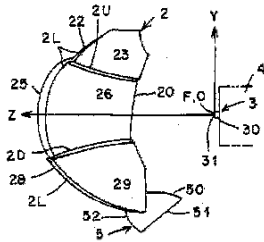
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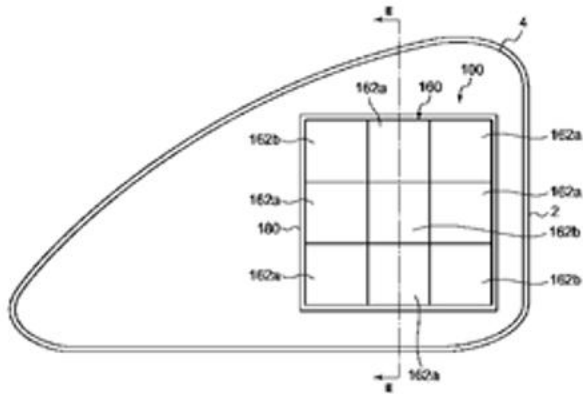
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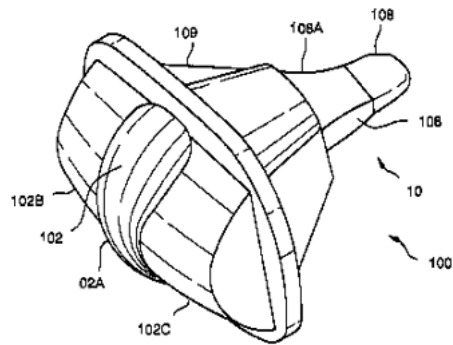
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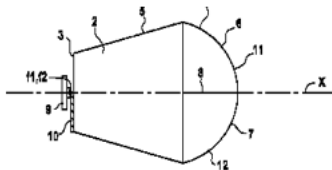
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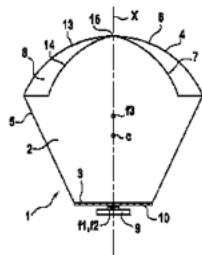
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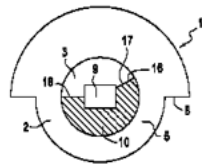
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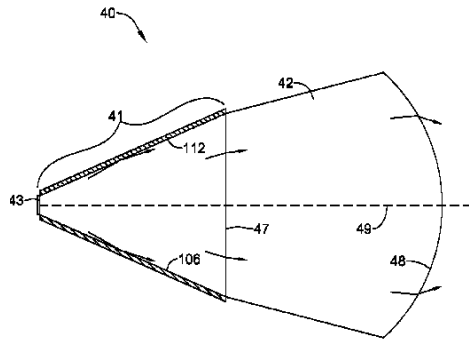
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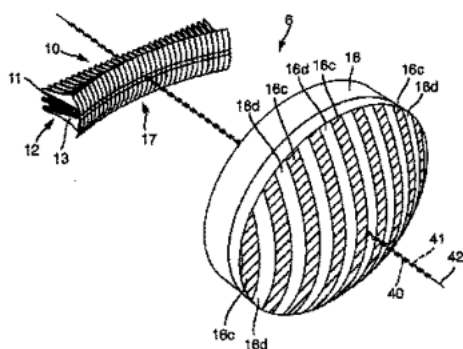
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Definition statement

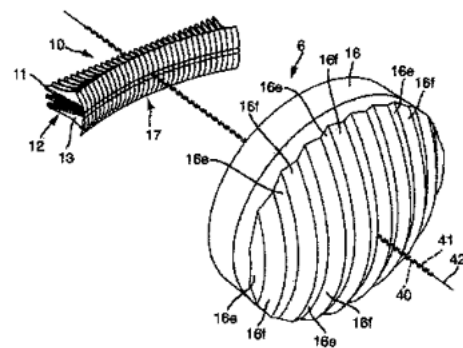
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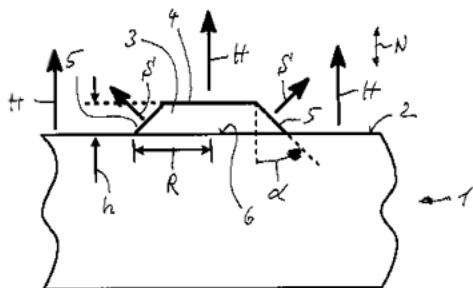
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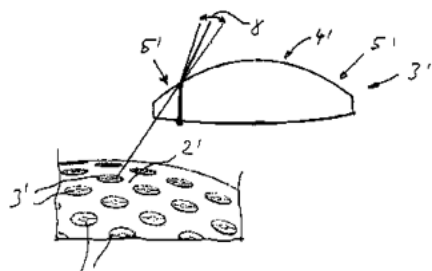
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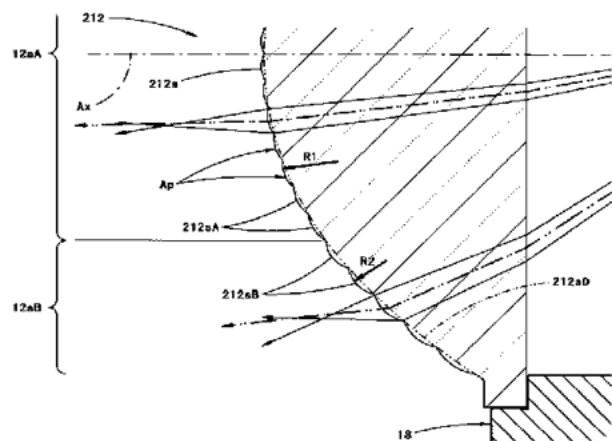
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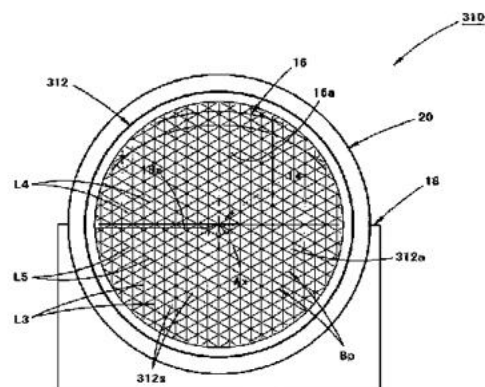
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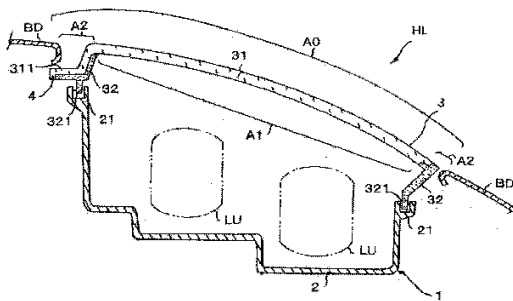
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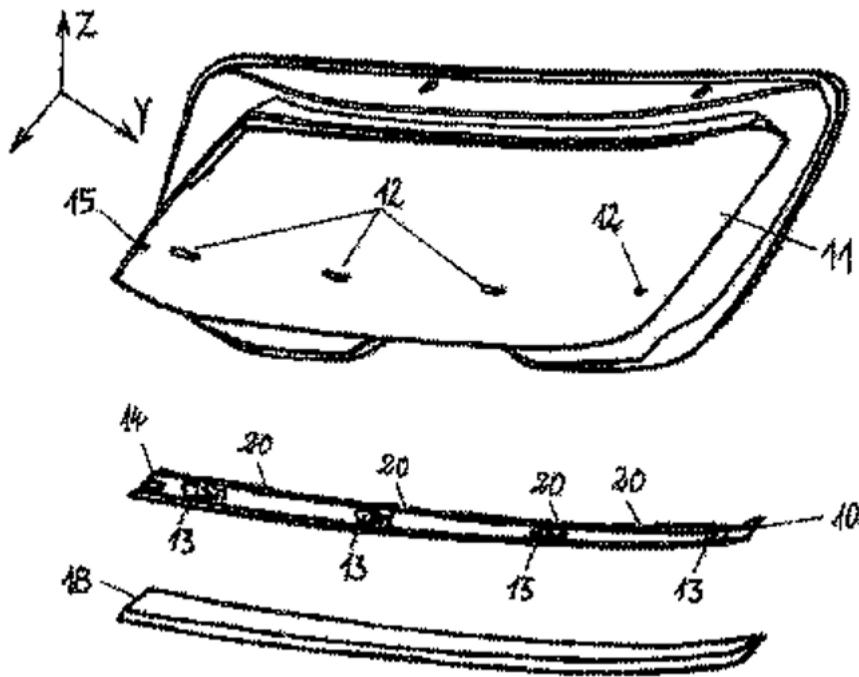
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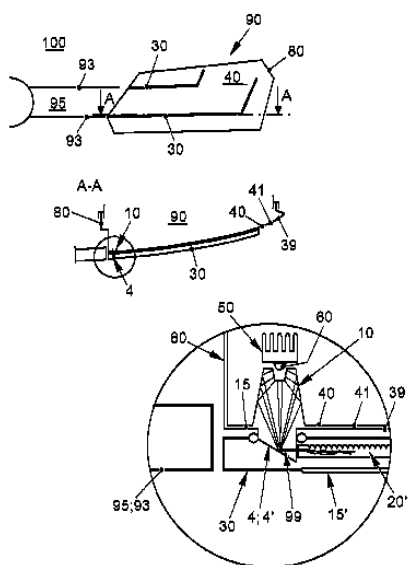
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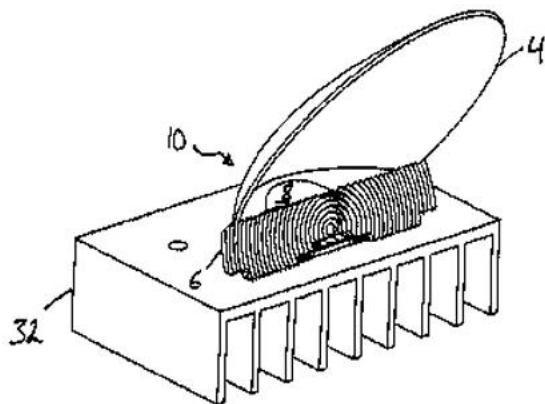
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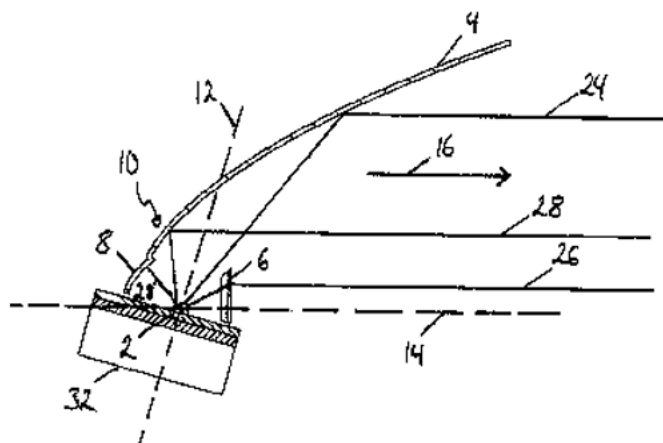
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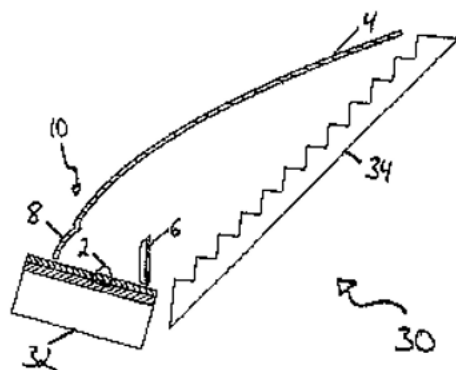
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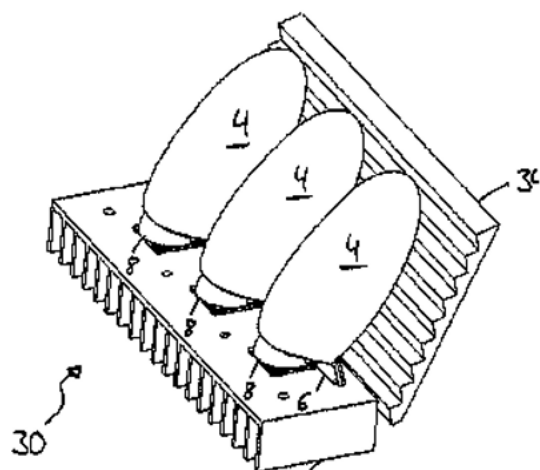
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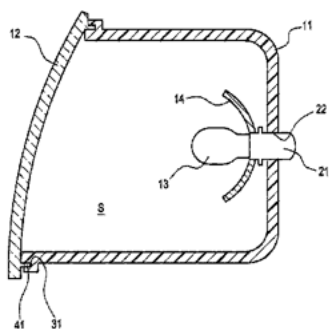
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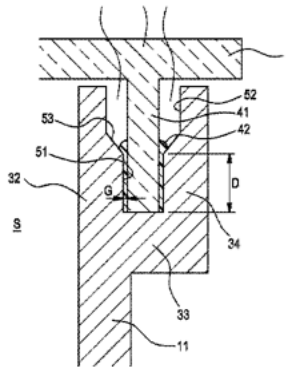
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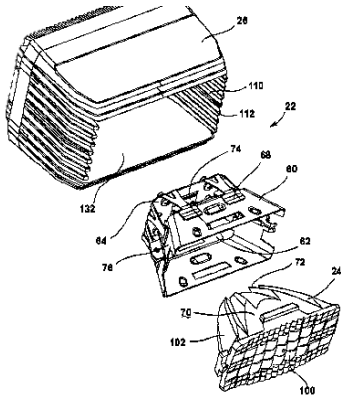
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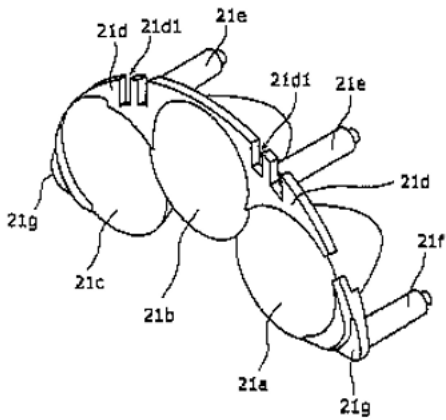
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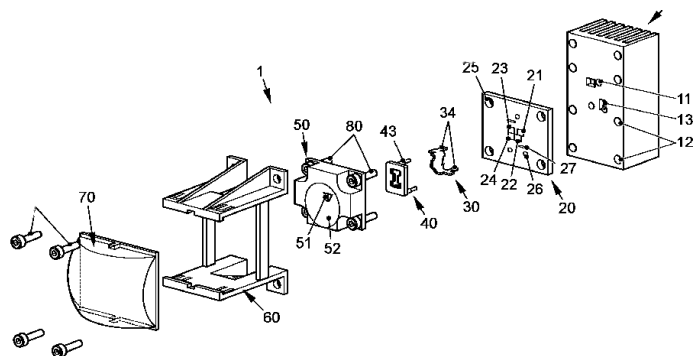
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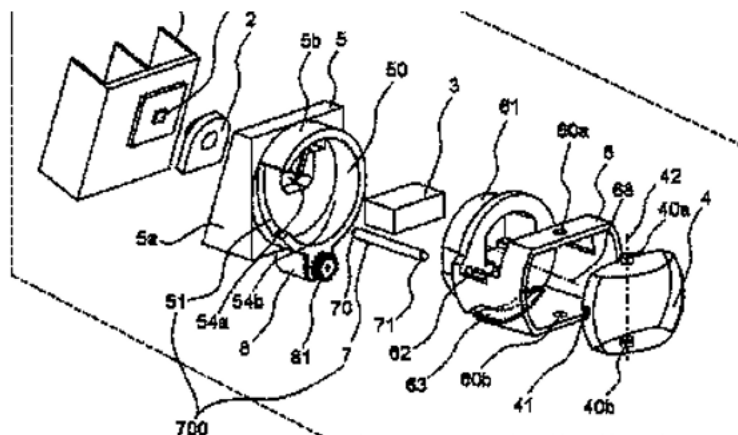
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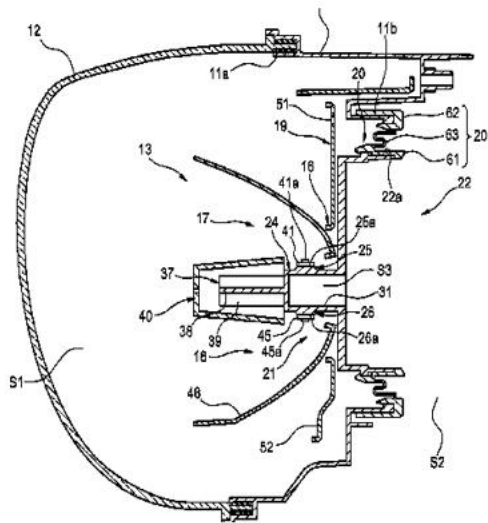
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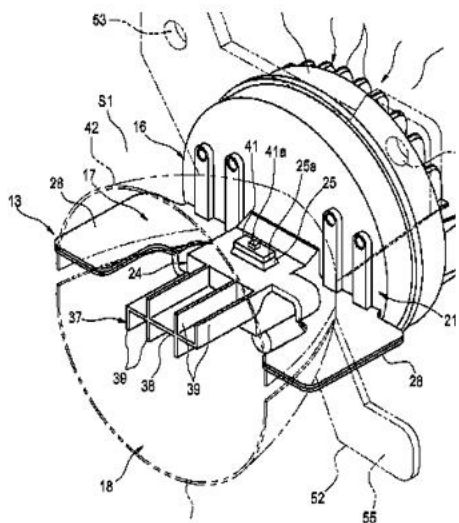
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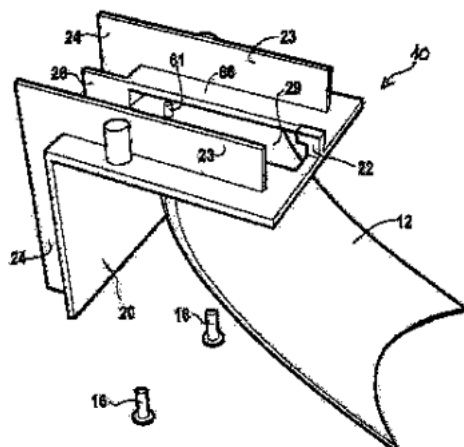
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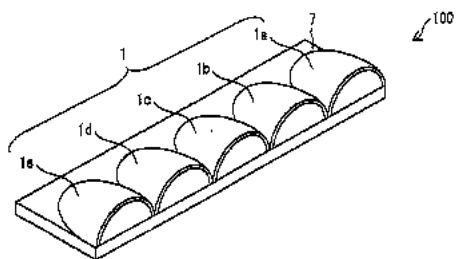
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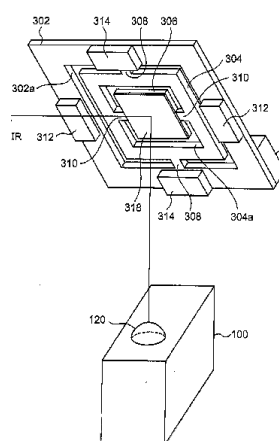
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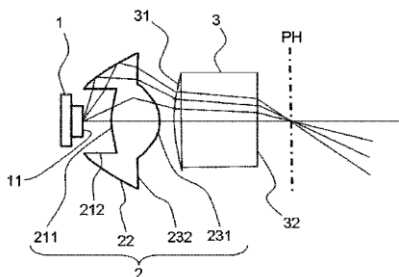
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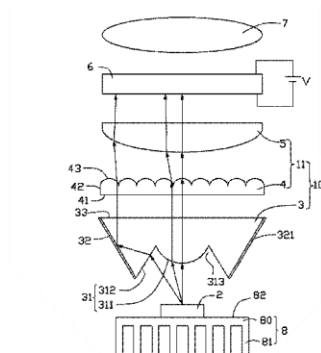
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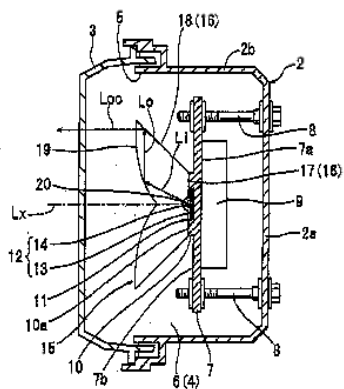
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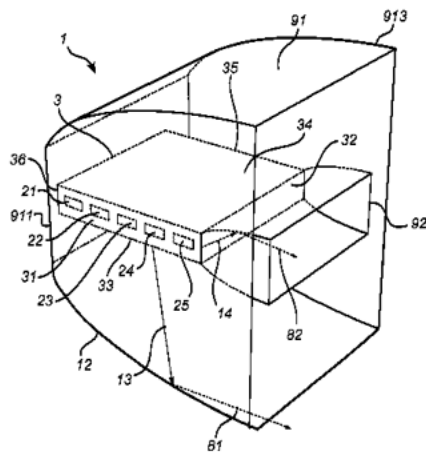
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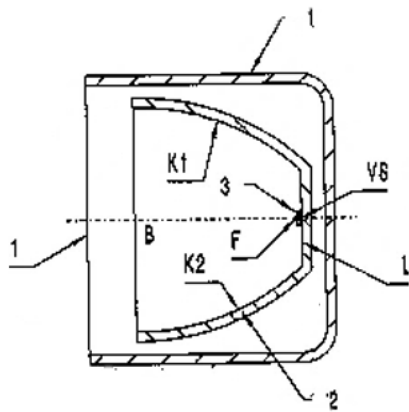
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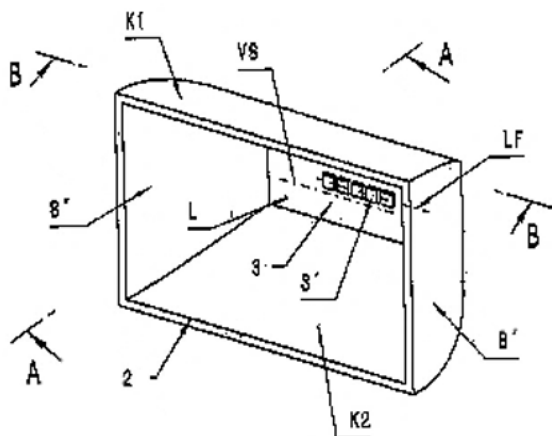
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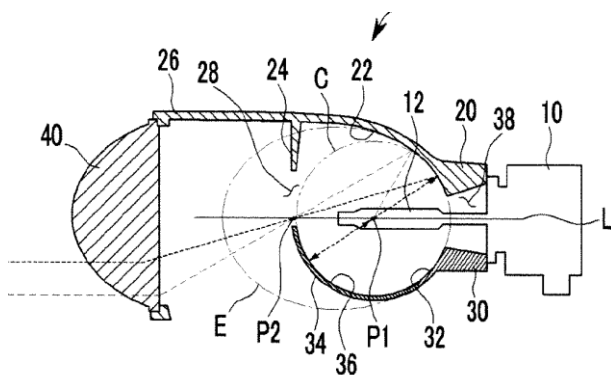
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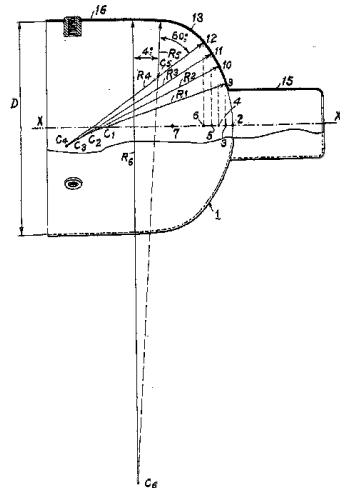
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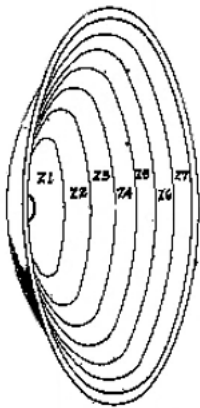
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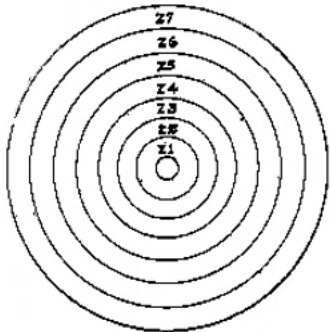
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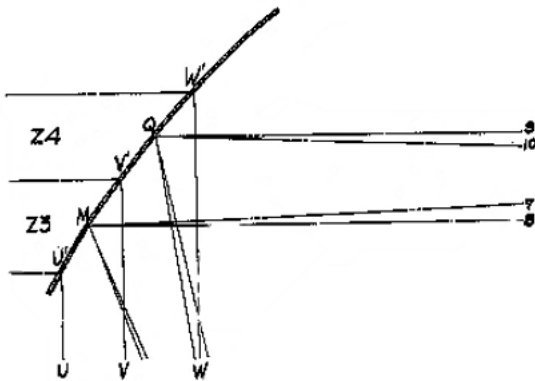
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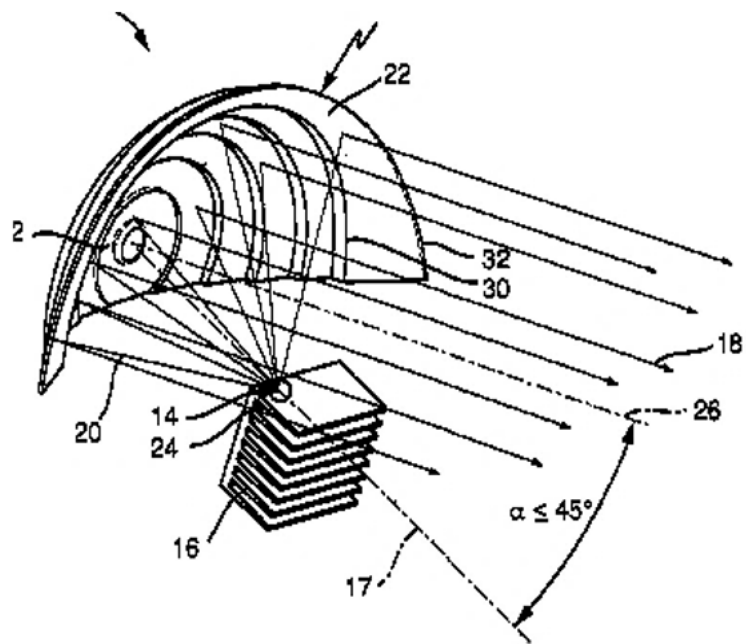
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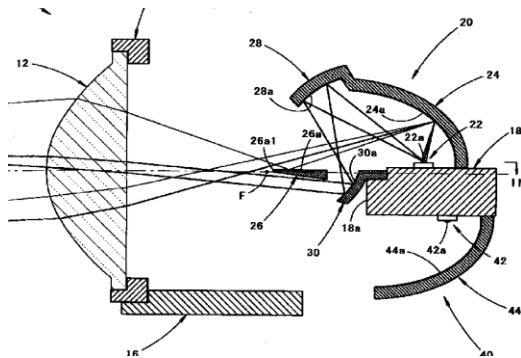
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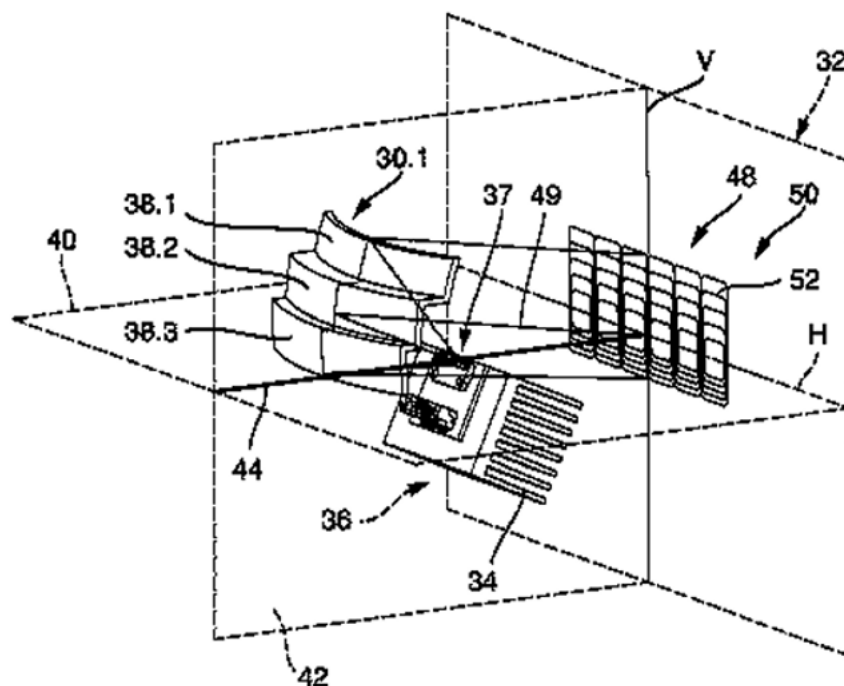
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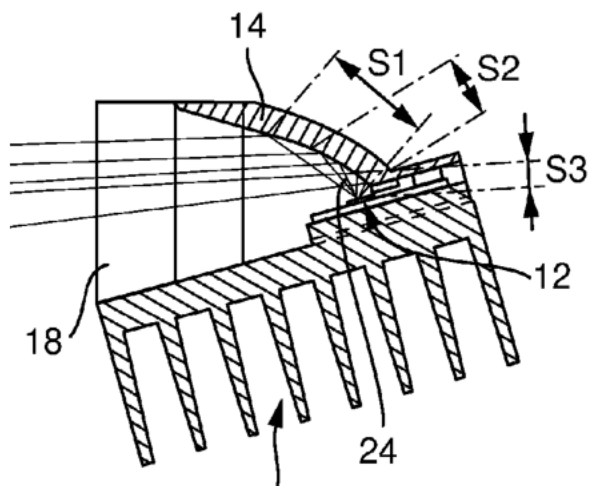
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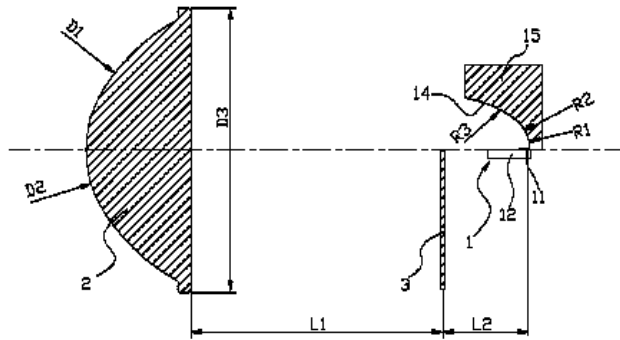
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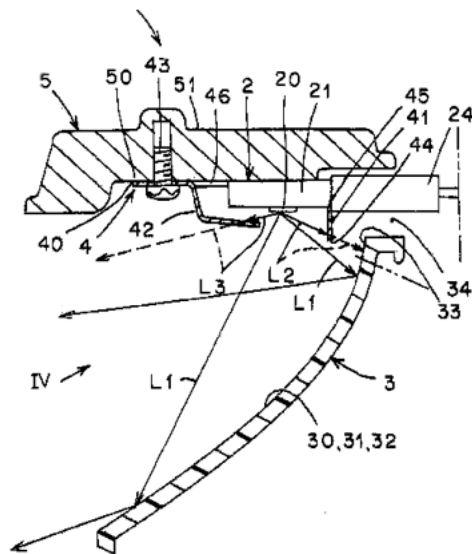


