

H01R

ELECTRICALLY-CONDUCTIVE CONNECTIONS; STRUCTURAL ASSOCIATIONS OF A PLURALITY OF MUTUALLY-INSULATED ELECTRICAL CONNECTING ELEMENTS; COUPLING DEVICES; CURRENT COLLECTORS

Definition statement

This place covers:

all kinds of contact-making disconnectible and non-disconnectible electric line connectors, coupling devices, lamp or similar holders or current collectors for all kinds of electric lines, cables or apparatus;

non-printed means for electric connections to or between printed circuits.

Relationships with other classification places

This subclass does not cover mounting of connections in or on specified apparatus. Such mounting is covered by the relevant subclass for such apparatus, e.g. mounting in junction or distribution boxes is covered by subclass [H02B](#) or [H02G](#), high-temperature connections for heating elements is covered by group [H05B 3/08](#). Structural association of one part of a coupling device with specific electric apparatus is classified with the apparatus, e.g. association of cap with incandescent lamp is covered by subclass [H01K](#).

References

Informative references

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

Switches, fuses	H01H
Semiconductor devices	H01L
Coupling devices of the waveguide type	H01P 5/00
Switching arrangements for the supply or distribution of electric power	H02B
Installations of electric lines, cables or auxiliary apparatus	H02G
Printed means for providing electric connections to or between printed	H05K

Special rules of classification

In this subclass, a contact in a coupling device is only regarded as an additional earth contact if this contact is clearly designed for that purpose. General details are classified in groups [H01R 4/00](#), [H01R 9/00](#), [H01R 11/00](#).

Glossary of terms

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

Pin	rigid or flexible conductor for engagement with an appropriately shaped socket to establish contact therewith
Socket	rigid or flexible conductor for receiving an appropriate pin to establish electrical contact therewith

Coupling devices	devices having two or more parts specially adapted so as to be capable of ready and repeated physical engagement or disengagement, without the use of a tool, for the purpose of establishing or breaking an electrical path. Examples of such devices having more than two parts are: a) adapters for linking two coupling parts; and b) rails or bus-bars provided with a plurality of discrete connecting locations for counterparts
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H01R 3/00

Electrically-conductive connections not otherwise provided for

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connections types which are not foreseen elsewhere in [H01R](#).

H01R 3/08

for making connection to a liquid {(slip rings with liquid contacts [H01R 39/30](#), [H01R 39/646](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Slip rings with liquid contacts	H01R 39/30 ; H01R 39/646
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Informative references

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

Electrodes for batteries or accumulators	H01M
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H01R 4/00

Electrically-conductive connections between two or more conductive members in direct contact, i.e. touching one another; Means for effecting or maintaining such contact; Electrically-conductive connections having two or more spaced connecting locations for conductors and using contact members penetrating insulation

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connections, e.g. soldered, welded, spliced;

Direct connections between conductors and conductive members of coupling; Insulation-penetrating

References

Informative references

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

Two-part coupling devices	H01R 12/70 , H01R 24/00 - H01R 33/00
Details of disengageable contacts of two-part coupling devices	H01R 13/00
Flexible or turnable line connectors	H01R 35/00
Non rotary current collectors	H01R 41/00

H01R 4/02

Soldered or welded connections {([H01R 4/625](#), [H01R 4/723](#), [H01R 12/59](#) take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Soldered or welded connections between conductors of different materials	H01R 4/625
Making a soldered electrical connection simultaneously with the heat shrinking	H01R 4/723
Flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures	H01R 12/59

H01R 4/029

{Welded connections ([H01R 4/021](#) - [H01R 4/028](#) take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Soldered or welded connections between two or more cables or wires	H01R 4/021
Soldered or welded connections between cables or wires and terminal	H01R 4/023
Soldered or welded connections with built-in heat generating elements	H01R 4/025
Soldered or welded connections comprising means for eliminating an insulative layer prior to soldering or welding	H01R 4/026
Soldered or welded connections comprising means for positioning or holding the parts to be soldered or welded	H01R 4/027
Soldered or welded connections comprising means for preventing flowing or wicking of solder or flux in parts not desired	H01R 4/028

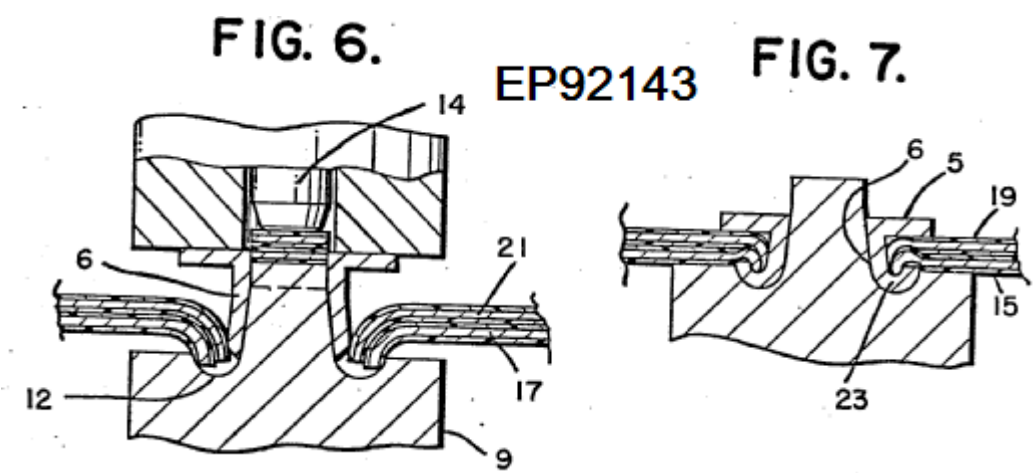
H01R 4/06

Riveted connections (by explosion [H01R 4/08](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/06](#): flatconductor cable (21,17) is connected to conductive member (9) via riveted structure (5):



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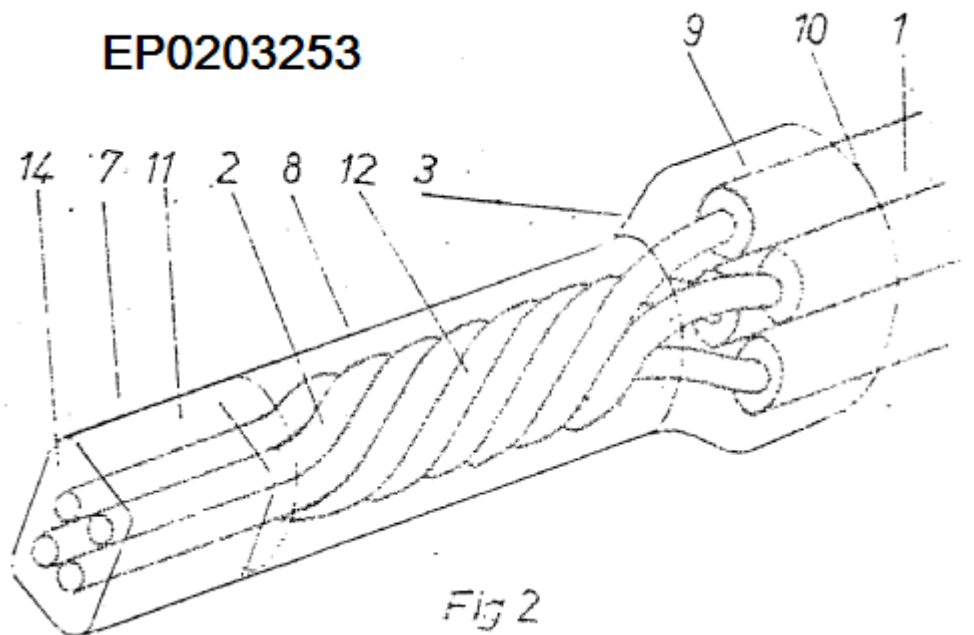
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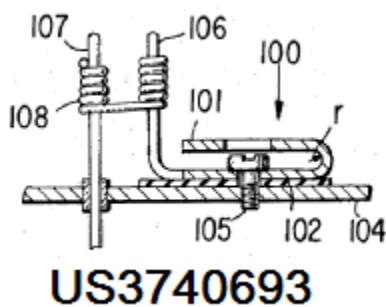
Riveted connections by explosion	H01R 4/08
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H01R 4/12**by twisting****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/12](#): twisted cables (12) using element (3) for twisting:

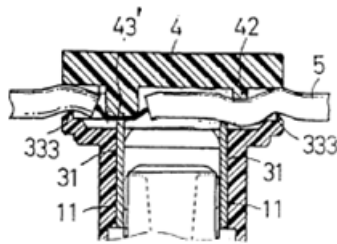
**H01R 4/14****by wrapping****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/14](#): terminals (106) and (107) are connected via wrapped around wire (108):



H01R 4/16**by bending****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/16](#): wire (5) is connected to an conductor plate (31) using press bits (43):

**WO9416480****H01R 4/18**

by crimping {([H01R 4/01](#), [H01R 4/2495](#) take precedence; for coaxial cables [H01R 9/0518](#))}

References**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Connections using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
Insulation penetration combined with permanent deformation of contact member	H01R 4/2495
Crimping for coaxial cables	H01R 9/0518

H01R 4/182

{for flat conductive elements, e.g. flat cables ([H01R 4/01](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Connections using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
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H01R 4/183

{for cylindrical elongated bodies, e.g. cables having circular cross-section
([H01R 4/01](#) takes precedence)}

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Connections using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
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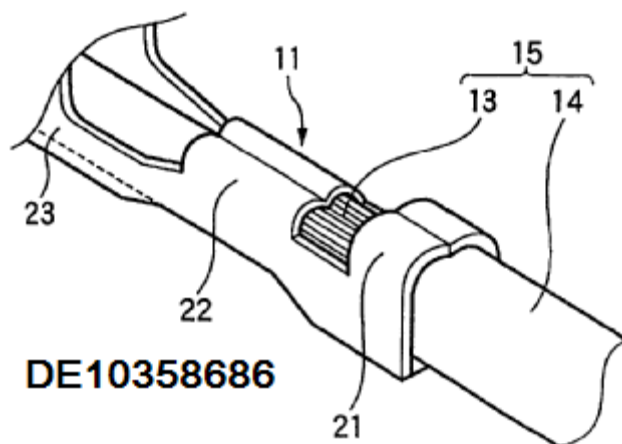
H01R 4/185

{combined with a U-shaped insulation-receiving portion}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/185](#)

**H01R 4/20**

using a crimping sleeve {([H01R 4/01](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

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Connections using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
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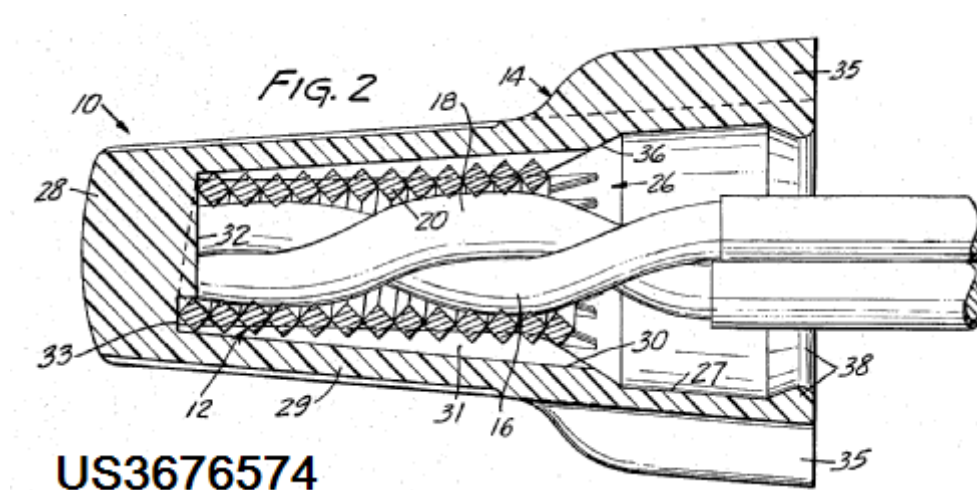
H01R 4/22

End caps, i.e. of insulating or conductive material for covering or maintaining connections between wires entering the cap from the same end

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/22](#)

**H01R 4/24**

Connections using contact members penetrating or cutting insulation or cable strands

References**Informative references**

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

For multiphase cables	H01R 9/031
For coaxial cables	H01R 9/053
For flat cables	H01R 12/67

H01R 4/2404

the contact members having teeth, prongs, pins or needles penetrating the insulation

References**Informative references**

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

Penetration into a wire end in axial direction	H01R 4/5033
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H01R 4/2408

actuated by clamping screws

References

Informative references

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Clamped connection using a screw	H01R 4/30
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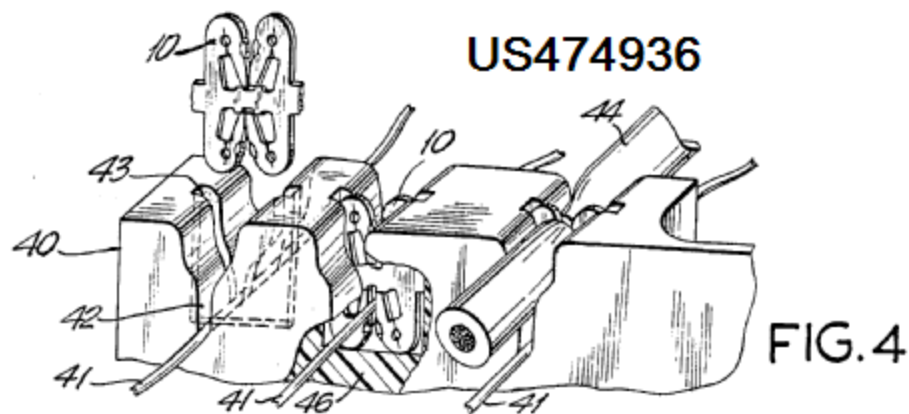
H01R 4/2425

Flat plates, e.g. multi-layered flat plates

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/2425](#)



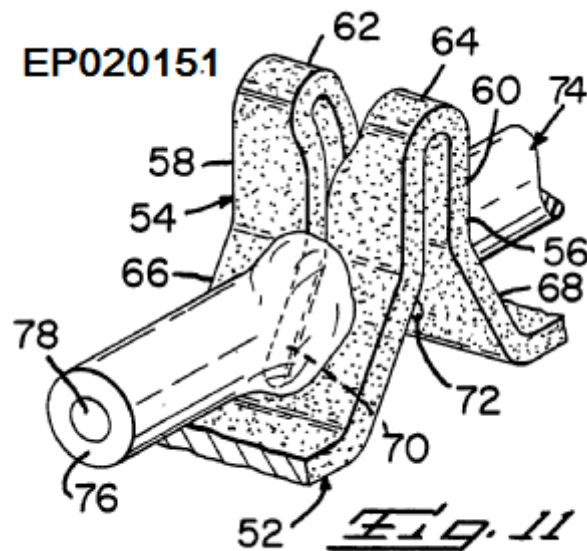
H01R 4/2462

the contact members being in a slotted bent configuration, e.g. slotted bight

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/2462](#)

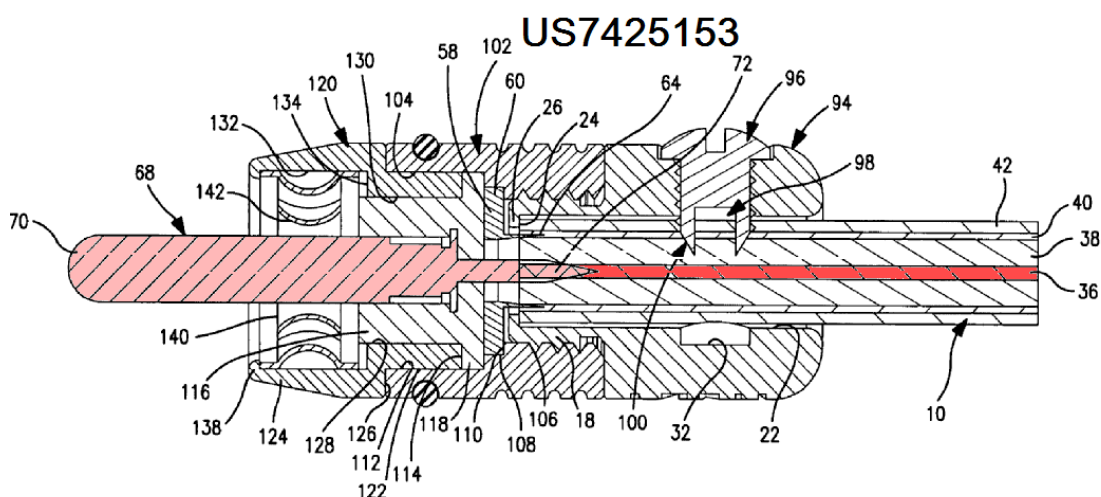
**H01R 4/26**

Connections in which at least one of the connecting parts has projections which bite into or engage the other connecting part in order to improve the contact ({[H01R 4/188](#), [H01R 4/203](#), [H01R 4/5075](#) take precedence}; using shape memory materials [H01R 4/01](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/26](#)



References

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This place does not cover:

Using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
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H01R 4/28

Clamped connections, spring connections (made by means of terminals specially adapted for contact with, or insertion into, printed circuits

[H01R 12/00](#))

References

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This place does not cover:

Connections made by means of terminals specially adapted for contact with, or insertion into, printed circuits	H01R 12/00
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H01R 4/30

utilising a screw or nut clamping member ([H01R 4/50](#) takes precedence; utilising a clamping member acted on by screw or nut [H01R 4/38](#); {for coaxial cables [H01R 9/0521](#)})

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Utilising a clamping member acted on by screw or nut	H01R 4/38
Clamped connections, spring connections utilising a cam, wedge, cone or ball, also combined with a screw	H01R 4/50
For coaxial cables	H01R 9/0521

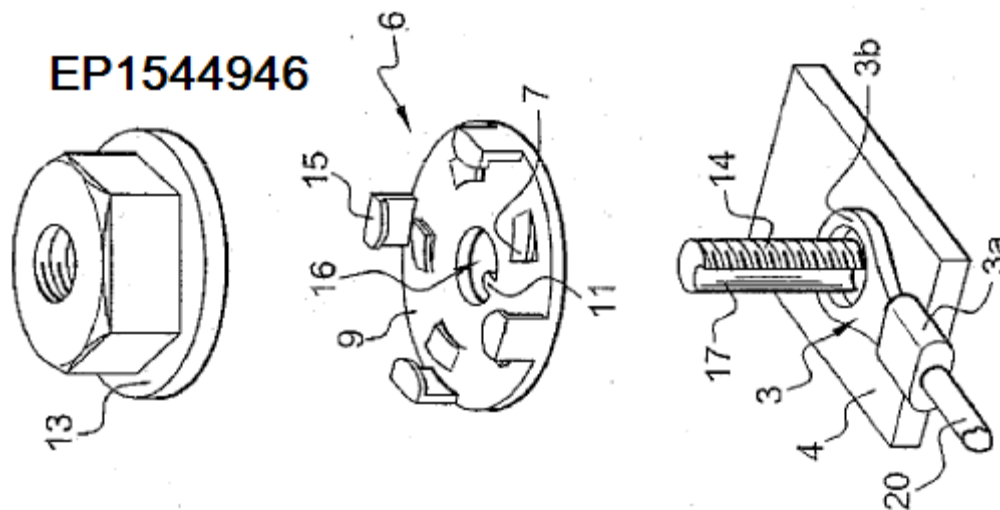
H01R 4/302

{having means for preventing loosening of screw or nut, e.g. vibration-proof connection}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/302](#)

**References****Informative references**

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

Locking of screw or nut in general	F16B 39/00
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H01R 4/307

{characterised by the thread of the screw or nut}

References**Informative references**

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

Shapes of thread, special thread forms	F16B 33/02
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H01R 4/38

utilising a clamping member acted on by screw or nut ([H01R 4/50](#) takes precedence)

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Clamped connections, spring connections utilising a cam, wedge, cone or ball, also combined with a screw	H01R 4/50
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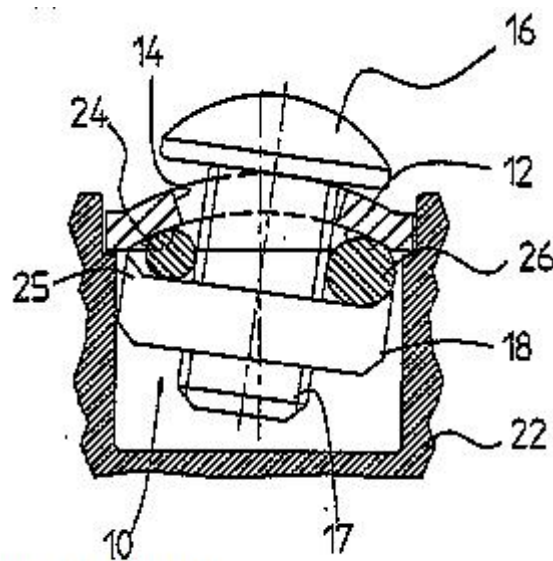
H01R 4/44

Clamping areas on both sides of screw

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This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/44](#)



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FIG.2

H01R 4/48

utilising a spring, clip, or other resilient member ([H01R 4/52](#) takes precedence)

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Clamped connections, spring connections utilising a cam, wedge, cone or ball, which is spring loaded	H01R 4/52
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H01R 4/4814

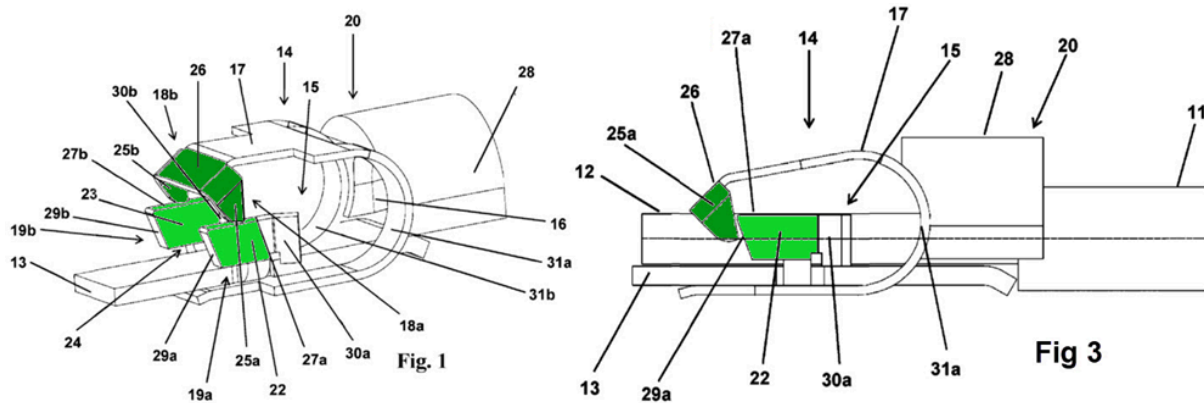
{Self-latching arrangements}

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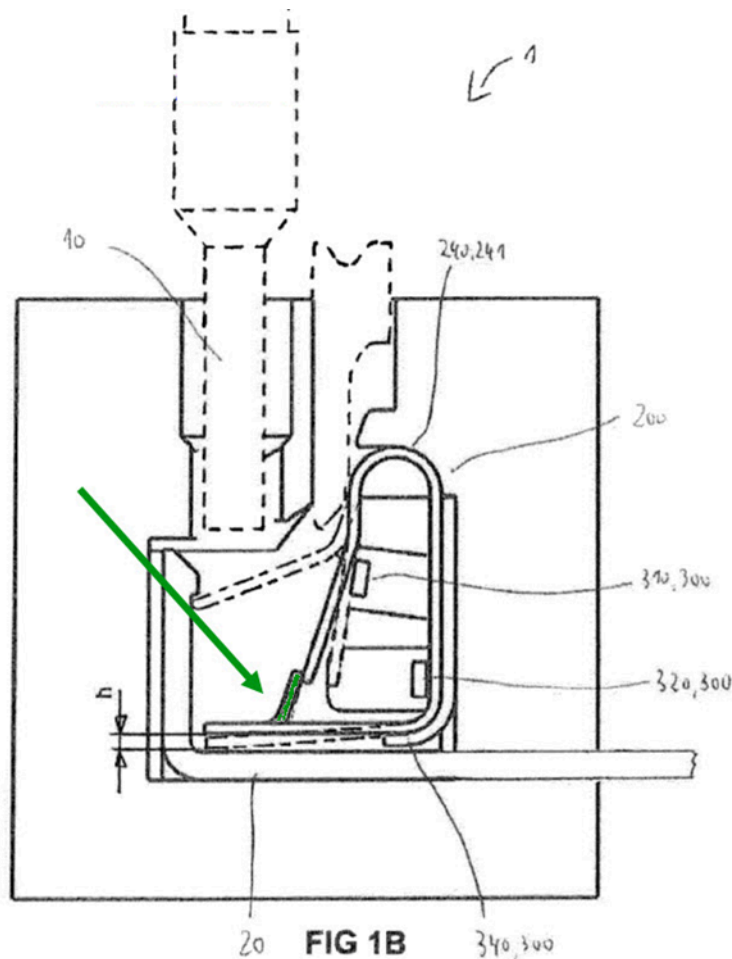
This place covers:

Leaf springs that can be latched in a position (usually open or biased position). This latching should not be due to the spring activating arrangement but to the spring itself.

The following figures show a leaf spring (14). On figure 1, the leaf spring is latched in the biased open position. The greyed-out portions (25a) and (25b) of the spring are resting on the greyed-out surface (27a) and (27b) of the spring itself. On figure 3 the latching configuration is removed and the spring is biasing the core (12) of the wire (11).



The following figure shows a leaf spring (200) which is coiled on itself and latched in a biased position by the part of the spring itself highlighted in grey and pointed out by the arrow. Insertion of a wire (1a) will push down the bottom left end of the spring thereby releasing the cantilevered lance.



Relationships with other classification places

Leaf springs latched by the spring activating arrangement are covered by group [H01R 4/4835](#).

H01R 4/4816

{the spring shape preventing insertion of the conductor end when the spring is unbiased}

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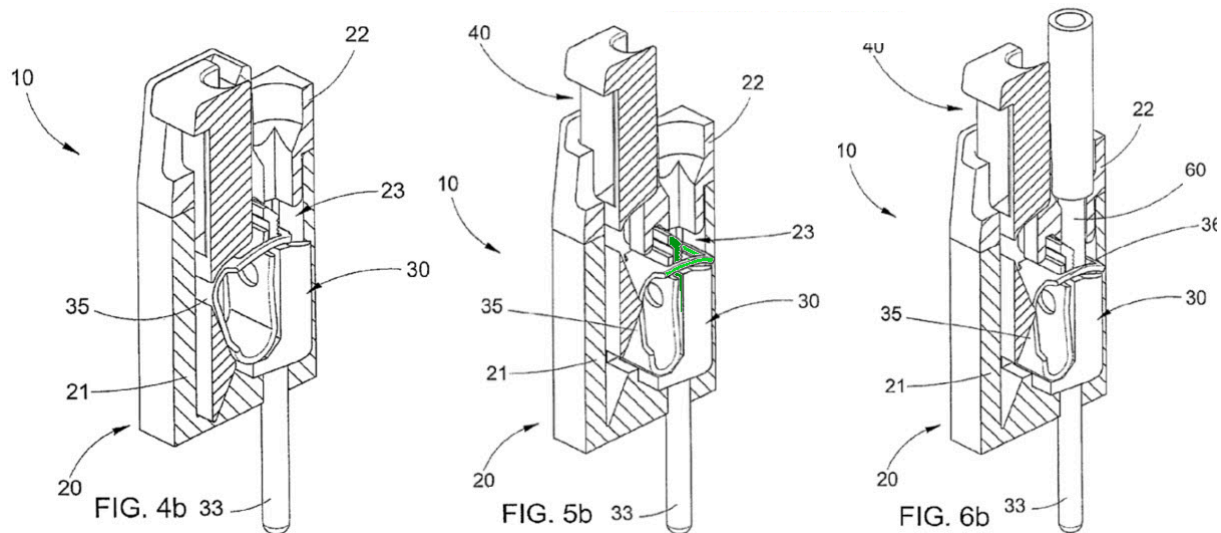
This place covers:

Spring clamped connections requesting an opening of the spring before being able to insert the wire. In its un-biased position, the spring prevents the conductor to be inserted in the connection area of the spring e.g. by presenting a flat portion blocking the insertion channel of the conductor or by guiding the wire away from the spring.

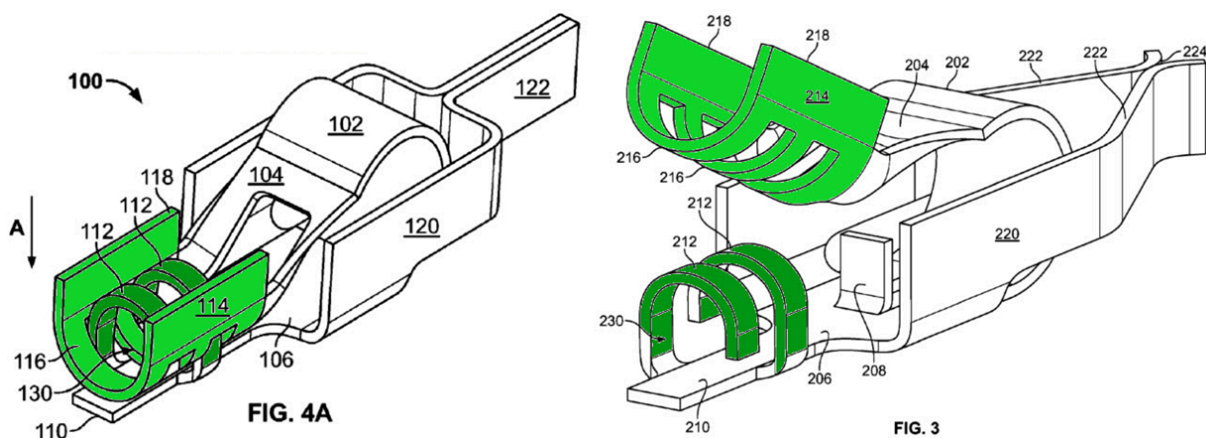
The following figures show a busbar (31), a leaf spring (32) and a wire (60) that cannot be connected to the spring without previously opening it. The wire connecting site is greyed-out on figure 5b below between the vertical part of the busbar and the moving horizontal edge of the spring. On figure 4b the leaf spring is abutting on the busbar and the end of the leaf spring obstructs the connecting site

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suitable for receiving the wire. On figure 5b, as the spring is biased by the element (40), then the connection site for the wire (60) is opened between the busbar and the spring.



The following figures show a leaf spring (102). On figure 3, the leaf spring is in the unbiased position and the connection site between (214) and (230) is not available because the two ends of the spring are not aligned and are not forming the insertion site for the wire. On the contrary, after biasing the spring (pushing the movable greyed-out part down) as visible on figure 4a, the connection site for the wire is available.



H01R 4/4819

{the spring shape allowing insertion of the conductor end when the spring is unbiased}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Electrical connections established by a leaf spring. The insertion of the wire will push the spring away from the busbar. Said otherwise, the spring is shaped to allow the insertion of the wire even if it is not pre-biased.

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The following figure shows a busbar (3), a leaf spring (2) and the wire (4) that can be inserted without previously opening the spring because the spring presents an orientation allowing it.

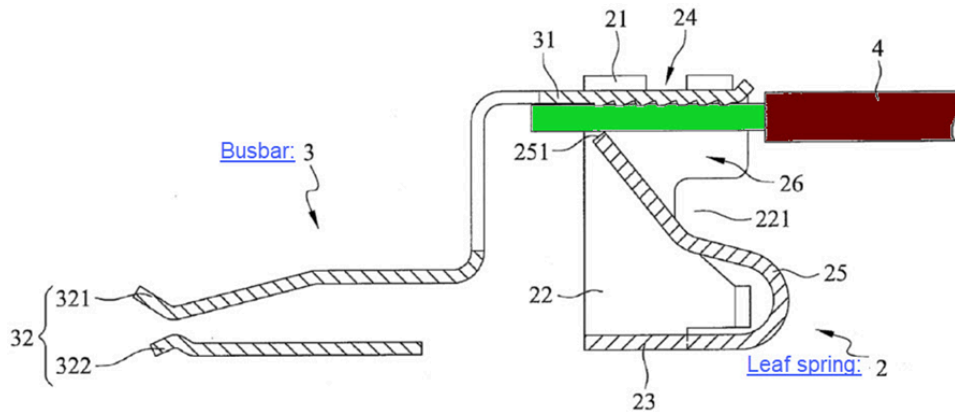
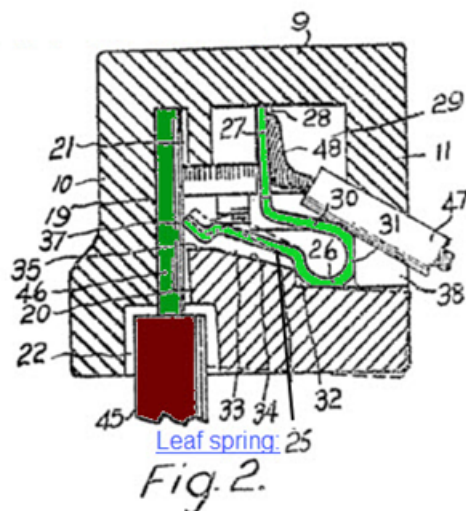


FIG. 6

The following figure shows a leaf spring (25) shaped to allow the insertion of the wire (45) without pre-opening of the spring. It is mentioned that in the present case, no busbar is provided in the housing. The leaf spring is the only electrical element electrically connecting the wire (45) to the other wire (47).



H01R 4/4821

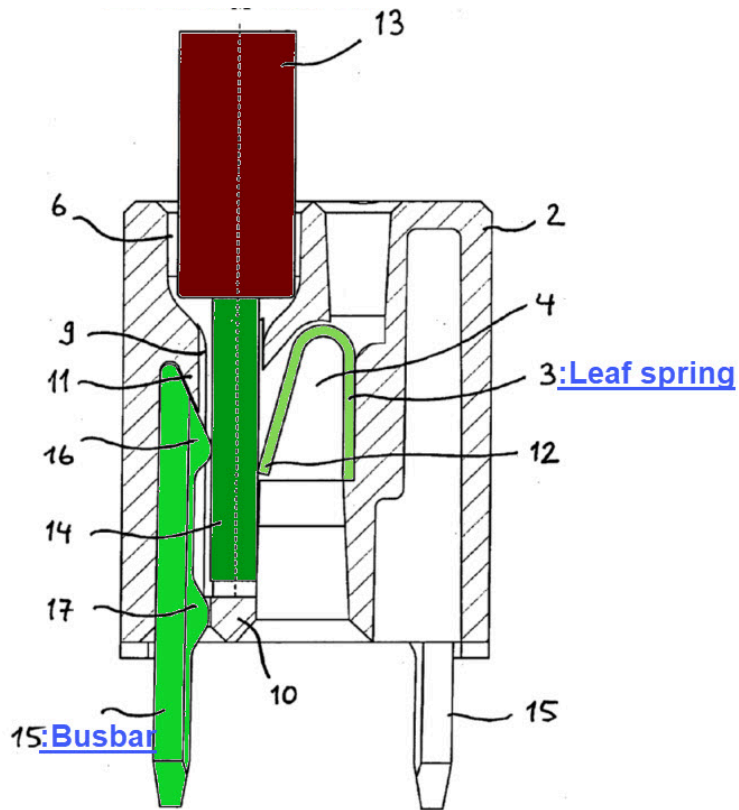
{Single-blade spring}

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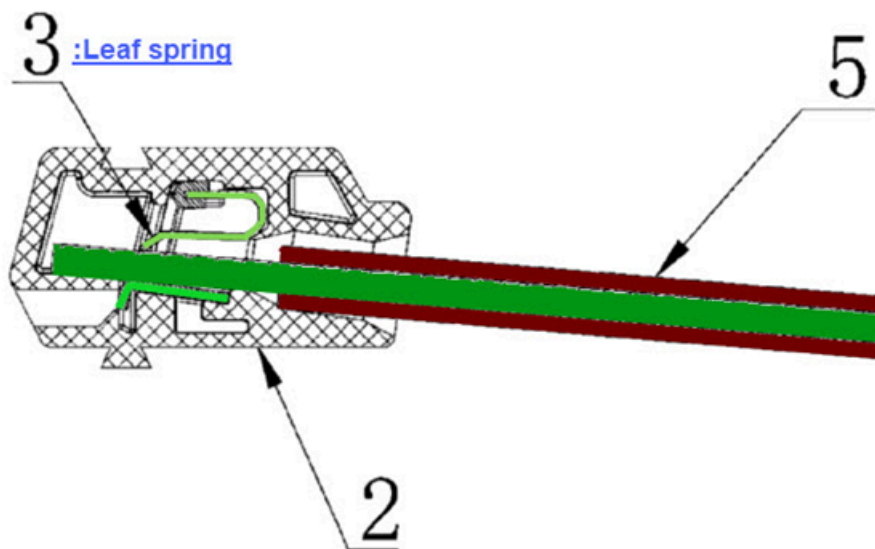
This place covers:

Leaf springs with the resilient part biasing the core of the wire, where the resilient part is made of a single resilient arm.

The following figure shows a leaf spring (3) biasing the core (14) of the wire (13) towards the busbar (15). The leaf spring has a single resilient arm biasing the wire.



The following figure shows a leaf spring (3) biasing the wire (5) towards the busbar. The leaf spring is made of a single resilient arm.

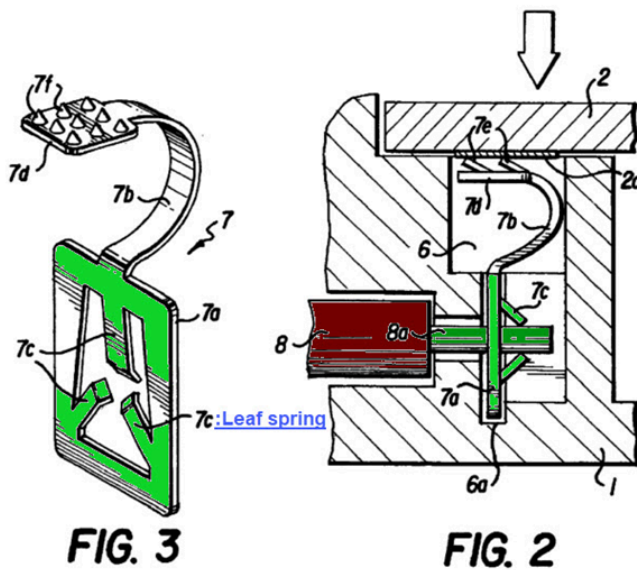


H01R 4/4823**{Multiblade spring}****Definition statement**

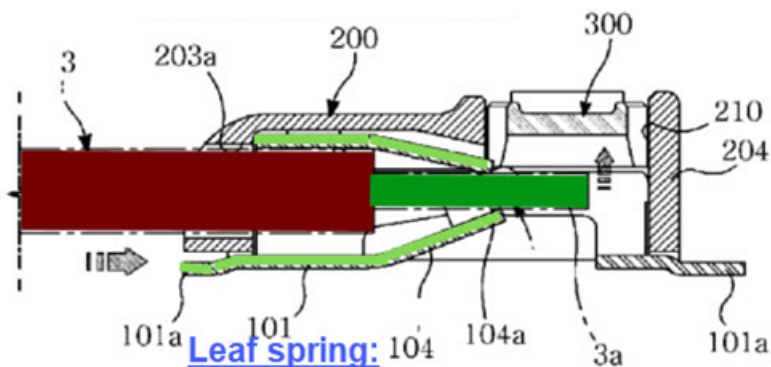
This place covers:

Leaf springs with the resilient part biasing the core of the wire, where the resilient part is made of at least two resilient arms.

The following figures show a leaf spring (7) comprising three resilient arms (7c) clamping the wire between them.



The following figure shows a leaf spring (101) comprising two different elastic members (104 and 105) both biasing the core of the wire.

**Relationships with other classification places**

Leaf springs with the same blade having two opposite ends acting on two different wires are classified in groups [H01R 4/4821](#) and [H01R 11/09](#) (if different connecting locations are present).

In the following example, E3 and E4 are made for insertion of two different wires. Even if 3 and 4 are part of the same blade, each connection is using a single resilient blade 3 or 4. Each blade establishes

a galvanic connection in the sense of [H01R](#). Therefore the device establishes two different galvanic connections with two different wires.

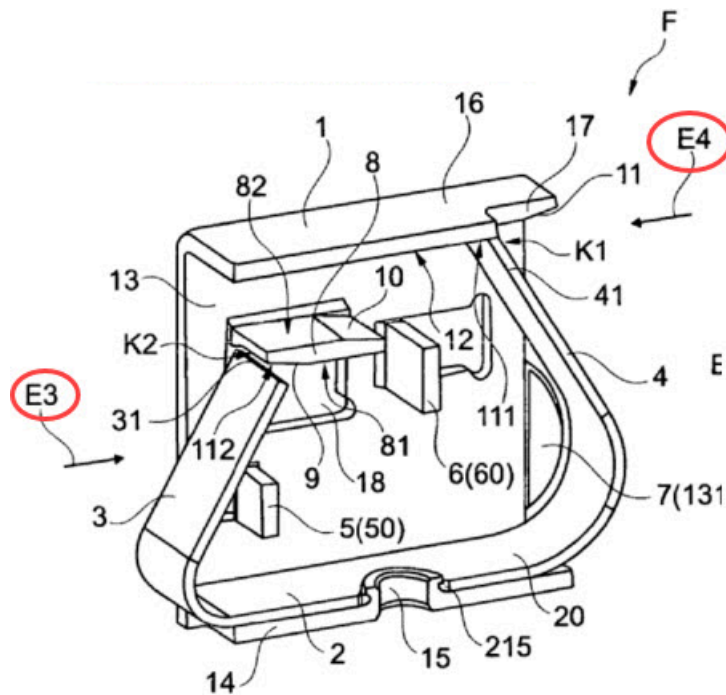


Fig. 2

H01R 4/4826

{and having a hole for the conductor, e.g. a wire, passing through}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Configurations where the wire is inserted into the electrical connection by a hole in the spring. For example, the spring usually starts parallel to the wire in a direction opposite to the insertion direction of the wire and then loops back to create a free end used for biasing the wire. In this case the hole is usually located in the part of the spring looping back.

The following figure shows a busbar (140), a leaf spring (142) and the wire (122) is inserted from the back of the leaf spring (142) at the position is loops back toward the left of the figure. The spring comprises a hole (160) receiving the wire (122).

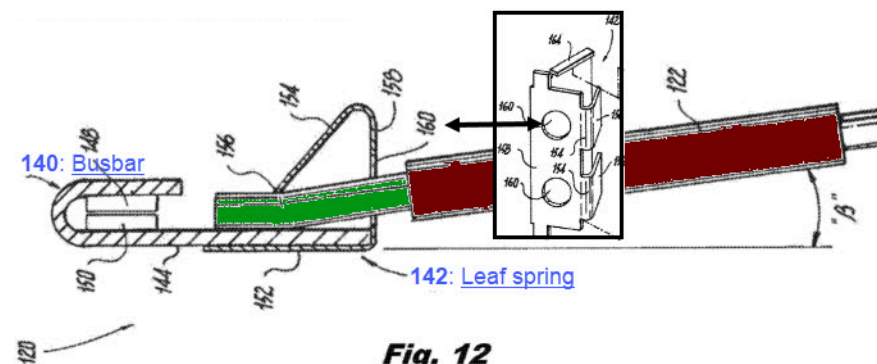
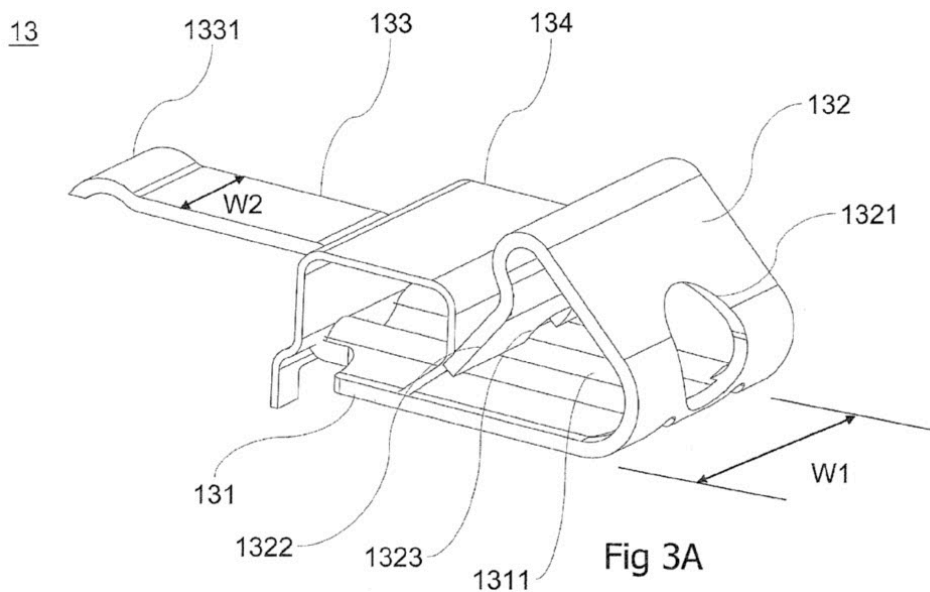


Fig. 12

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The following figure shows a leaf spring (131) and the wire is inserted from the back of the leaf spring (131) inside the hole (1321).



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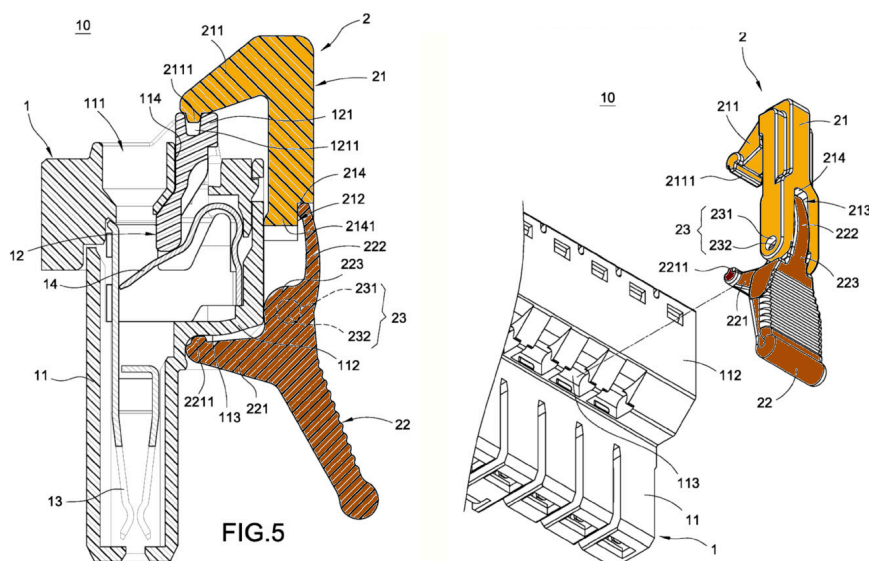
{Spring-activating arrangements mounted on or integrally formed with the spring housing}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Details of the leaf spring activating arrangements that cannot be classified in the subgroups of the present group.

The following figures show a handle (2) mounted on the housing and used to indirectly actuate the leaf spring. This handle does not have a simple sliding or rotating movement.



H01R 4/483

{Pivoting arrangements, e.g. lever pushing on the spring}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Leaf springs are activated by an arrangement pivoting with respect to the spring or the housing.

The following figures show a leaf spring (1) actuated by a lever (22). Further the lever biasing the leaf spring is rotating with respect to the housing (8) or the leaf spring (1).

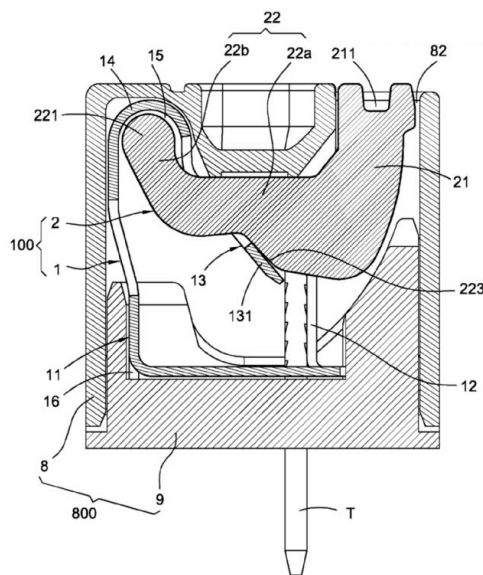


FIG. 6

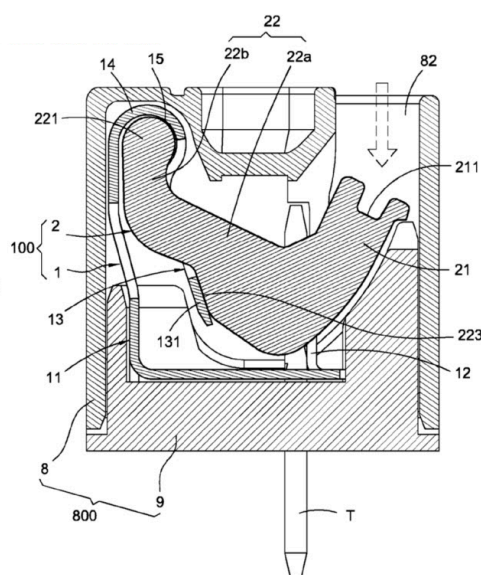
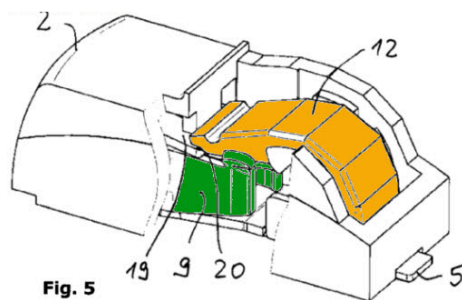
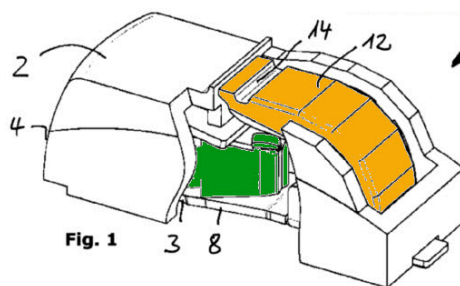


FIG. 8

The following figures show a housing (2) comprising an integral rotating lever (12). This lever 12 is used for biasing opened both arms (9) of the leaf spring (3). Closed position of the spring is visible on Fig. 1 and opened or biased position is visible on Fig. 5.



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{Sliding arrangements, e.g. sliding button}

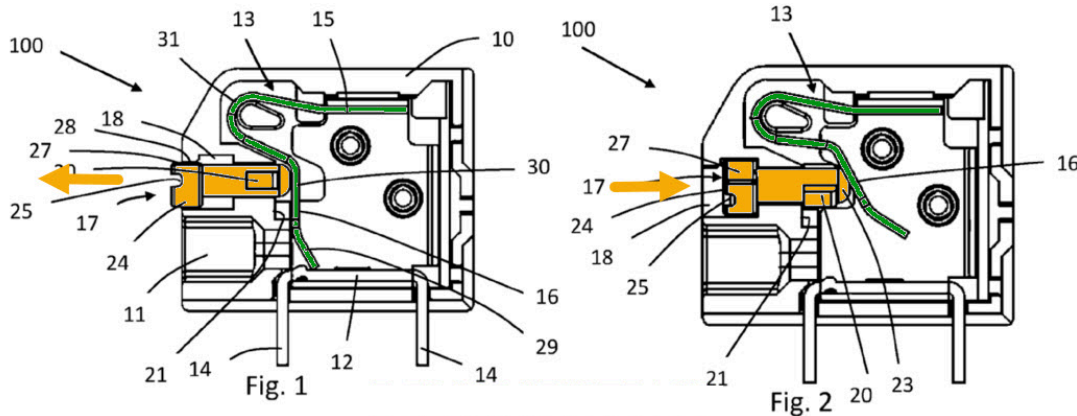
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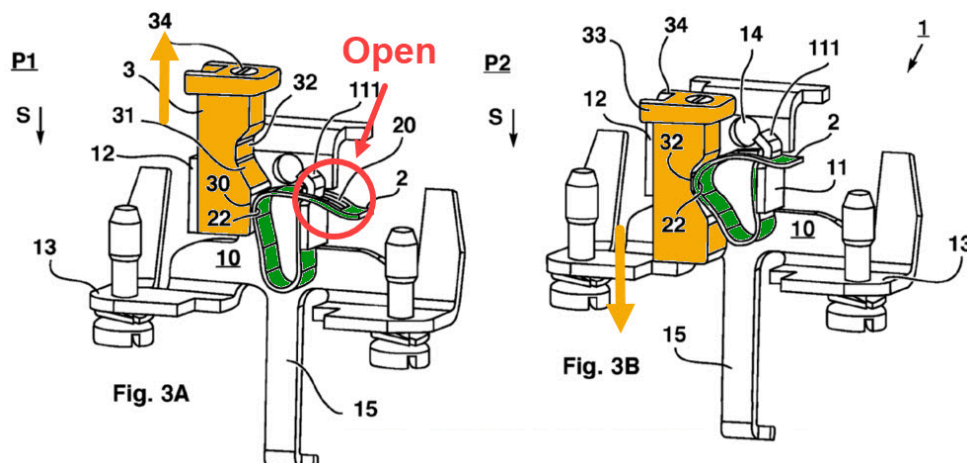
Leaf springs activated by an arrangement sliding with respect to the spring or the housing.

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The following figures show an actuating mean 17 that is sliding left/right to bias or release the beam (16) of the leaf spring.



The following figures show on figure 3A the activating arrangement (3) is slid up to open or bias the leaf spring (2) and allows insertion of the wire between the busbar (111) and the leaf spring (2). On figure 3B the activating arrangement (3) is slid down to close or release the leaf spring (2) thereby closing the connection site if no wire is present (case of figure 3B) or clamping the wire on the busbar if a wire would be present.



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{Mechanically bistable arrangements, e.g. locked by the housing when the spring is biased}

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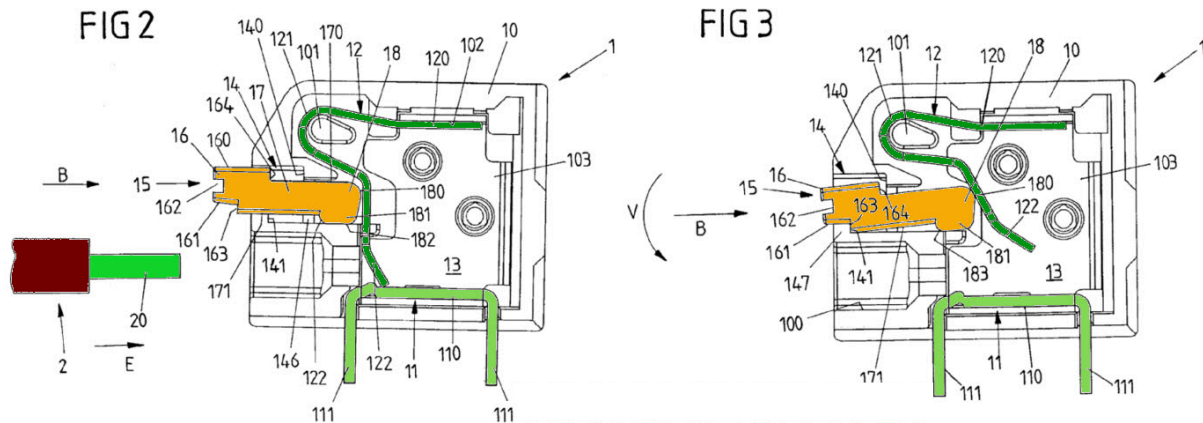
This place covers:

Activating arrangements which are mechanically stable in biased and un-biased position of the spring. Usually in the position where the activating arrangement is biasing the spring, the force of the spring tend to push the activating arrangement back, except in the case, for example, where the arrangement will be latched or locked somehow by the housing.

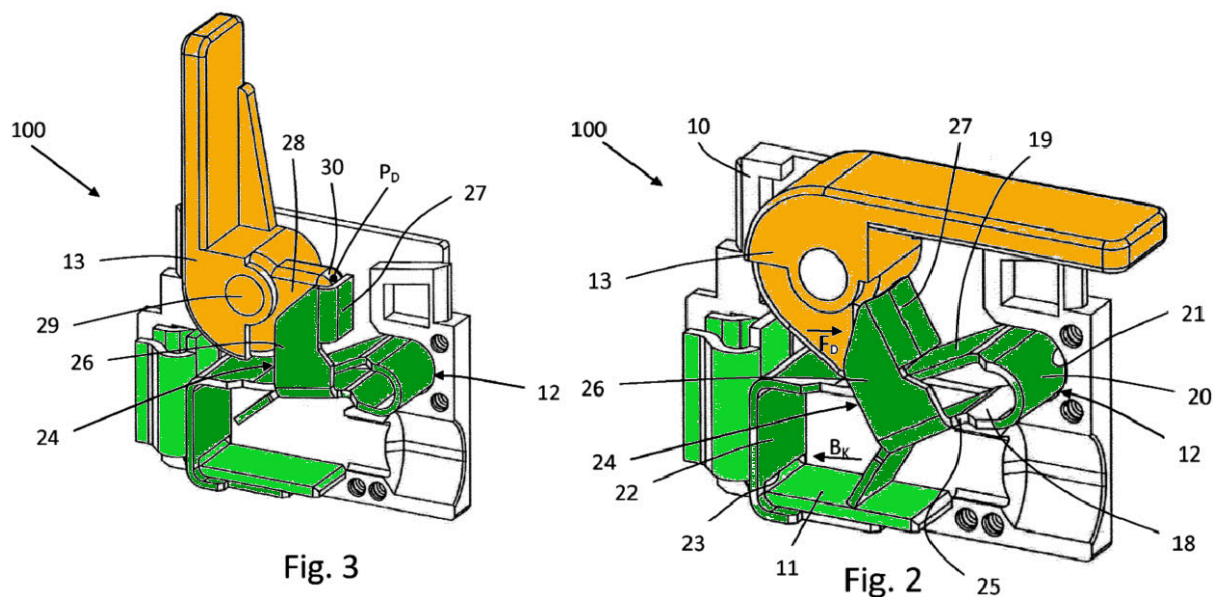
The following figures show an activating arrangement (15) which on figure 3 is mechanically locked behind a shoulder (141) of the housing. Because of this locking, the counter force created by the

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biasing of the leaf spring (12) does not slide the activating arrangement (15) back and the spring is blocked in the open position.



The following figures show an activating arrangement (13) suitable for activating the leaf spring (12). As it is visible on figure 3, because of the flat shape (27) and the shape of (30) and the position of the hinge (29), the biased position is also a mechanically stable position for the lever (13). The user does not need to hold the lever in the open position while inserting the wire.



H01R 4/4837

{Single arrangement activating multiple springs}

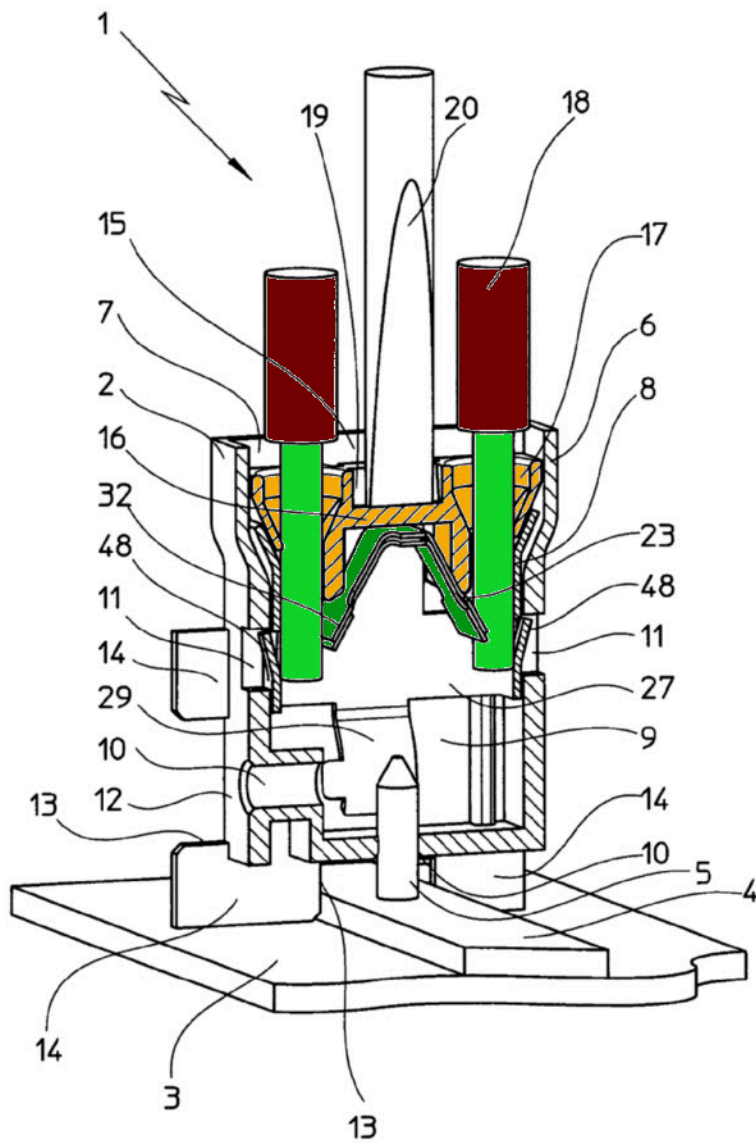
Definition statement

This place covers:

Clamping devices comprising several leaf springs which are actuated by a common device.

The following figure shows a clamping device with two connection sites for two different wires (18). It further comprises a single actuating arrangement (16, greyed-out below) actuating both connection sites at the same time. Therefore, even if the spring (23) is common to both connection sites, this is

not considered for the classification and only the fact that the arrangement actuates springs in at least two sites is considered.



The following figure shows a clamping device with a single actuating arrangement (32) suitable for biasing both leaf springs (42) and (44) at the same time.

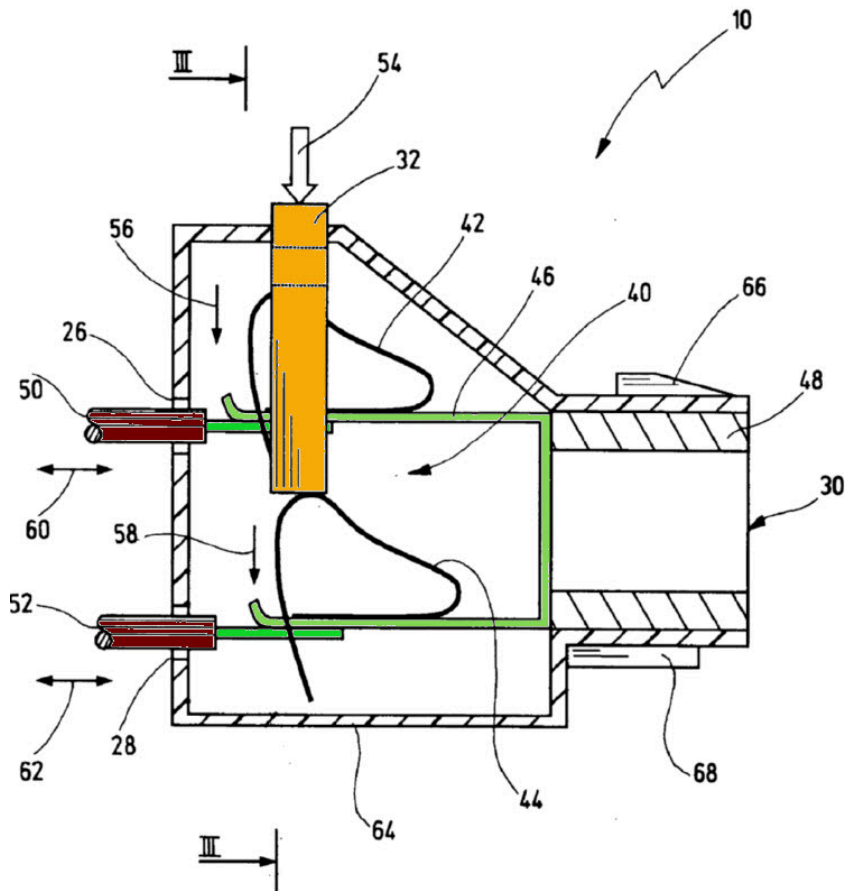


Fig.2

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{Spring housing details}

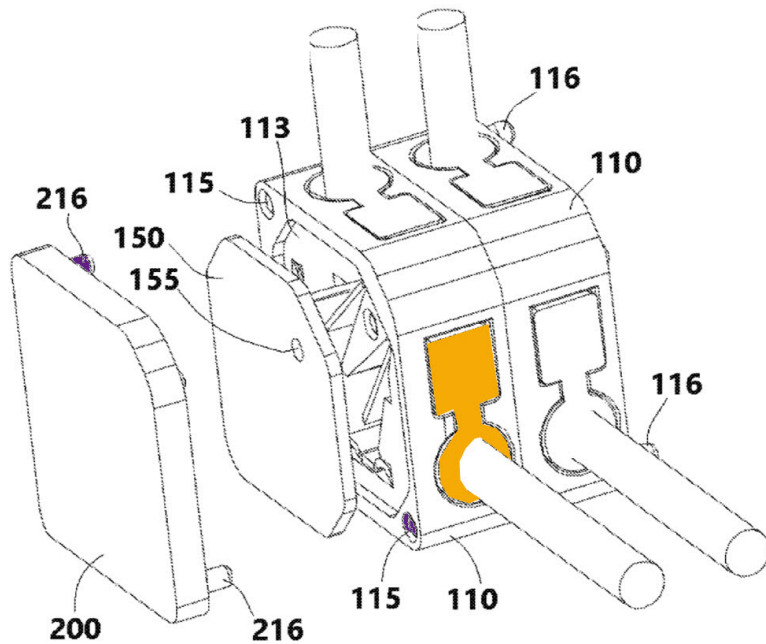
Definition statement

This place covers:

Details about the housing covering the leaf spring (e.g. waterproofing features, assembling elements being part of the invention).

Definition statement

The following figure shows a housing of the leaf spring comprising sealing members (120, greyed-out in the figure below) and special assembling elements (216) to mount several slices next to each other. Those details are both to be classified in class [H01R 4/484](#).

**H01R 4/4842**

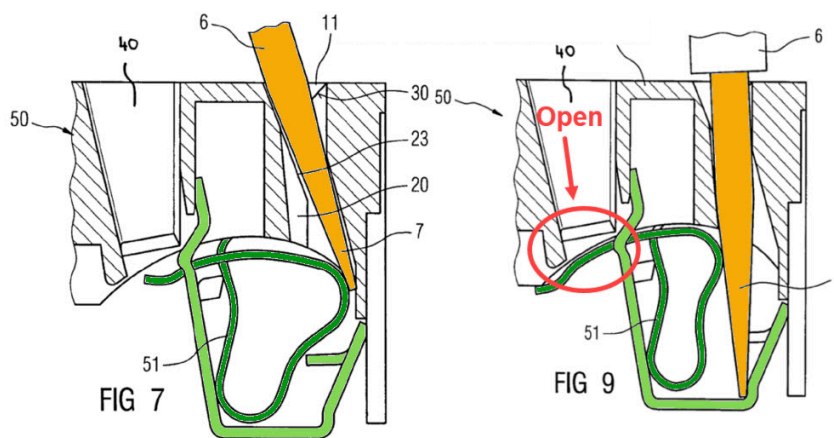
{the spring housing being provided with a single opening for insertion of a spring-activating tool}

Definition statement

This place covers:

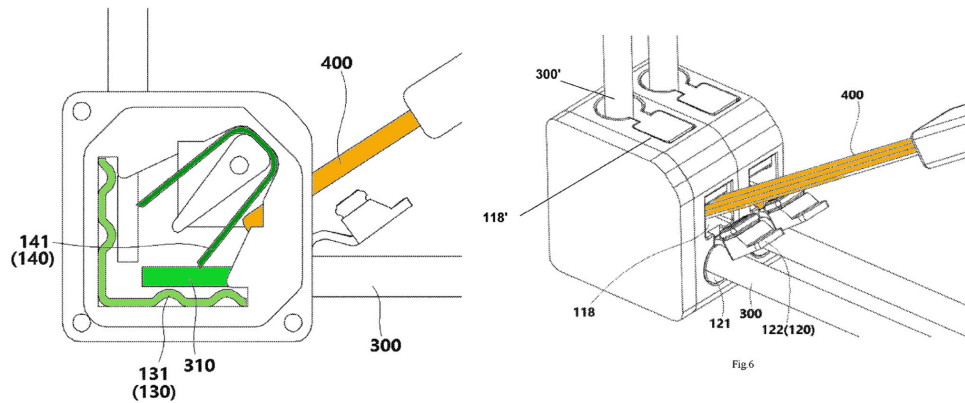
Leaf springs with an opening in the housing to allow the insertion of a tool for biasing the leaf spring.

The following figures show a housing (50) comprising a hole (11) suitable for insertion of a tool (6) e.g. screwdriver or jig, suitable for biasing the leaf spring (51) as visible on figure 9. The activating arrangement is not part of the device, it is an additional part.



Definition statement

The following figures show a tool (400) that is inserted inside the hole (118) of the housing to bias the spring (140) in the open position thereby allowing the removal of wire (310) from the busbar (130).



Relationships with other classification places

Activating arrangements located between the tool and the leaf spring are covered by [H01R 4/4828](#).

H01R 4/4844

{the spring housing being provided with multiple openings for insertion of a spring-activating tool}

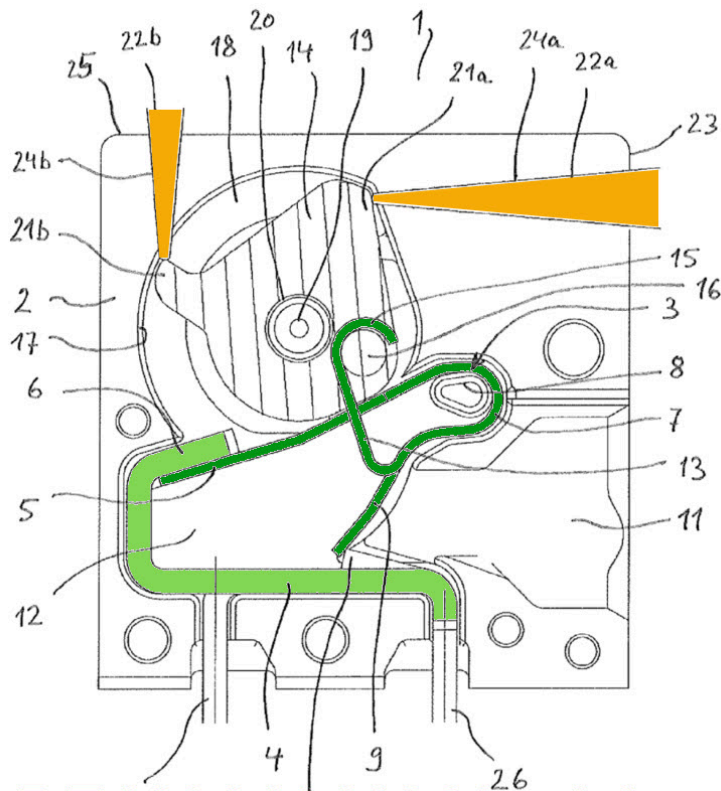
Definition statement

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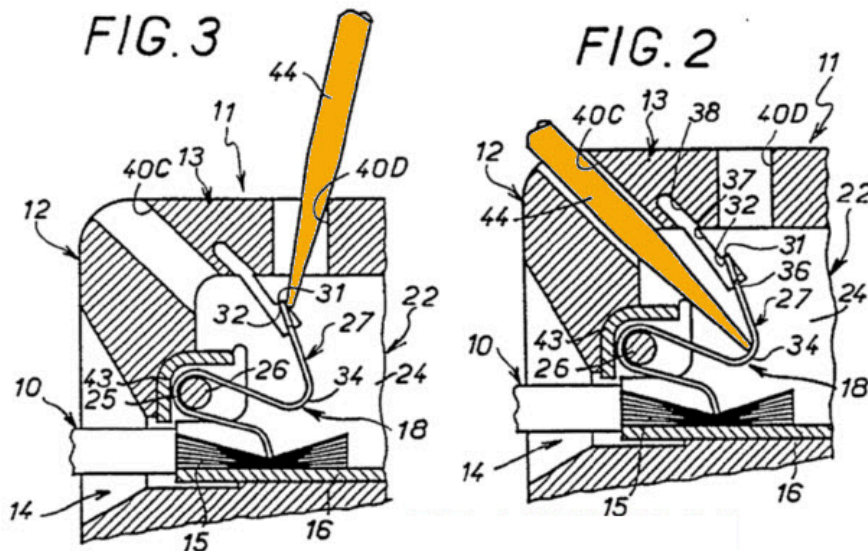
Leaf springs comprising a housing having at least two holes to allow the insertion of a tool for biasing the leaf spring from different angles.

Definition statement

The following figure shows two holes for inserting two different tools (22a) or (22b) in the housing from different angles.



The following figures show a housing (12) comprising two holes (40C) and (40D) both suitable for receiving an activating arrangement (tool 44) used to act on the leaf spring (27).