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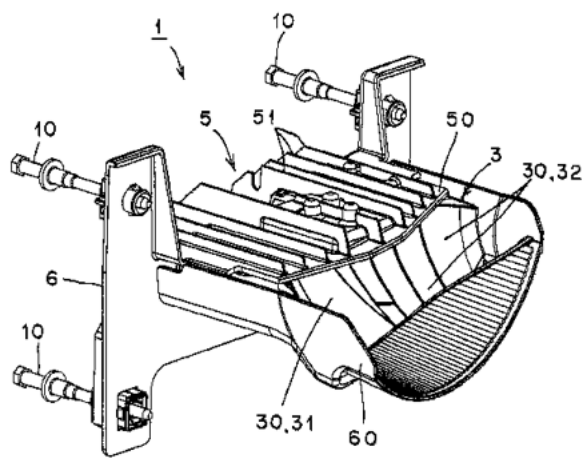
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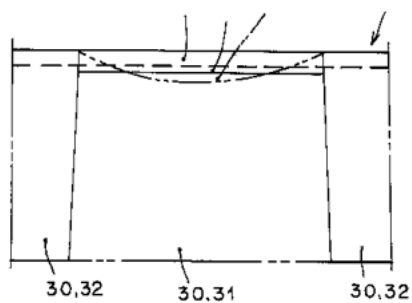
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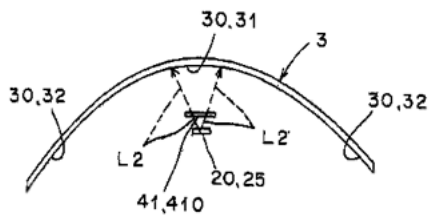
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4a.



4b.



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Definition statement

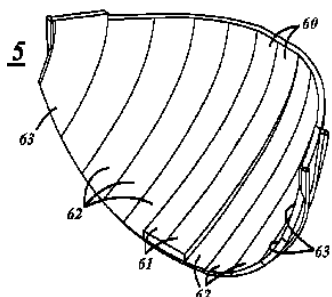
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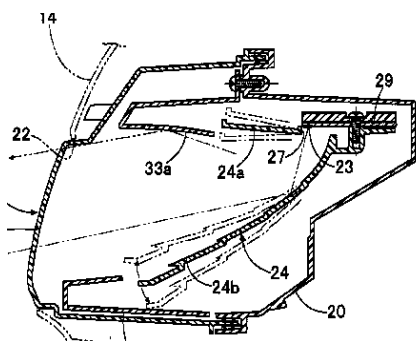
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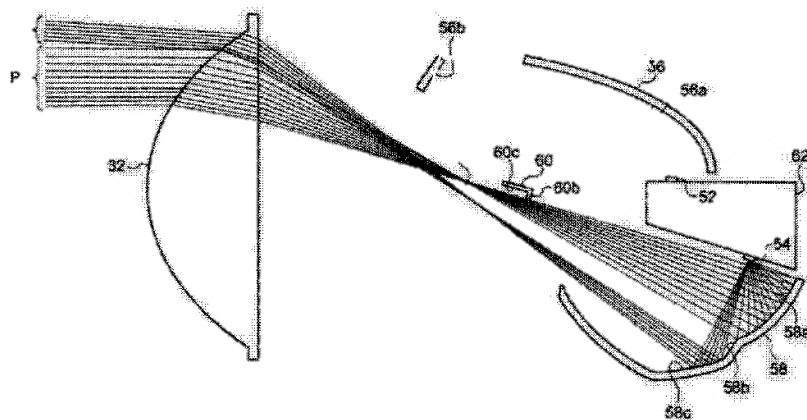
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Definition statement

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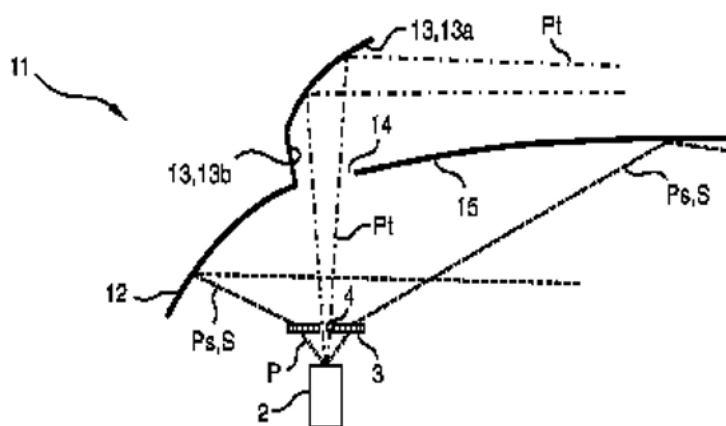
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Definition statement

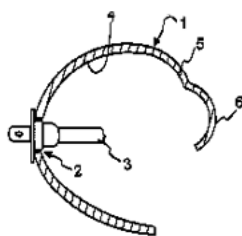
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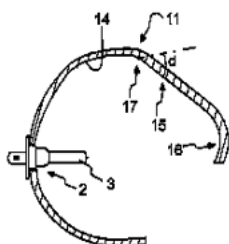
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2a.