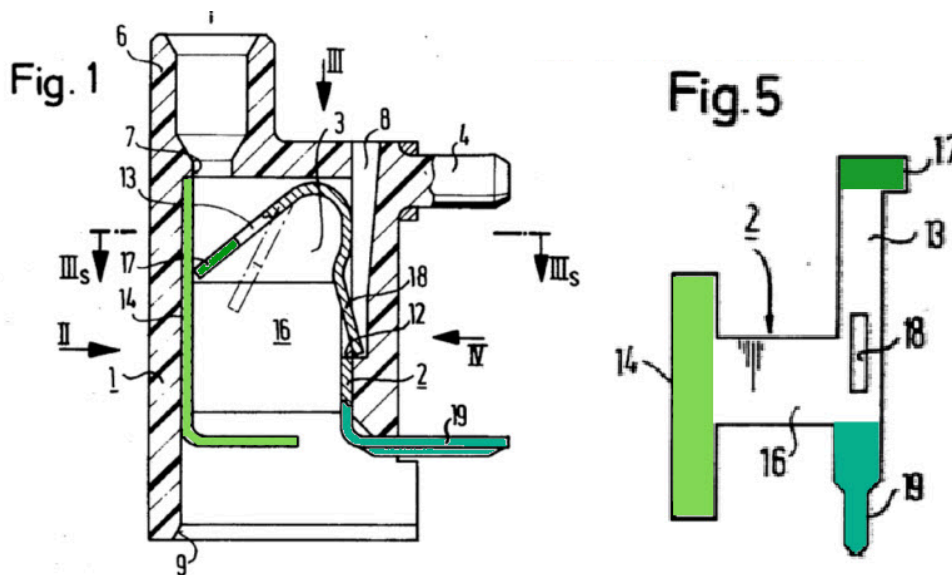


H01R 4/4848**{Busbar integrally formed with the spring}****Definition statement**

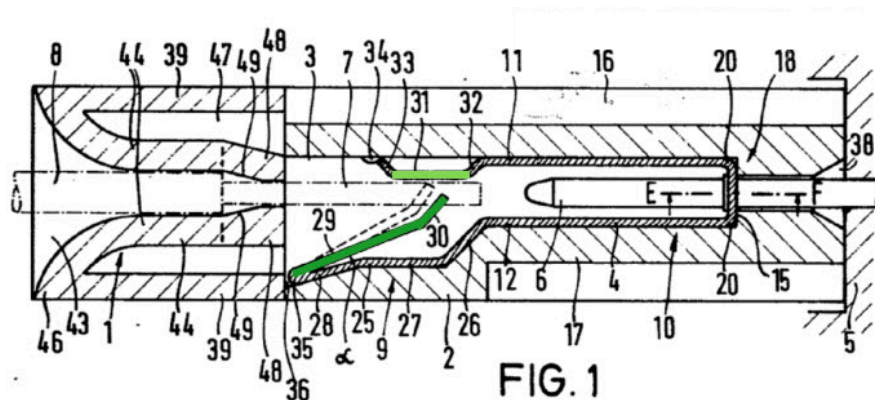
This place covers:

Clamping devices in which the leaf spring and the busbar are two parts of the same element. The leaf spring and busbar are both unitary.

The following figures show a leaf spring (17) and a busbar (14) made of the same metal piece. The metal piece is visible on the right before folding.



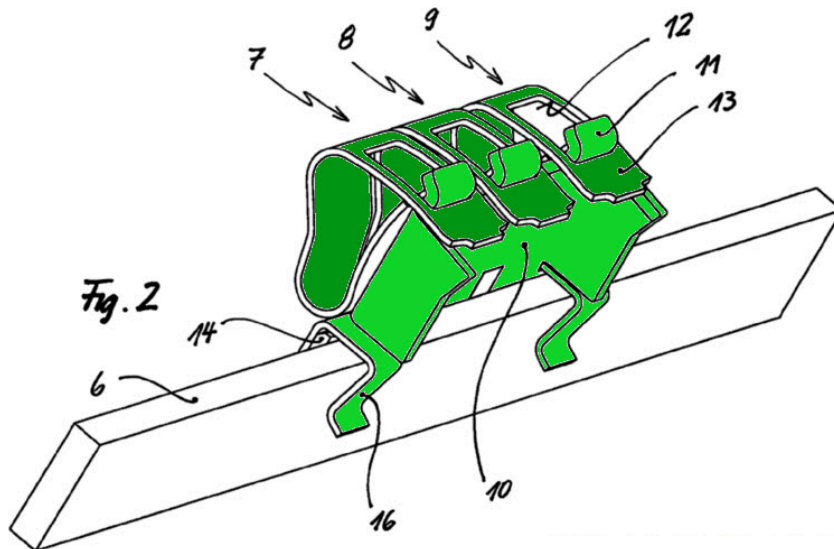
The following figure shows a leaf spring (29 greyed-out below) and a busbar (part 31 contacting the wire, horizontal greyed-out part below) being made of the same element.

**H01R 4/485****{Single busbar common to multiple springs}****Definition statement**

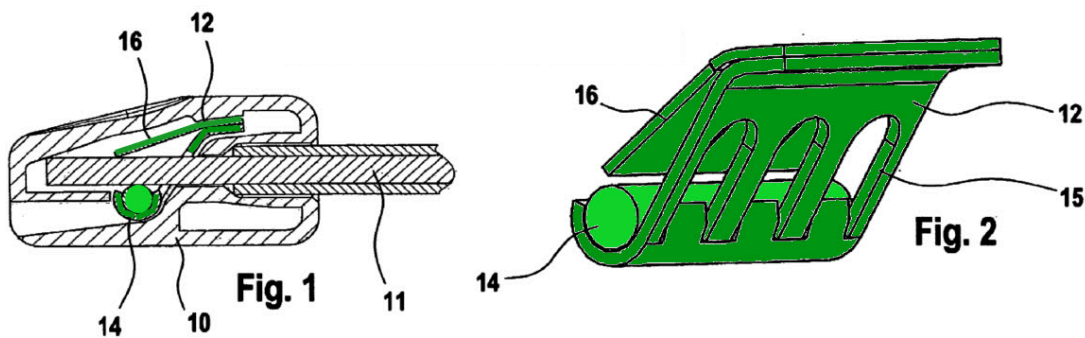
This place covers:

Leaf spring clamping devices comprising a common busbar to several connection sites. E.g. a clamping device suitable for shunting different wires to the same potential.

The following figure shows a single busbar (10) common to three different springs (7, 8, 9 greyed-out).



The following figures show a single busbar (14) connecting three different connection sites for three different wires.



H01R 4/4852

{Means for improving the contact with the conductor, e.g. uneven wire-receiving surface}

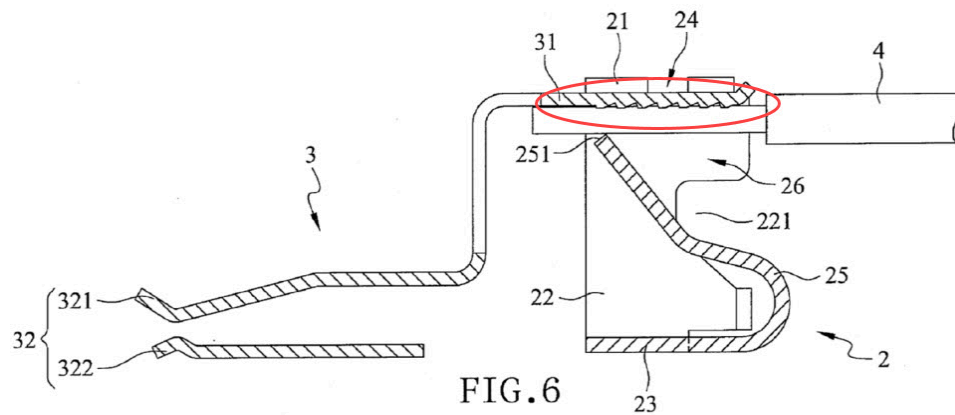
Definition statement

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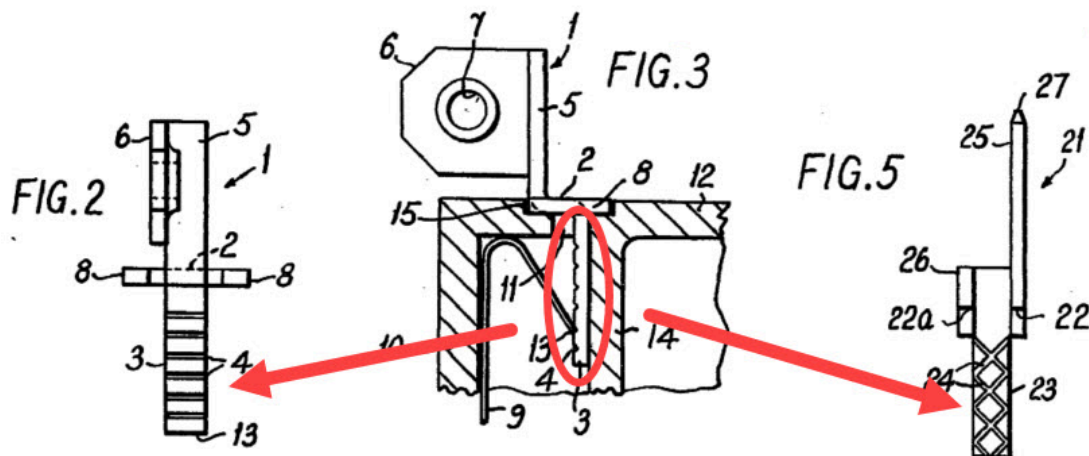
Leaf spring clamping devices with the busbar presenting an uneven surface at the position connecting with the wire, usually the exact position where the leaf spring biases the wire on the busbar.

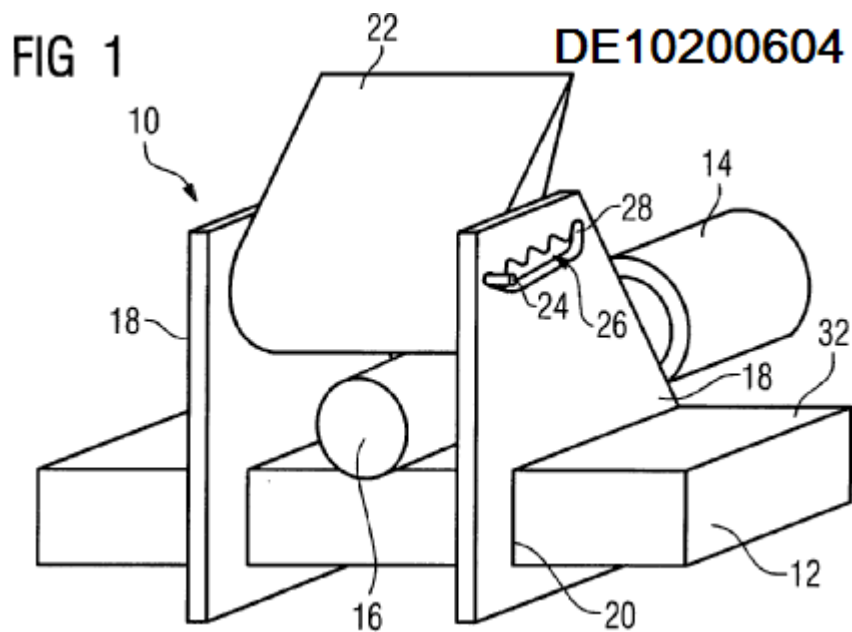
Definition statement

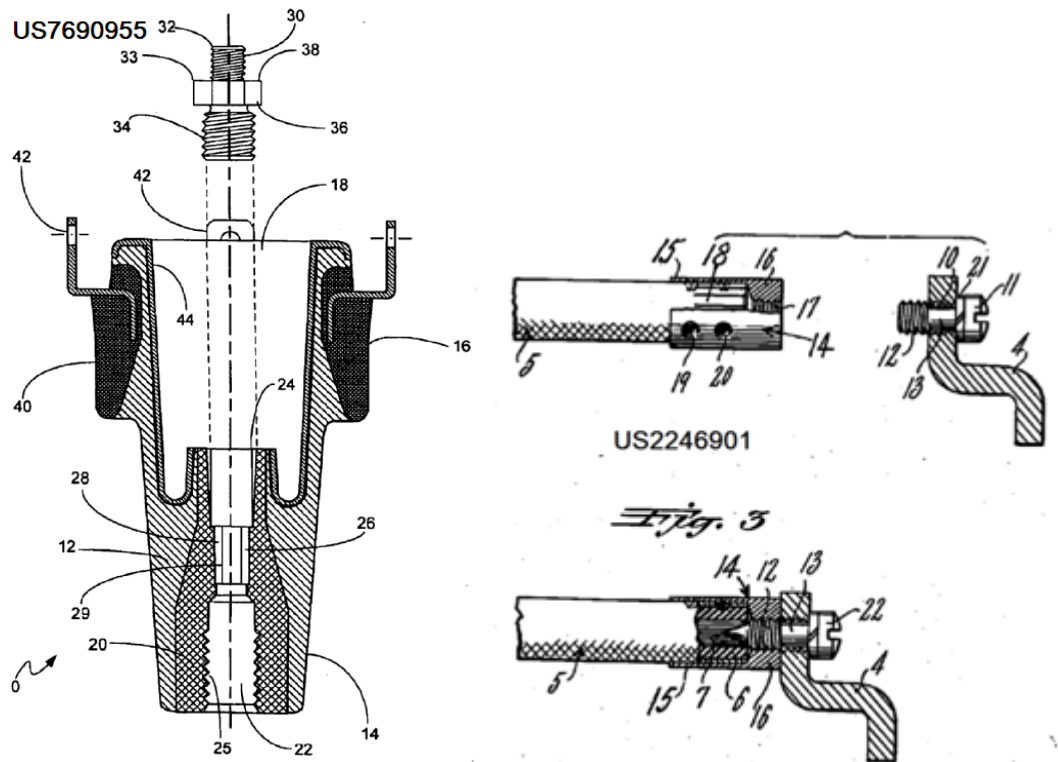
The following figure shows an uneven surface on the busbar at the position (inside the circle below) connecting to the wire (4). Those dents have the function to decrease the contact resistance between the busbar and the wire.



The following figures show an uneven surface on the busbar at the position (inside the circle below) connecting to the wire. The dents (4,24) can have different patterns on the busbar (see left and right).



H01R 4/505**{using an excentric element}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/505](#)

H01R 4/56**one conductor screwing into another****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/56](#)

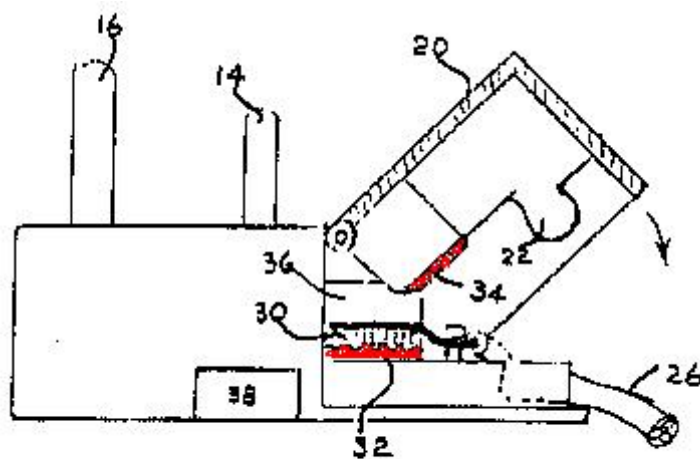
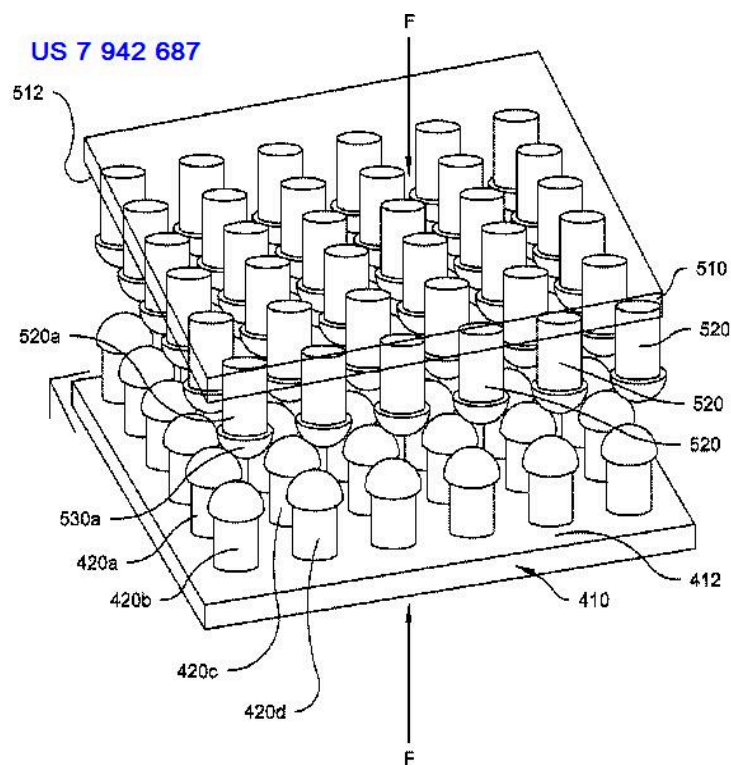
H01R 4/58

characterised by the form or material of the contacting members ([H01R 4/01](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/58](#)



Conductive hook-and-loop strip (32,34)

GB2256977

References***Limiting references***

This place does not cover:

Using shape memory materials	H01R 4/01
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H01R 4/60

Connections between or with tubular conductors ([H01R 4/56](#) takes precedence)

References***Limiting references***

This place does not cover:

One conductor screwing into another	H01R 4/56
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H01R 4/62

Connections between conductors of different materials; Connections between or with aluminium or steel-core aluminium conductors ([H01R 4/68](#) takes precedence)

References***Limiting references***

This place does not cover:

Connections to or between superconductive connectors	H01R 4/68
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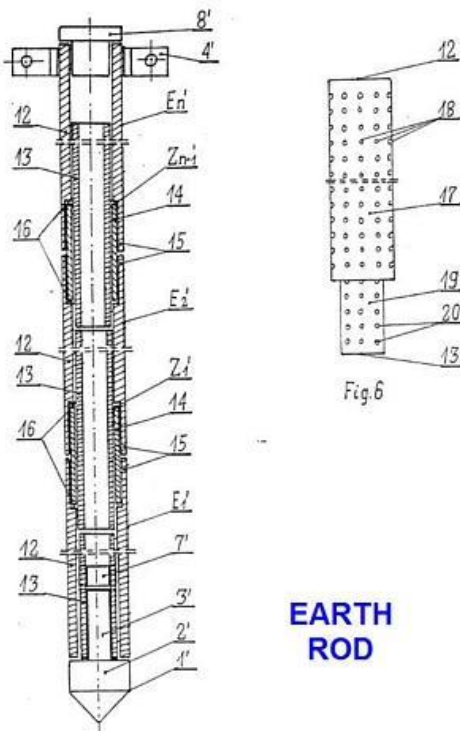
H01R 4/66

Connections with the terrestrial mass, e.g. earth plate, earth pin

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/66](#)



H01R 4/70

Insulation of connections (end caps [H01R 4/22](#))

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

End caps	H01R 4/22
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H01R 4/72

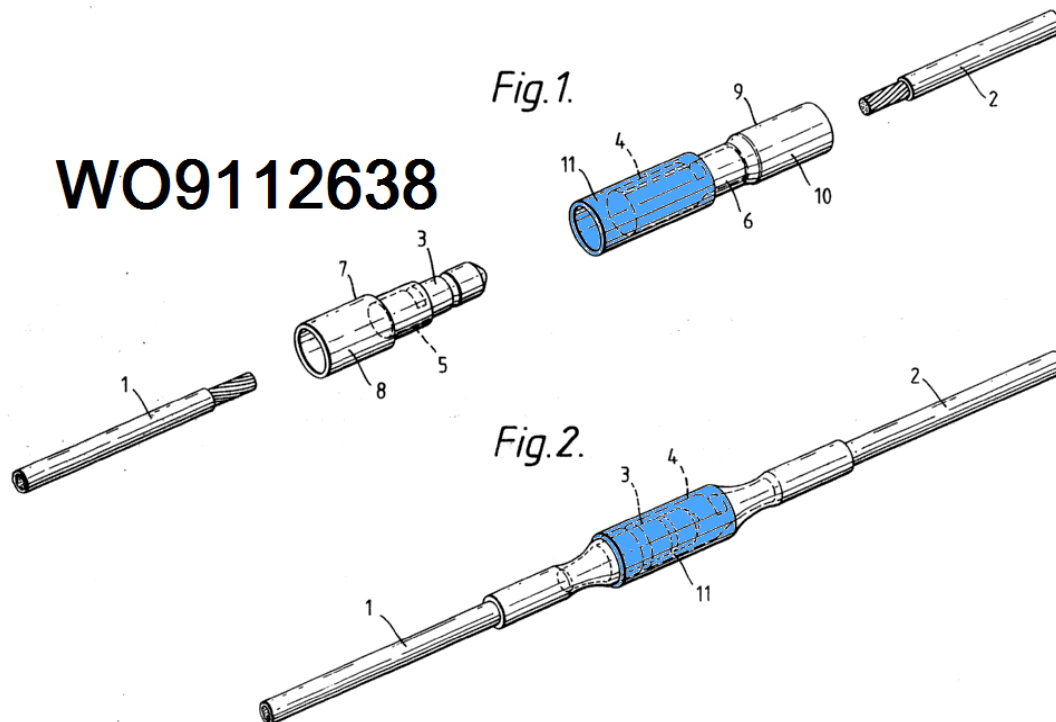
using a heat shrinking insulating sleeve

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 4/72](#)

WO9112638

**References****Informative references**

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

Heat recoverable plastics	B29C 61/00
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H01R 9/00

Structural associations of a plurality of mutually-insulated electrical connecting elements, e.g. terminal strips or terminal blocks; Terminals or binding posts mounted upon a base or in a case; Bases therefor

Definition statement

This place covers:

Structural associations of mutually-insulated electrical connecting elements

References

Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

Specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures	H01R 12/00
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Informative references

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

Individual connecting parts	H01R 4/00 , H01R 11/00
Coupling devices	H01R 12/70 , H01R 24/00 - H01R 33/00
Flexible or turnable line connectors	H01R 35/00

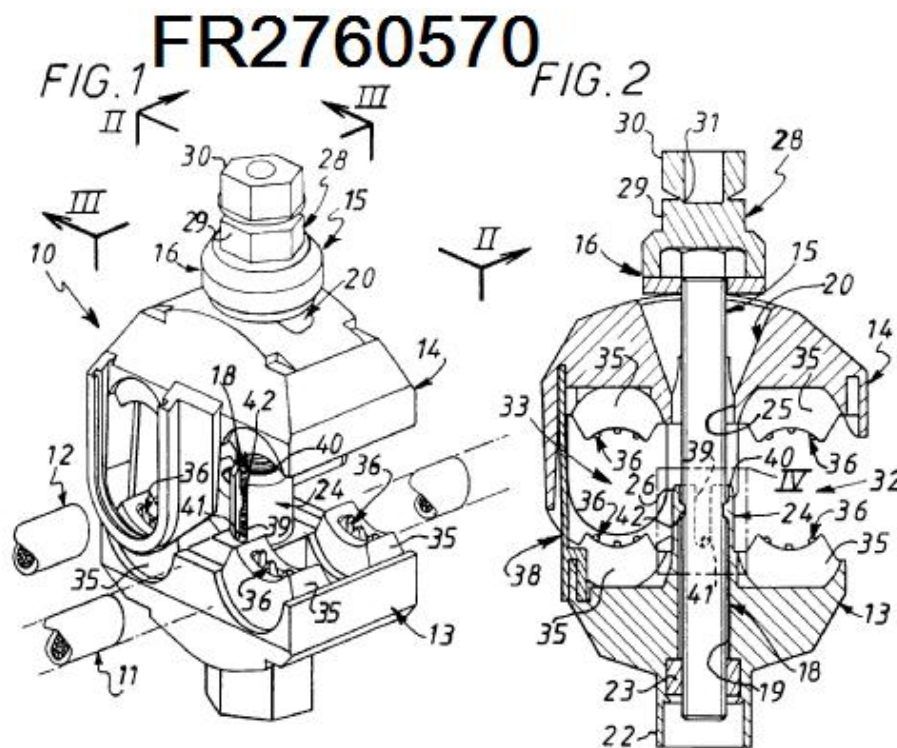
H01R 9/031

{for multiphase cables, e.g. with contact members penetrating insulation of a plurality of conductors (insulation penetrating contact members in general [H01R 4/24](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/031](#)



H01R 9/0524

{Connection to outer conductor by action of a clamping member, e.g. screw fastening means ([H01R 9/0515](#) takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Connection to outer conductor in general	H01R 4/38
Connection to a rigid planar substrate	H01R 9/0515

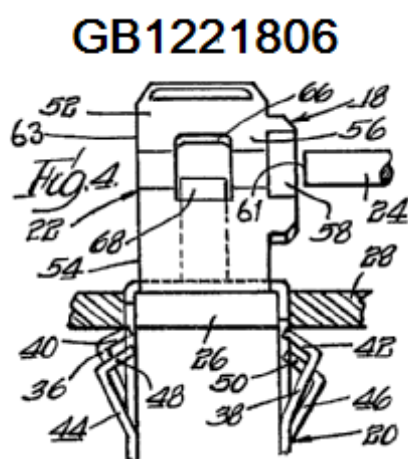
H01R 9/16

Fastening of connecting parts to base or case; Insulating connecting parts from base or case

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/16](#)



References

Informative references

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

Lead-through insulators	H01B 17/26
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H01R 9/22

Bases, e.g. strip, block, panel {(for printed circuits [H01R 12/50](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Terminal strips, blocks, bases

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Bases for printed circuits	H01R 12/50
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H01R 9/223

{Insulating enclosures for terminals (for switches [H01H 9/0264](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Insulating enclosures for switches	H01H 9/0264
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H01R 9/226

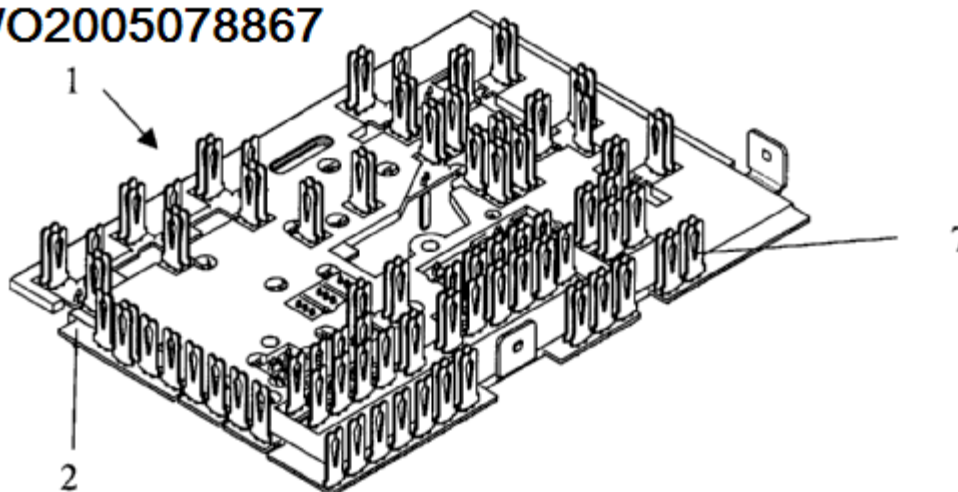
{comprising a plurality of conductive flat strips providing connection between wires or components ([H01R 9/2425](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/226](#)

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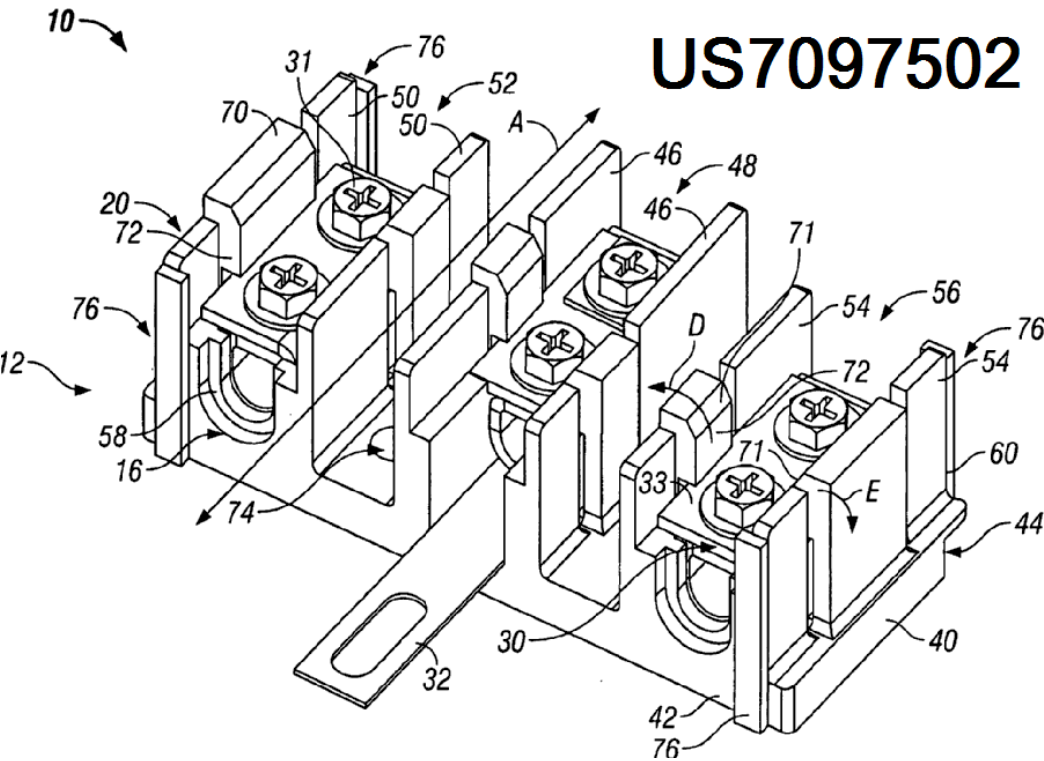
H01R 9/24

Terminal blocks

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/24](#)



H01R 9/2408

{Modular blocks ([H01R 9/26](#) takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Clip-on terminal blocks for side-by-side rail- or strip-mounting	H01R 9/26
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H01R 9/2425

{Structural association with built-in components (for coupling parts [H01R 13/66](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Structural association with built-in components for coupling parts	H01R 13/66
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H01R 9/2608

{Fastening means for mounting on support rail or strip ([H01R 9/2691](#) takes precedence; for switch or other electrical device [H02B 1/042](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Clip-on terminal blocks for side-by-side rail- or strip-mounting with ground wire connection to the rail	H01R 9/2691
Fastening means for switch or other electrical device	H02B 1/042

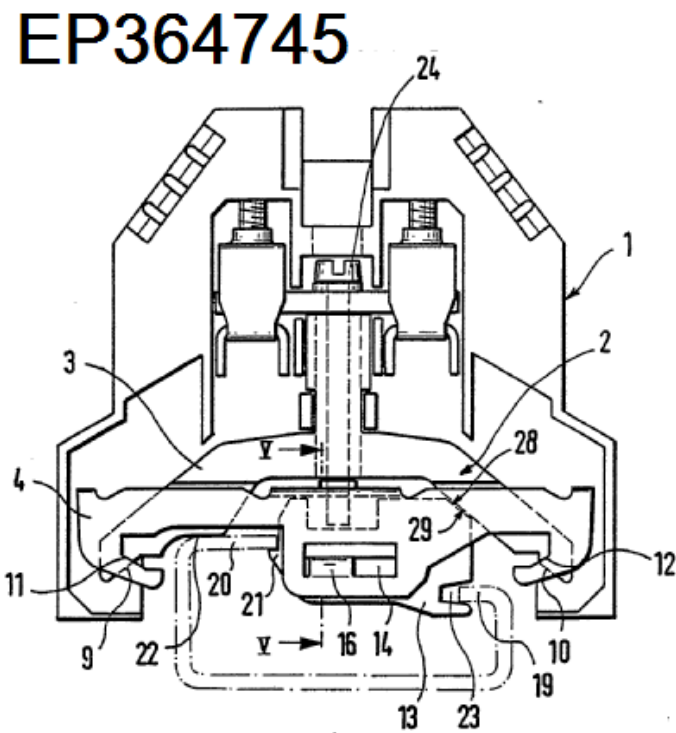
H01R 9/2691

{with ground wire connection to the rail}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/2691](#)



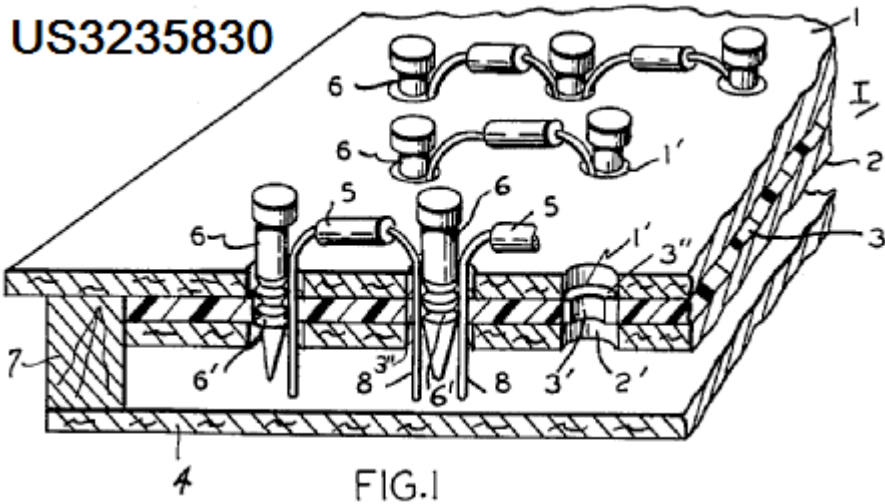
H01R 9/28

Terminal boards

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 9/28](#)



H01R 11/00

Individual connecting elements providing two or more spaced connecting locations for conductive members which are, or may be, thereby interconnected, e.g. end pieces for wires or cables supported by the wire or cable and having means for facilitating electrical connection to some other wire, terminal, or conductive member, blocks of binding posts

References

Informative references

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

Connections between members in direct contact	H01R 4/00
Structural associations of a plurality of mutually-insulated electrical connecting elements	H01R 9/00
Coupling devices	H01R 12/70 , H01R 24/00 - H01R 29/00 , H01R 33/00
Flexible or turnable line connectors	H01R 35/00

H01R 11/03

characterised by the relationship between the connecting locations
([H01R 11/11](#) takes precedence)

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

End pieces or tapping pieces for wires, supported by the wire and for facilitating electrical connection to some other wire, terminal or conductive member	H01R 11/11
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H01R 11/05

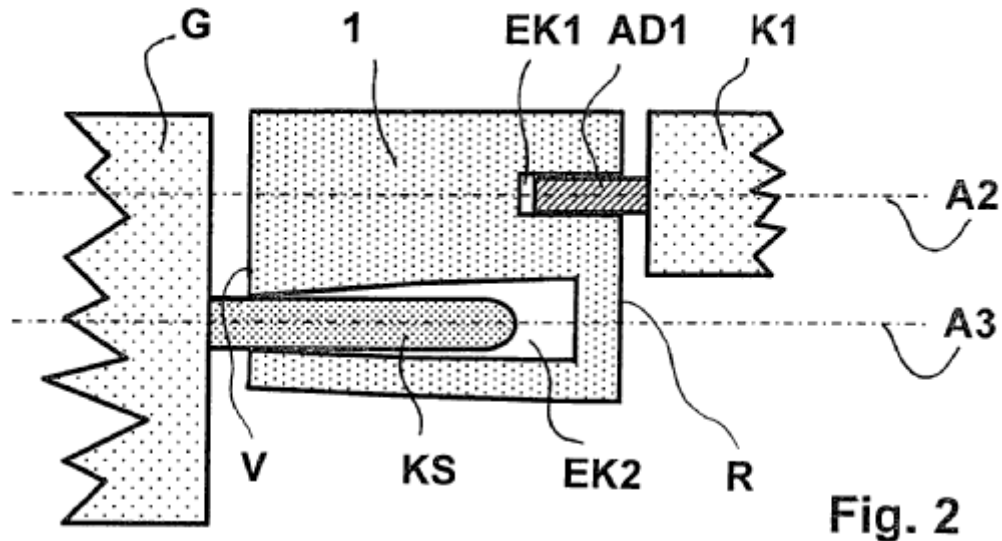
the connecting locations having different types of direct connections

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/05](#)

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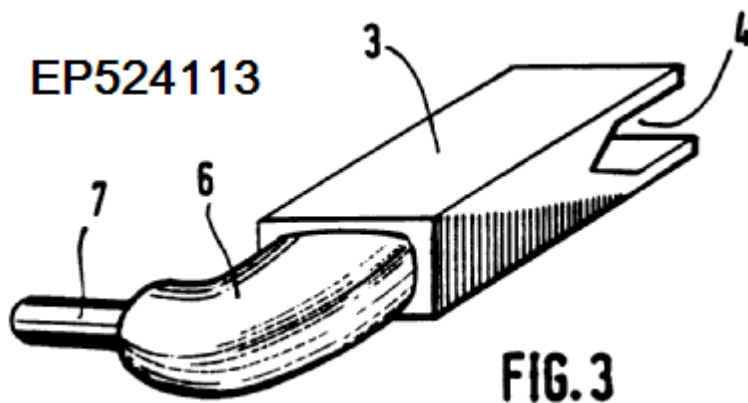
H01R 11/11