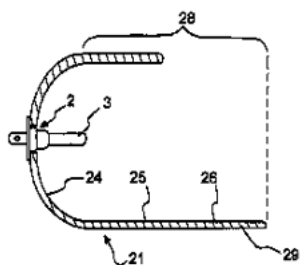
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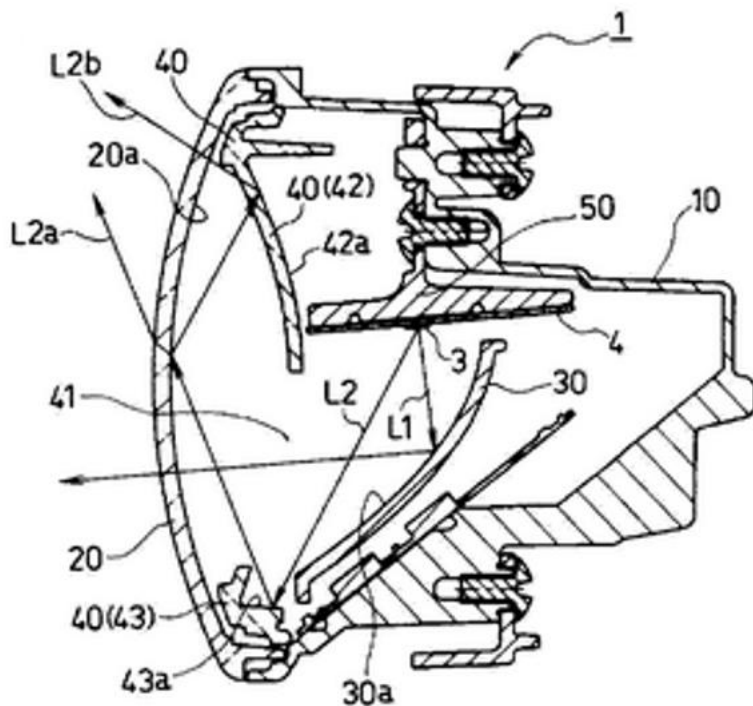


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Definition statement

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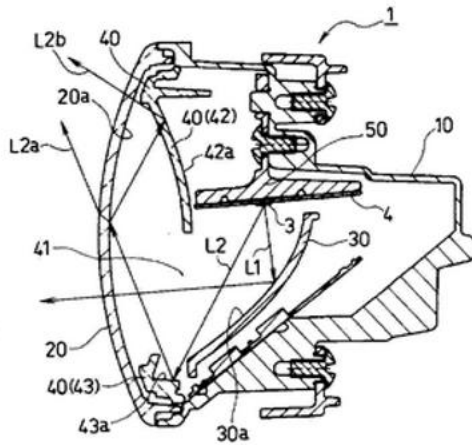
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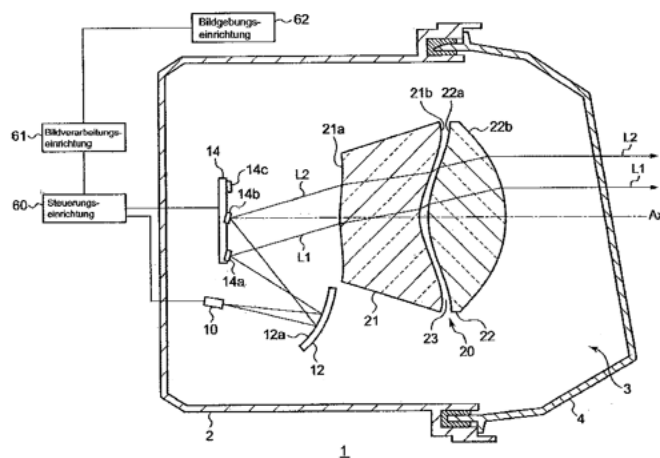
Combinations of two or more separate reflectors successively reflecting the light in a consecutive way. The same light ray is first reflected on a first reflector and then on each consecutive one.

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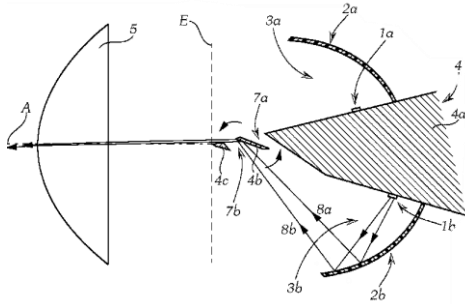
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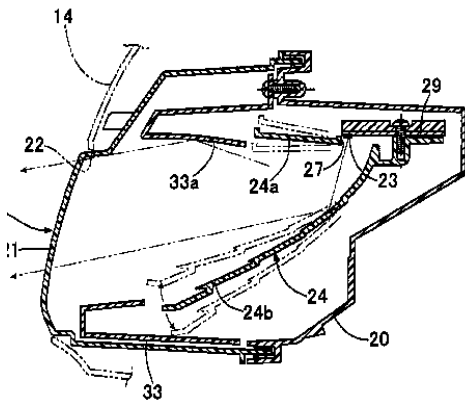
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Definition statement

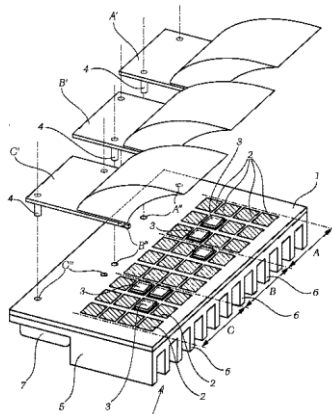
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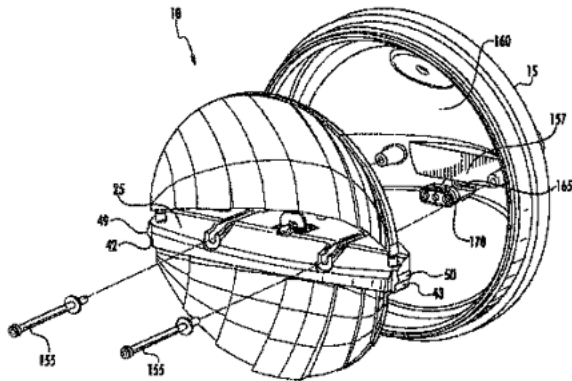
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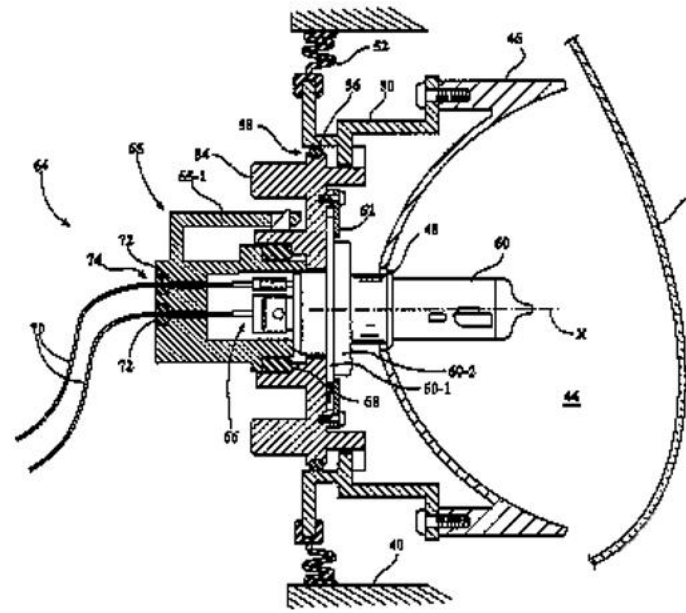
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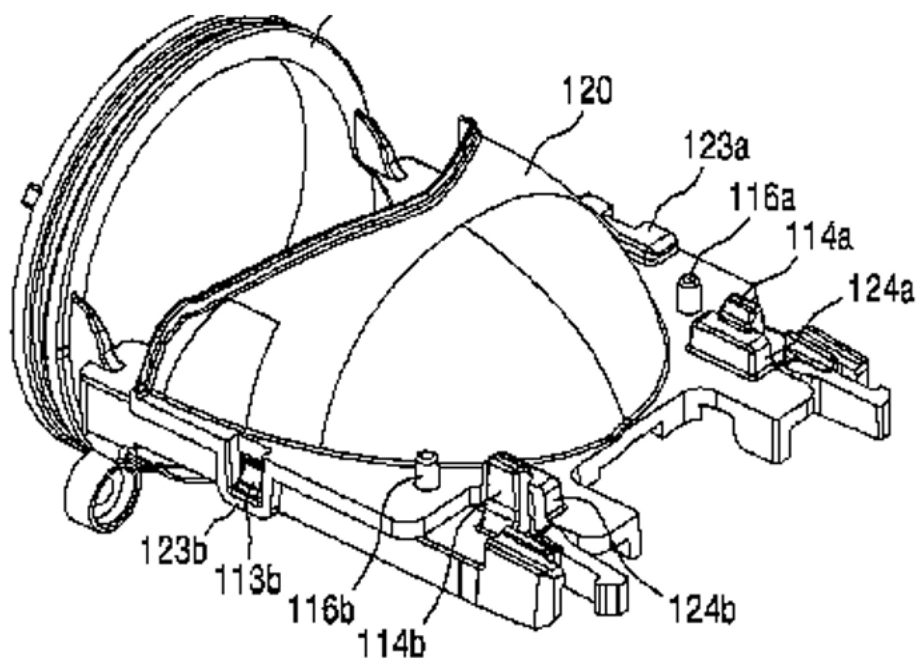
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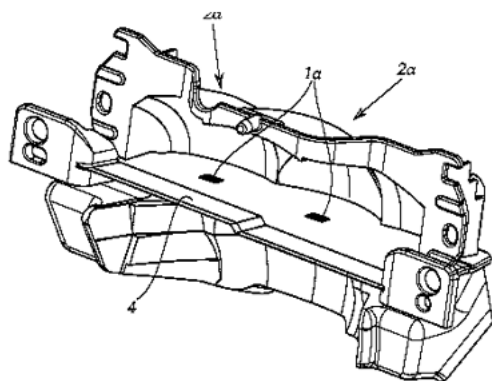
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Definition statement

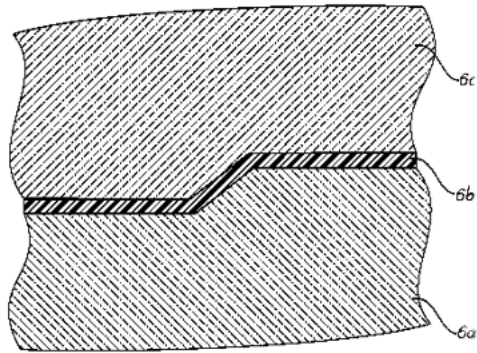
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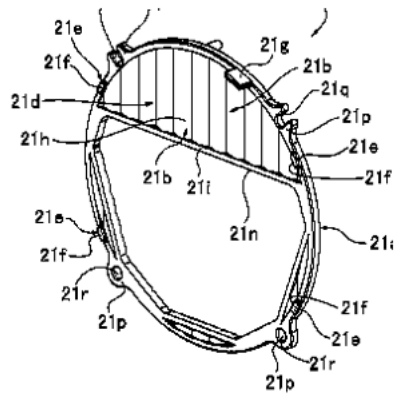
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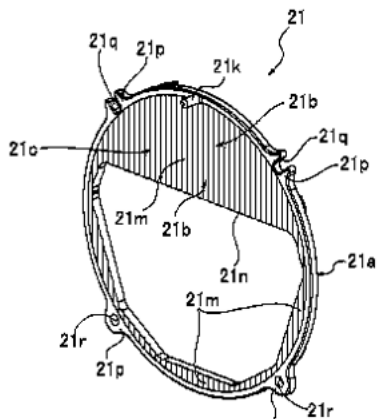
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2a.



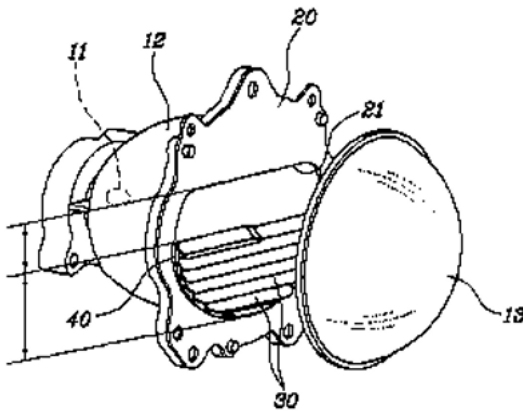
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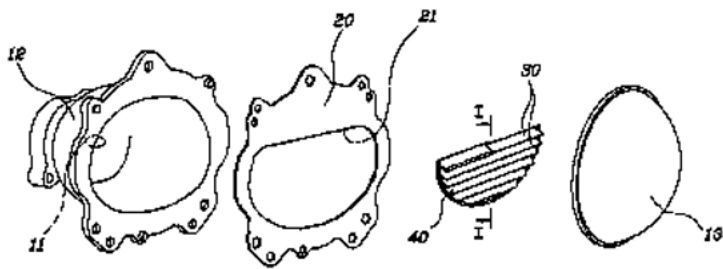
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3b.



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Definition statement

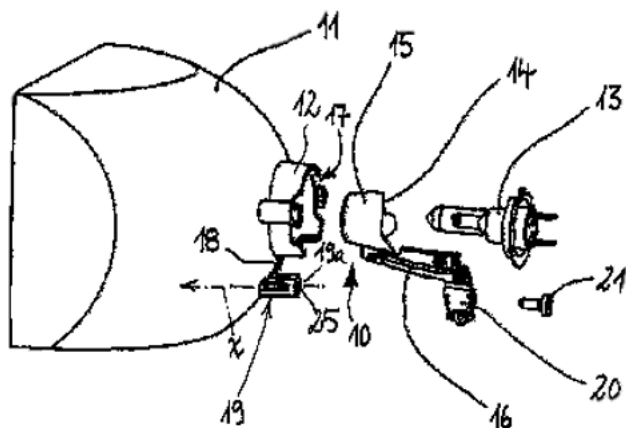
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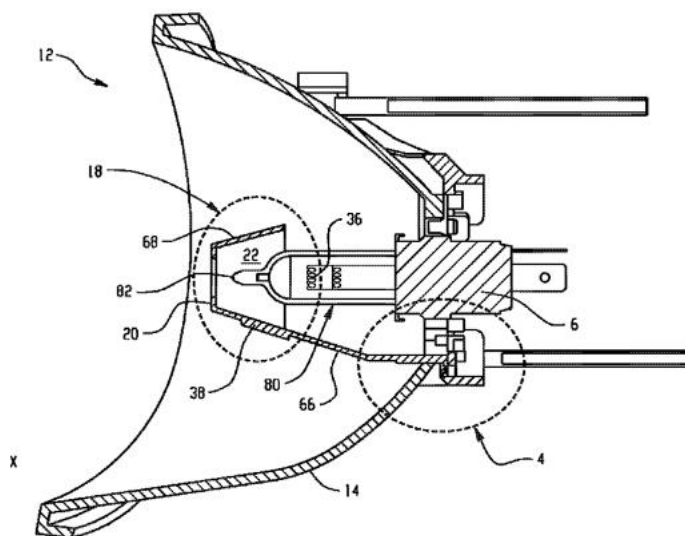
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Definition statement

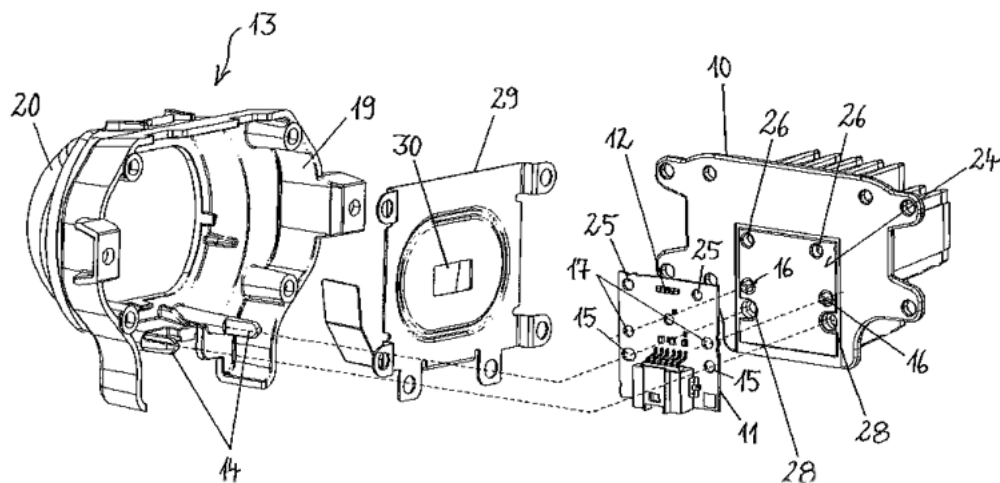
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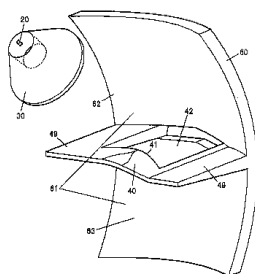
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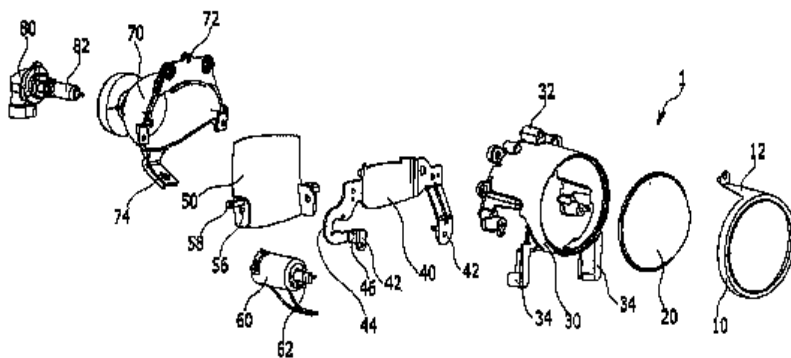
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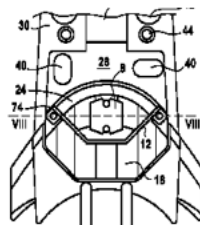
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3.