End pieces or tapping pieces for wires, supported by the wire and for facilitating electrical connection to some other wire, terminal or conductive member ([H01R 11/01](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/11](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For multiconductor cables	H01R 11/01
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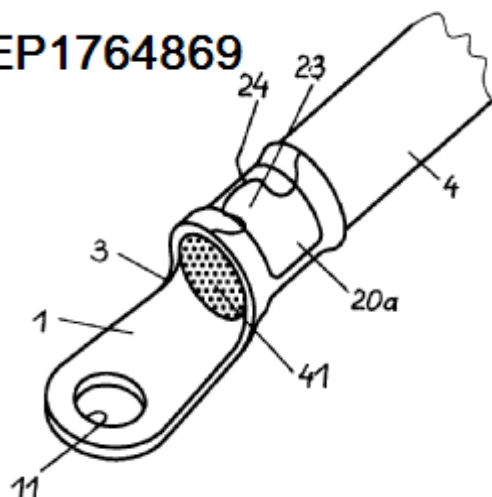
H01R 11/12

End pieces terminating in an eye, hook, or fork

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/12](#)

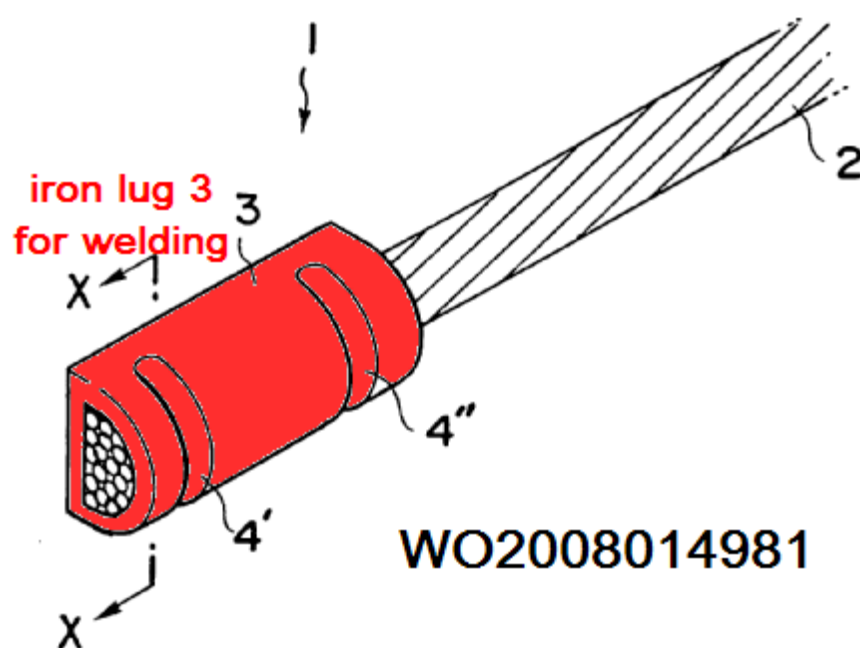
EP1764869**H01R 11/16**

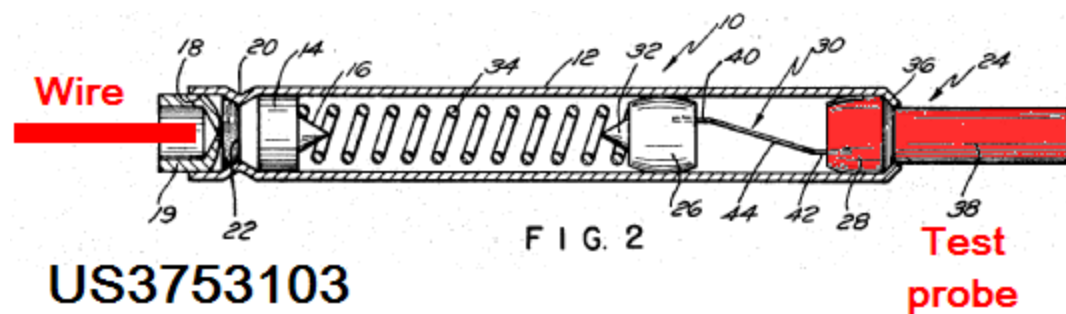
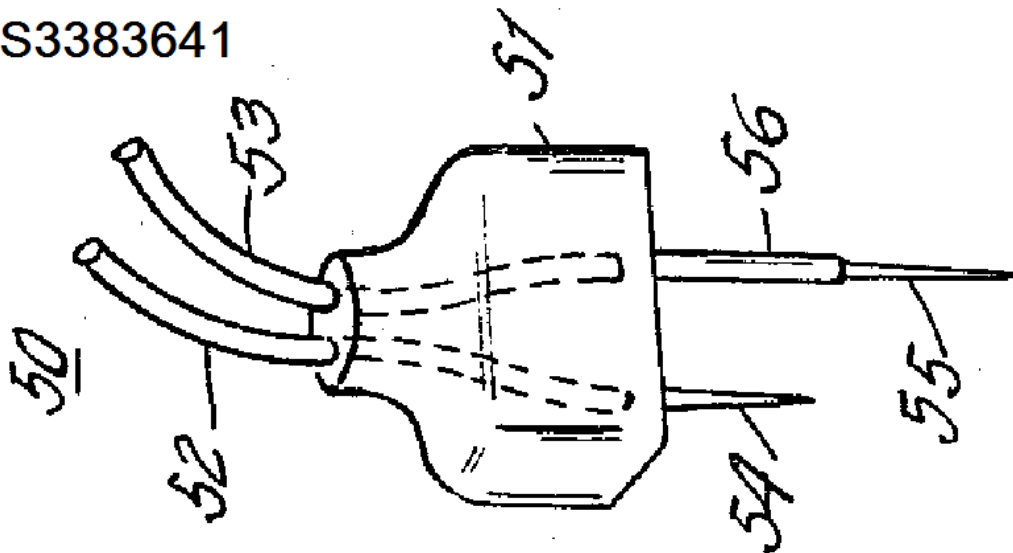
End pieces terminating in a soldering tip or socket

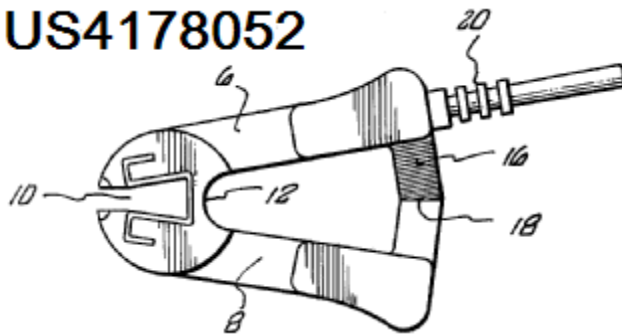
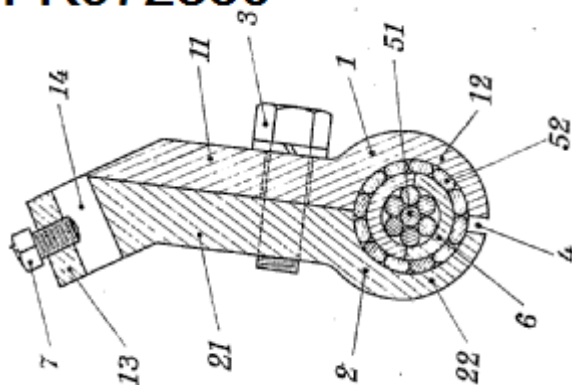
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/16](#)



H01R 11/18**End pieces terminating in a probe****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/18](#)**H01R 11/20****End pieces terminating in a needle point or analogous contact for penetrating insulation or cable strands****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/20](#)**US3383641**

H01R 11/22**End pieces terminating in a spring clip****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/22](#)**US4178052****H01R 11/26****End pieces terminating in a screw clamp, screw or nut****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/26](#)**FR972850****H01R 11/28****End pieces consisting of a ferrule or sleeve****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Connectors for car batteries

H01R 11/287

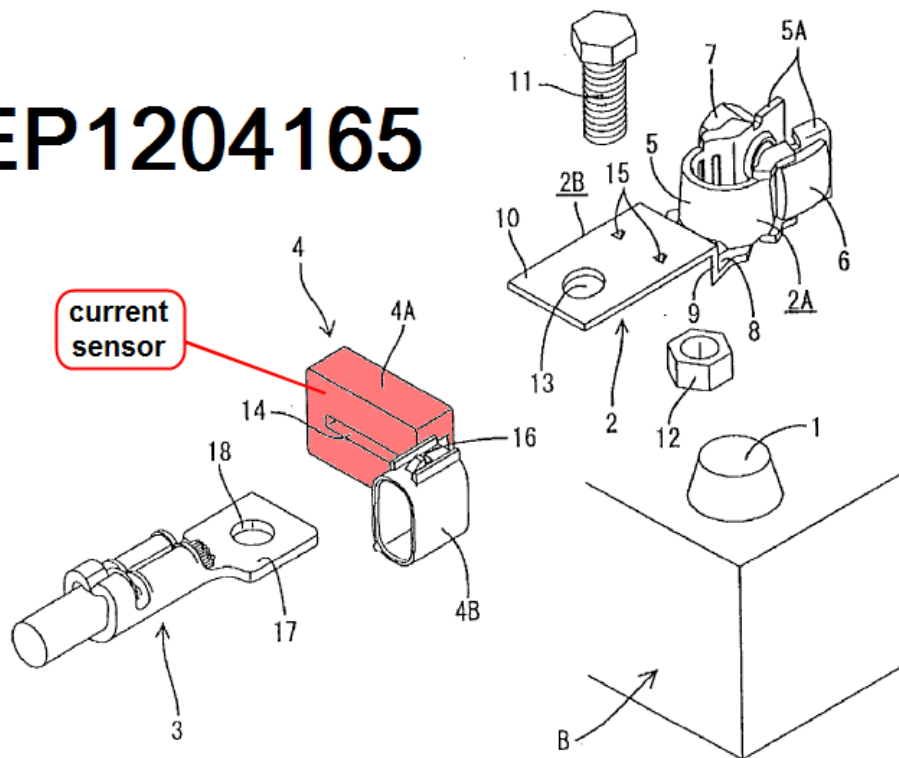
{Intermediate parts between battery post and cable end piece}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/287](#)

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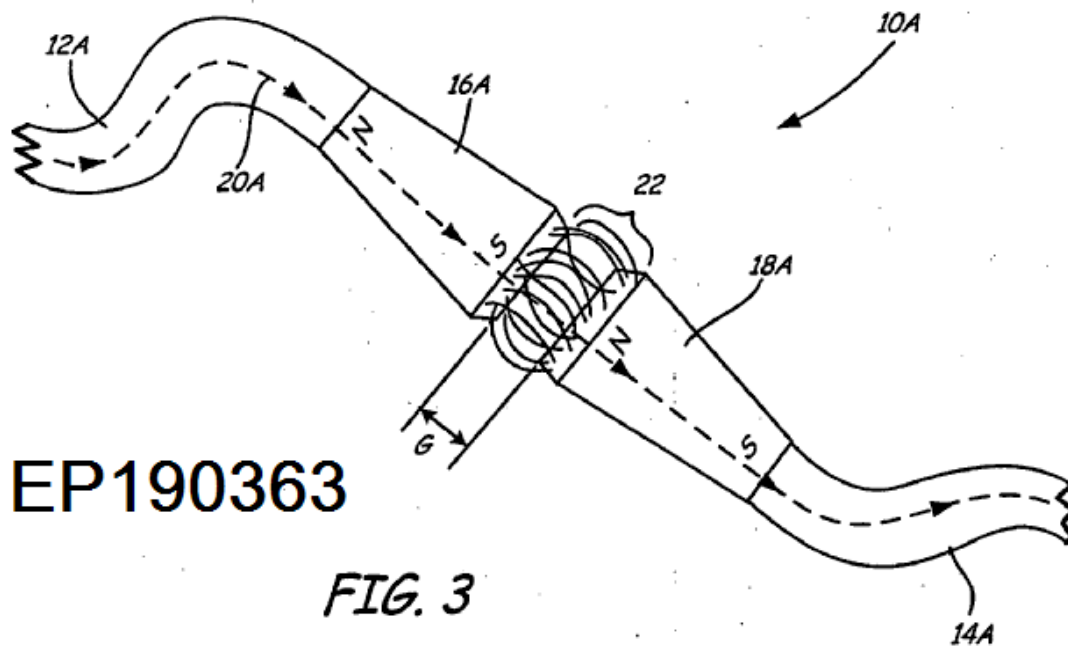
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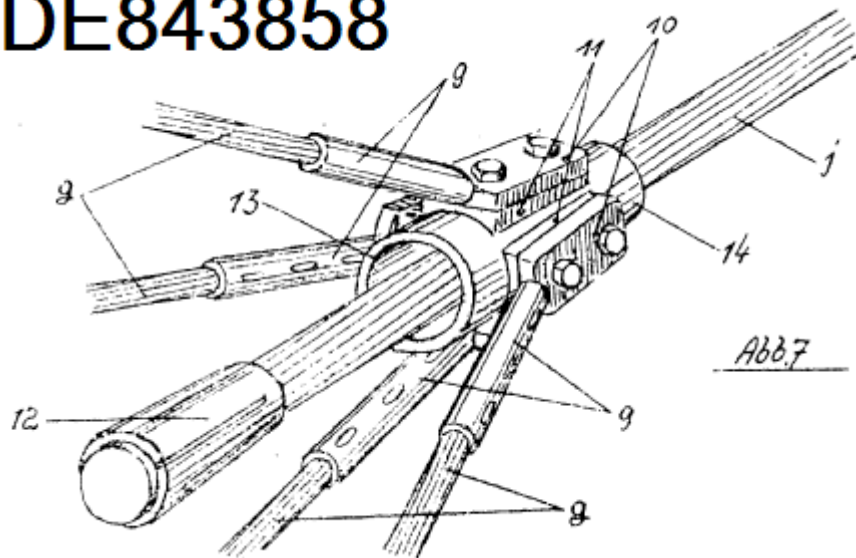
End pieces held in contact by a magnet

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/30](#)



H01R 11/32**End pieces with two or more terminations****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 11/32](#)**DE843858****H01R 12/00**

Structural associations of a plurality of mutually-insulated electrical connecting elements, specially adapted for printed circuits, e.g. printed circuit boards [PCB], flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures, e.g. terminal strips, terminal blocks; Coupling devices specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures; Terminals specially adapted for contact with, or insertion into, printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures (printed connections to, or between, printed circuits [H05K 1/11](#))

References**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Printed connections to, or between, printed circuits	H05K 1/11
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H01R 12/50**Fixed connections****Definition statement***This place covers:*

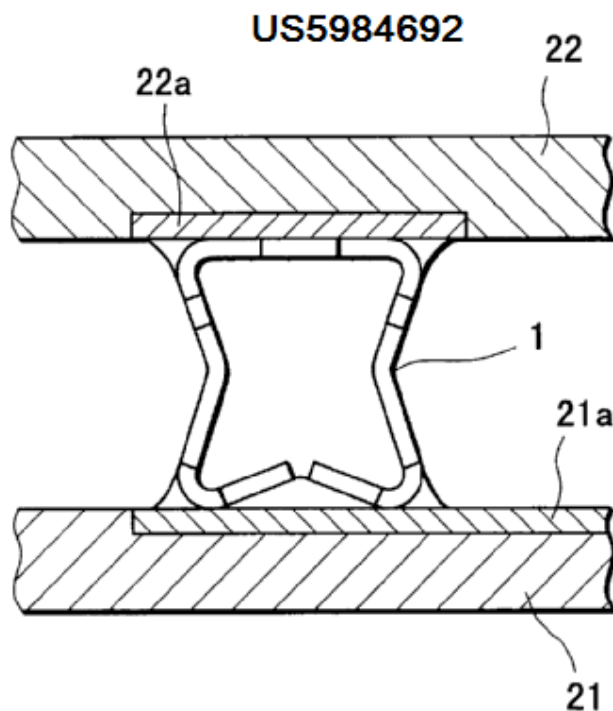
Fixed connections for PCB's, flat or ribbon cables or like structures

H01R 12/51**for rigid printed circuits or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection of which one party is a rigid printed circuit board.

Fixed connection for members (e.g. connectors) to rigid printed circuit board by other structures than terminals (e.g. housing) that are not covered by [H01R 12/52](#)- [H01R 12/58](#).**Special rules of classification**Those characterized by the terminals are classified in [H01R 12/55](#)- [H01R 12/58](#).**H01R 12/52****connecting to other rigid printed circuits or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection of which both of the connecting parties are rigid printed circuit board.



H01R 12/526

{the printed circuits being on the same board (with plated through holes
[H05K 3/42](#))}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Printed circuits being on the same board with plated through holes	H05K 3/42
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H01R 12/53

connecting to cables except for flat or ribbon cables

Definition statement

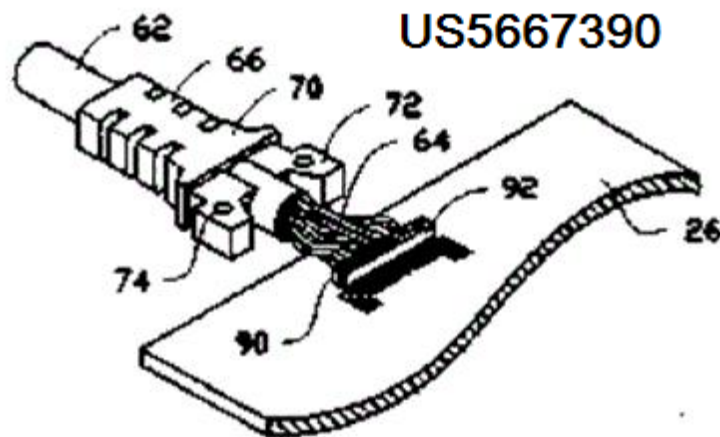
This place covers:

Fixed connection for cables mounted on rigid printed circuit board, the cable having a circular or similar cross section.

References**Informative references**

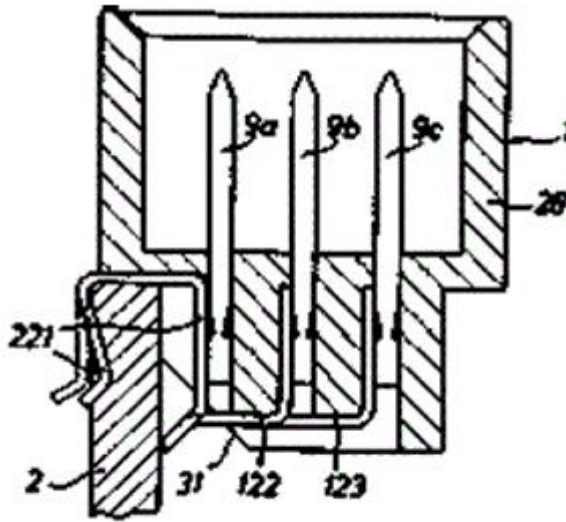
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Connections with flat or a ribbon cables	H01R 12/62 .
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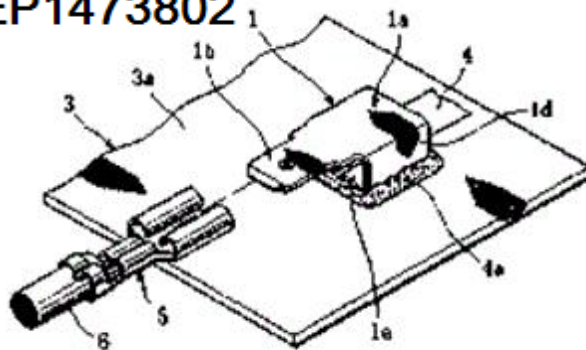


H01R 12/55**characterised by the terminals****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection for terminals to the rigid printed circuit board characterized by the shape or the mounting means of terminals, e.g. edge contact, including mounting of connectors to the printed circuit board.

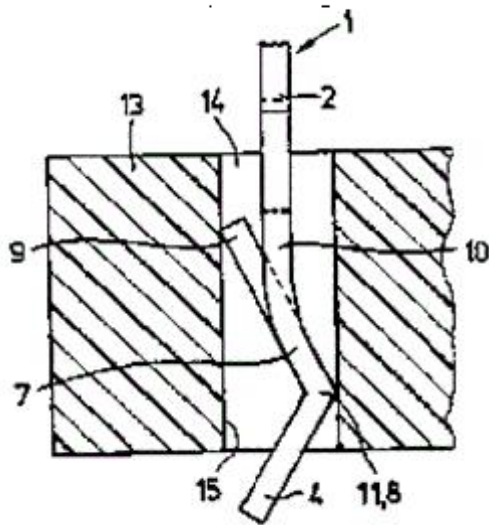
**EP178540****H01R 12/57****surface mounting terminals****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection for terminals (including terminals of the connector) mounted directly on the rigid printed circuit board by using soldering, etc.

EP1473802

H01R 12/58**terminals for insertion into holes****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection for terminals (including terminals of the connector) inserted into holes that are provided on rigid printed circuit board.

WO94/24730**H01R 12/59****for flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Fixed connection of which one party is flexible printed circuit board.

Fixed connection for members (e.g. connectors) to flexible printed circuit board by other structures than terminals (e.g. housing) that are not covered by [H01R 12/61](#)- [H01R 12/69](#).

Special rules of classification

Those characterized by the connection of terminals are classified in [H01R 12/65](#)- [H01R 12/69](#).

H01R 12/592

{connections to contact elements}

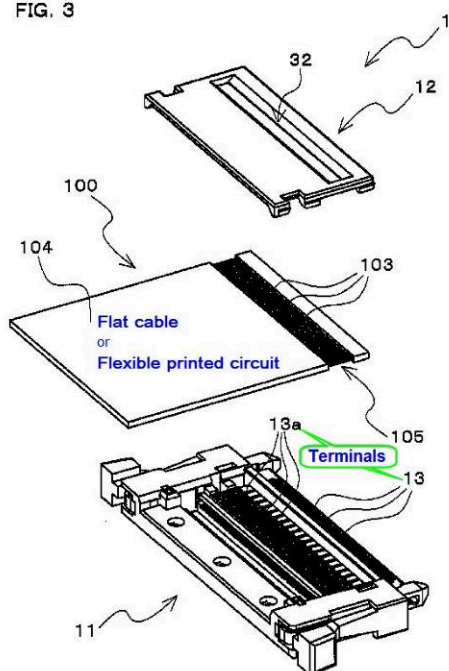
Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/592](#)

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FIG. 3



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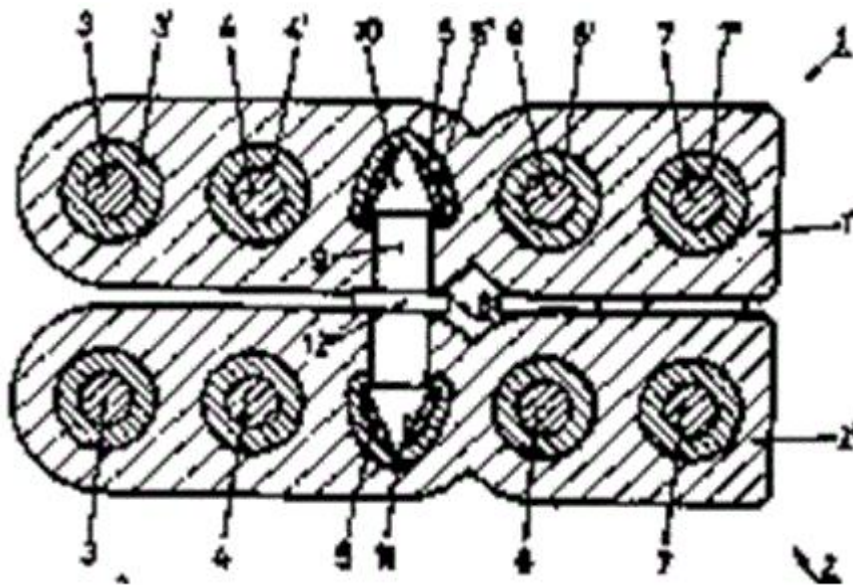
connecting to flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connection directly connecting between flexible printed circuit boards.

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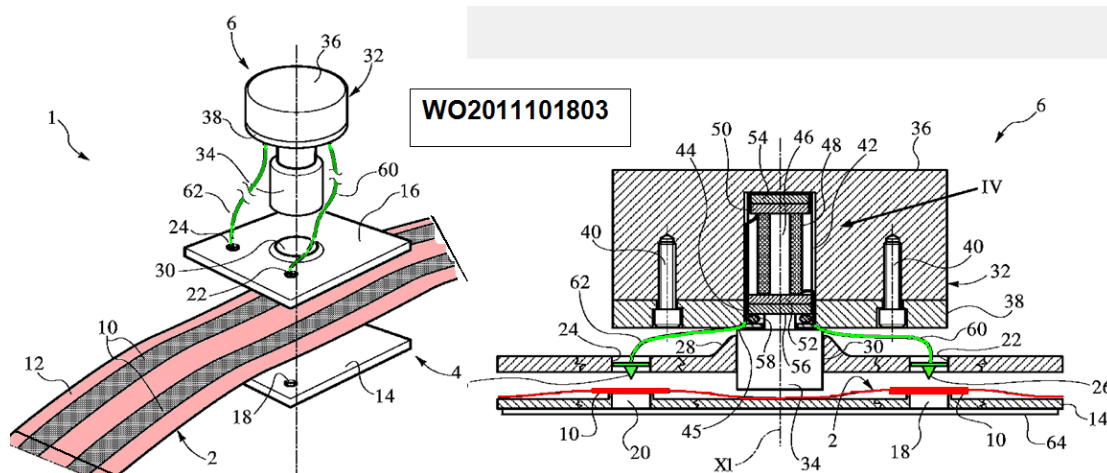
**H01R 12/616**

{having contacts penetrating insulation for making contact with conductors, e.g. needle points}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/616](#)



H01R 12/62

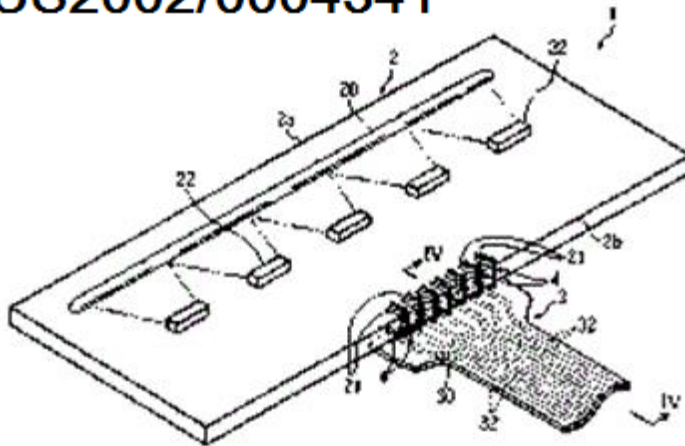
connecting to rigid printed circuits or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connection directly connecting between flexible printed circuit board and rigid printed circuit board.

US2002/0004341



H01R 12/63

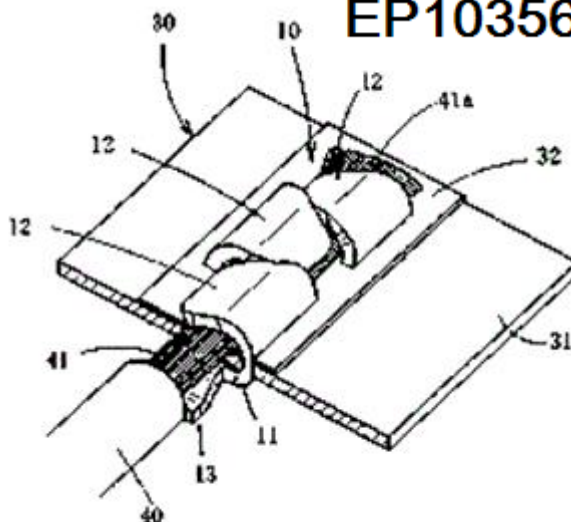
connecting to another shape cable

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connection for cables directly mounted on flexible printed circuit board.

EP1035616



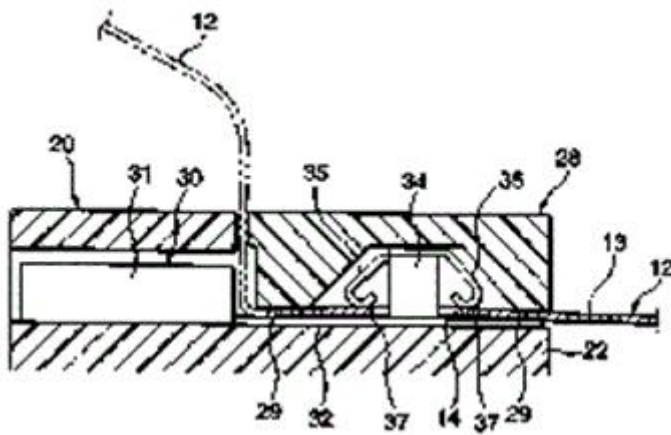
H01R 12/65

characterised by the terminal

Definition statement

This place covers:

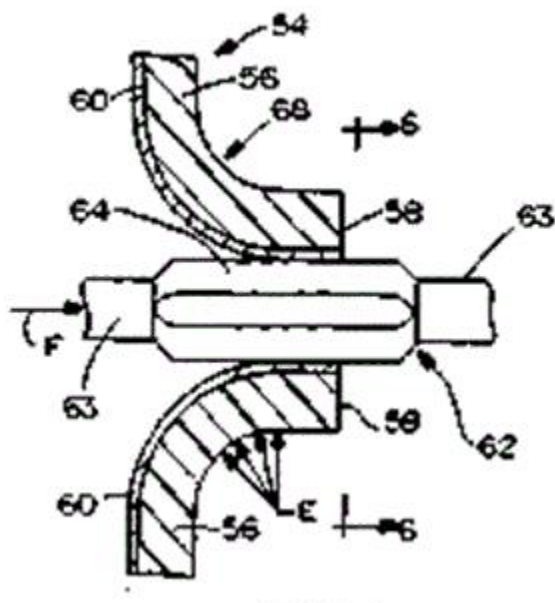
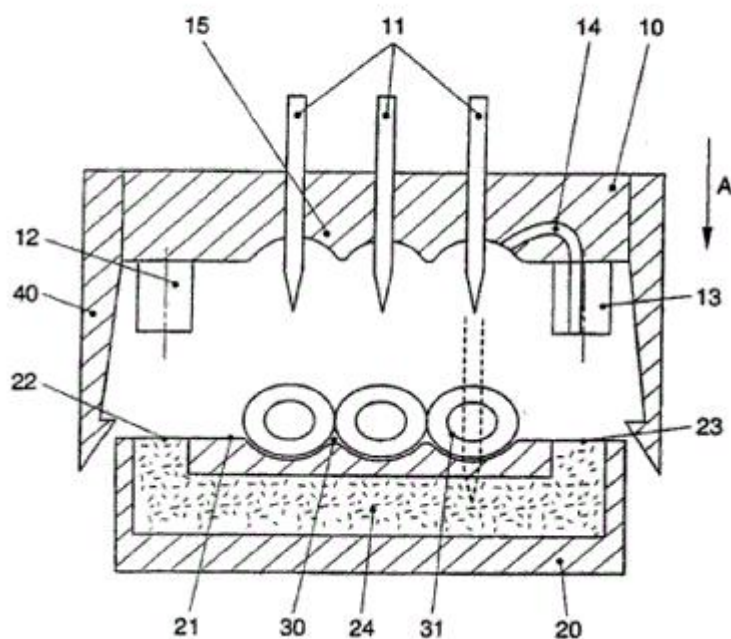
Fixed connection characterized by the terminals directly mounted on flexible printed circuit board, e.g. edge contact.

US2001/0019918

H01R 12/67**insulation penetrating terminals****Definition statement**

This place covers:

Fixed connection by terminals penetrating the flexible printed circuit board e.g. insulation displacement terminal.

EP932221**US6196863**

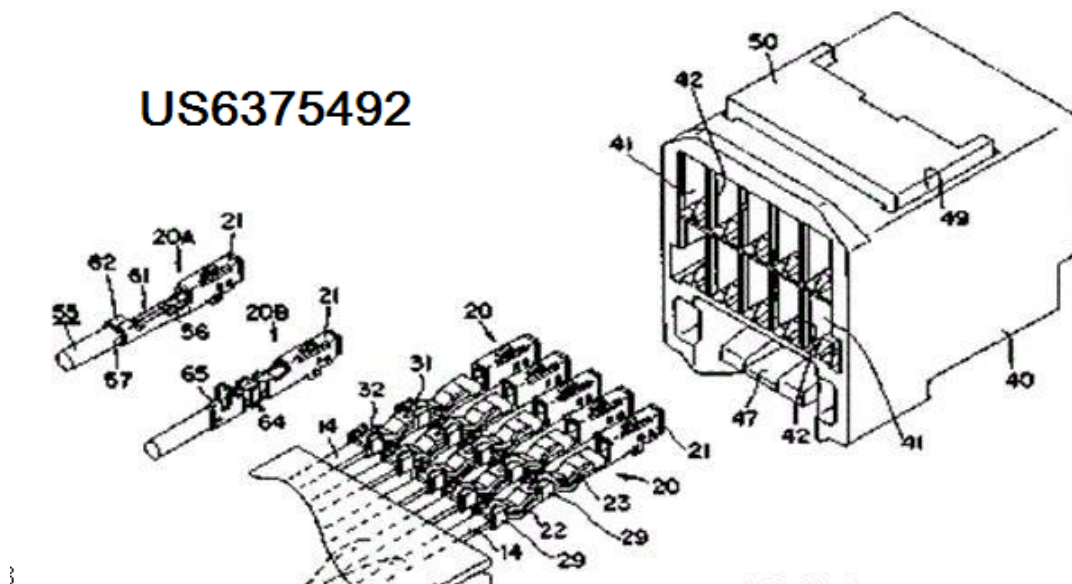
H01R 12/69

deformable terminals, e.g. crimping terminals

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fixed connection by partially deformed terminals connected to conductors of flexible printed circuit board e.g. Crimping terminals Excluding those penetrating the flexible printed circuit board
[H01R 12/67](#), [H01R 12/68](#).



H01R 12/70

Coupling devices

Definition statement

This place covers:

Connection of printed circuit boards by connectors in a demountable manner.

Coupling devices for PCB's, flat or ribbon cables or like structures

Special rules of classification

When the identification of the subject of connection for the connector is not clear in the patent specification or drawings, classification is given in this subgroup too.

In the following classification, it should be noted that the subdivision is effected depending on the counterpart of the connection and on the subject of mounting of that connector which is one party having a character for classification.

H01R 12/7005

{Guiding, mounting, polarizing or locking means; Extractors (for printed circuit boards [H05K](#))}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Guiding, mounting, polarizing or locking means; Extractors for printed circuit boards	H05K
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H01R 12/7035

{involving non-elastic deformation, e.g. plastic deformation, melting ([H01R 12/7064](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Press fitting	H01R 12/7064
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H01R 12/71

for rigid printing circuits or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is rigid printed circuit board and that are not covered by [H01R 12/72](#)- [H01R 12/75](#).