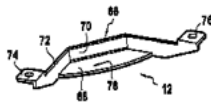
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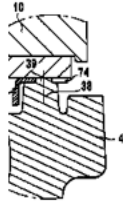
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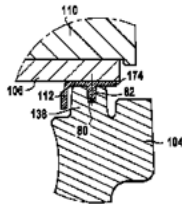
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4c.



4d.



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Definition statement

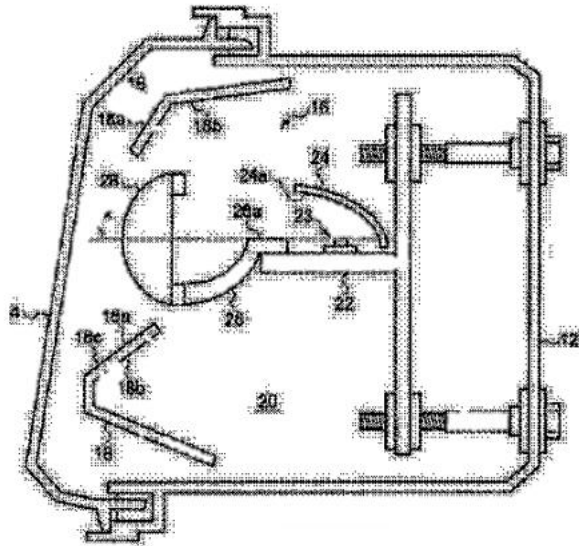
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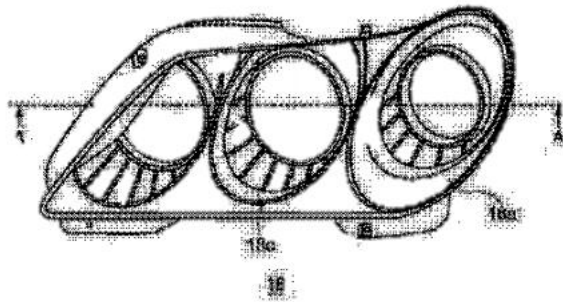
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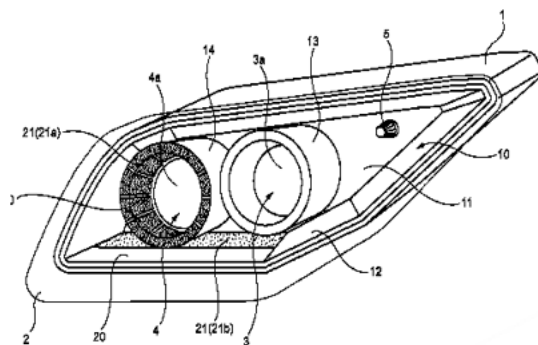
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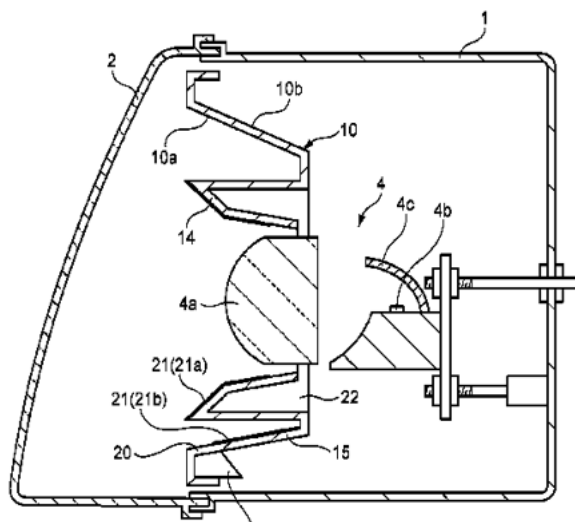
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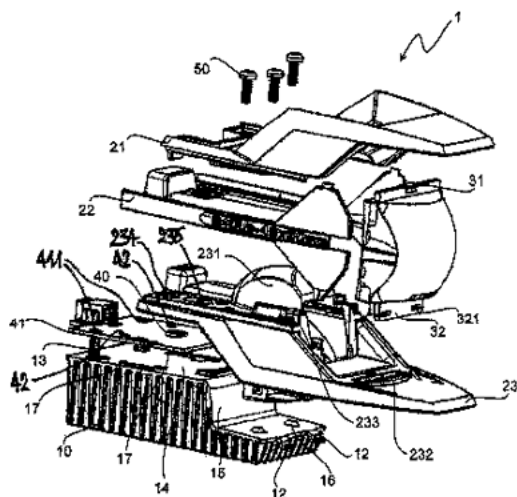
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Definition statement

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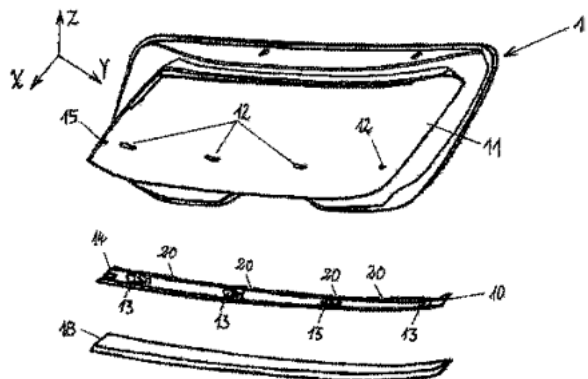
e.g. bezels or so called “extension reflectors”.

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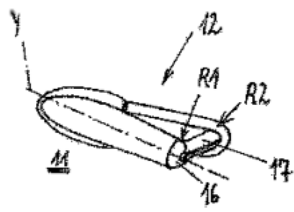
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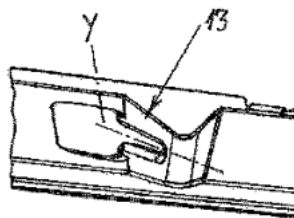
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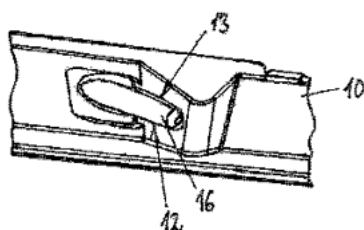
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1c.



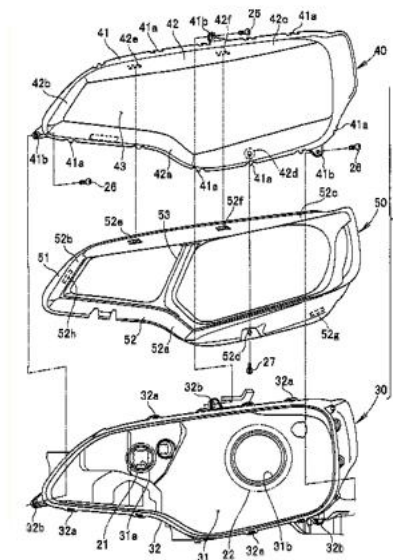
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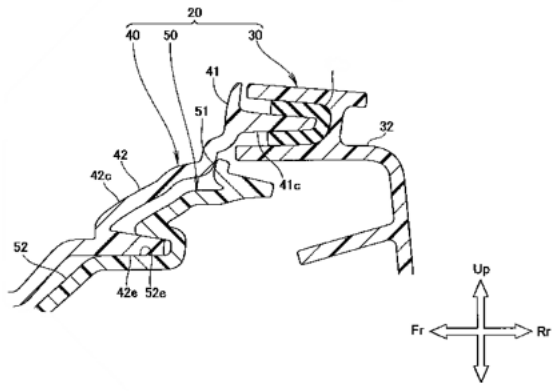
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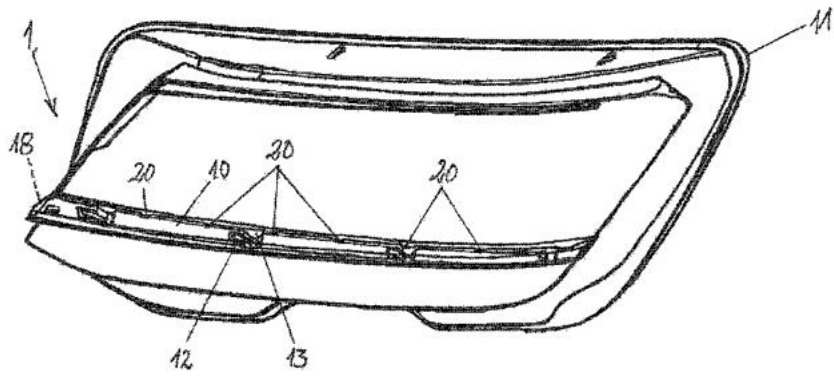
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2b.



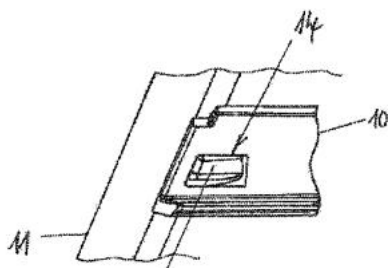
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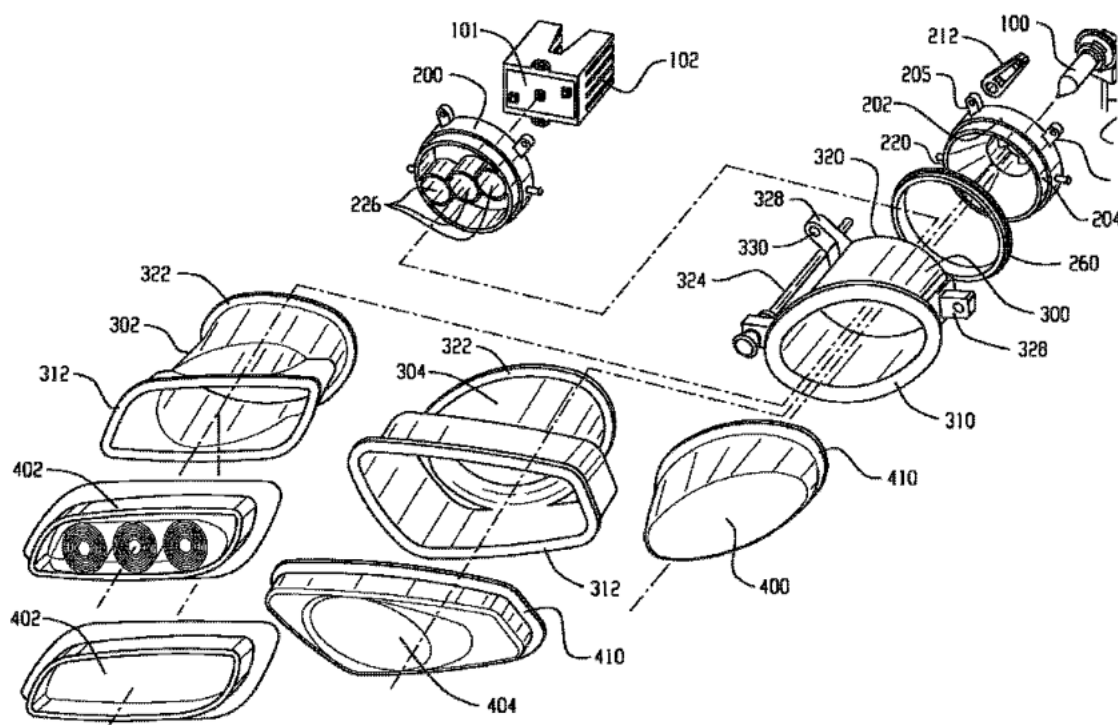
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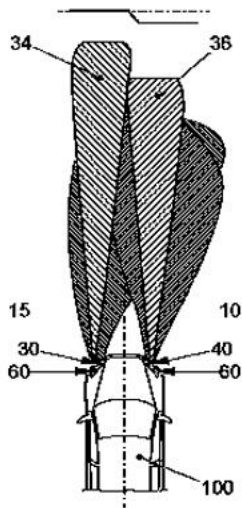


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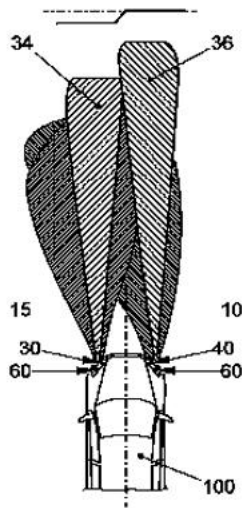


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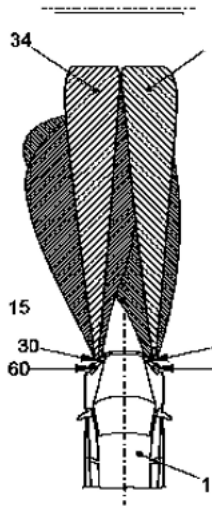
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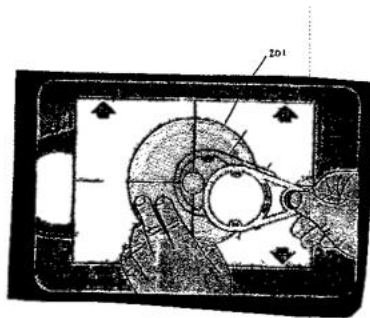
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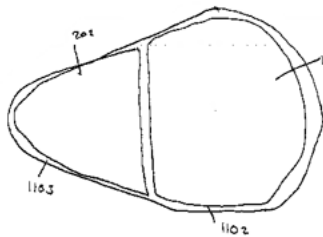
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Definition statement

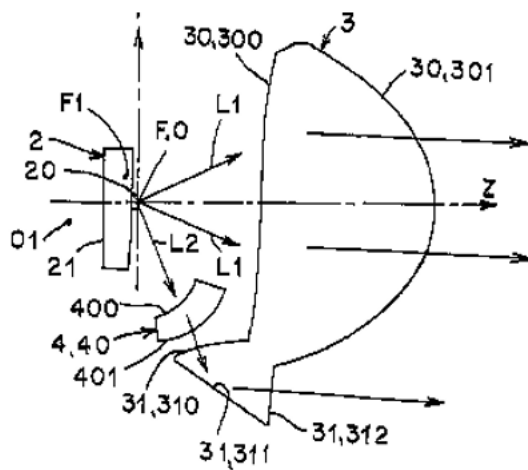
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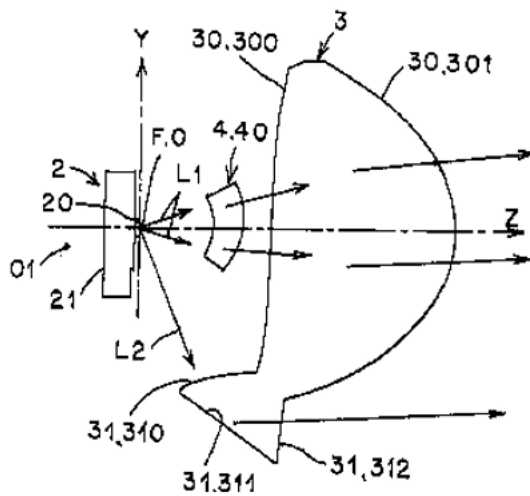
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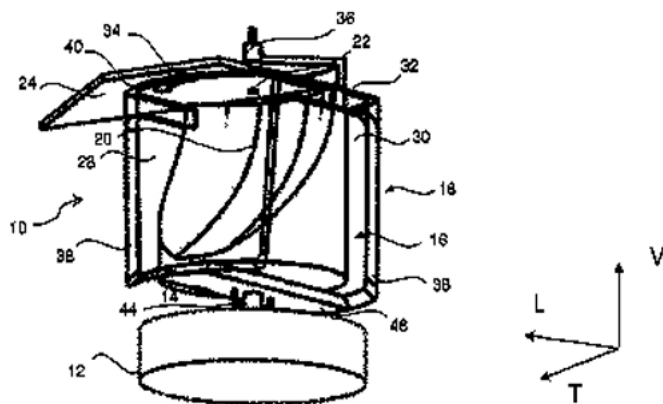
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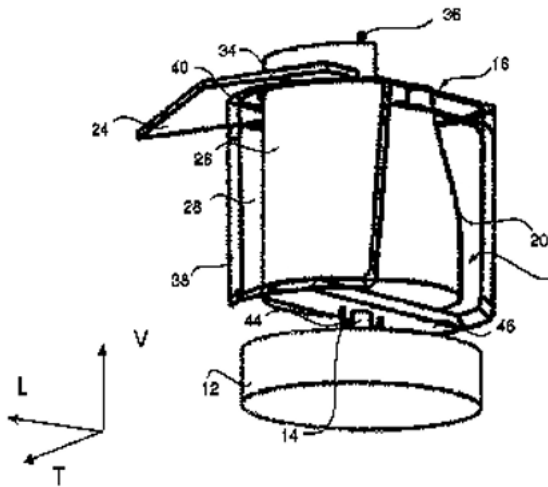
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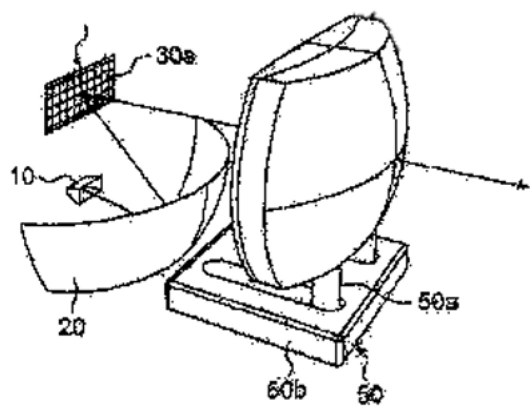
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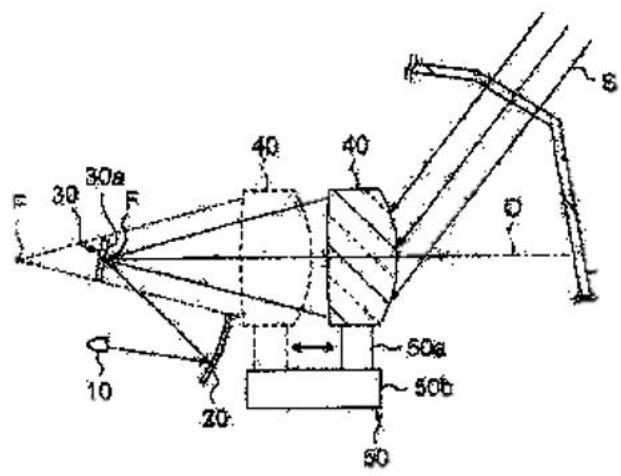
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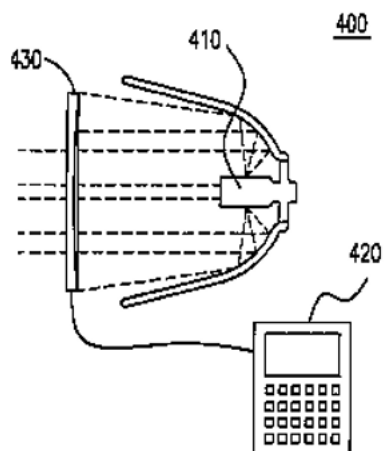
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Definition statement

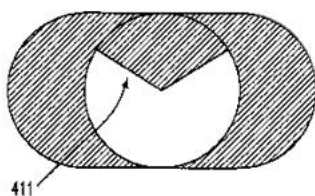
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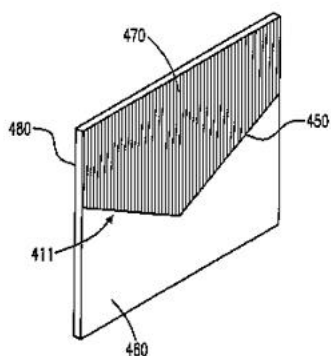
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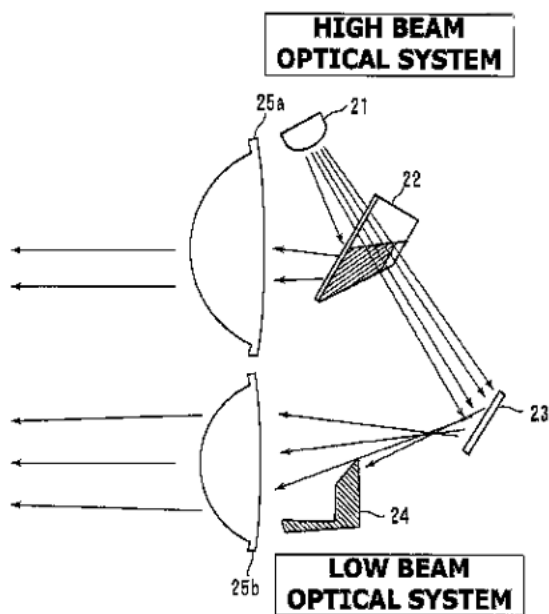
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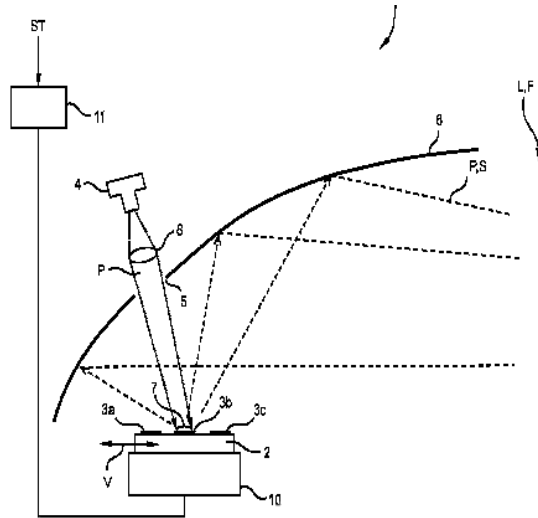
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Definition statement

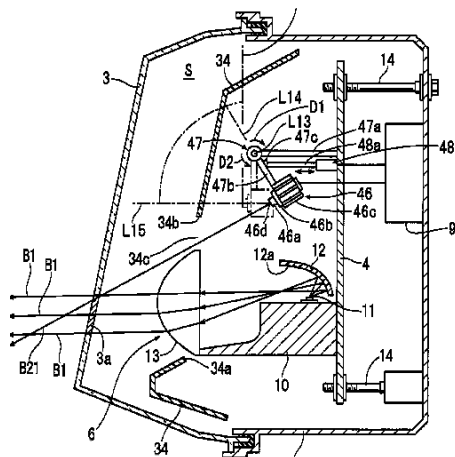
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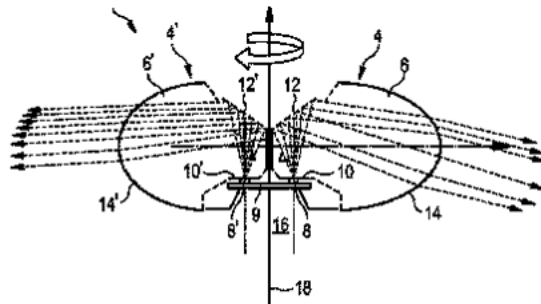
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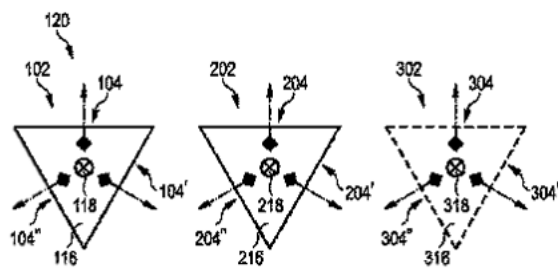
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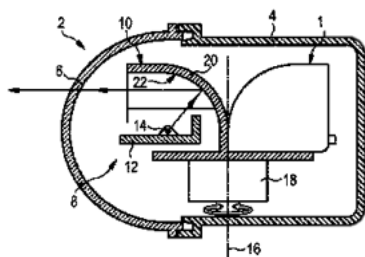
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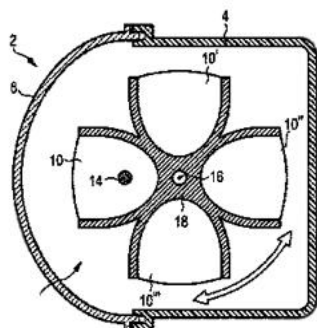
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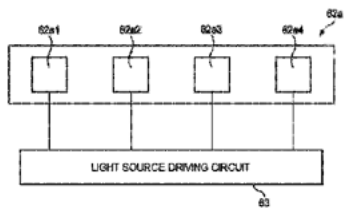
e.g. switching between high and low beam or getting a daytime running lamp [DRL] by dimming the low beam.

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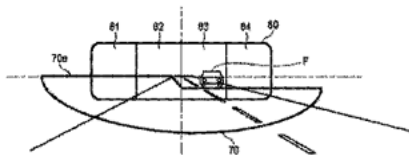
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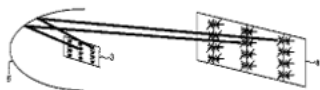
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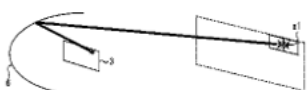
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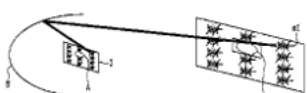
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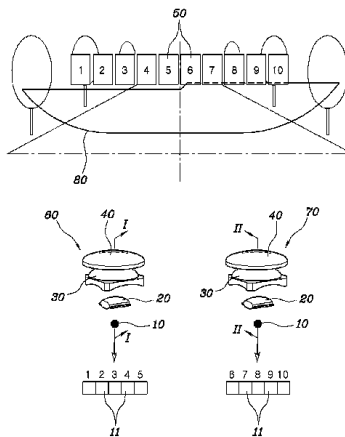
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2c.



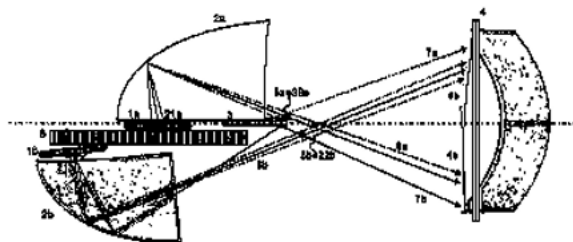
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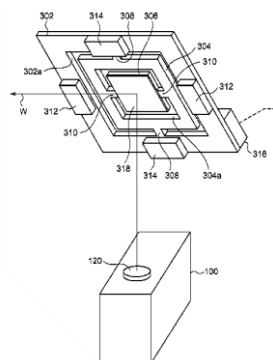
Definition statement

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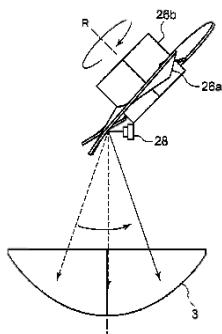
e.g. DMDs, MEMS.

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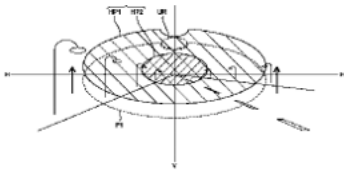
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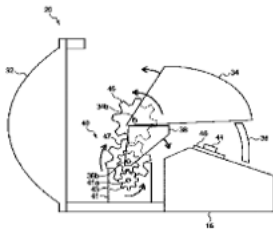
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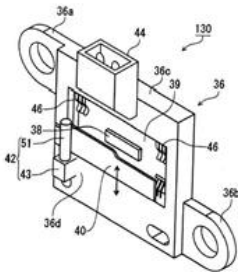
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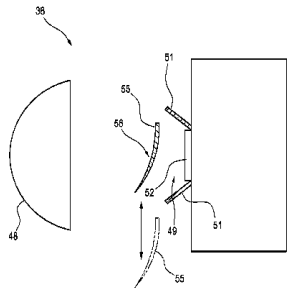
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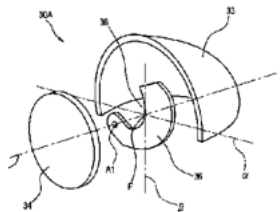
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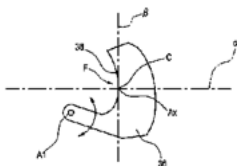
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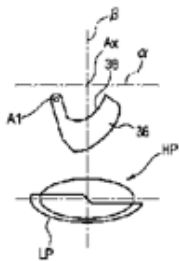
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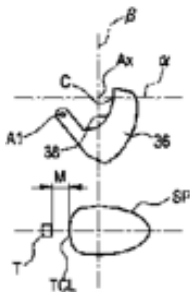
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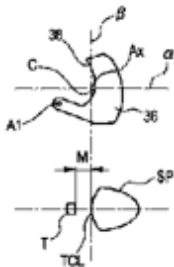
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3d.



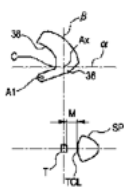
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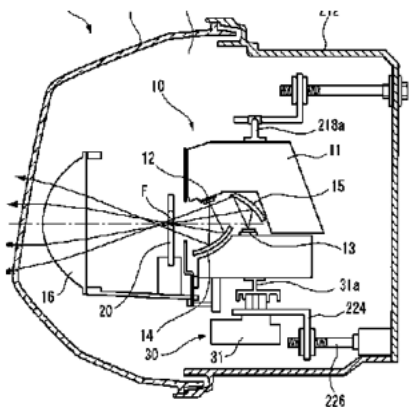
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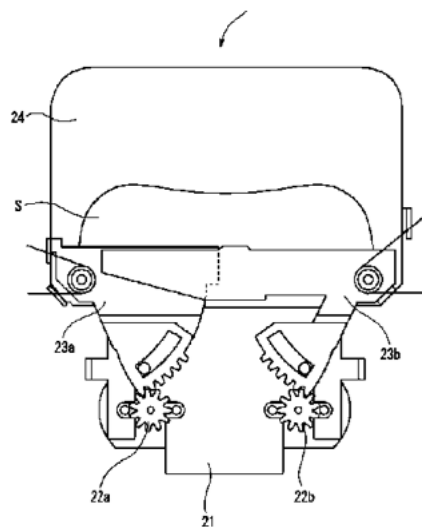
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4a.



4b.



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Definition statement

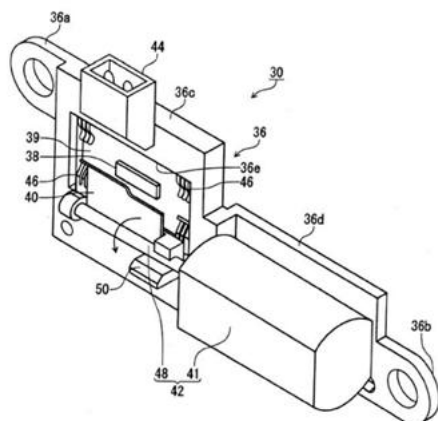
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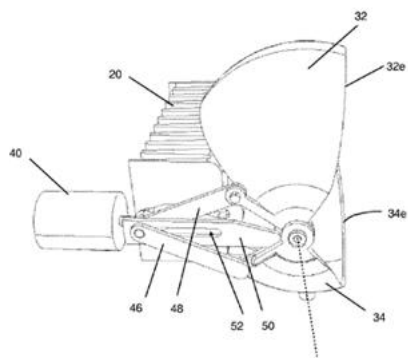
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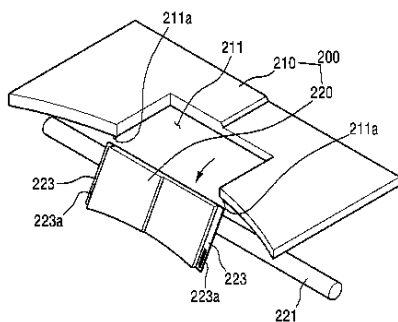
typical flap configuration

2.



also covering shell shapes

3.



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Definition statement

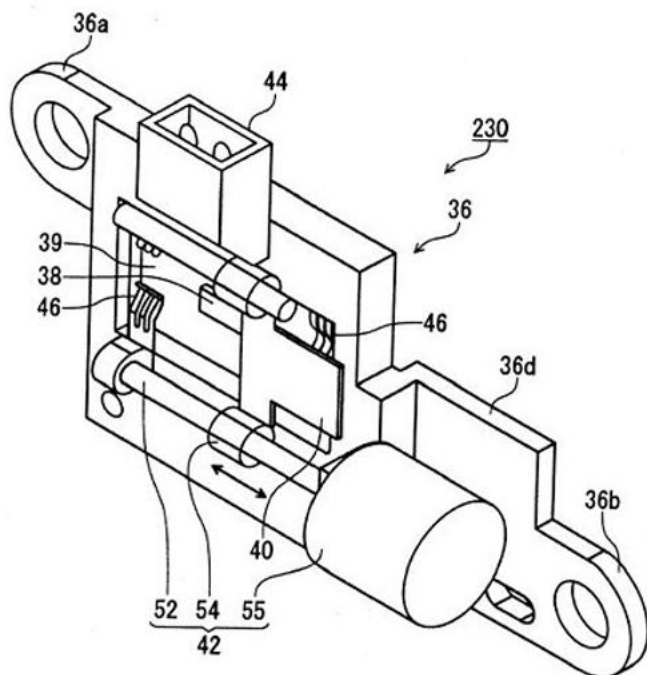
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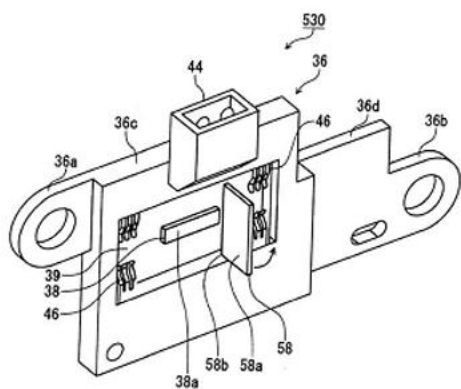
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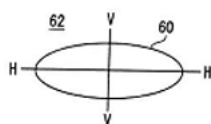
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1b.



1c.

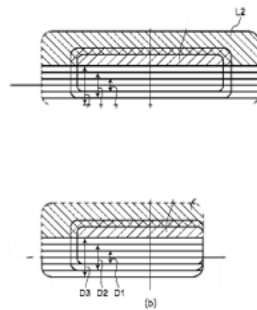


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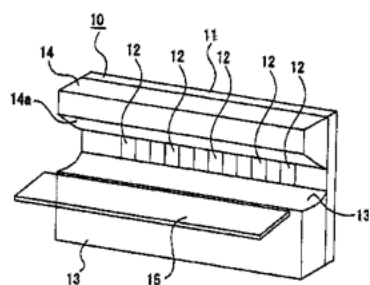
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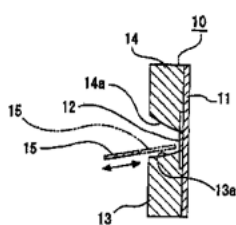
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3b.