H01R 12/712

{co-operating with the surface of the printed circuit or with a coupling device exclusively provided on the surface of the printed circuit ([H01R 12/72](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Coupling with the edge of the rigid printed circuits or like structures	H01R 12/72
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H01R 12/716

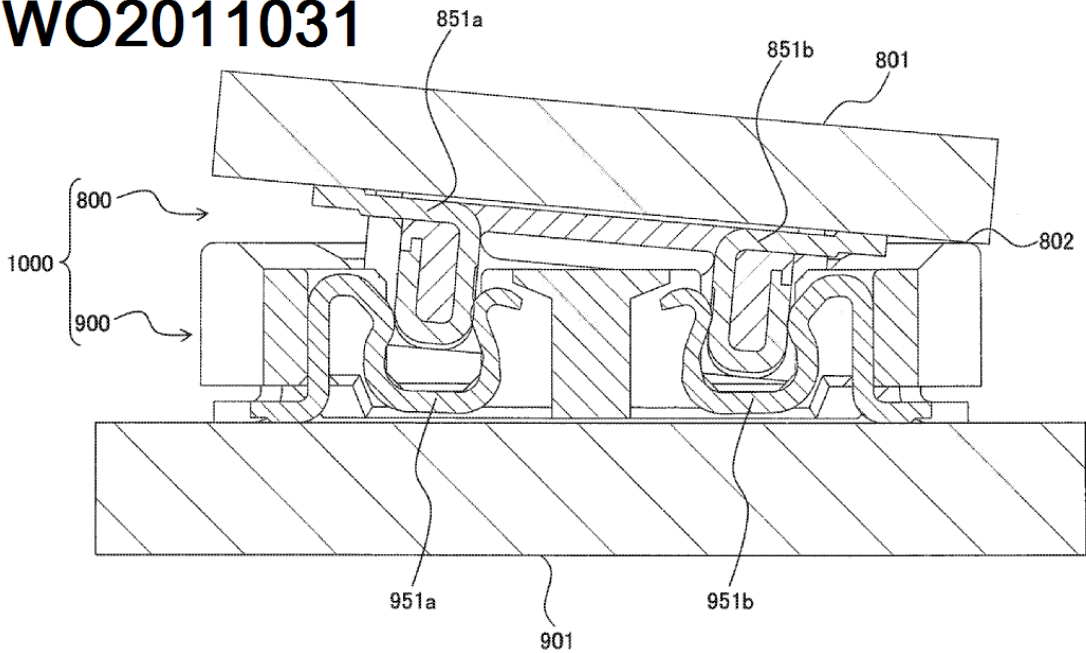
{Coupling device provided on the PCB}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/716](#)

WO2011031



H01R 12/718

{Contact members provided on the PCB without an insulating housing (contacts for abutting [H01R 12/714](#))}

References

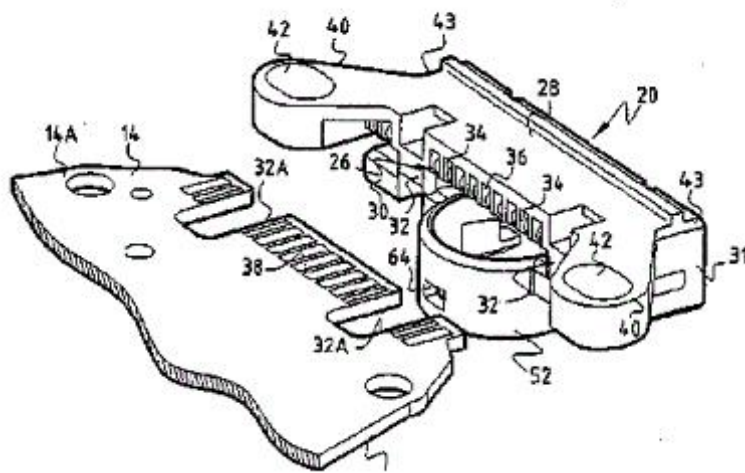
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Contacts for abutting	H01R 12/714
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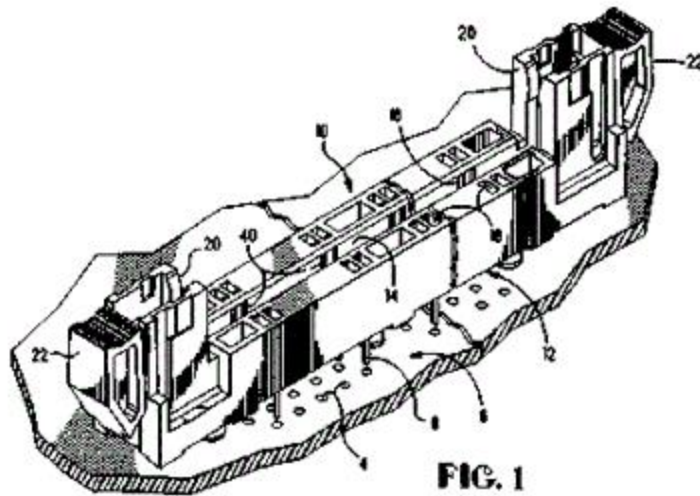
H01R 12/72**coupling with the edge of the rigid printed circuits or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is provided at the edge of, or nearby place to the edge of, rigid printed circuit board, and the subject of mounting is either not rigid printed circuit board or unidentifiable.

EP1128489**H01R 12/73****connecting to other rigid printed circuits or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is rigid printed circuit board, and the subject of mounting of the connector is also rigid printed circuit board.

WO96/11513A



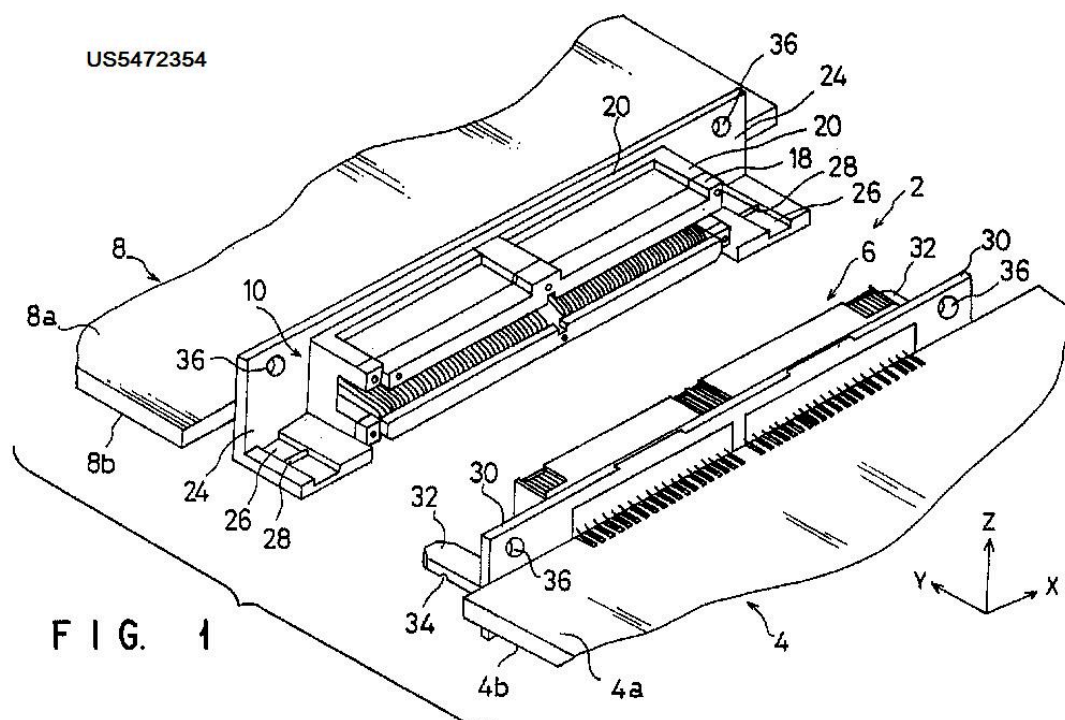
H01R 12/732

{Printed circuits being in the same plane}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/732](#)



H01R 12/737

{Printed circuits being substantially perpendicular to each other (for printed connections [H05K 3/366](#))}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

For printed connections	H05K 3/366
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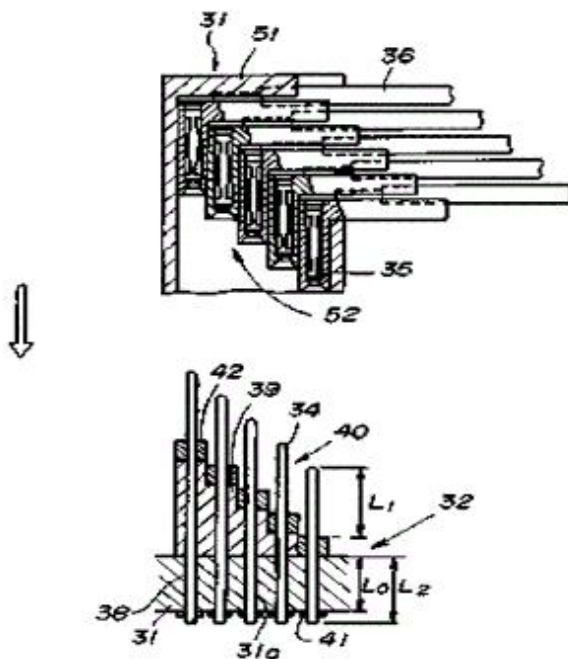
H01R 12/75

connecting to cables except for flat or ribbon cables

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is cables, and the subject of mounting is rigid printed circuit board.

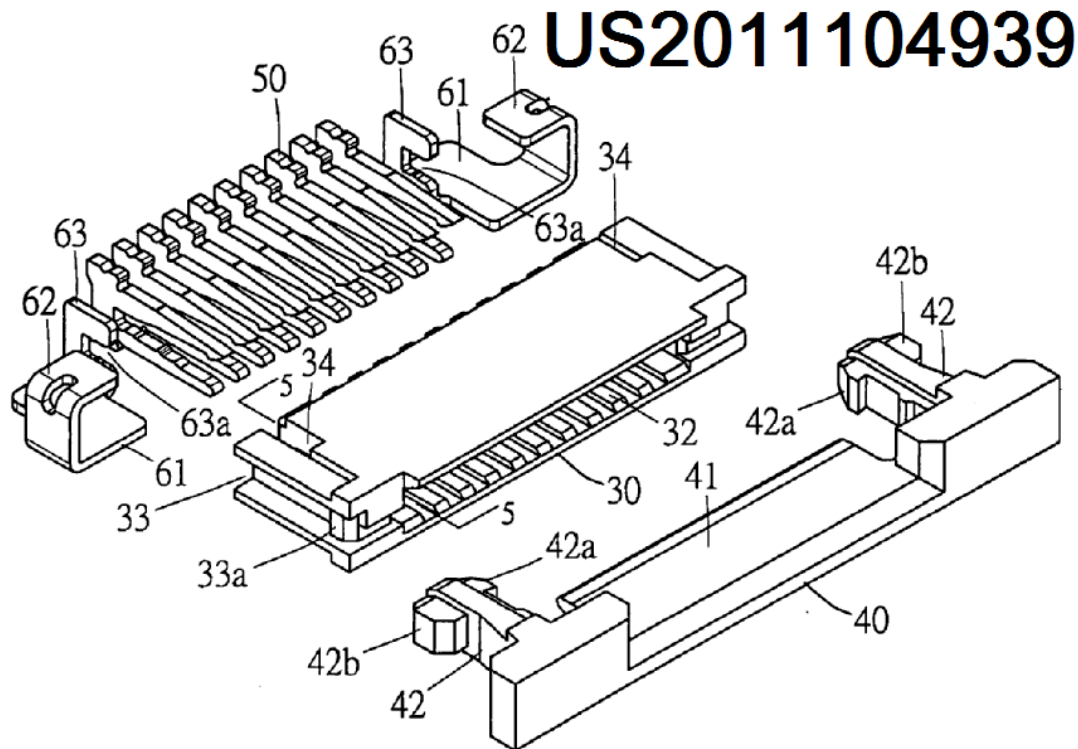
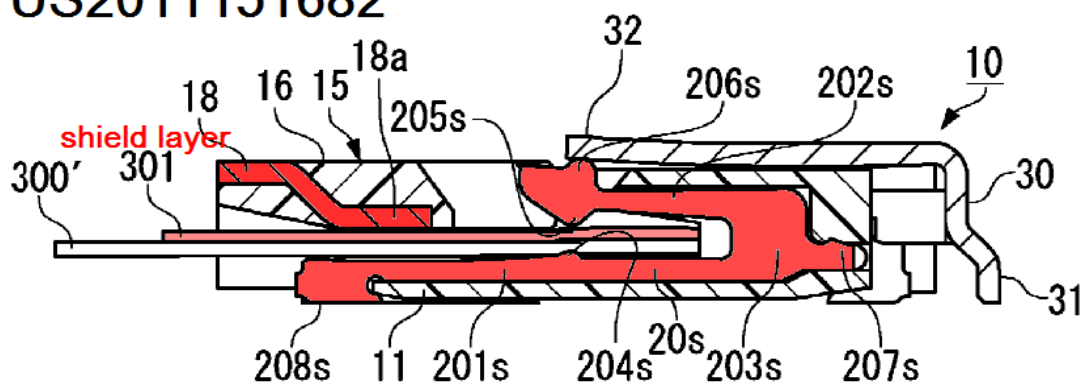
US5667401**H01R 12/77**

for flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is flexible printed circuit board, and that are not covered by [H01R 12/78](#)- [H01R 12/81](#).

H01R 12/774**{Retainers}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/774](#)**H01R 12/775****{Ground or shield arrangements}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 12/774](#)**US2011151682**

H01R 12/777

{Coupling parts carrying pins, blades or analogous contacts ([H01R 12/78](#), [H01R 12/79](#) take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Connecting to other flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures	H01R 12/78
Connecting to rigid printed circuits or like structures	H01R 12/79

H01R 12/778

{Coupling parts carrying sockets, clips or analogous counter-contacts ([H01R 12/78](#), [H01R 12/79](#) take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Connecting to other flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures	H01R 12/78
Connecting to rigid printed circuits or like structures	H01R 12/79

H01R 12/78

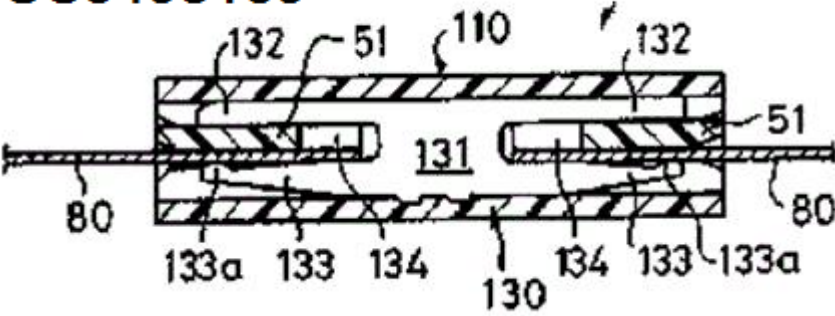
connecting to other flexible printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables or like structures

Definition statement

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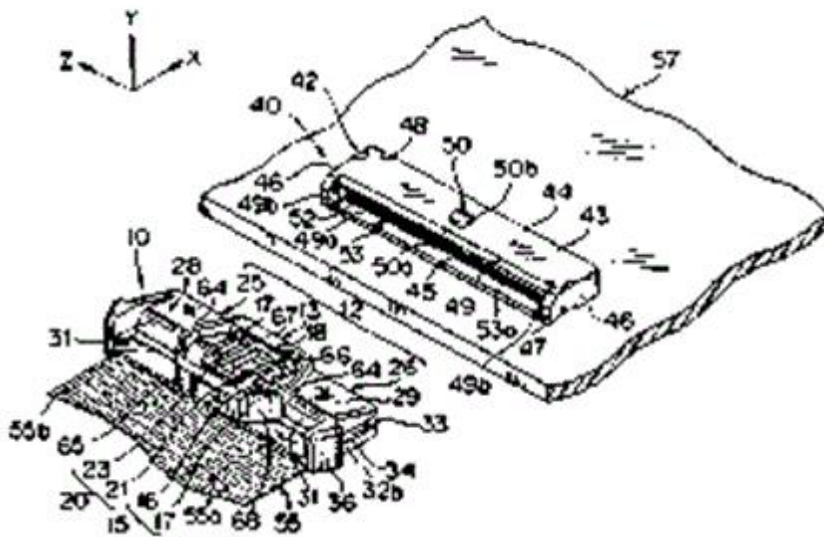
Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is flexible printed circuit board, and the subject of mounting is also flexible printed circuit board.

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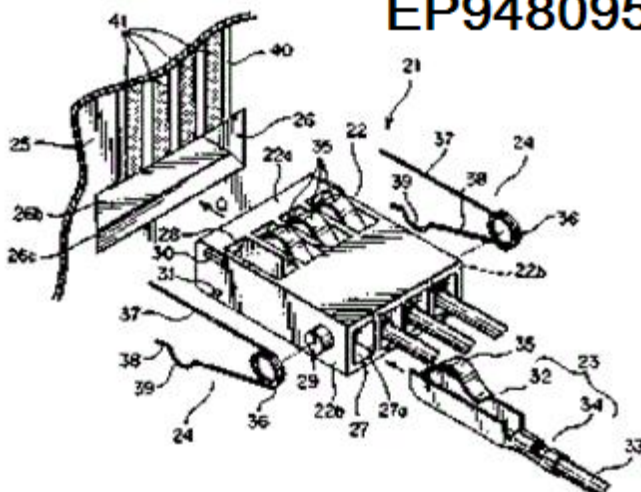


H01R 12/79**connecting to rigid printed circuits or like structures****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is flexible printed circuit board, and the subject of mounting is rigid printed circuit board.

US2004/0002255**H01R 12/81****connecting to another cable except for flat or ribbon cable****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Coupling device of which the subject of connection for the connector is cables, and the subject of mounting is flexible printed circuit board.

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H01R 12/82

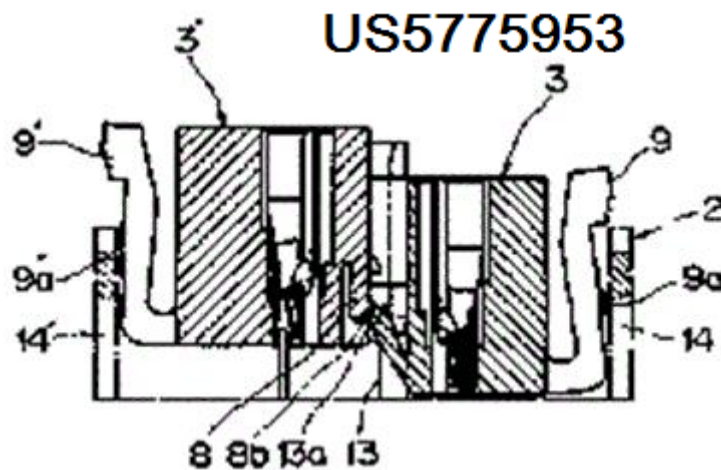
connected with low or zero insertion force

Definition statement

This place covers:

A connector performing the connection by zero insertion force or low insertion force

Coupling device which has the order of insertion for instance or cannot be classified in [H01R 12/83](#)-[H01R 12/89](#).

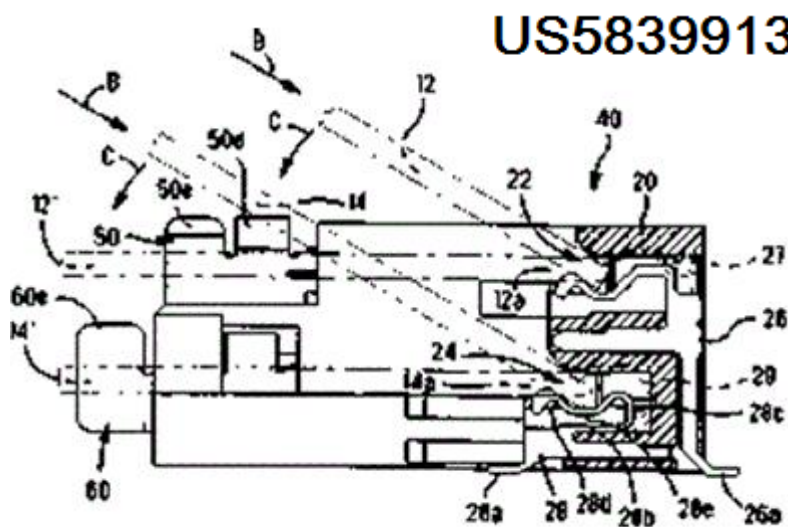
**H01R 12/83**

connected with pivoting of printed circuits or like after insertion

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device that is activated by pivoting motion after insertion of the subject of connection.



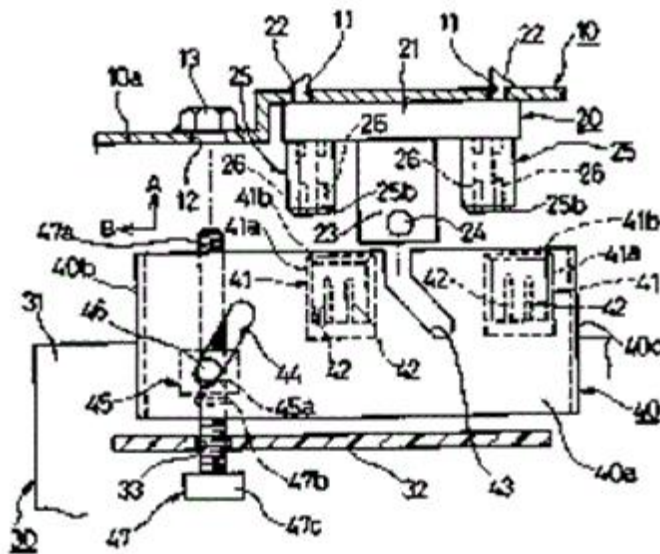
H01R 12/85

contact pressure producing means, contacts activated after insertion of printed circuits or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device that is activated by applying certain force on the contact by certain means, its using actuator or screw, etc. that is not classified in [H01R 12/87](#)- [H01R 12/89](#).

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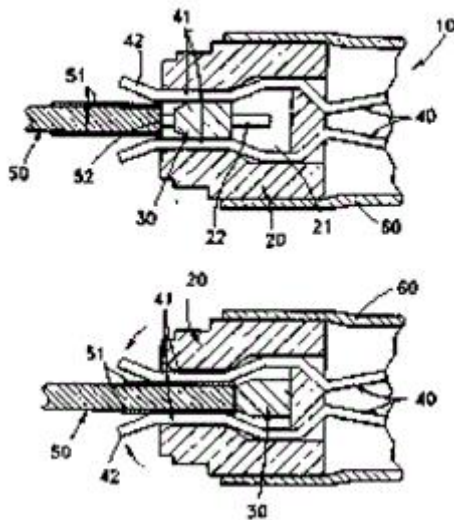
H01R 12/87

acting automatically by insertion of rigid printed or like structures

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device that can perform the connection of zero insertion force or low insertion force with only insertion of the subject of connection and without any other operation.

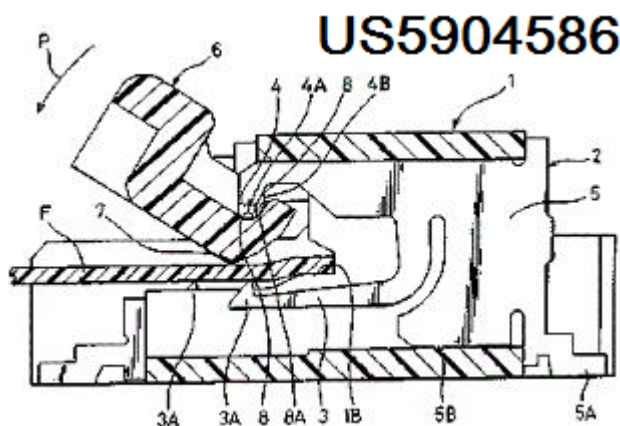
US5584708**H01R 12/88**

acting manually by rotating or pivoting connector housing parts

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device that can perform the connection of zero insertion force or low insertion force connection by activating pivoting member installed within the housing. If it is automatically functioning by the insertion of the subject of connection, it is classified in [H01R 12/87](#).



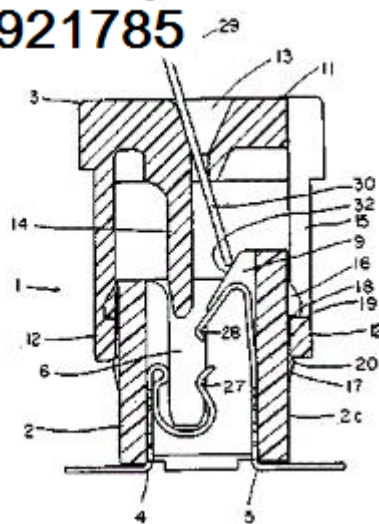
H01R 12/89

acting manually by moving connector housing parts linearly, e.g. slider

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling device that can perform the connection of zero insertion force or low insertion force connection by activating linear motion member installed within the housing. If it is automatically functioning by the insertion of the subject of connection, it is classified in [H01R 12/87](#).

US5921785**H01R 12/91**

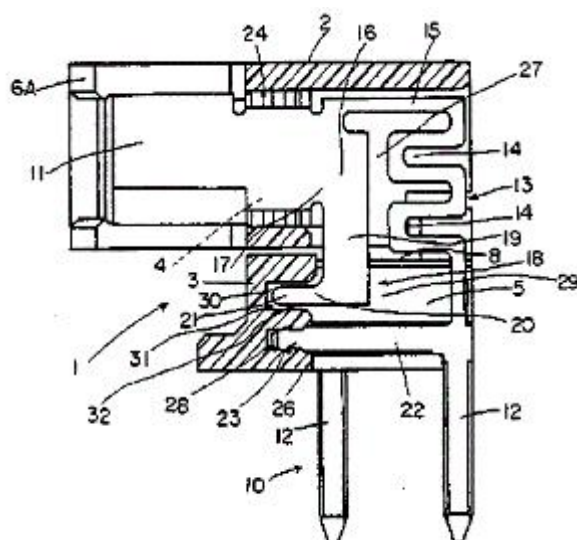
allowing relative movement between coupling parts, e.g. floating or self aligning (for coupling devices not specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures, [H01R 13/6315](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

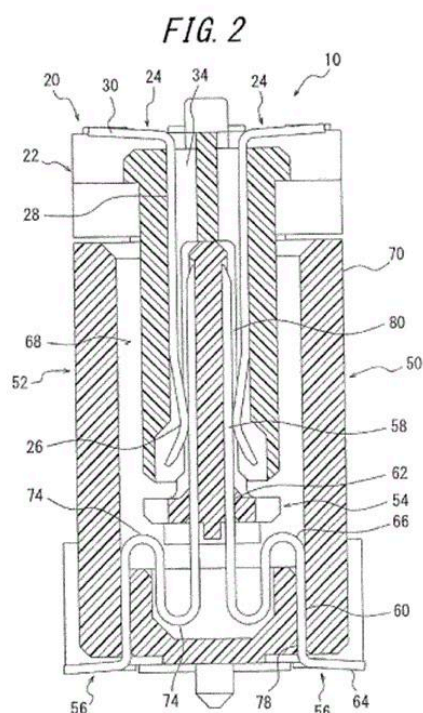
Coupling device of which connection is performed through automatic adjustment of the position between connectors to be connected.

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References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For coupling devices not specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures,

[H01R 13/6315](#)

H01R 13/00

Details of coupling devices of the kinds covered by groups [H01R 12/70](#) or [H01R 24/00](#) - [H01R 33/00](#)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Details of contacts for coupling devices

References

Informative references

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

Electro-optical connectors	G02B 6/24
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H01R 13/02

Contact members

Definition statement

This place covers:

Contact members, pins, blades, sockets

H01R 13/05

Resilient pins or blades (carrying separate resilient parts [H01R 13/15](#))

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Carrying separate resilient parts	H01R 13/15
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H01R 13/11

Resilient sockets (carrying separate resilient parts [H01R 13/15](#))

References

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This place does not cover:

Carrying separate resilient parts	H01R 13/15
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H01R 13/15

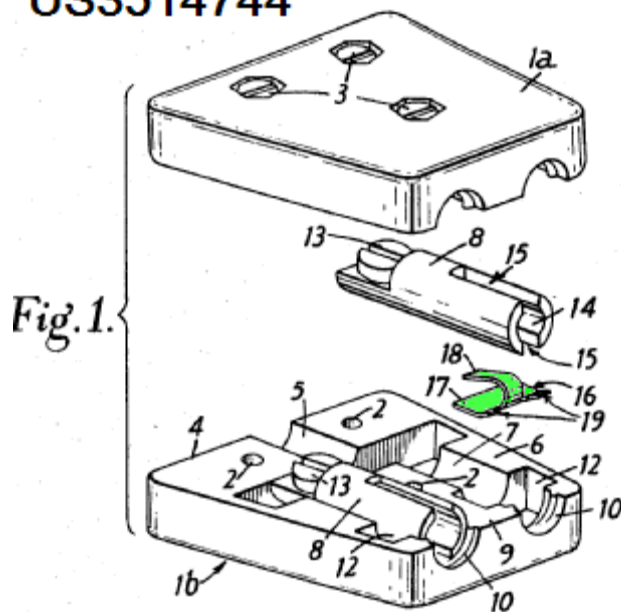
Pins, blades or sockets having separate spring member for producing or increasing contact pressure

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/15](#)

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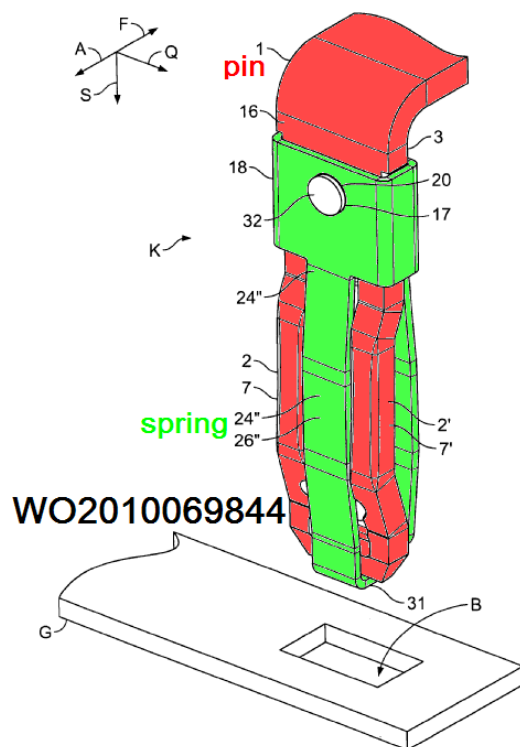
H01R 13/17

with spring member on the pin

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/17](#)



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H01R 13/18

with the spring member surrounding the socket

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/18](#)

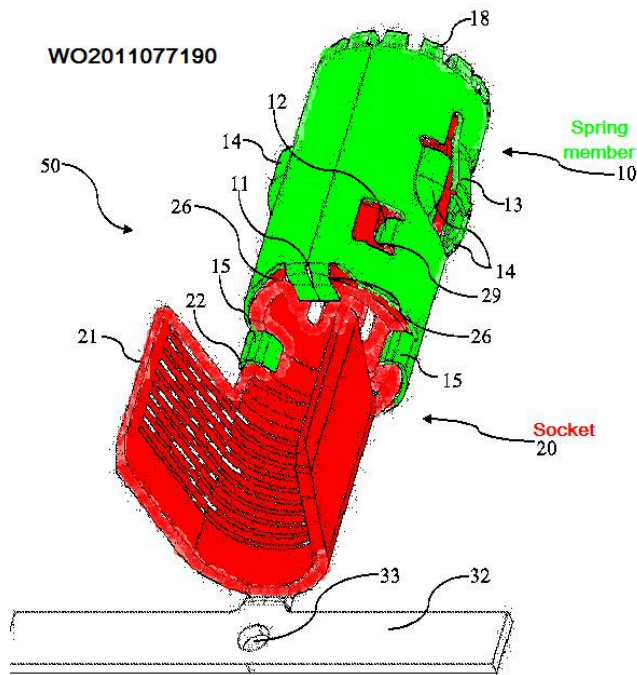


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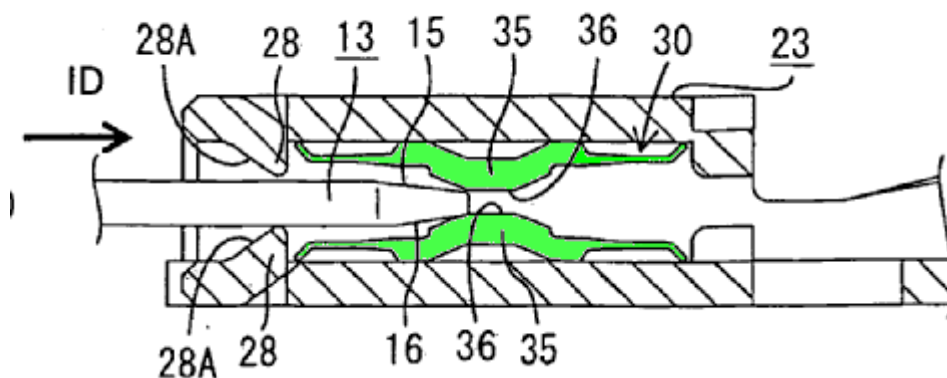
H01R 13/187

with spring member in the socket

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/187](#)

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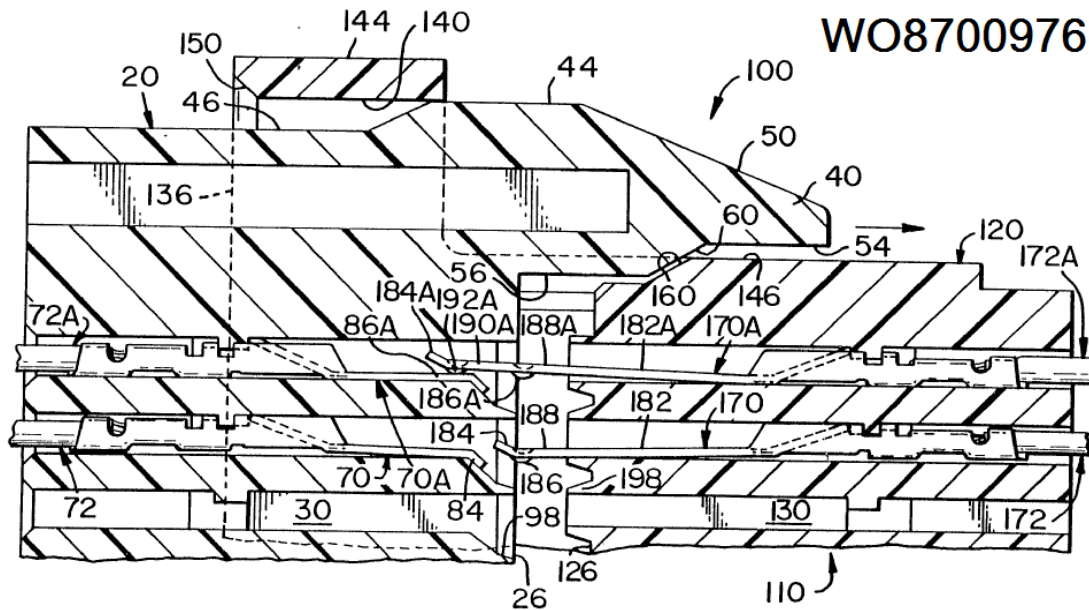
H01R 13/193

Means for increasing contact pressure at the end of engagement of coupling part {, e.g. zero insertion force or no friction}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/193](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Means for increasing contact pressure at the end of engagement of coupling part combined with printed circuit boards	H01R 12/00
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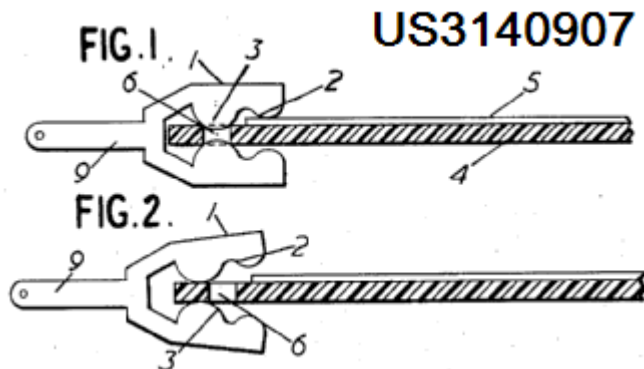
H01R 13/20

Pins, blades, or sockets shaped, or provided with separate member, to retain co-operating parts together

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/20](#)

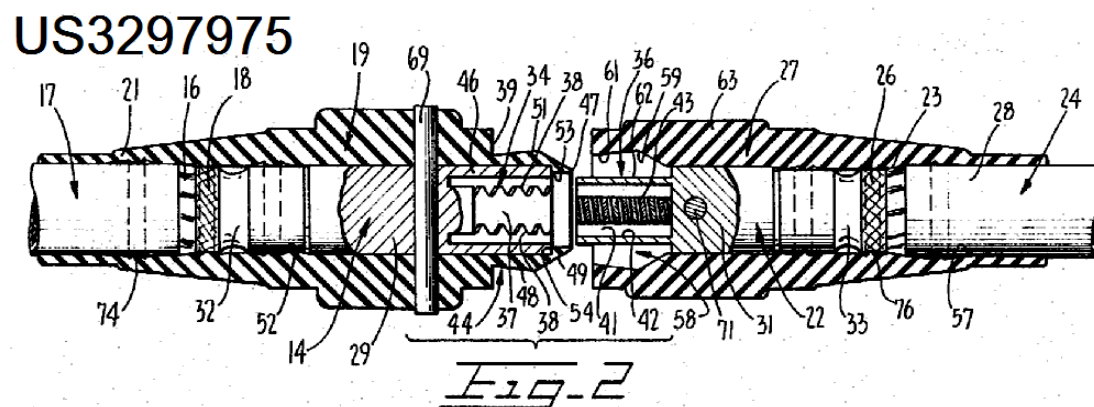
**H01R 13/207**

by screw-in connection

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/207](#)



H01R 13/213

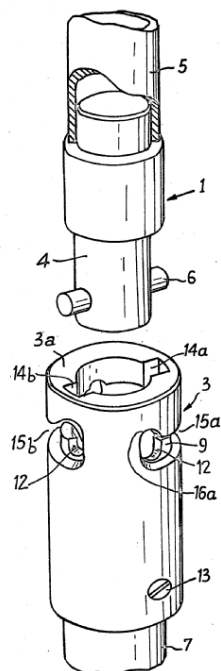
by bayonet connection

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/213](#)

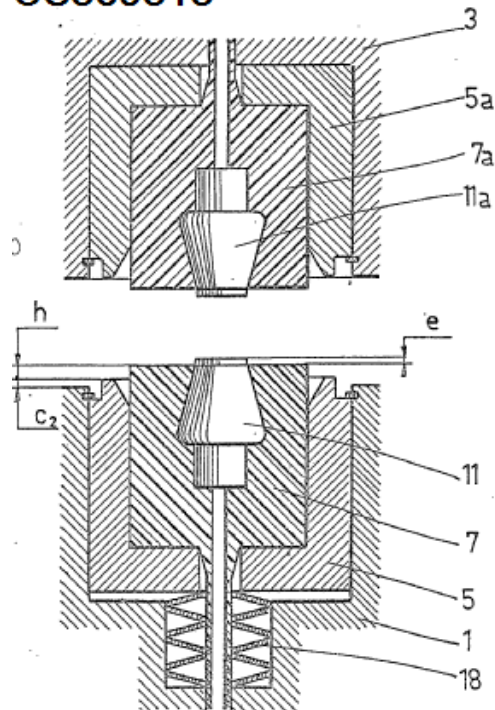
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H01R 13/22**Contacts for co-operating by abutting****Definition statement**