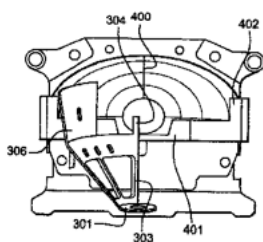
F21S 41/695

Definition statement

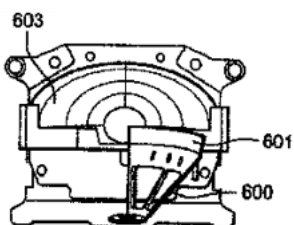
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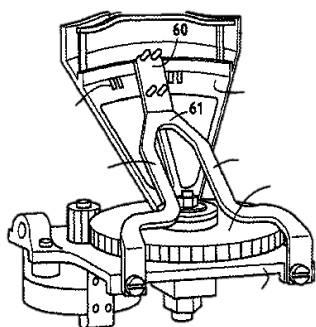
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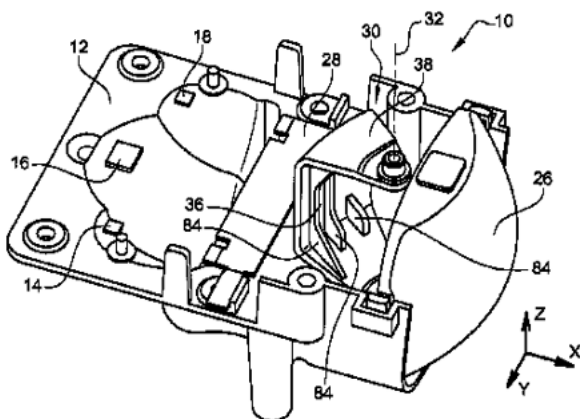
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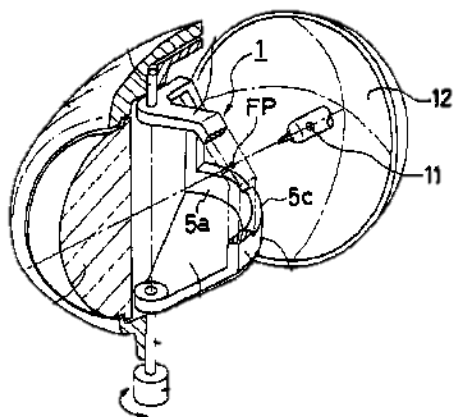
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Definition statement

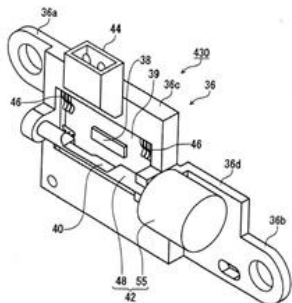
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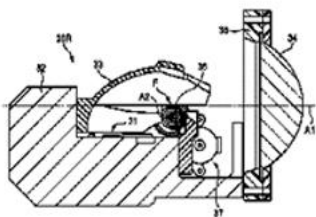
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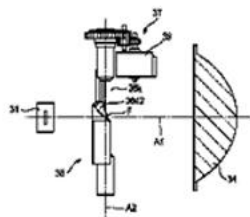
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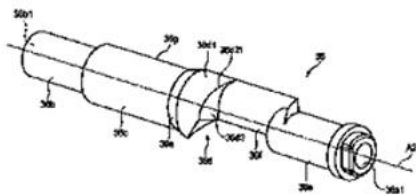
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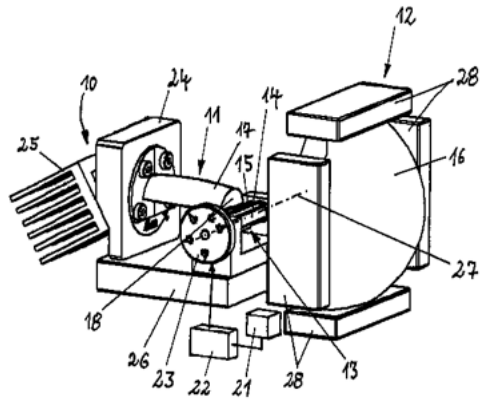
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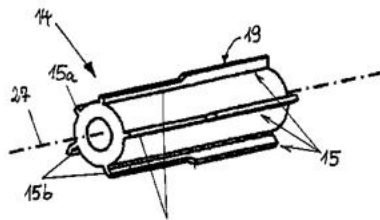
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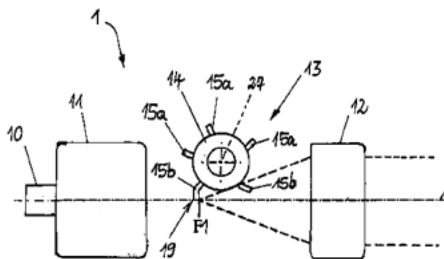
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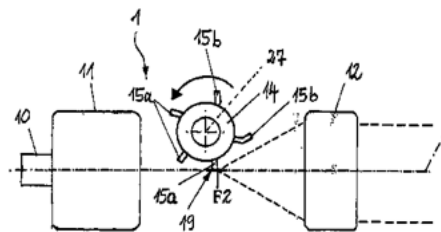
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F21S 43/00

Relationships with other classification places

Arrangements within signalling devices specially adapted for vehicle exteriors are classified in F21S 43/00.

Arrangement of exterior optical signalling or lighting devices for vehicles, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor are classified in B60Q 1/00.

Lighting devices specially adapted for vehicle interiors are classified in B60Q 3/00.

Functional features or details of non-vehicle lighting devices are classified in F21V.

Special rules of classification

In this group, it is desirable to allocate F21Y indexing codes, for aspects of a disclosure that cannot be classified in this group or any of its subgroups. For example, the indexing codes of F21Y 2107/00, e.g. F21Y 2107/90 for light sources on both sides of the substrate, are allocated in combination with classification in this group, since there are no corresponding classification places in F21S 43/00.

Classification in the F21Y indexing codes does not apply when there is a classification place in F21S 43/00 covering the same subject-matter. For example, F21Y 2115/10 (light-emitting diodes [LED]) is not being allocated in combination with F21S 43/00 and subgroups since a corresponding classification place is present: F21S 43/14.

F21S 45/00

Definition statement

This place covers:

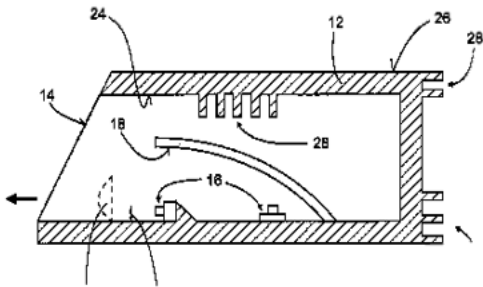
Housings, harnesses, modular constructions and all other internal elements of illumination and signalling devices, which do not fall under other groups.

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

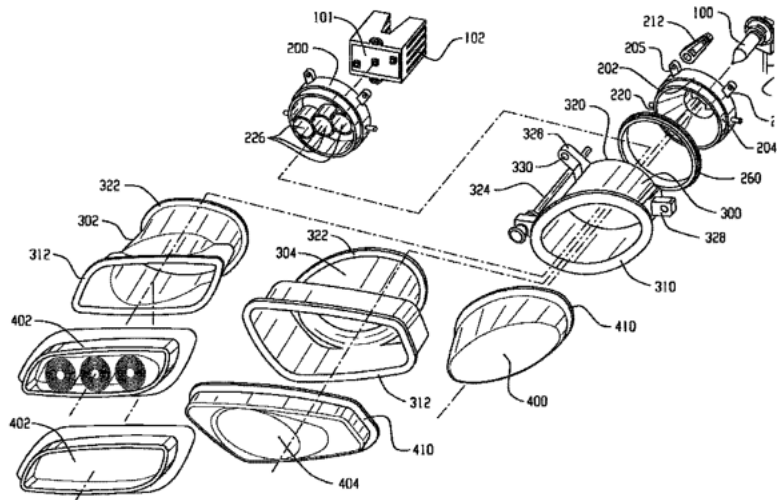
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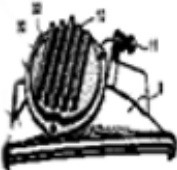
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3b.



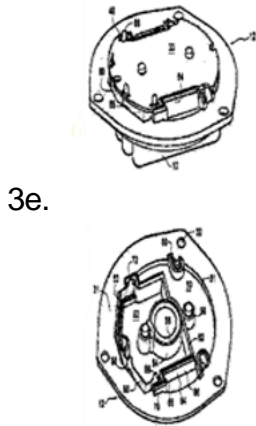
3c.



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Relationships with other classification places

Arrangements within vehicle lighting devices specially adapted for vehicle exteriors, for purposes other than emission or distribution of light, are classified in F21S 45/00.

Arrangement of exterior optical signalling or lighting devices for vehicles, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor are classified in B60Q 1/00.

Lighting devices specially adapted for vehicle interiors are classified in B60Q 3/00.

Functional features or details of non-vehicle lighting devices are classified in F21V.

F21S 45/10

Definition statement

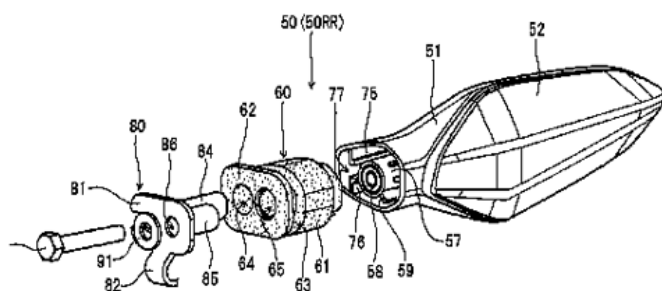
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Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

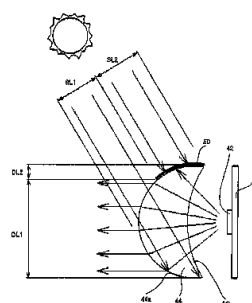
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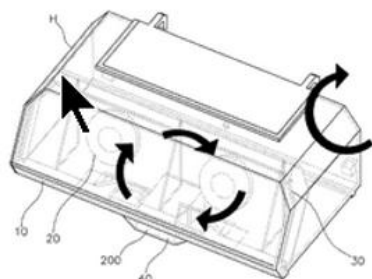
F21S 45/20

Definition statement

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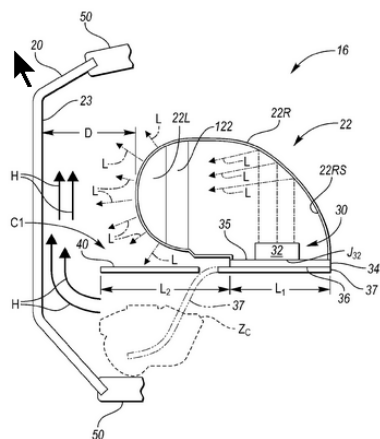
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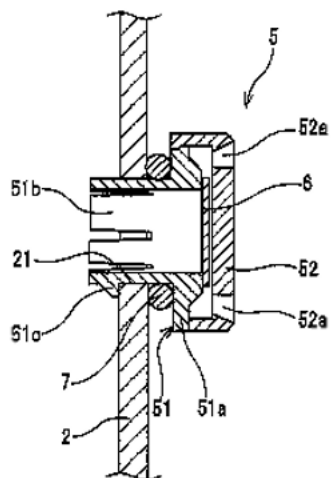
F21S 45/30

Definition statement

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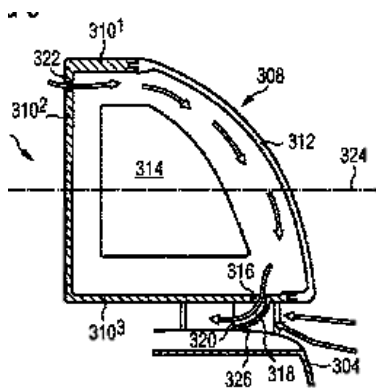
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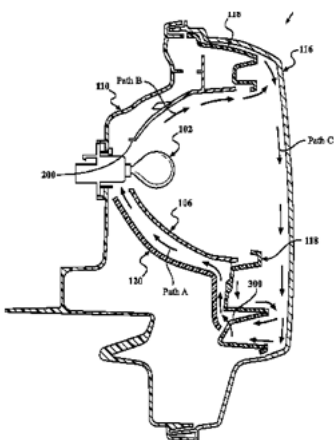
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Definition statement

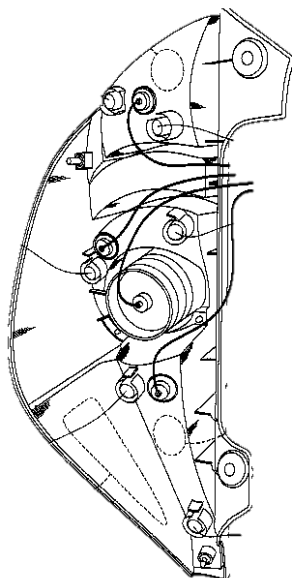
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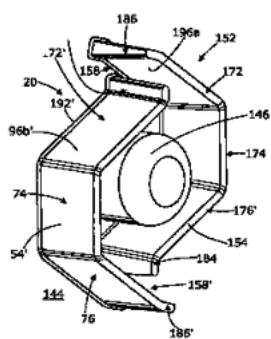
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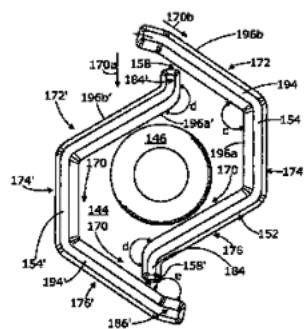
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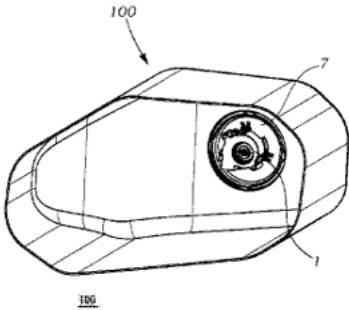
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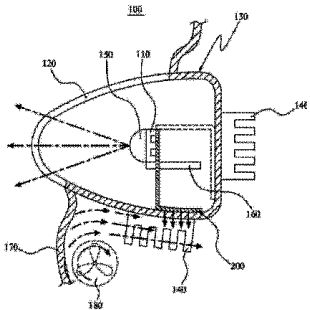
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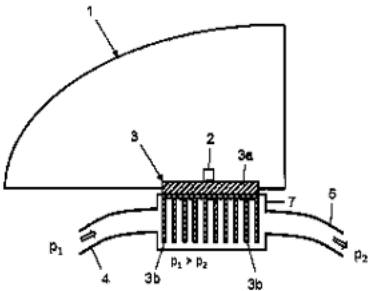
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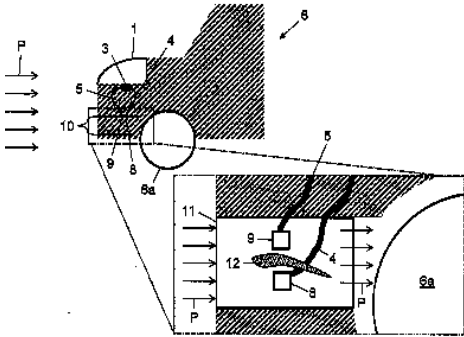
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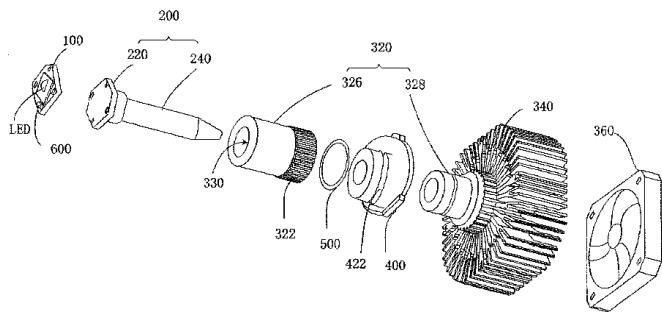
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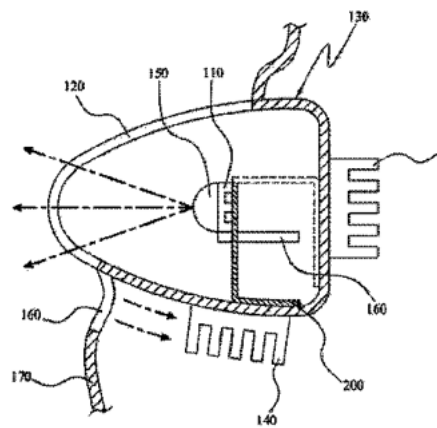
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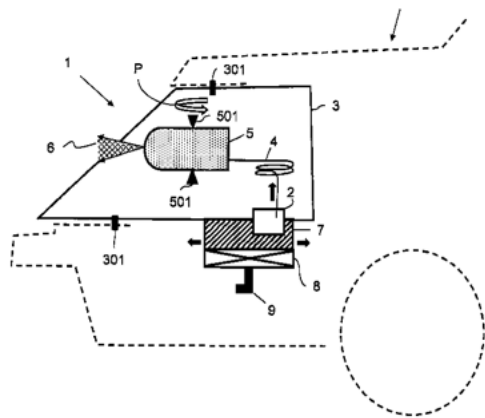
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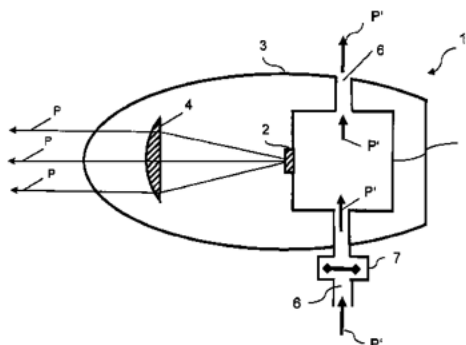
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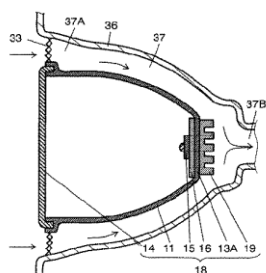
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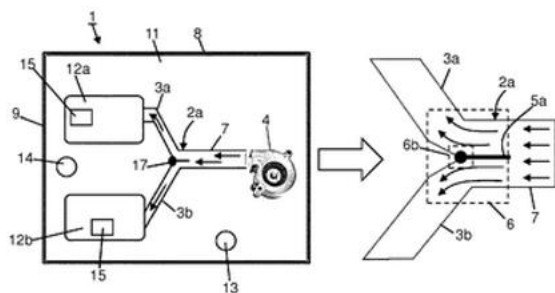
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Definition statement

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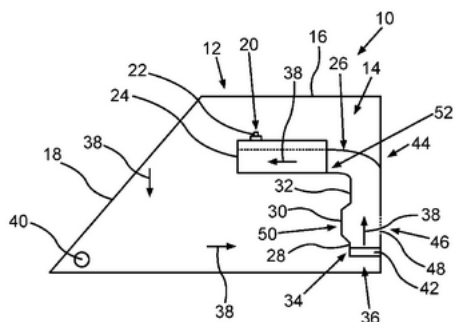
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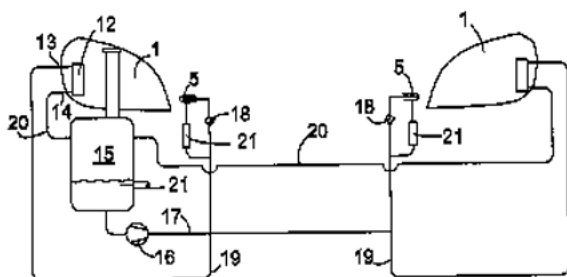
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Definition statement

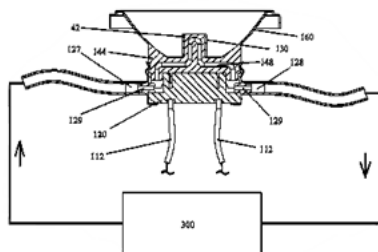
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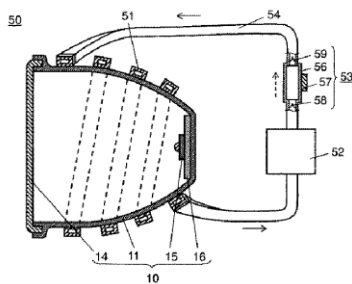
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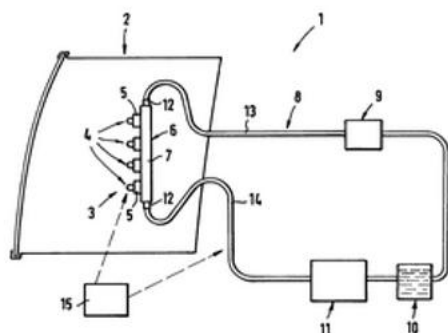
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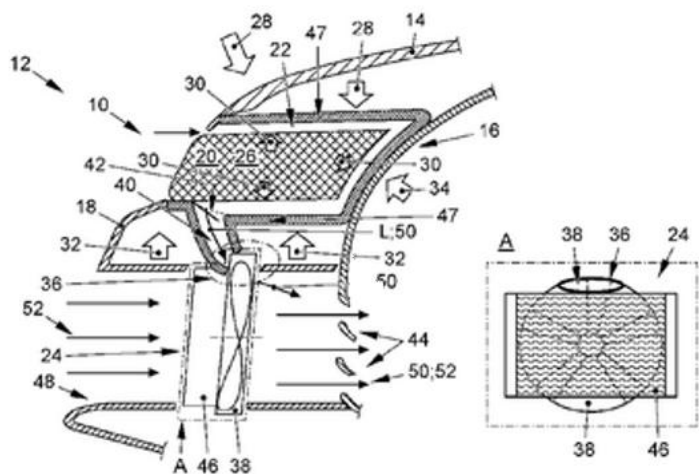
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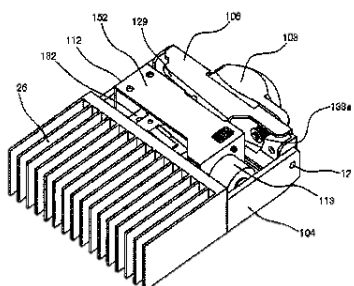
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Definition statement

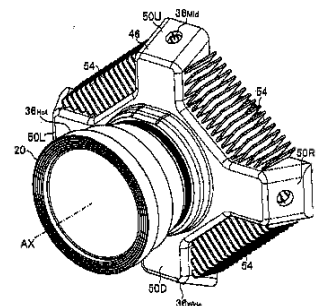
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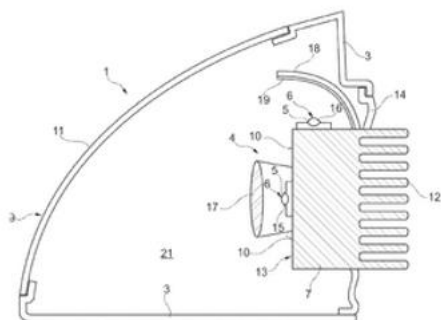
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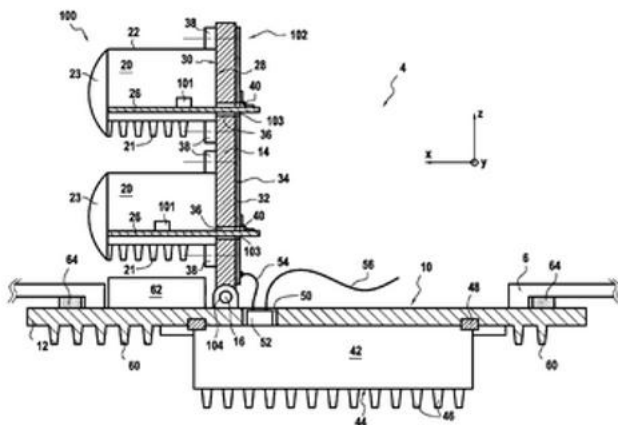
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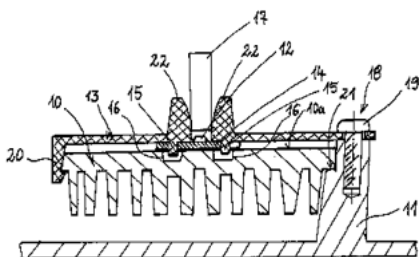
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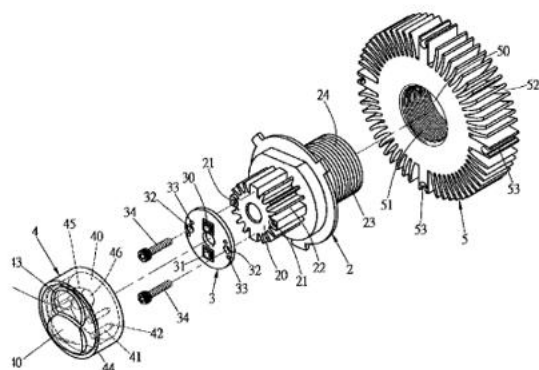
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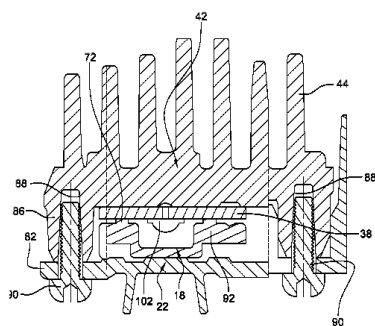
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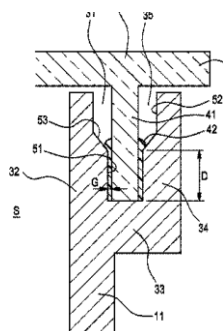
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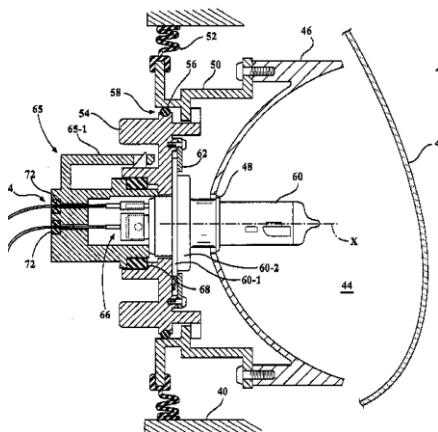
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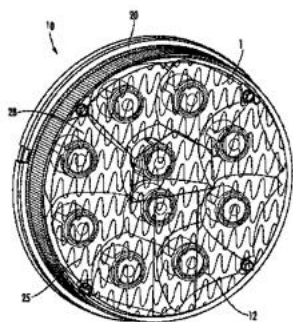
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Definition statement

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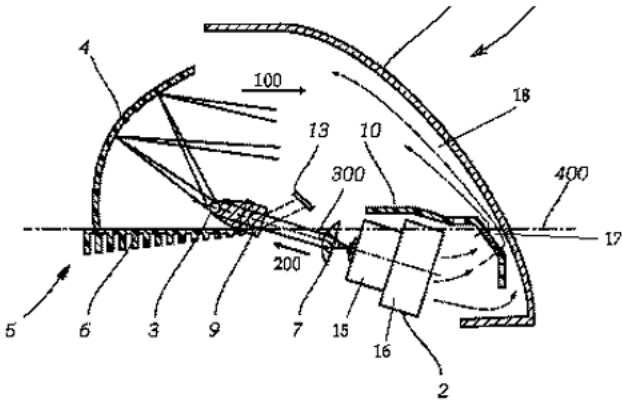
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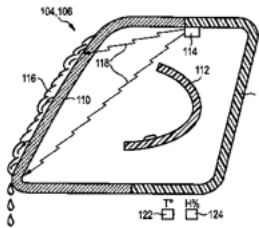
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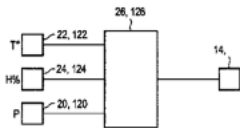
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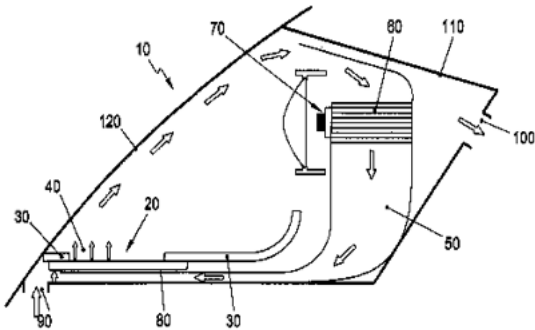
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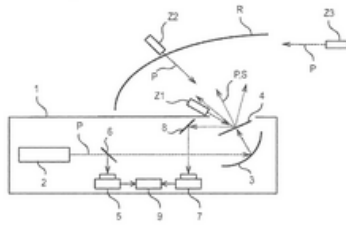
Definition statement

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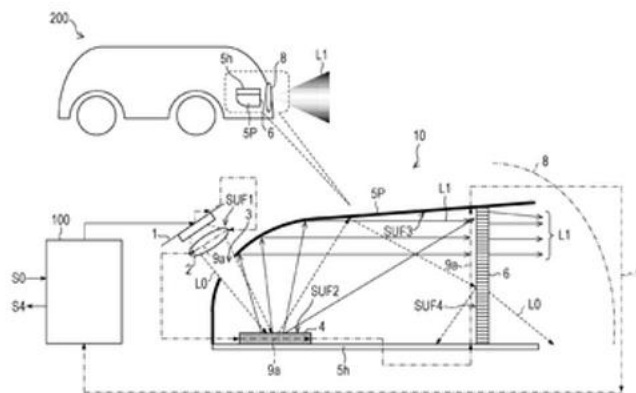
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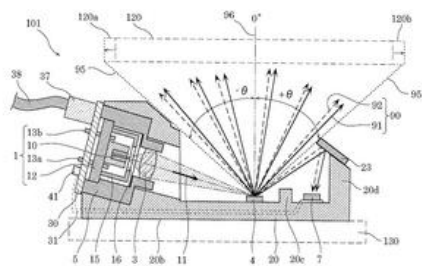
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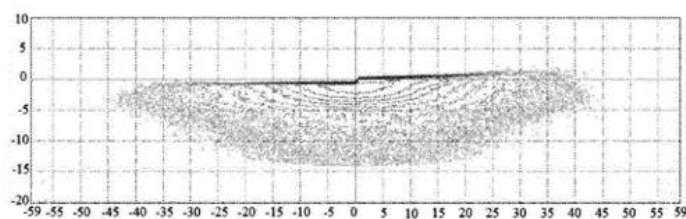
F21W 2102/135

Definition statement

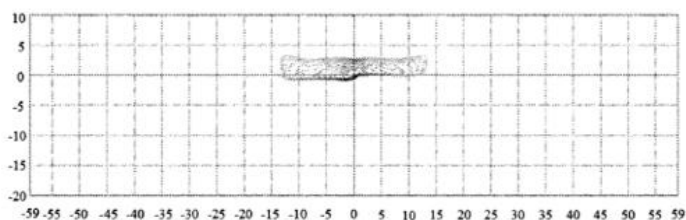
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1b.



F21W 2102/14

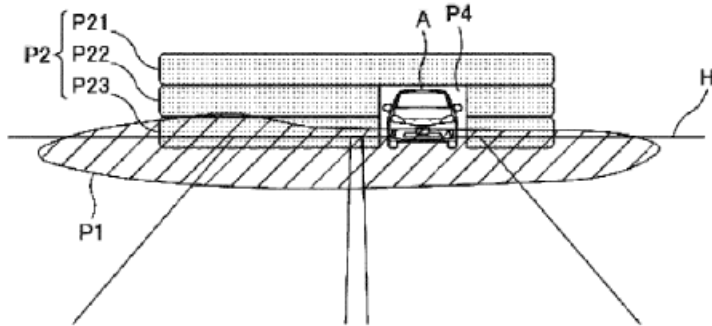
Definition statement

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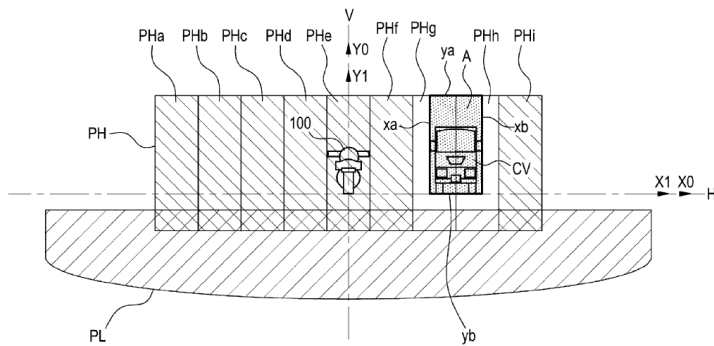


F21W 2102/145

Definition statement

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F21W 2102/15

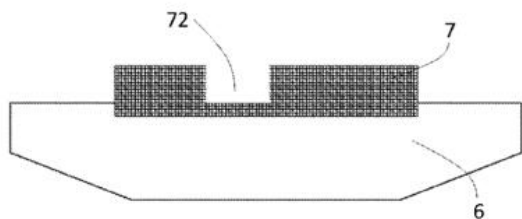
Definition statement

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F21W 2102/155

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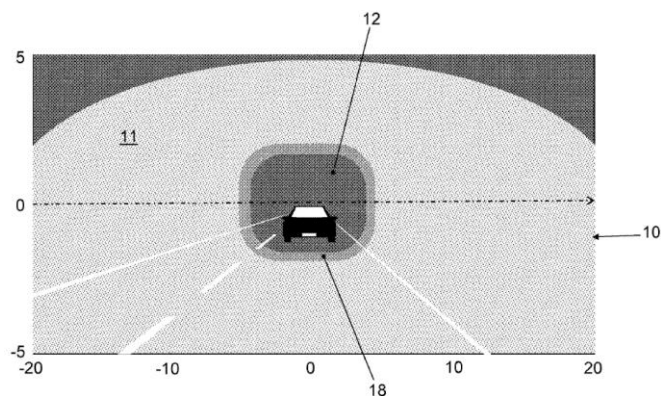


F21W 2102/16

Definition statement

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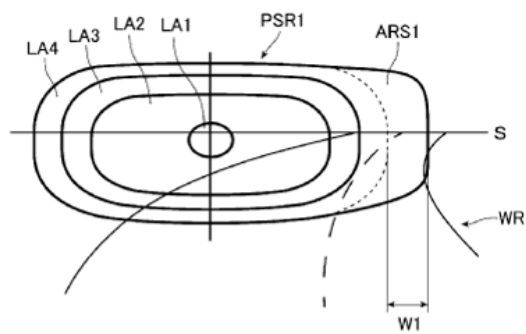
F21W 2102/165

Definition statement

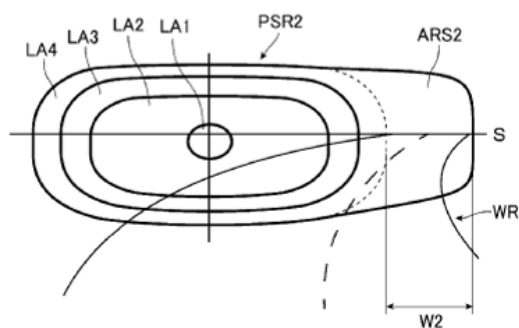
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1b.