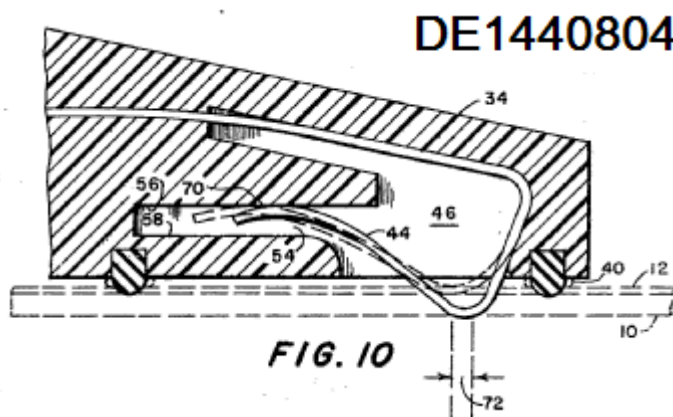
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US369313**H01R 13/24****resilient; resiliently-mounted****Definition statement**

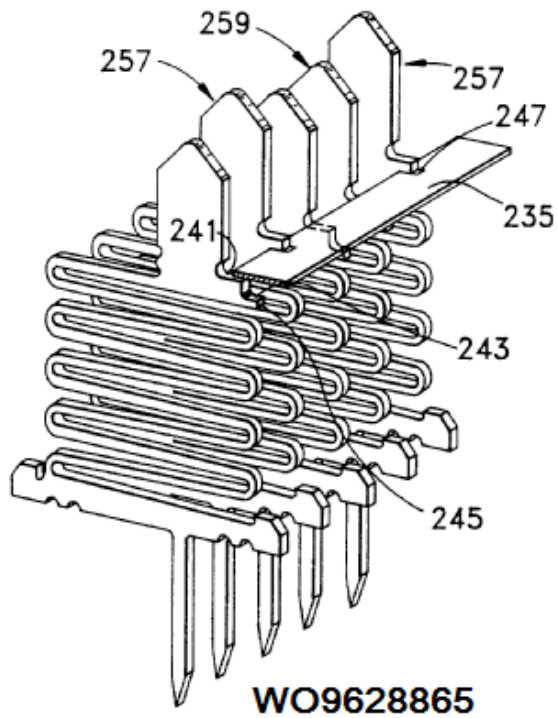
This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/24](#)



H01R 13/2428**{using meander springs}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2428](#)

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H01R 13/2435

{with opposite contact points, e.g. C beam}

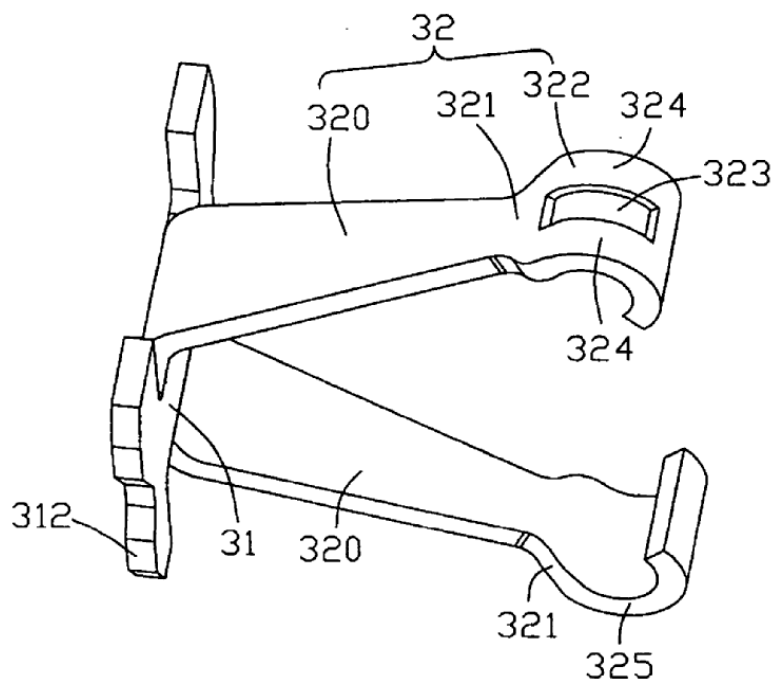
Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2435](#)

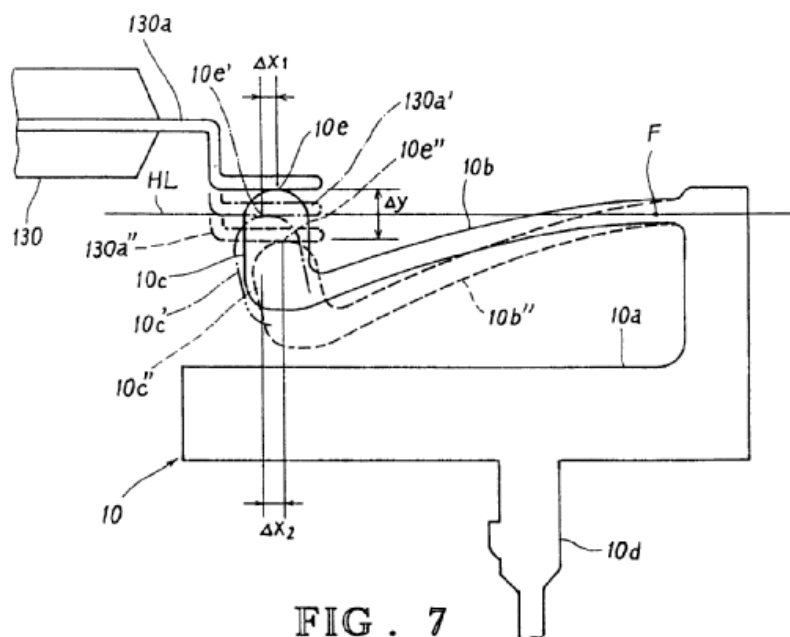
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H01R 13/2442**{with a single cantilevered beam}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2442](#)

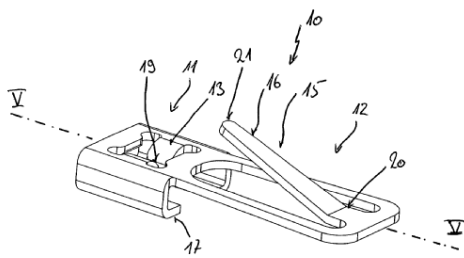
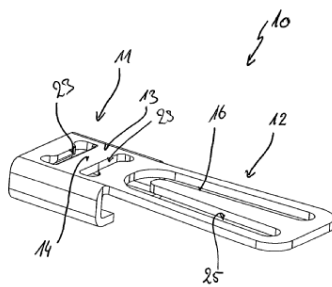
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H01R 13/245**{by stamped-out resilient contact arm}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/245](#)

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*Fig. 1**Fig. 2*

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{consisting of at least two resilient arms contacting the same counterpart}

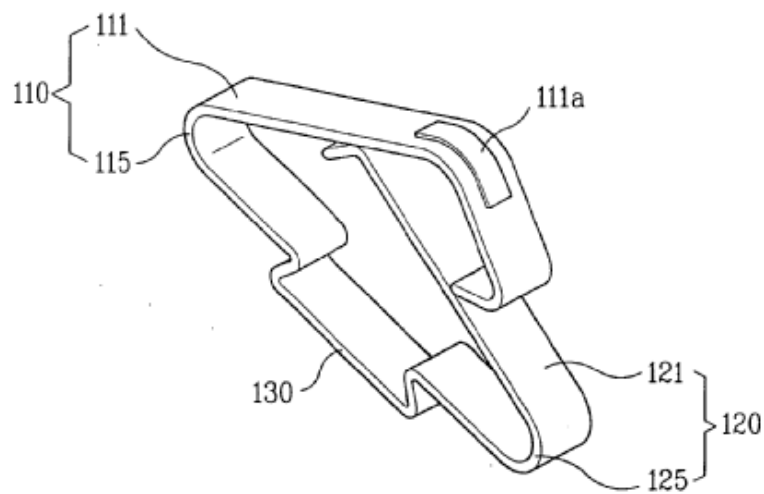
Definition statement

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FIG. 3B



H01R 13/2464

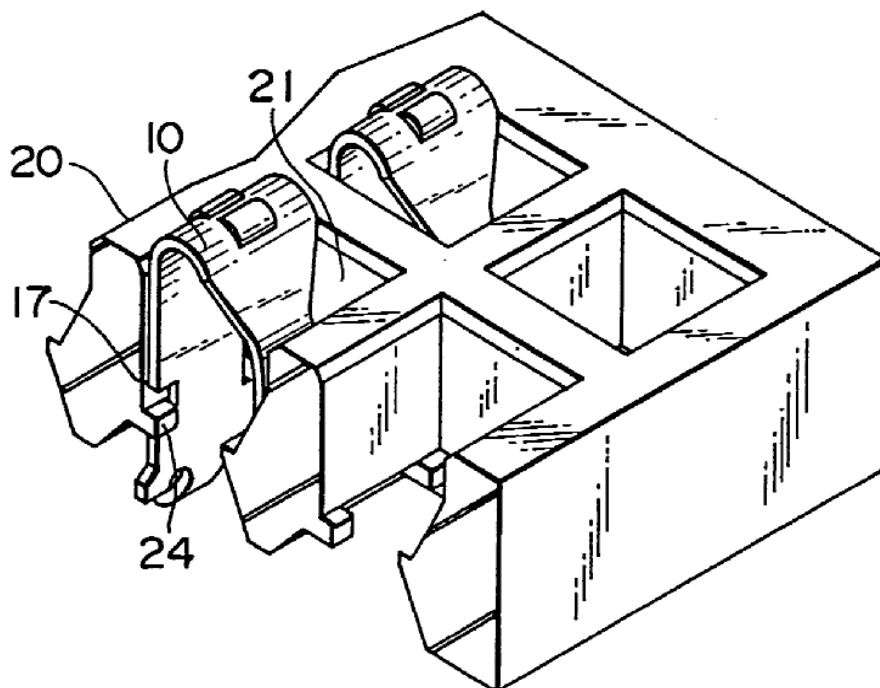
{characterized by the contact point}

Definition statement

This place covers:

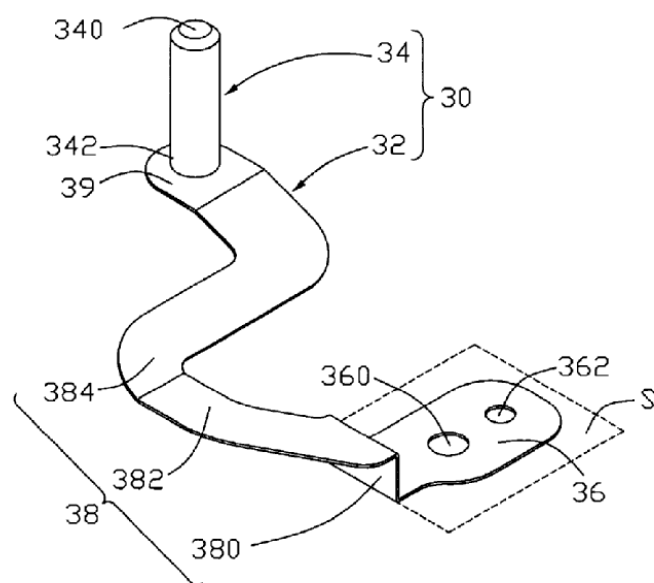
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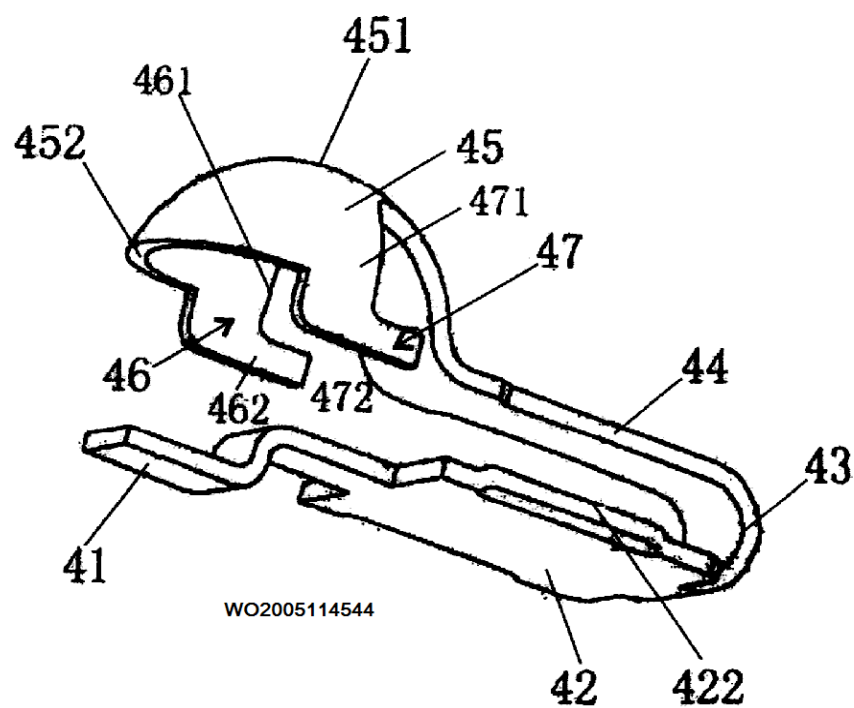
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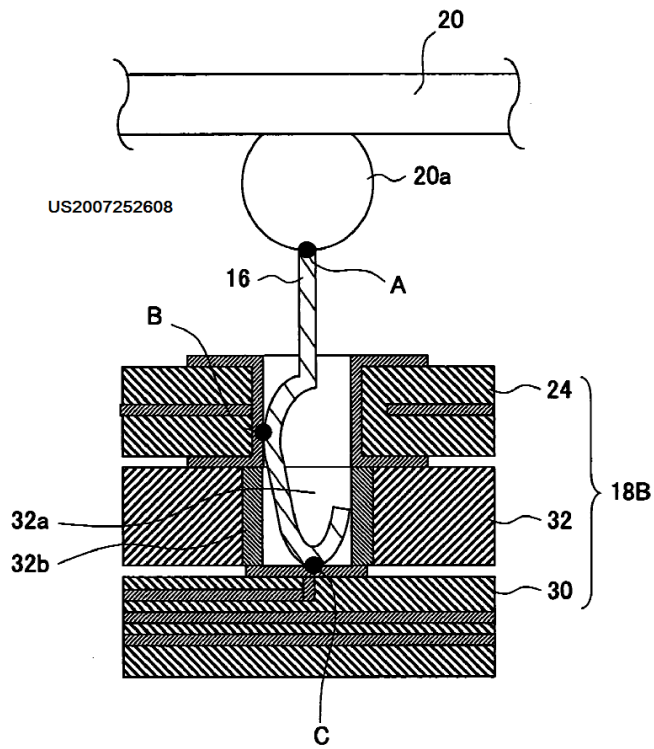


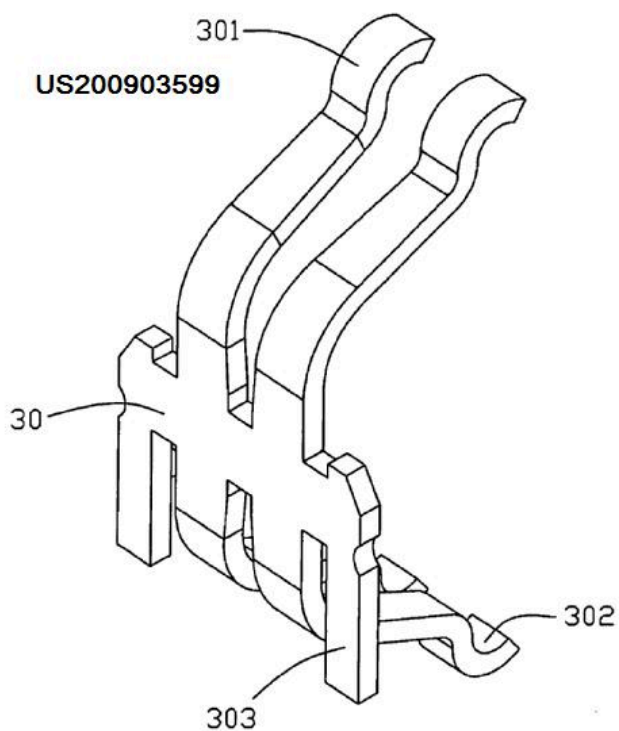
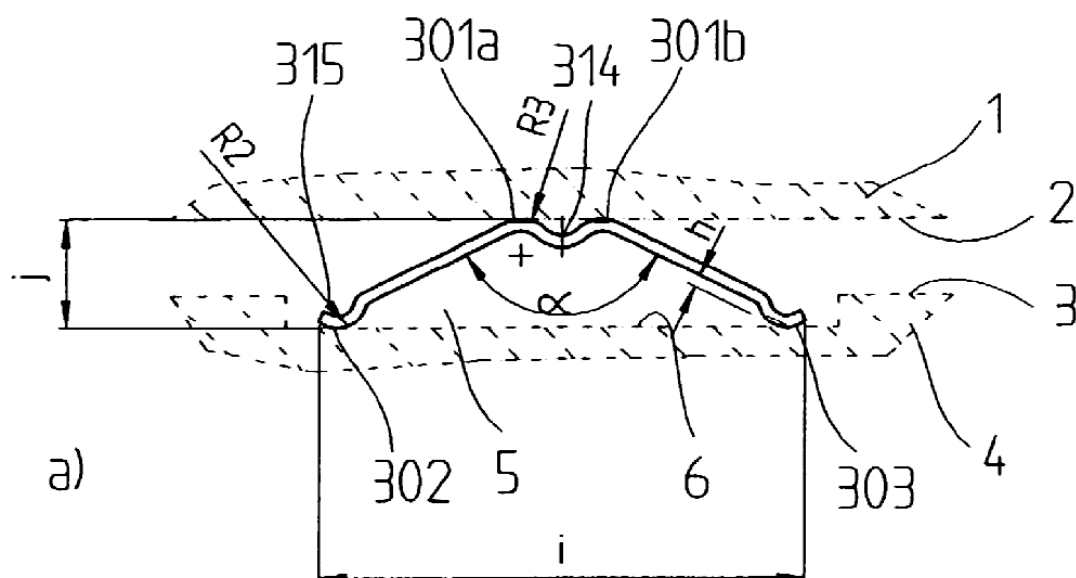
H01R 13/2471**{pin shaped}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2471](#)

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H01R 13/2478**{spherical}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2478](#)

H01R 13/2485**{for contacting a ball}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2485](#)

H01R 13/2492**{multiple contact points}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/2492](#)**EP 0 716 474 A1**

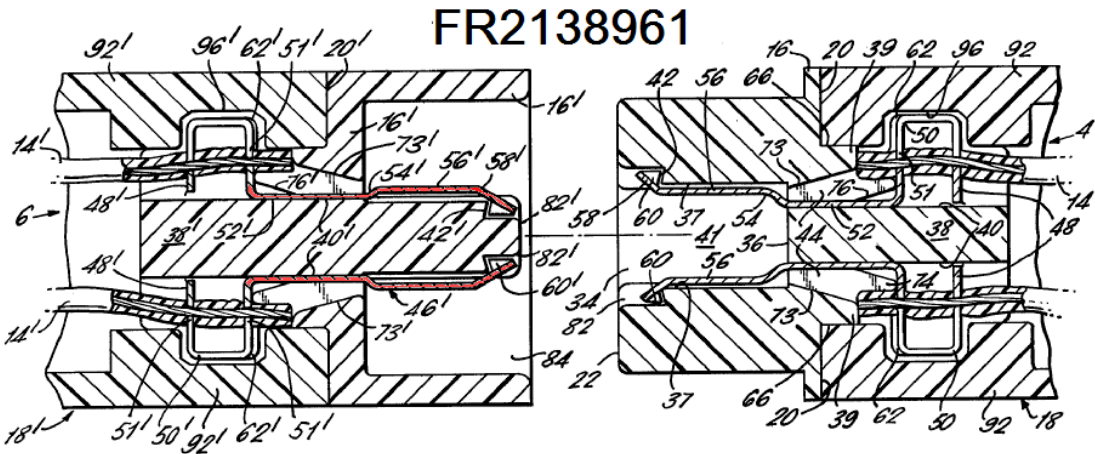
H01R 13/26

Pin or blade contacts for sliding co-operation on one side only {(for modular jack type connectors [H01R 24/62](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/26](#)



References

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This place does not cover:

Pin or blade contacts for sliding co-operation for modular jack type connectors	H01R 24/62
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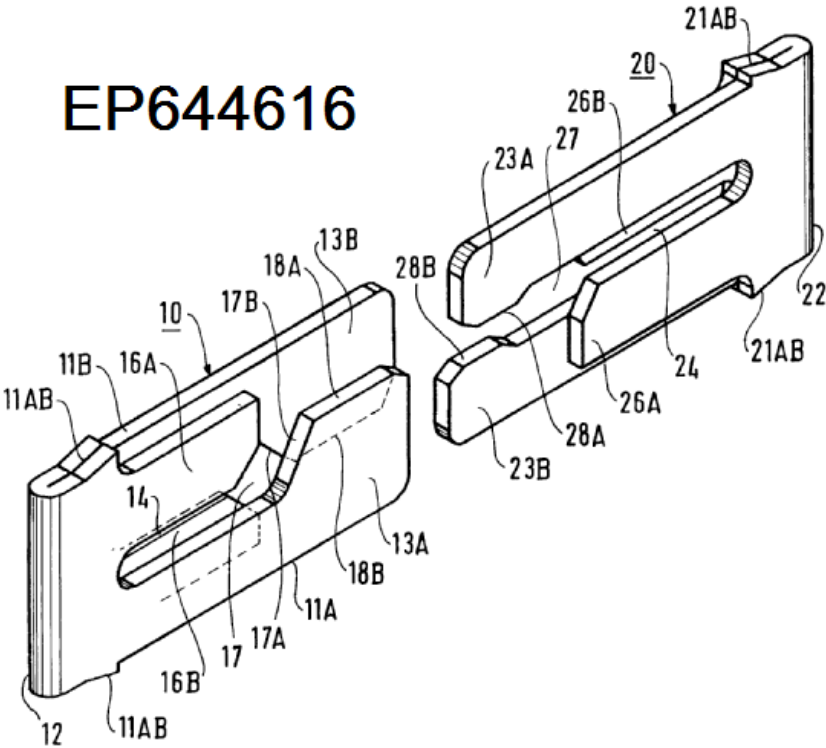
H01R 13/28

Contacts for sliding cooperation with identically-shaped contact, e.g. for hermaphroditic coupling devices {(H01R 24/84 takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in H01R 13/28



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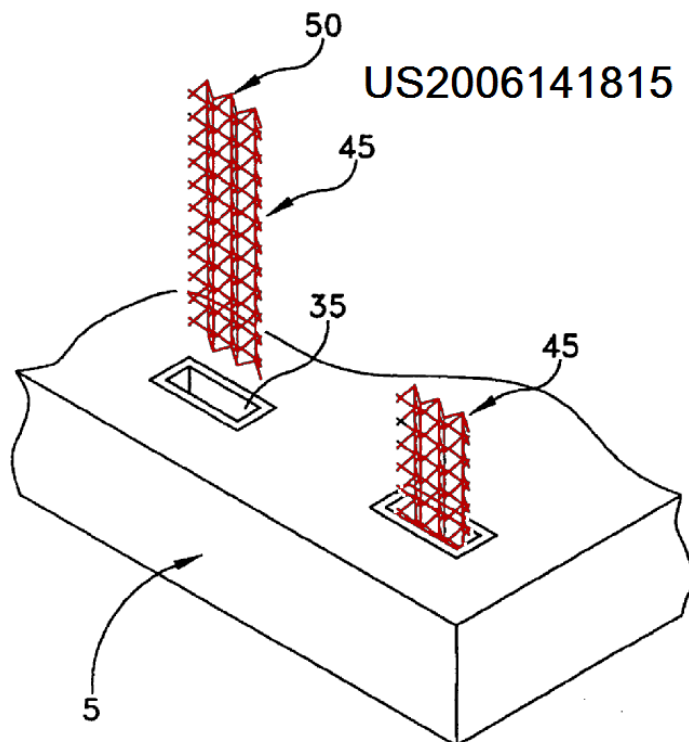
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Hermaphroditic coupling devices	H01R 24/84
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H01R 13/33**Contact members made of resilient wire****Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/33](#)

**H01R 13/35**

for non-simultaneous co-operation with different types of contact member, e.g. socket co-operating with either round or flat pin

References**Informative references**

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

Coupling parts adapted for co-operation with two or more dissimilar counterparts	H01R 27/00
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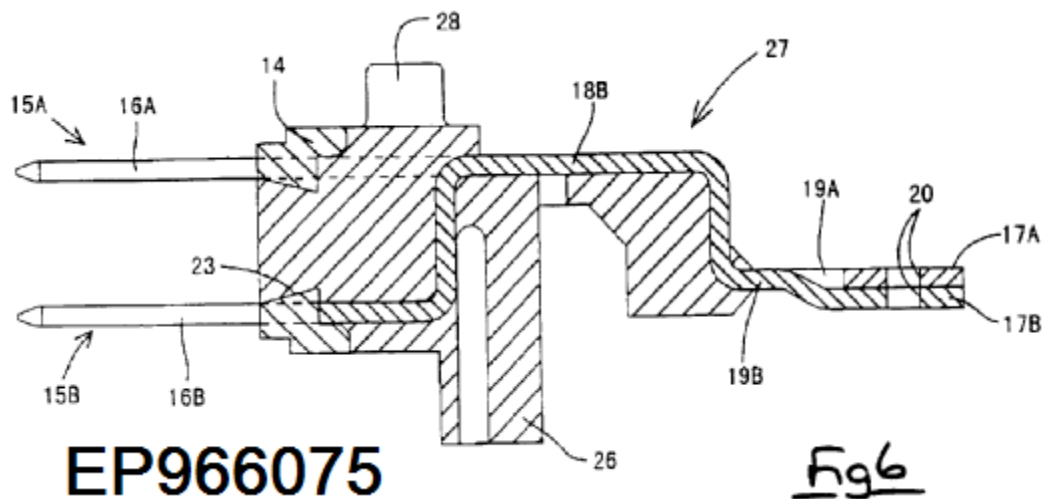
H01R 13/405

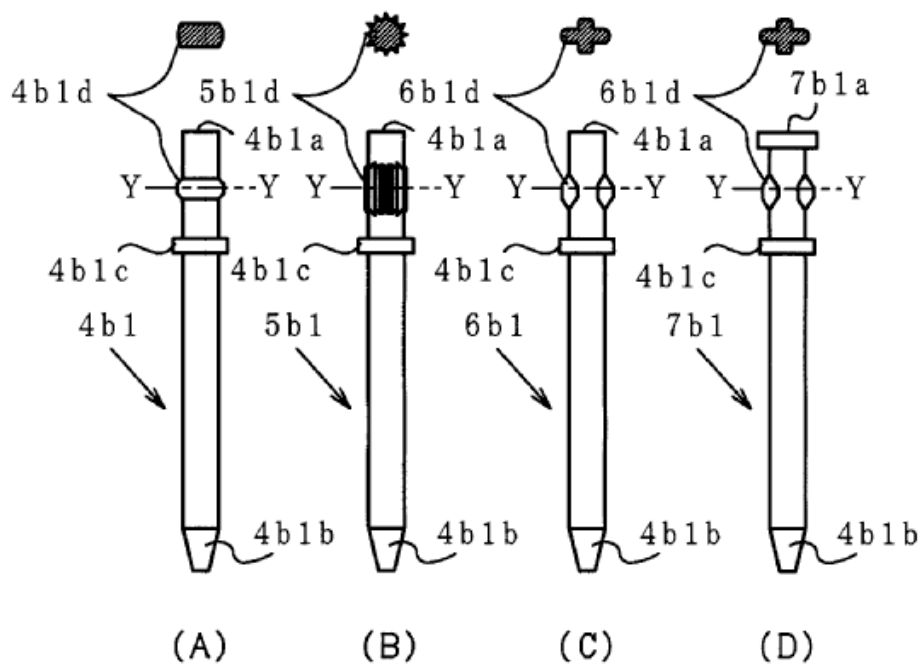
Securing in non-demountable manner, e.g. moulding, riveting

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/405](#)



H01R 13/41**by frictional grip in grommet, panel or base****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/41](#)**WO2009050982**

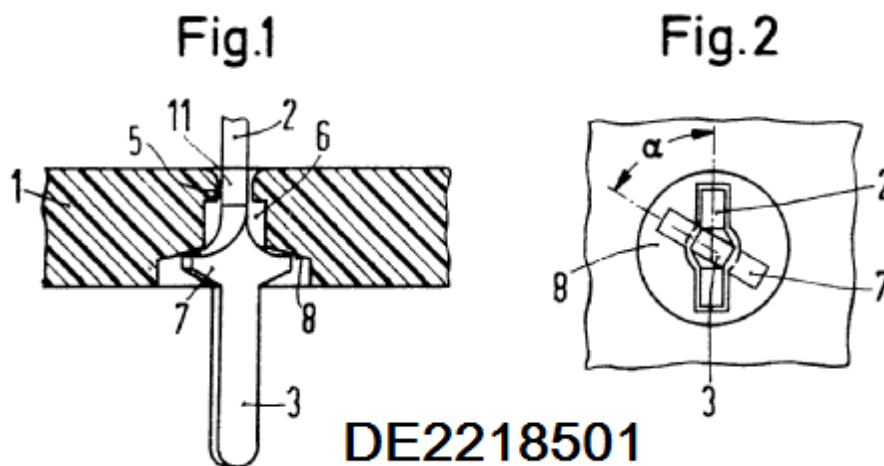
H01R 13/415

by permanent deformation of contact member

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/415](#)



H01R 13/42

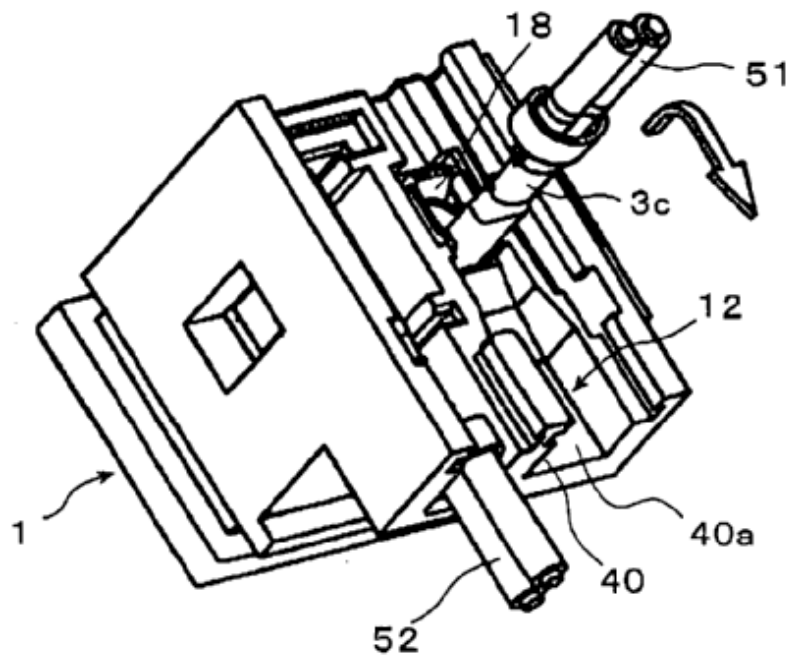
Securing in a demountable manner

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/42](#)

US2005181664



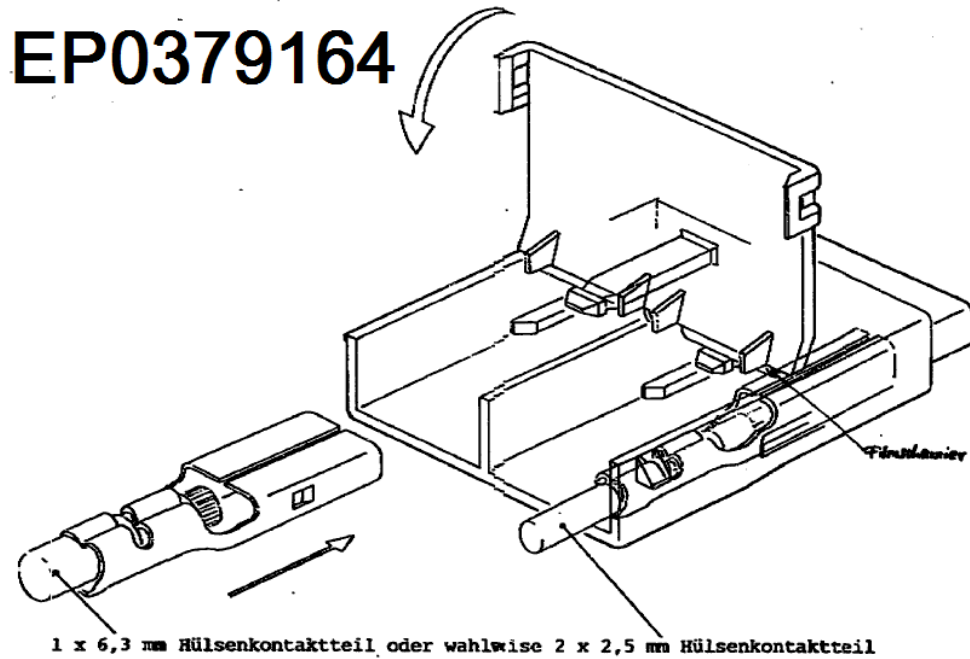
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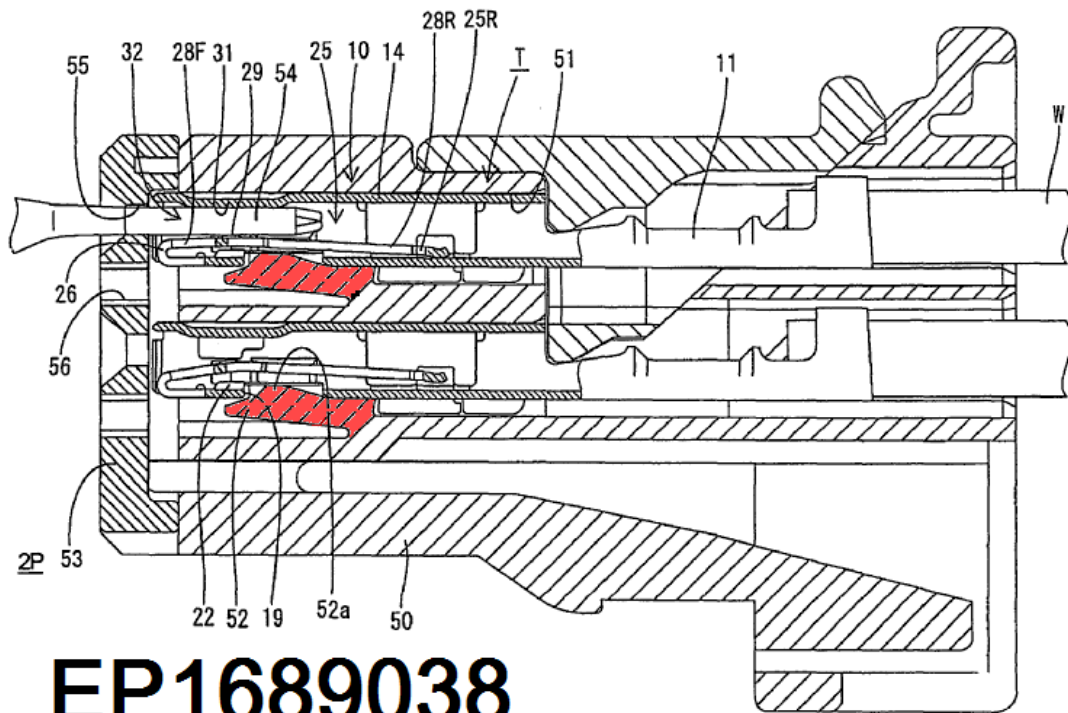
Securing in resilient one-piece base or case, {e.g. by friction}; One-piece base or case formed with resilient locking means

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/422](#)



H01R 13/4223**{comprising integral flexible contact retaining fingers}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/4223](#)**EP1689038**