F21W 2102/18

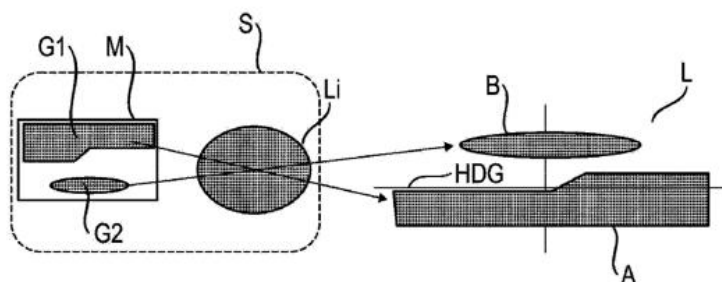
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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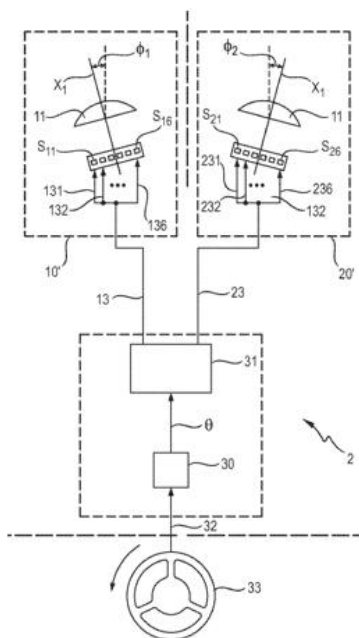


F21W 2102/19

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



F21W 2102/20

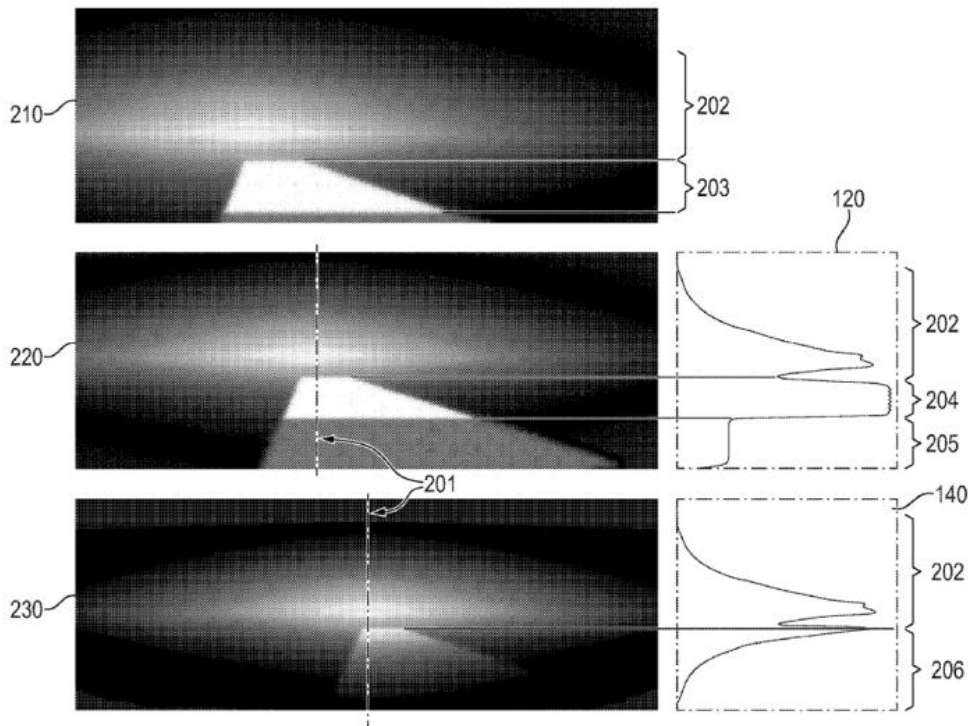
Definition statement

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This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



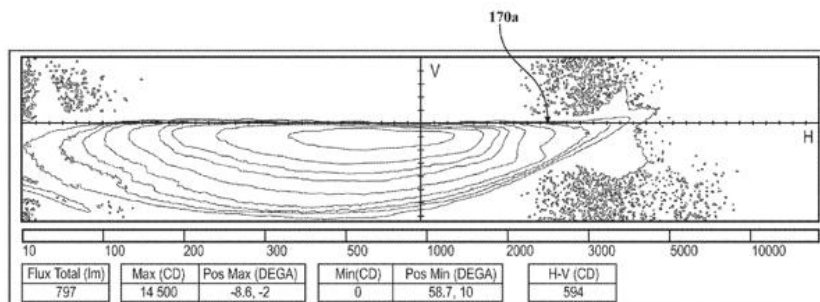
F21W 2102/30

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

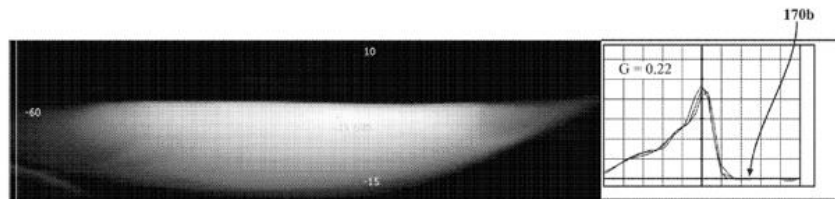
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1b.

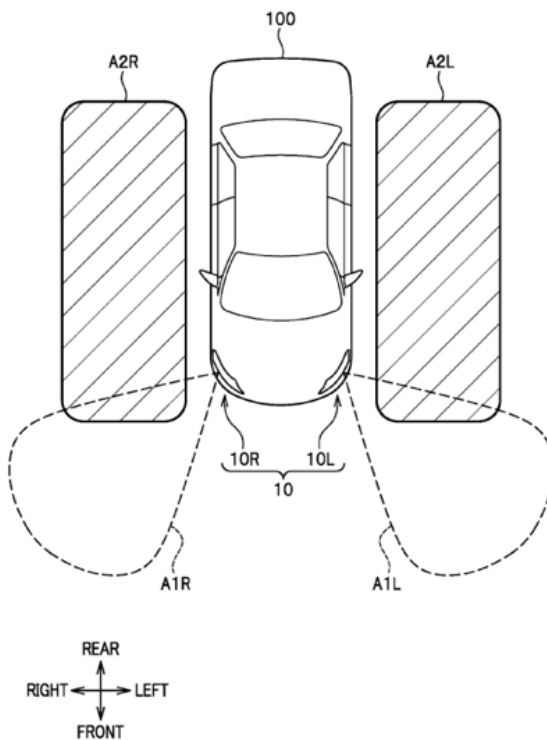


F21W 2102/40

Definition statement

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Relationships with other classification places

Disclosures relating to vehicle lighting devices, whereby interior vehicle lighting is only indicated as an example, are classified in this indexing code. Disclosures focusing solely on vehicle interior lighting devices are classified only in B60Q 3/00.

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Relationships with other classification places

Disclosures relating to illumination or signalling devices for vehicles in general, whereby as an example an illumination or a signalling device for motorcycle, aircraft or ship is being indicated, are classified in this indexing code. Disclosures focusing as a whole only on, e.g. aircraft landing lights, are classified only in B64D 47/04.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

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Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Arrangement or adaptation of portable emergency signal devices on vehicles	B60Q 7/00
Candles	C11C 5/00
Incandescent bodies heated by combustion, e.g. mantles	F21H
Non-electric light sources using luminescence	F21K 2/00
Light sources using electrochemiluminescence	F21K 2/08
Light sources using charges of combustible material, e.g. illuminating flash devices	F21K 5/00
Light sources using semiconductor devices as light generating elements, e.g. using light-emitting diodes [LED] or lasers	F21K 9/00
Light sources not otherwise provided for	F21K 99/00
Non-portable lighting devices; Systems thereof; Vehicle lighting devices specially adapted for vehicle exteriors	F21S
Lighting devices intended to be free standing	F21S 6/00
Non-electric lighting devices intended to be free-standing, e.g. table lamp, floor lamp	F21S 13/12

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Functional features or details of lighting devices or systems thereof	F21V
Structural combinations of lighting devices with other articles, not otherwise provided for	F21V 33/00
Candle holders	F21V 35/00
Burners	F23D
Fireworks	F42B 4/00
Electric discharge tubes or discharge lamps	H01J
Electric incandescent lamps	H01K
Fastening electric light sources solely by the coupling device	H01R 33/00
Masers; Lasers	H01S
Electric arc lamps	H05B 31/00
Electroluminescent light sources	H05B 33/00
Electric light sources using a combination of different types of light generation	H05B 35/00
Semiconductor devices specially adapted for light emission	H10H 20/00
Organic semiconductor devices specially adapted for light emission	H10K 50/00

Replace: The existing Special rules text with the following updated text.

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Non-electric lighting devices are classified in groups [F21L 17/00](#) - [F21L 26/00](#) only if a special adaptation related to the use of a non-electric light source is of interest. If there is no such special adaptation, classification is made in a relevant general place.

In this subclass, it is desirable to add the Indexing Codes of subclasses [F21W](#) and [F21Y](#).

Replace: The existing Glossary of terms table with the following updated table.

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

light source	the entity (e.g. light bulb, fluorescent tube, gas mantle, combustible charge, luminescent element or semiconductor light generating element) that generates light for a lighting device
pocket lamps	lamps primarily intended to be held in a hand, or to fit in a pocket

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Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

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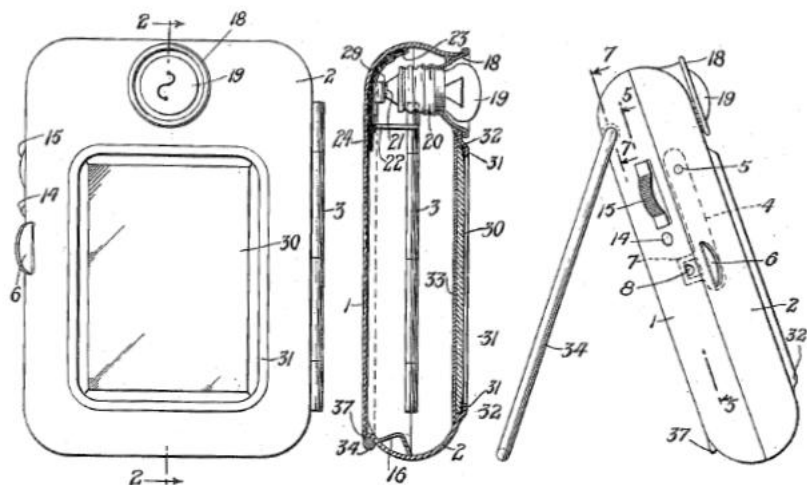


Figure 1 illustrates a flat type self-contained or battery-operated portable electric light.

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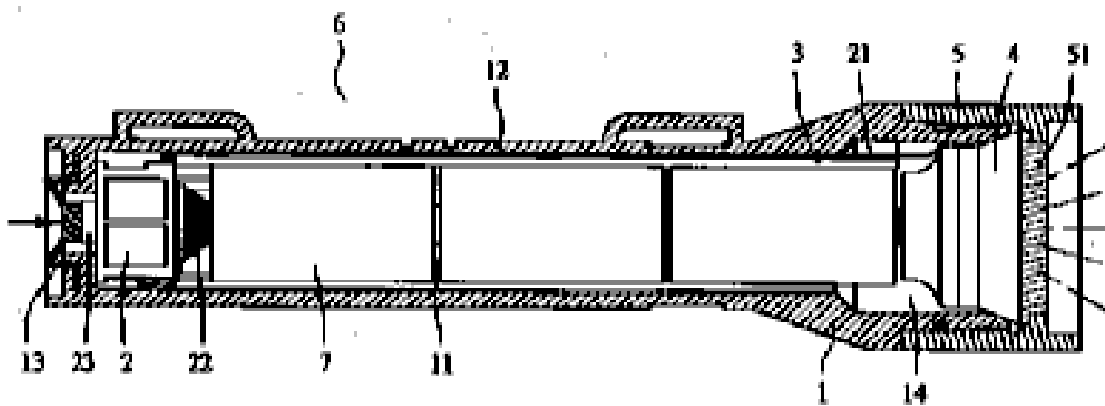


Figure 2 illustrates a torch.

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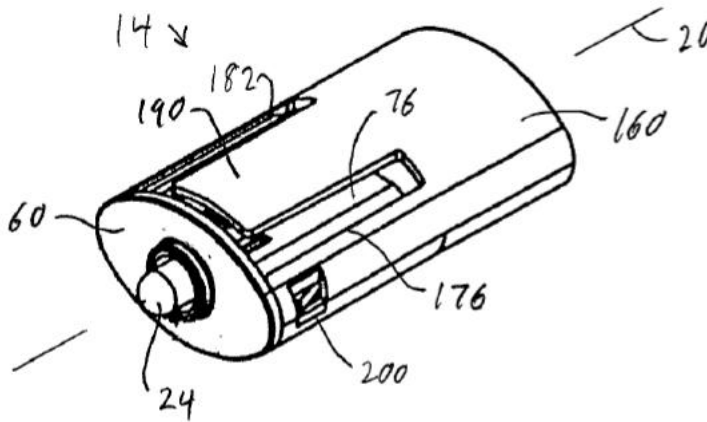


Figure 3 illustrates a squeeze-activated flashlight.

References

Insert: The following new Glossary of terms table.

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

pocket lamps	lamps primarily intended to be held in a hand, or to fit in a pocket
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Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

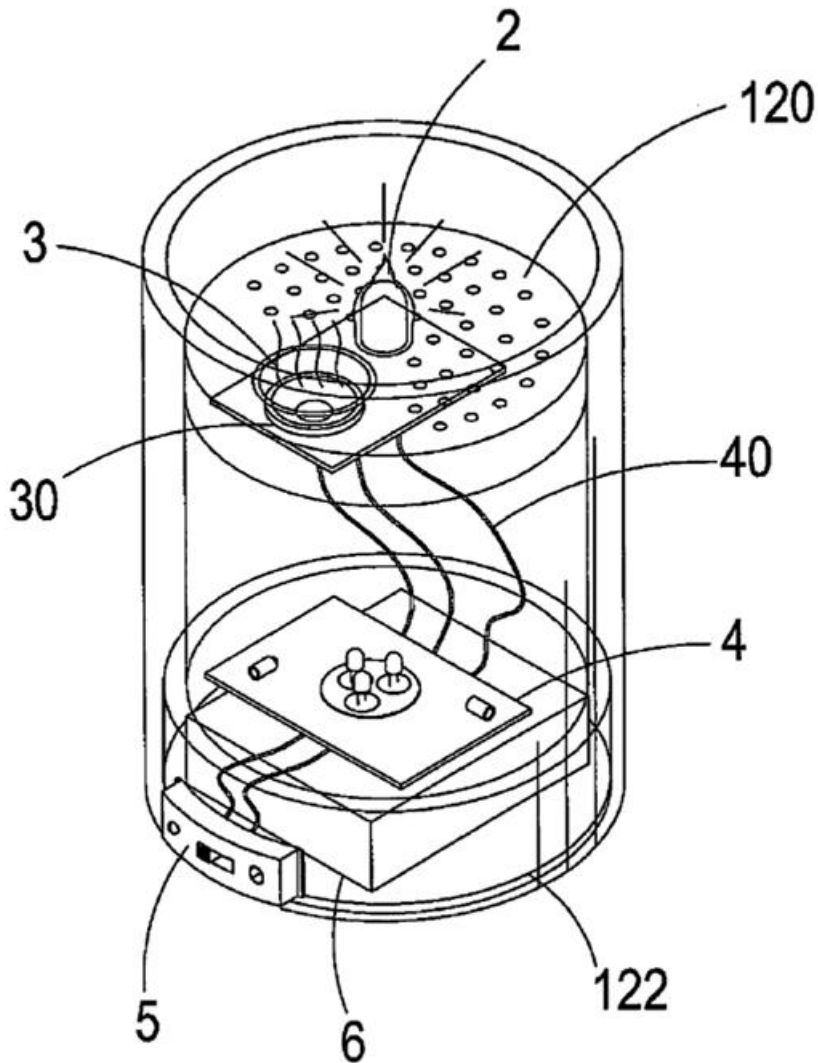
Definition statement

This place covers:

- Individual electric candle-shaped lamps;
- Single battery powered candle-shaped lamps;
- Lighting devices for fixed installation and electric lamps mimicking candles and forming strips of lamps.

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References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Lighting devices or systems using a string or strip of light sources	F21S 4/00
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Lighting devices or systems using a string or strip of light sources with light sources attached to loose electric cables, e.g. Christmas tree lights	F21S 4/10
Lighting devices intended for fixed installation	F21S 8/00
Lighting devices with a built-in power supply; Systems employing lighting devices with a built-in power supply	F21S 9/00
Lighting devices or systems producing a varying lighting effect	F21S 10/00
Lighting devices or systems changing colours	F21S 10/02
Lighting devices or systems simulating flames	F21S 10/04
Christmas tree decorations	A47G 33/08
Candle holders	F21V 35/00
Use or application of lighting devices or systems for decorative purposes	F21W 2121/00

Insert: A period at the end of the Special rules text.

Special rules of classification

In this group, it is desirable to add the Indexing Code [F21W 2121/00](#) when used for particular applications or related to systems for decorative purposes.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
D	F21S 2017/00	<administrative transfer to F21S 2217/00>
D	F21S 2017/02	<administrative transfer to F21S 2217/02>
D	F21S 41/395	<administrative transfer to F21S 41/55>

* C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed.

NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.

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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
F21S 2017/00		DELETE
F21S 2017/02		DELETE
F21S 41/395		DELETE
F21S 2217/00	CPCONLY	NEW
F21S 2217/02	CPCONLY	NEW

*Action column:

- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “NEW.”
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “UPDATED.”
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with “DELETE.” IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with “NEW”.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with “CPCONLY” and complete the action column with “NEW”.

NOTES:

- F symbols are not included in the CICL table above.
- T and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
F21S 8/00	F21S 6/001	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> existing text with the following: Electric candle-shaped lighting devices
F21S 10/04	F21S 6/001	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> existing text with the following: Electric candle-shaped lighting devices

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations outside of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions inside the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” referenced D symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and referenced F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.