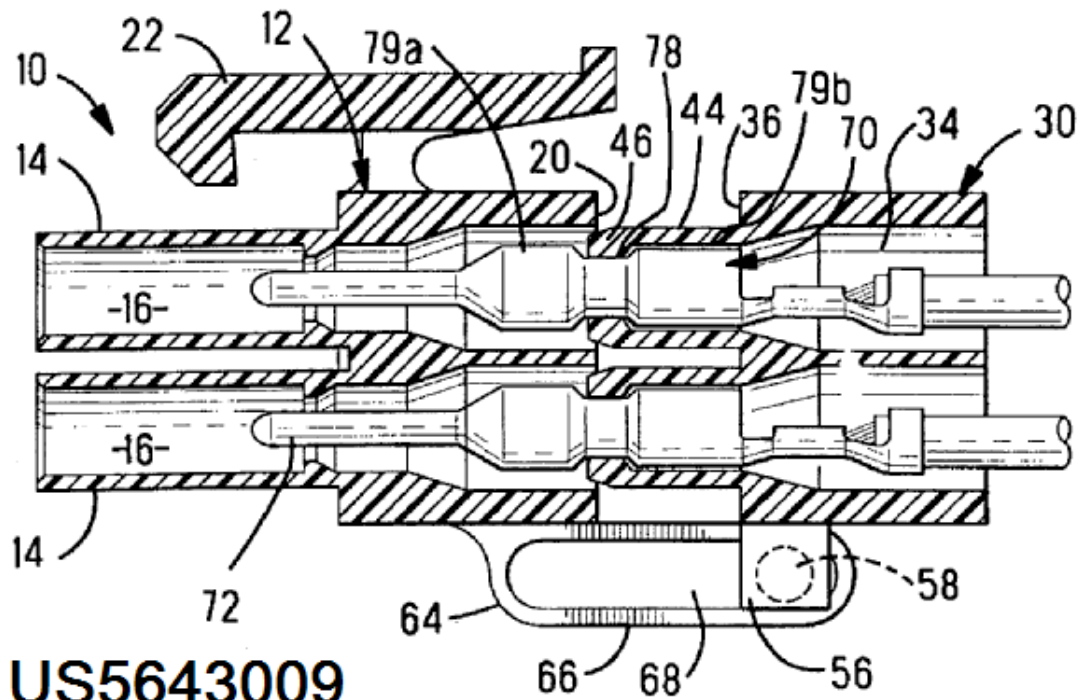
H01R 13/424

Securing in base or case composed of a plurality of insulating parts having at least one resilient insulating part

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/424](#)



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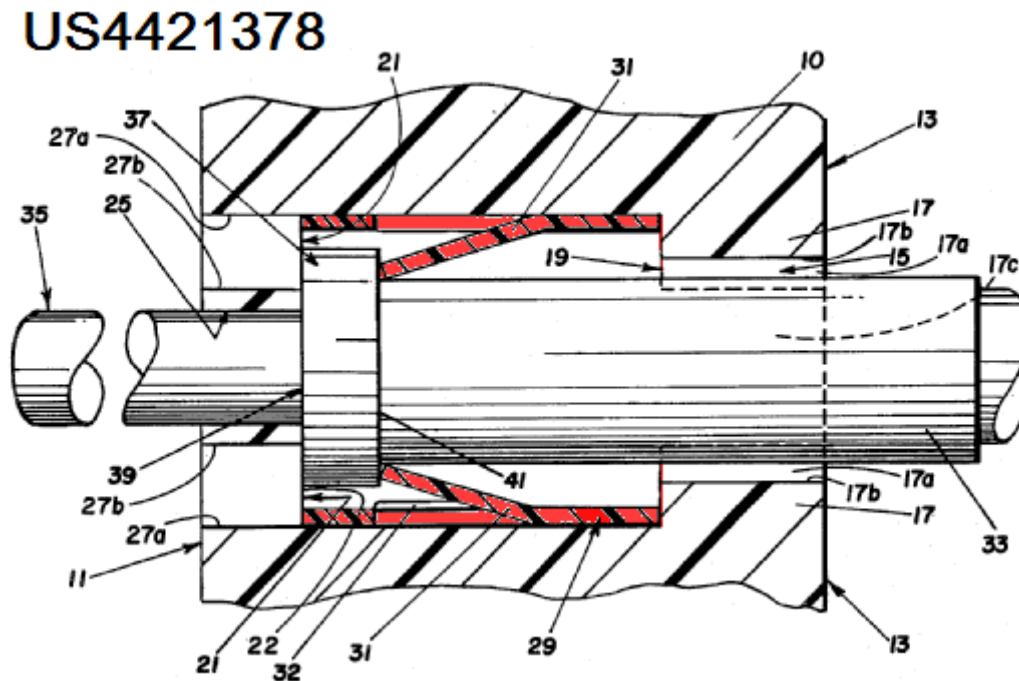
H01R 13/426

Securing by a separate resilient retaining piece supported by base or case, e.g. collar {or metal contact-retention clip}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/426](#)



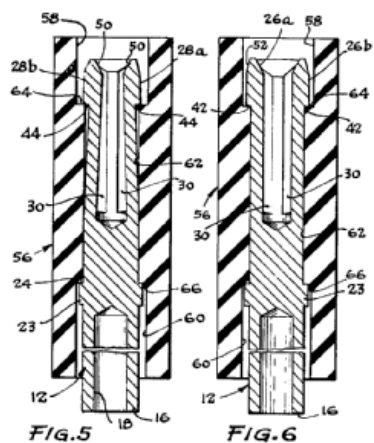
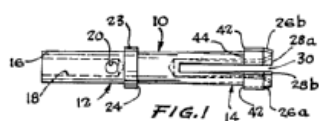
H01R 13/428

by resilient locking means on the contact members; by locking means on resilient contact members

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/428](#)

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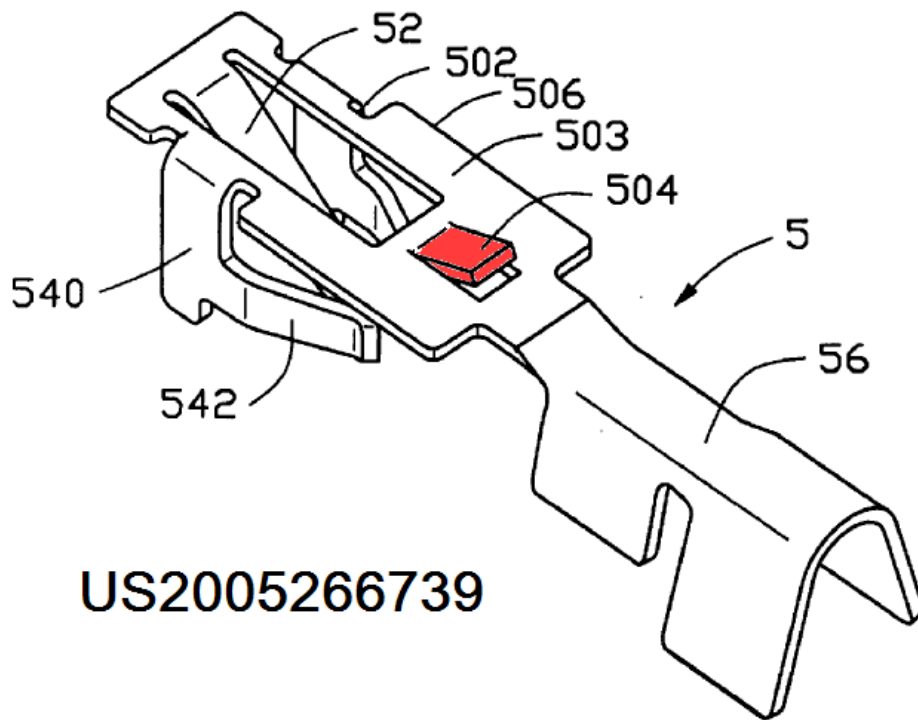
H01R 13/432

by stamped-out resilient tongue snapping behind shoulder in base or case

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/432](#)



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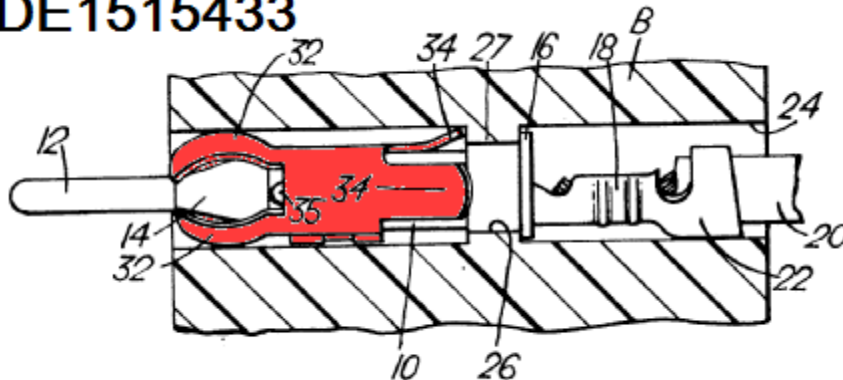
H01R 13/434

by separate resilient locking means on contact member, e.g. retainer collar or ring around contact member

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/434](#)

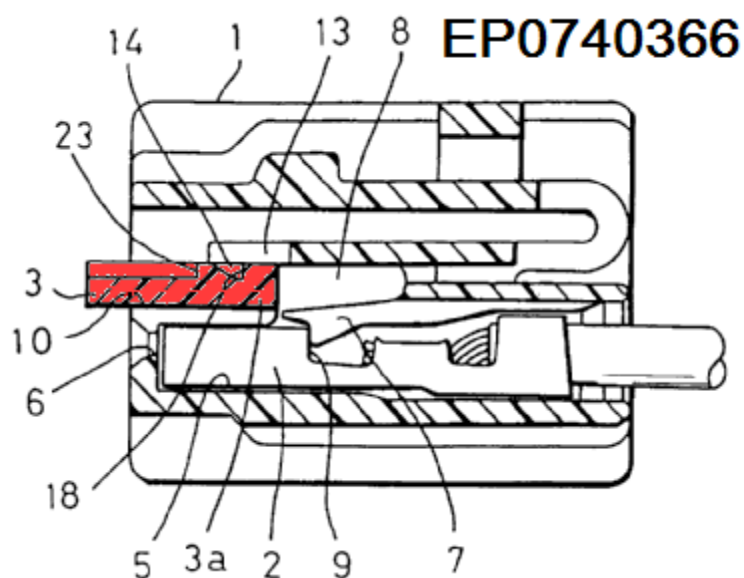
DE1515433**H01R 13/4362**

{comprising a temporary and a final locking position}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/4362](#)



H01R 13/44

Means for preventing access to live contacts {(making use of a switch actuated by engagement of counterpart [H01R 13/7036](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Bases;Cases; Security means

References

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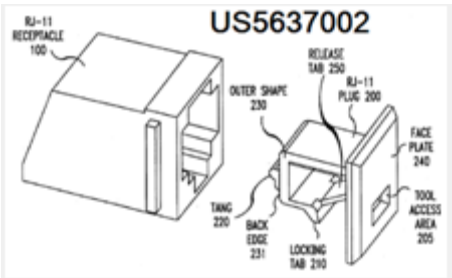
Making use of a switch actuated by engagement of counterpart	H01R 13/7036
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H01R 13/443

Dummy plugs

Definition statement

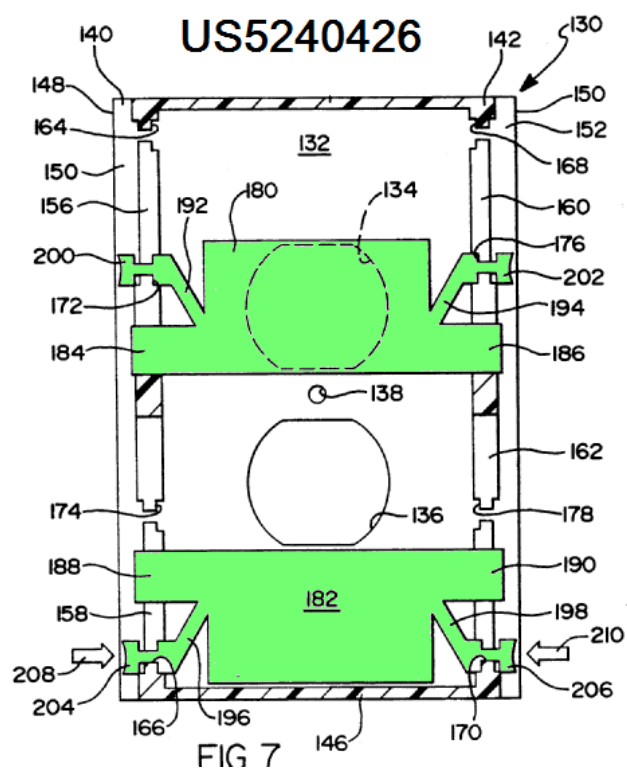
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H01R 13/447**Shutter or cover plate****Definition statement**

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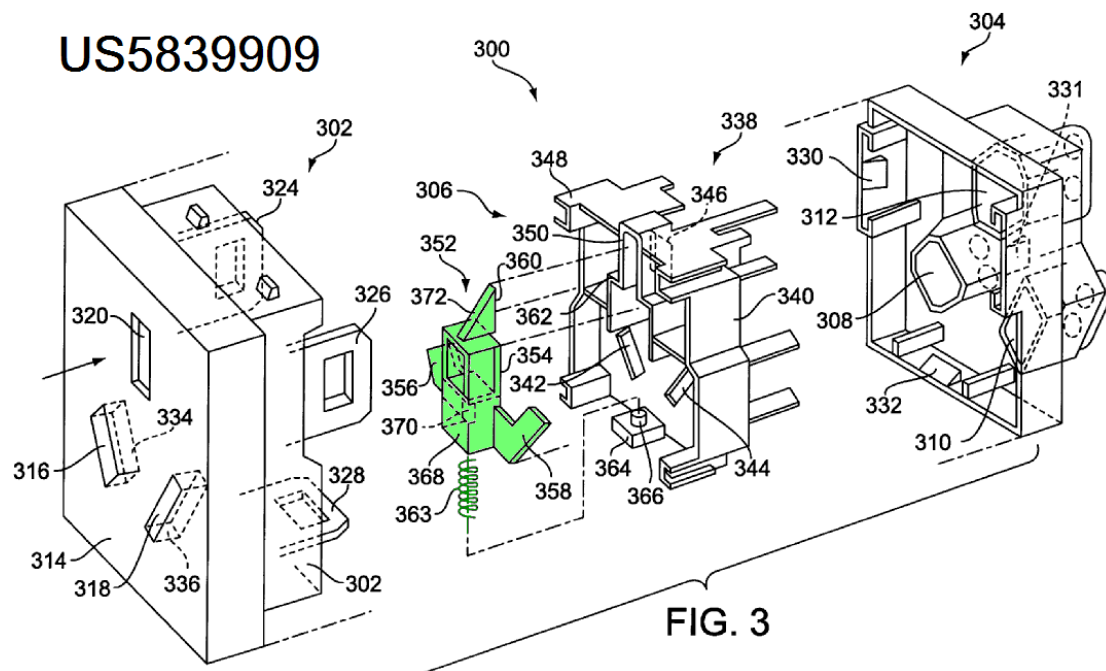
H01R 13/4534

{Laterally sliding shutter}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/4534](#)



H01R 13/465

{Identification means, e.g. labels, tags, markings ([H01R 9/2475](#), [H01R 9/2683](#) take precedence)}

References

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This place does not cover:

Means facilitating correct wiring, e.g. marking plates, identification tags	H01R 9/2475
Marking plates or tabs	H01R 9/2683

H01R 13/50

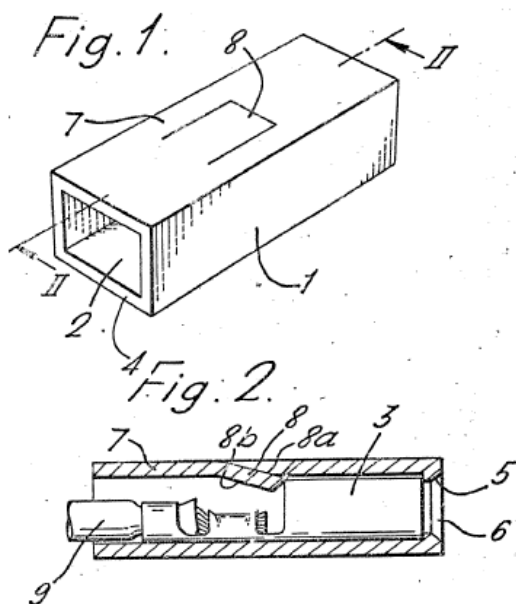
formed as an integral body ([H01R 13/514](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/50](#)

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Bases or cases composed as a modular blocks or assembly	H01R 13/514
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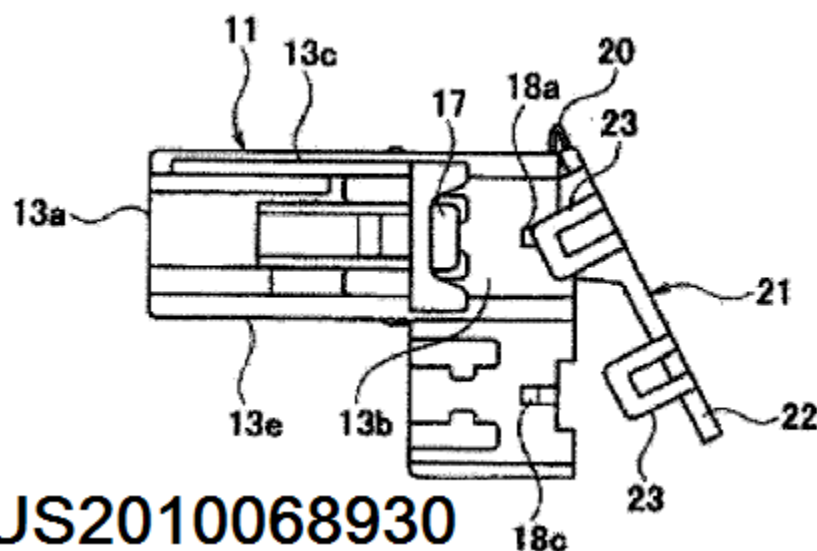
H01R 13/501

{comprising an integral hinge or a frangible part}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/501](#)



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H01R 13/502

composed of different pieces ([H01R 13/514](#) takes precedence)

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Bases or cases composed as a modular blocks or assembly	H01R 13/514
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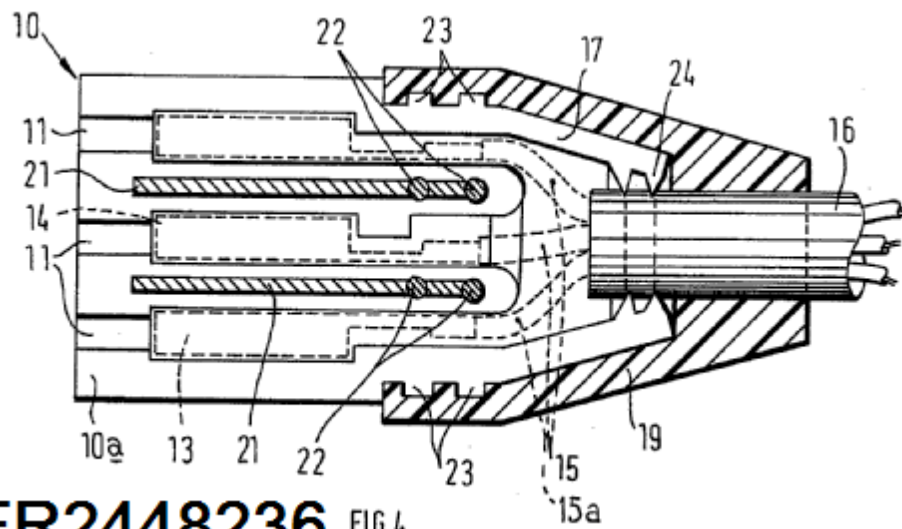
H01R 13/5025

{one or more pieces being of resilient material}

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5025](#)



FR2448236 FIG. 4.

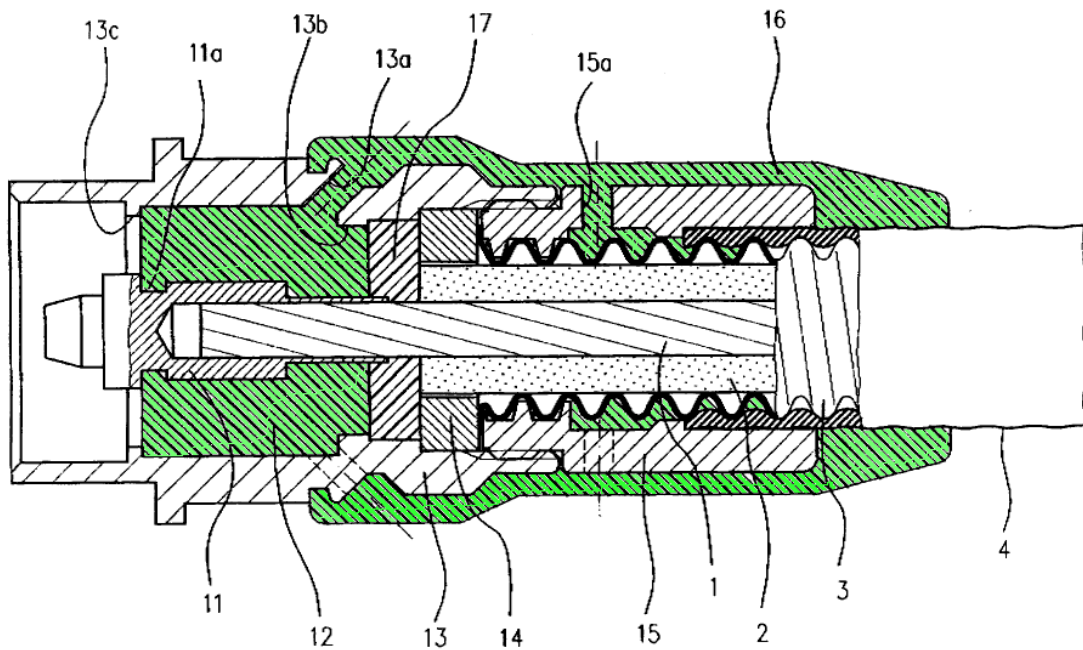
H01R 13/504

different pieces being moulded, cemented, welded, e.g. ultrasonic, or swaged together

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/504](#)

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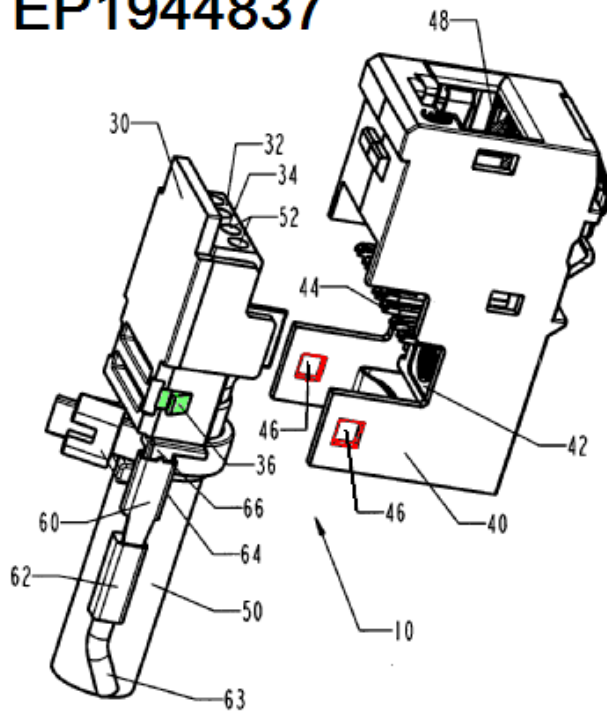
H01R 13/506

assembled by snap action of the parts

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/506](#)

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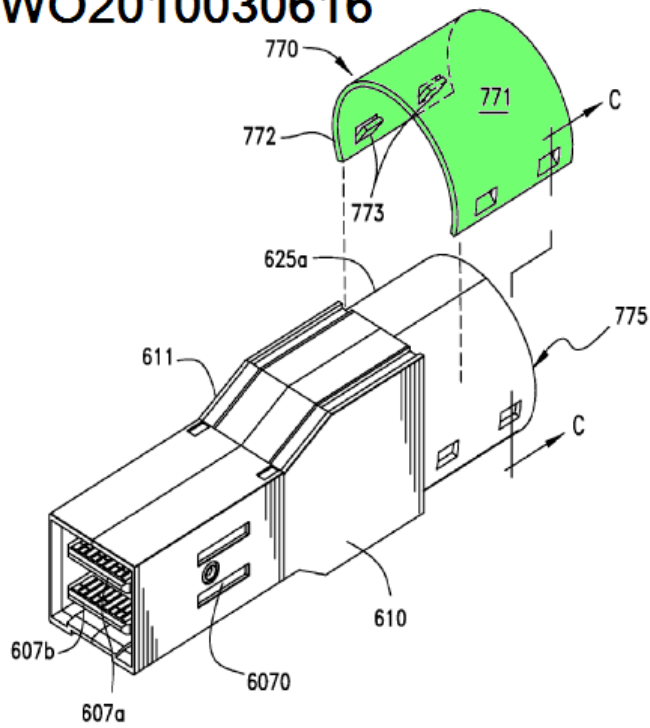
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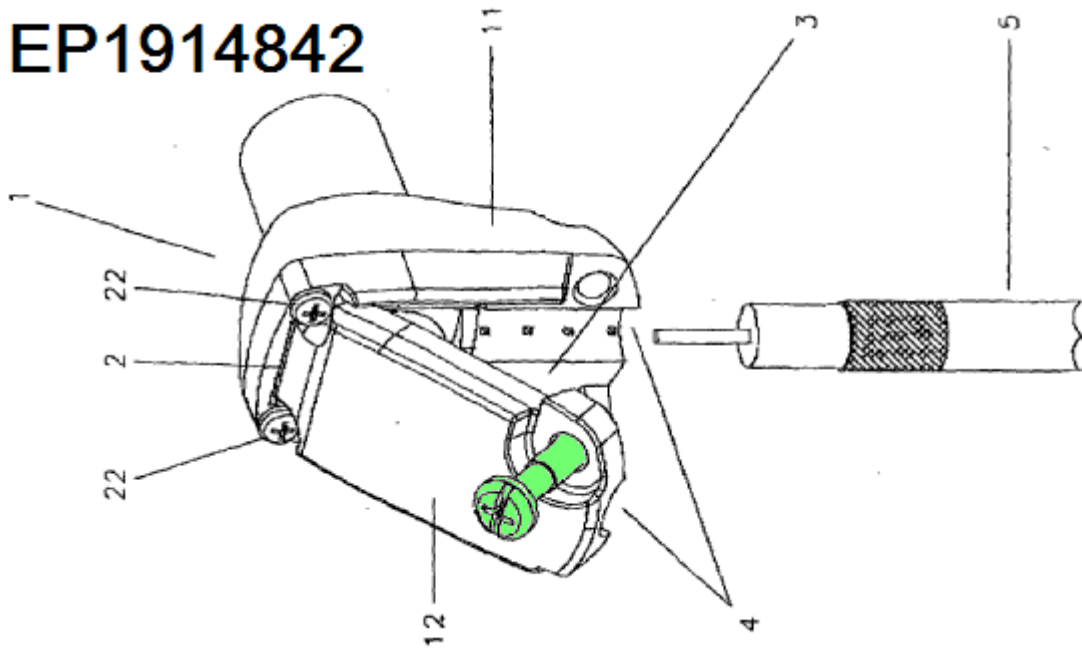
assembled by {a separate} clip or spring

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/508](#)

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H01R 13/512**assembled by screw or screws****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/512](#)**EP1914842**

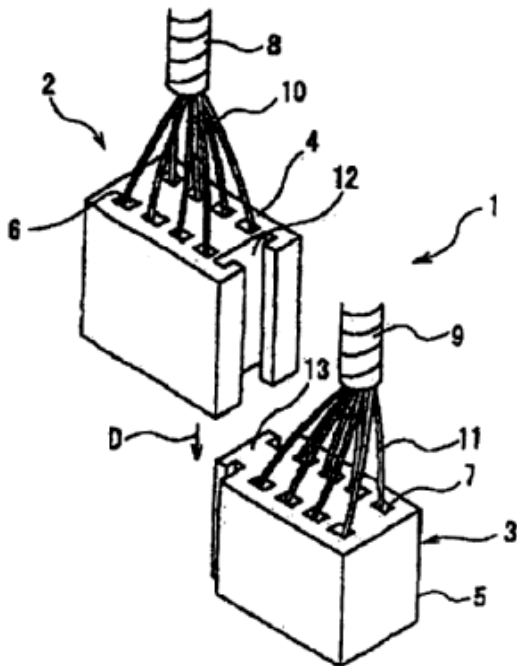
H01R 13/514

composed as a modular blocks or assembly, i.e. composed of co-operating parts provided with contact members or holding contact members between them

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/514](#)

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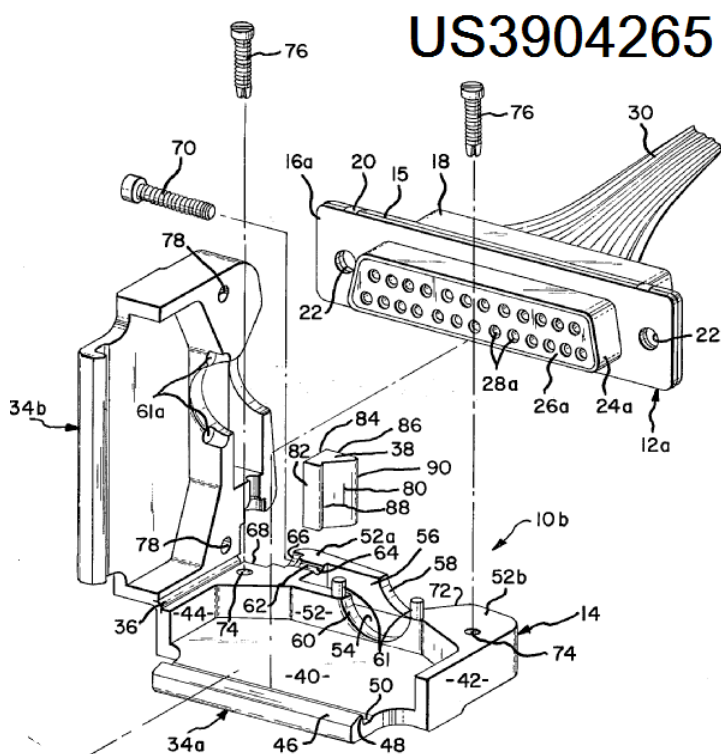
H01R 13/516

Means for holding or embracing insulating body, e.g. casing {, hoods}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/516](#)



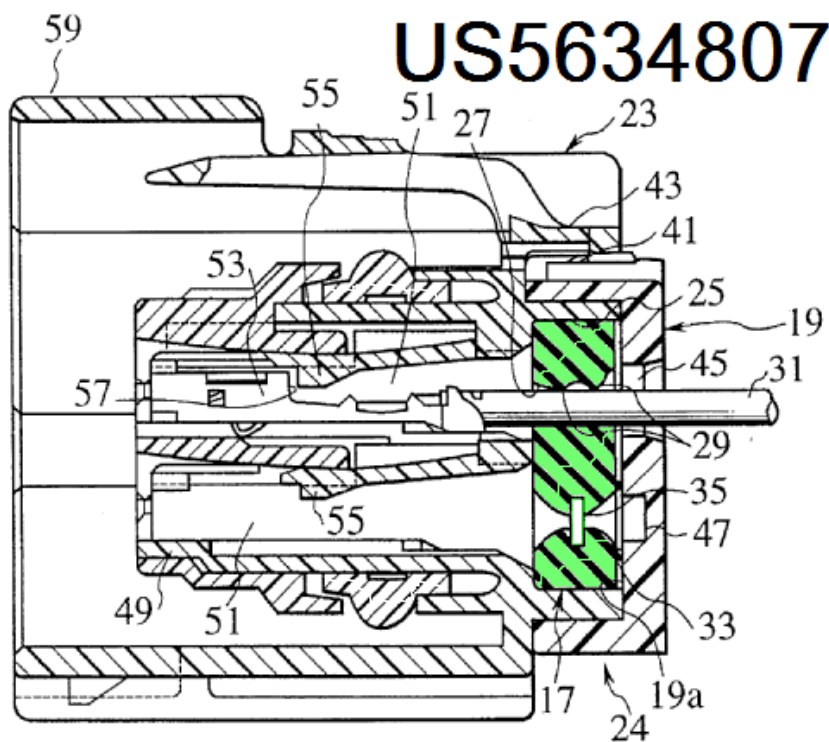
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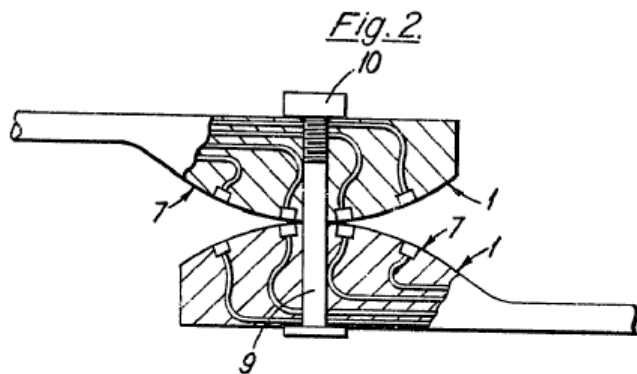
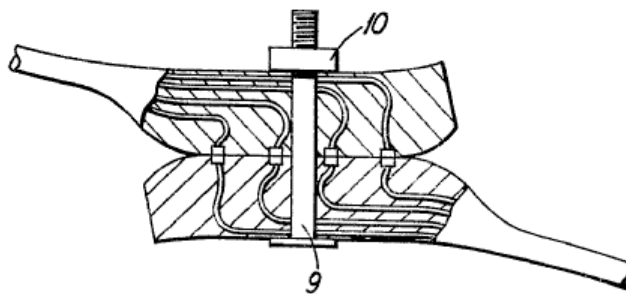
{having at least two cable receiving openings}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5208](#)



H01R 13/523**for use under water****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/523](#)**GB1262819** *Fig. 3.*

H01R 13/527

Flameproof cases ([H01R 13/70](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/527](#)

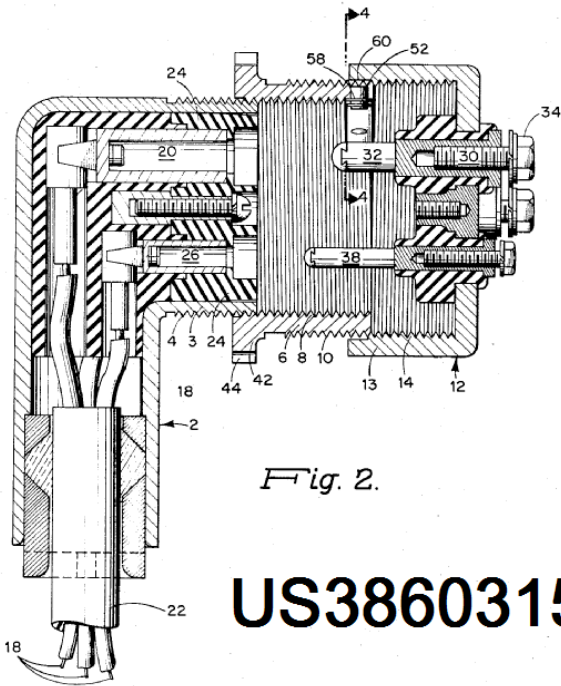


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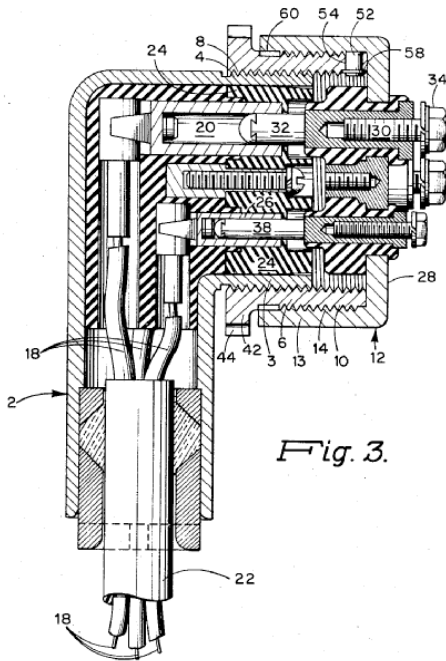


Fig. 3.

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This place does not cover:

Structural association with built-in electrical component with built-in switch	H01R 13/70
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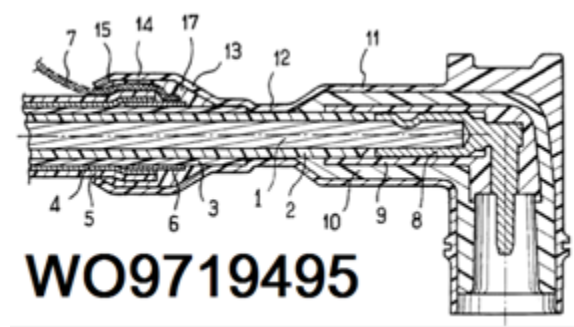
H01R 13/53

Bases or cases for heavy duty; Bases or cases {for high voltage} with means for preventing corona or arcing

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/53](#)

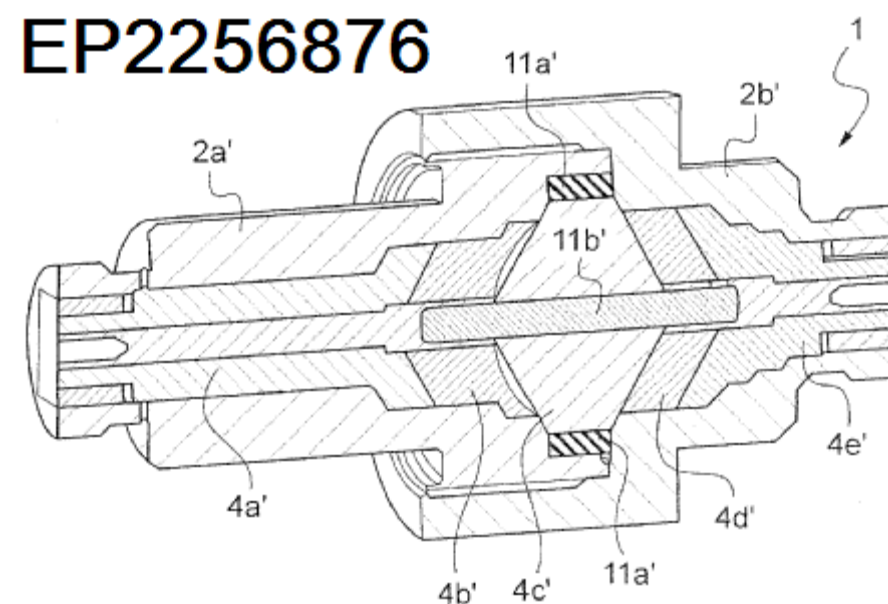
**H01R 13/533**

Bases, cases made for use in extreme conditions, e.g. high temperature, radiation, vibration, corrosive environment, pressure ([H01R 13/52](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/533](#)



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Dustproof, splashproof, drip-proof, waterproof, or flameproof cases	H01R 13/52
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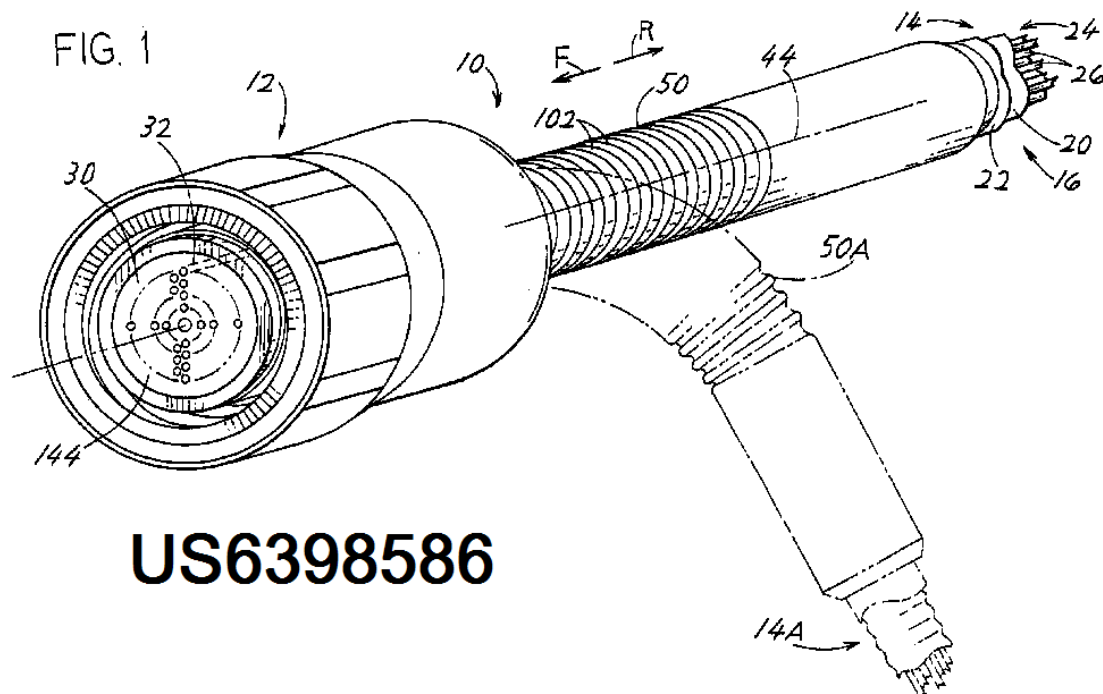
H01R 13/562

{Bending-relieving}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/562](#)



H01R 13/58

Means for relieving strain on wire connection, e.g. cord grip {, for avoiding loosening of connections between wires and terminals within a coupling device terminating a cable (for flat or ribbon cables [H01R 12/771](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Means for avoiding loosening of connections between wires and terminals within a coupling device terminating a cable for flat or ribbon cables	H01R 12/771
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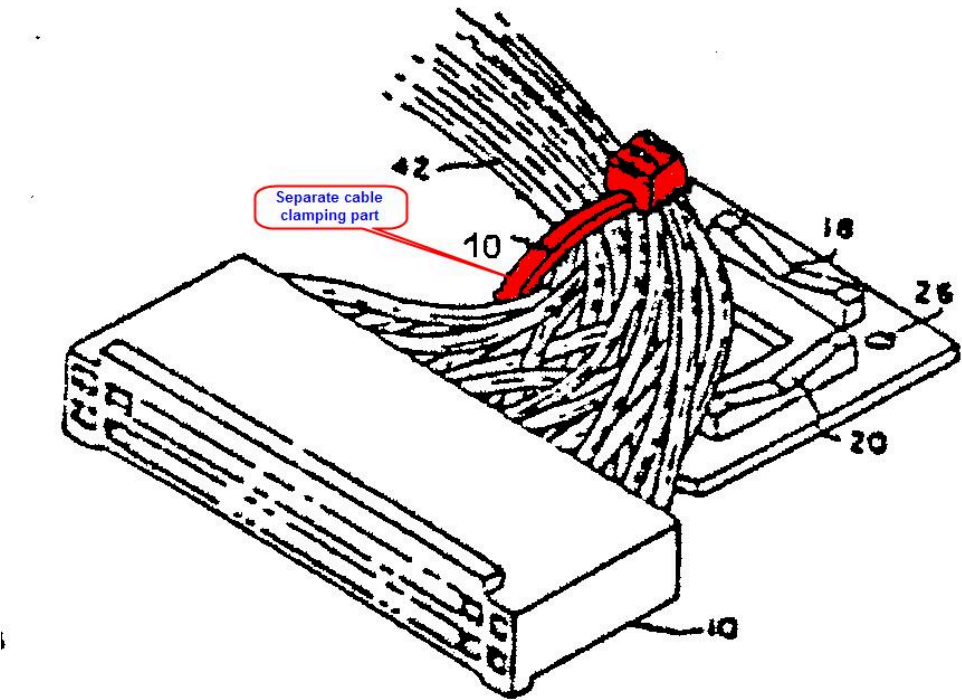
H01R 13/5804

{comprising a separate cable clamping part ([H01R 13/5841](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5804](#)



References

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Means for relieving strain on wire connection, allowing different orientations of the cable with respect to the coupling direction	H01R 13/5841
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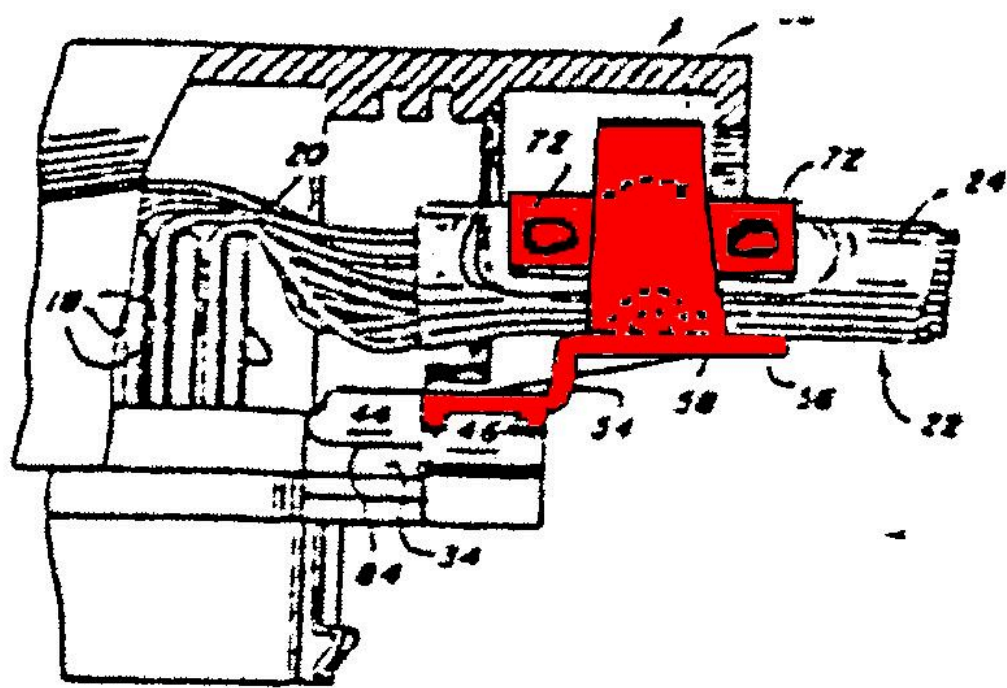
H01R 13/5808

{formed by a metallic element crimped around the cable ([H01R 4/185](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5808](#)



References

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Crimping for cylindrical elongated bodies comprising a U-shaped wire-receiving portion	H01R 4/184
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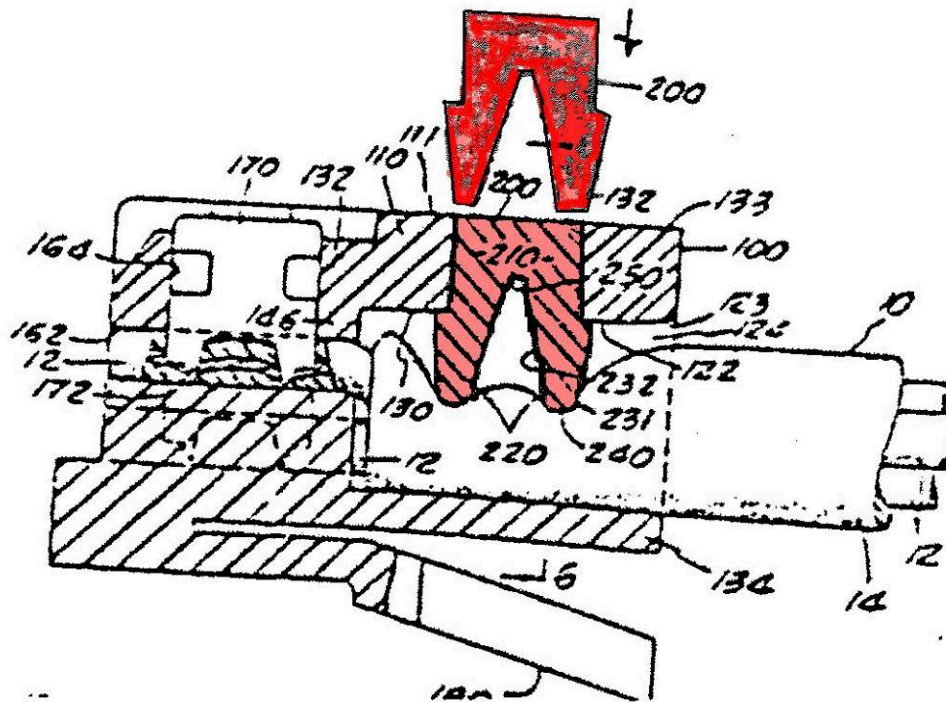
H01R 13/5812

{the cable clamping being achieved by mounting the separate part on the housing of the coupling device}

Definition statement

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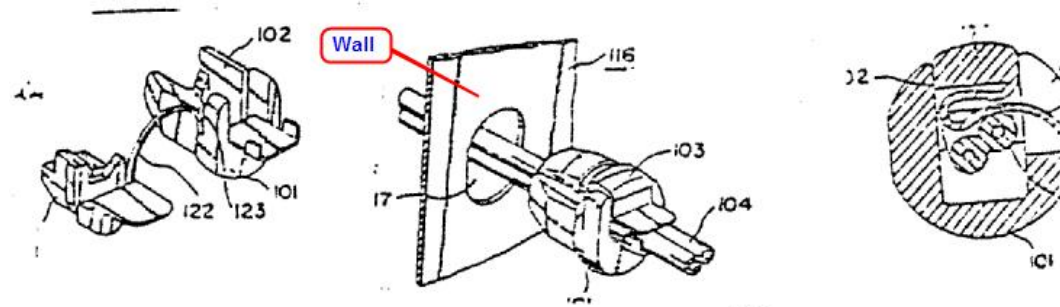
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5812](#)

**H01R 13/5816**

{for cables passing through an aperture in a housing wall, the separate part being captured between cable and contour of aperture}

Definition statement

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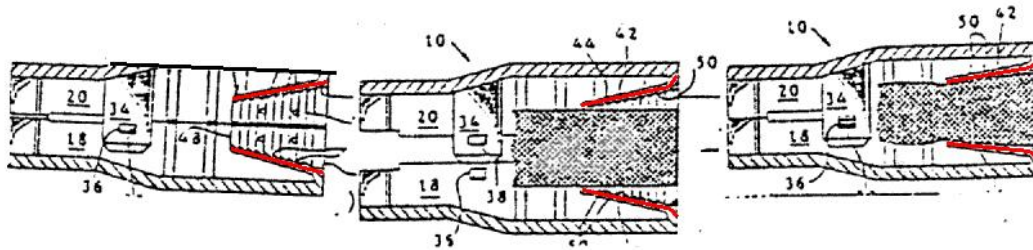
H01R 13/582

{the cable being clamped between assembled parts of the housing}

Definition statement

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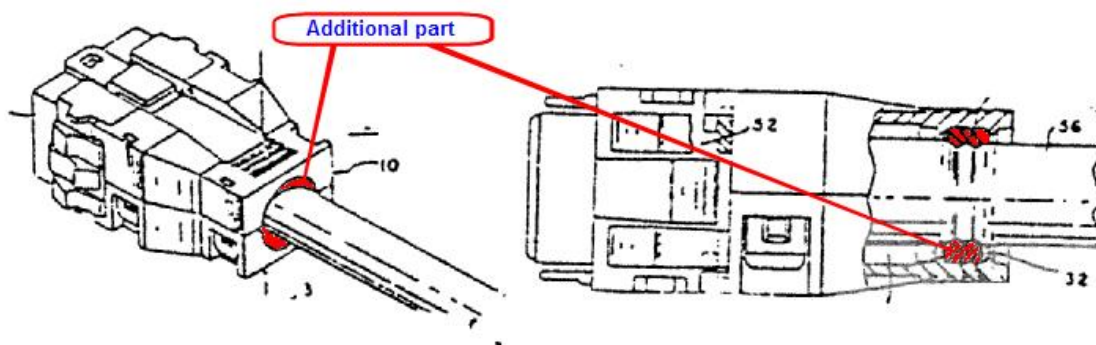
**H01R 13/5825**

{the means comprising additional parts captured between housing parts and cable}

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5825](#)



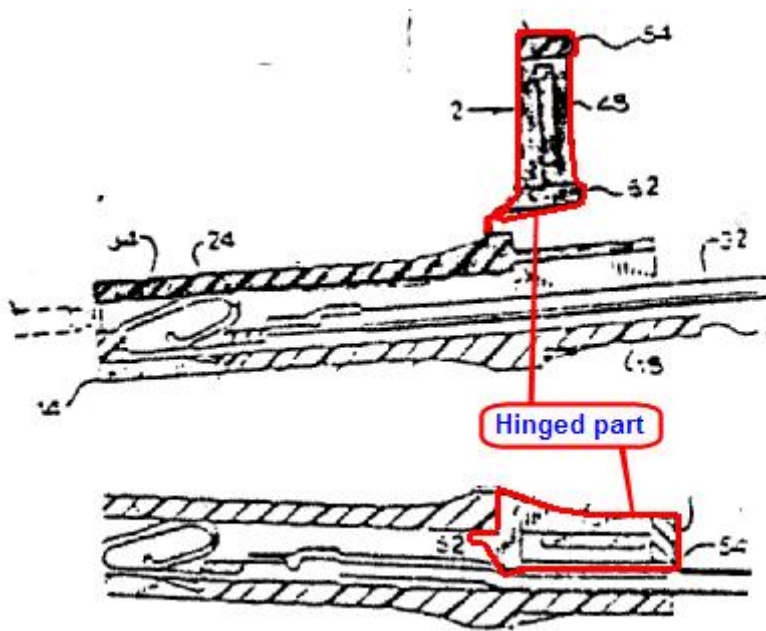
H01R 13/5829

{the clamping part being flexibly or hingedly connected to the housing}

Definition statement

This place covers:

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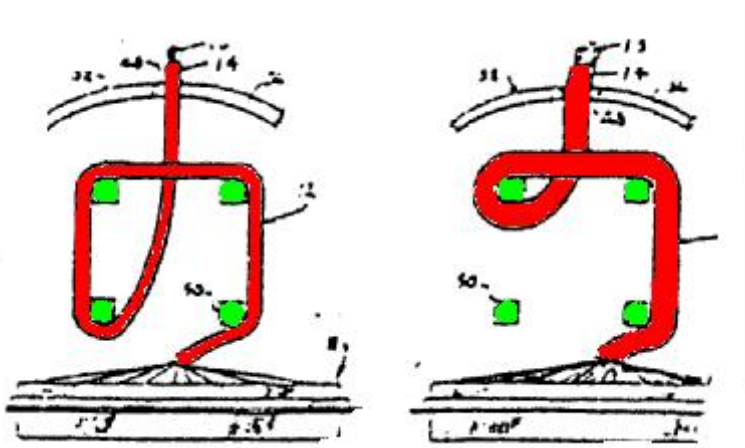
**H01R 13/5833**

{the cable being forced in a tortuous or curved path, e.g. knots in cable
([H01R 13/582](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5833](#)



References

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Means for relieving strain on wire connection, the cable being clamped between assembled parts of the housing	H01R 13/582
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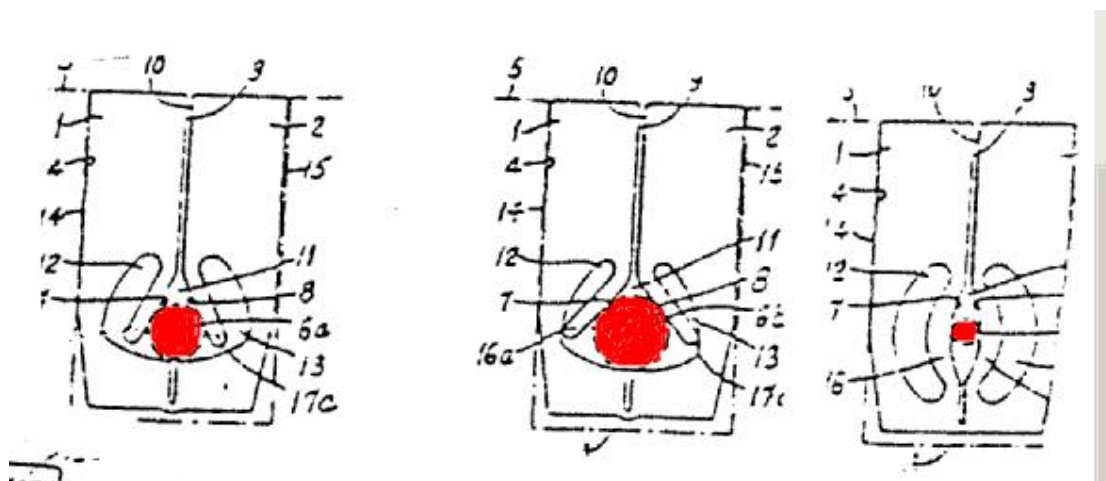
H01R 13/5837

{specially adapted for accommodating various sized cables ([H01R 13/5825](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5837](#)



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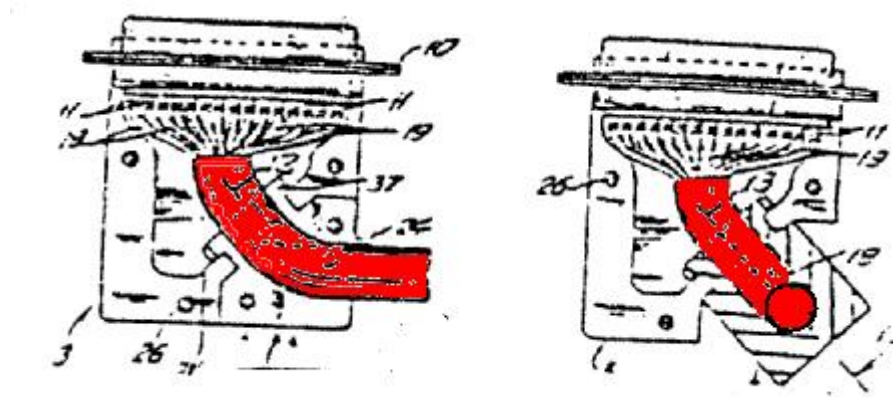
Means for relieving strain on wire connection, the cable being clamped between assembled parts of the housing, the means comprising additional parts captured between housing parts and cable	H01R 13/582
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H01R 13/5841

{allowing different orientations of the cable with respect to the coupling direction}

Definition statement

This place covers:



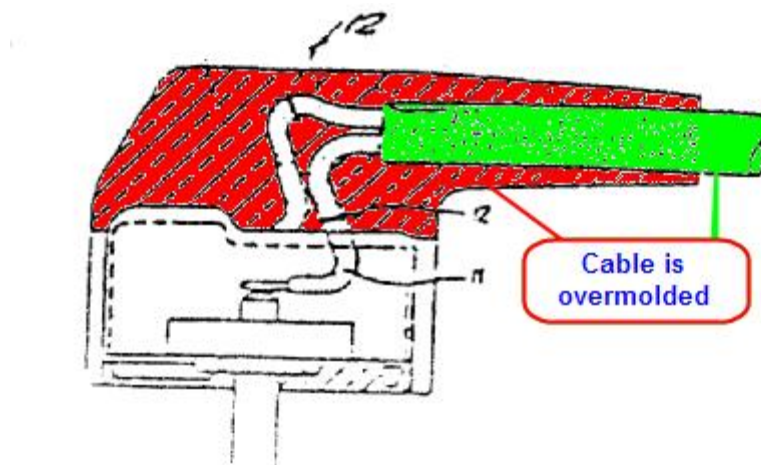
H01R 13/5845

{the strain relief being achieved by molding parts around cable and connections}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/5845](#)



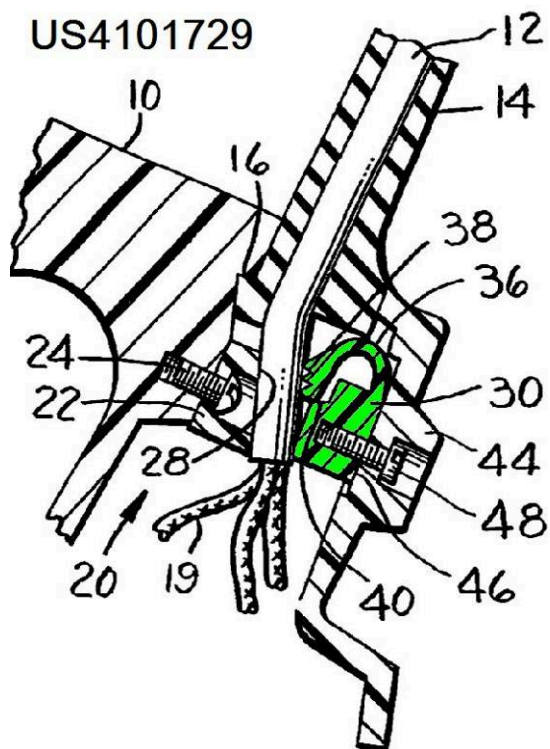
H01R 13/585

Grip increasing with strain force

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/585](#)



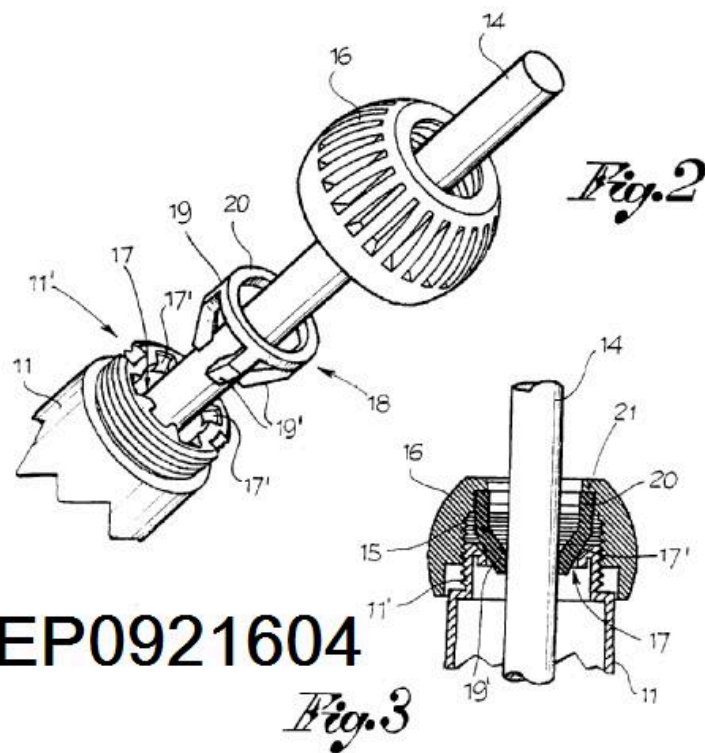
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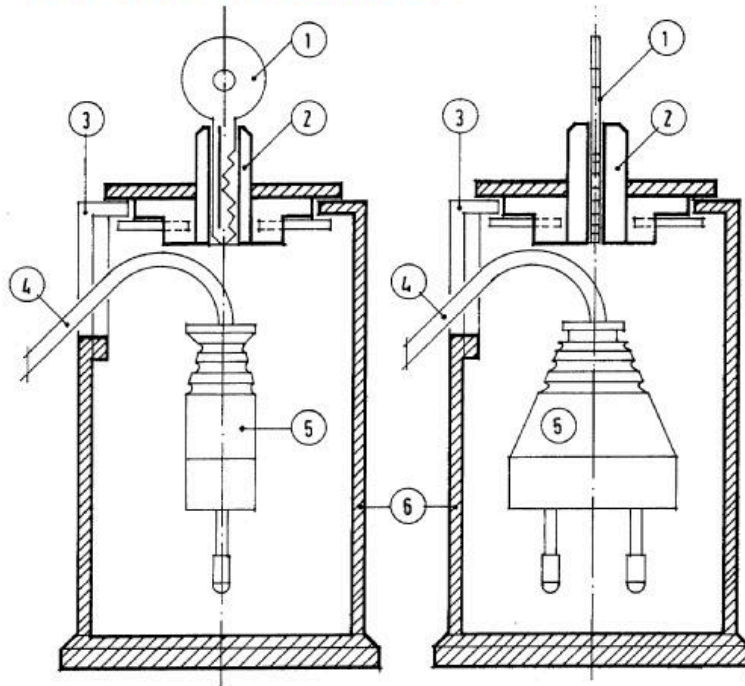
Threaded ferrule or bolt operating in a direction parallel to the cable or wire

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/59](#)



H01R 13/60**Means for supporting coupling part when not engaged****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/60](#)**DE9417369U****H01R 13/62****Means for facilitating engagement or disengagement of coupling parts or for holding them in engagement****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Means provided on coupling devices and specially designed for facilitating engagement or disengagement of coupling parts or for holding them in engagement.

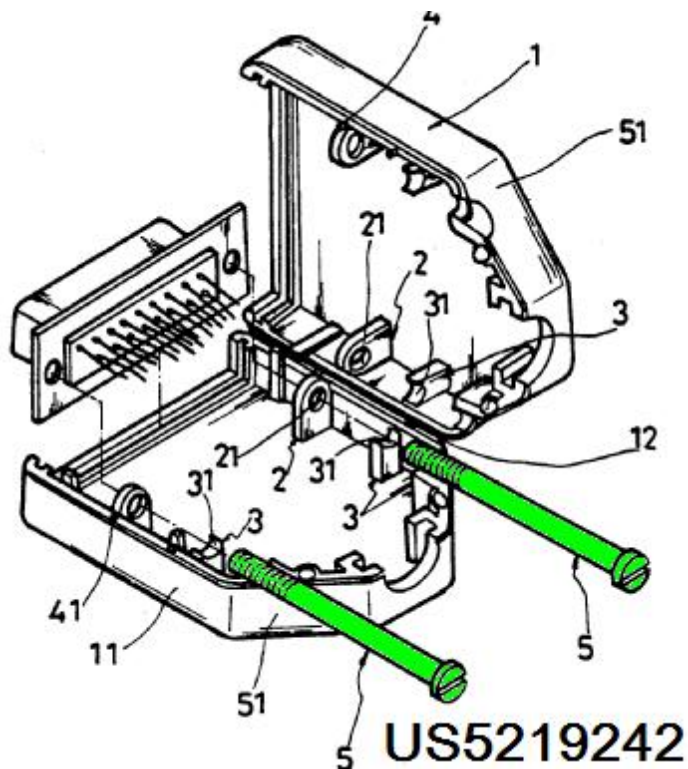
H01R 13/6215

{using one or more bolts}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6215](#)



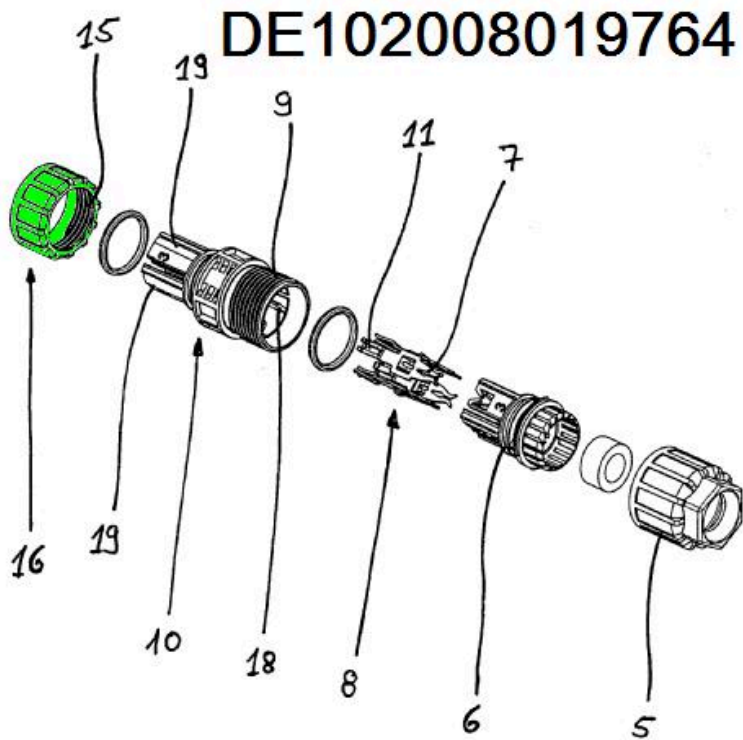
H01R 13/622

Screw-ring or screw-casing ([H01R 13/623](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

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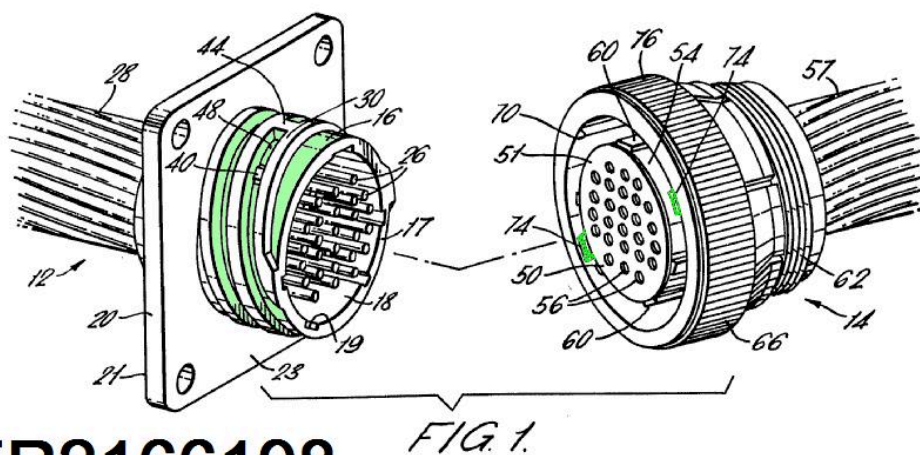
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Casing or ring with helicoidal groove	H01R 13/623
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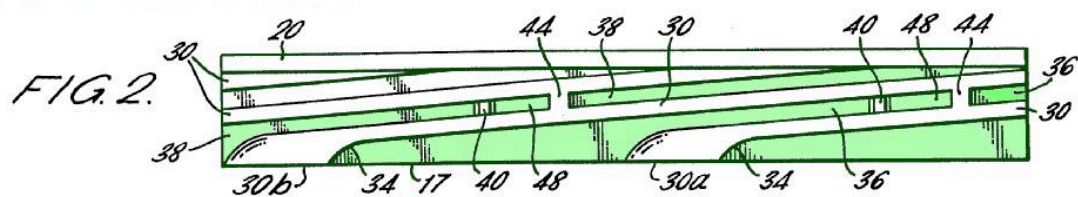
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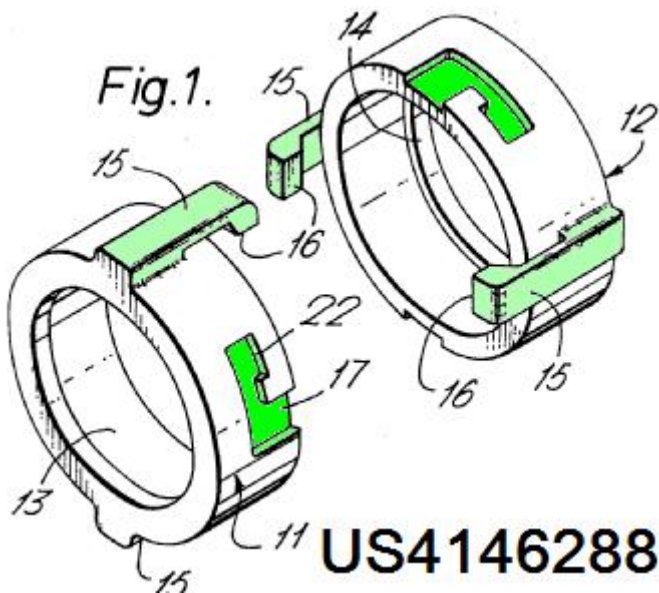
H01R 13/625

Casing or ring with bayonet engagement

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/625](#)



H01R 13/6271

{Latching means integral with the housing ([H01R 13/6276](#), [H01R 13/6277](#), [H01R 13/6278](#) take precedence)}

References

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This place does not cover:

Casing or ring with helicoidal groove	H01R 13/6276
Snap or like fastening comprising one or more balls engaging in a hole or a groove	H01R 13/6277
Snap or like fastening comprising a pin snapping into a recess	H01R 13/6278

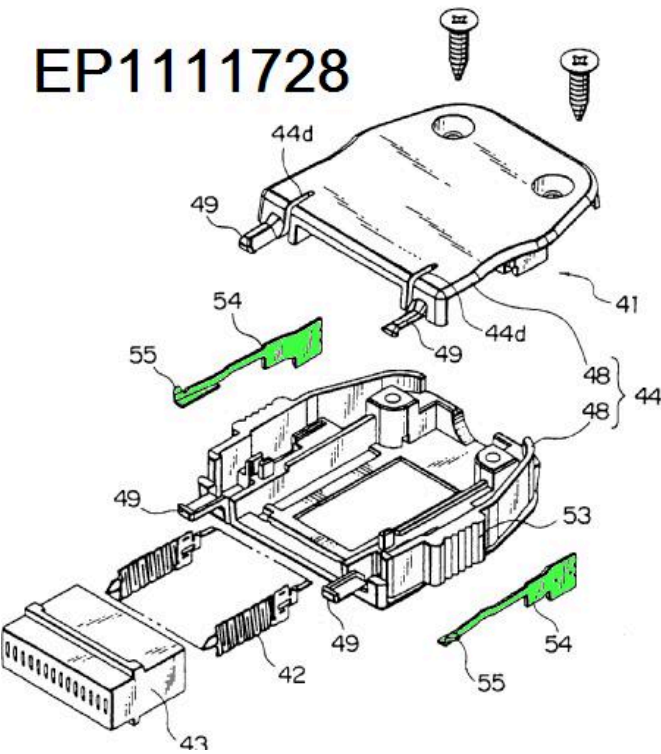
H01R 13/6275

{Latching arms not integral with the housing ([H01R 13/6276](#), [H01R 13/6277](#), [H01R 13/6278](#) take precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6275](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Casing or ring with helicoidal groove	H01R 13/6276
Snap or like fastening comprising one or more balls engaging in a hole or a groove	H01R 13/6277
Snap or like fastening comprising a pin snapping into a recess	H01R 13/6278

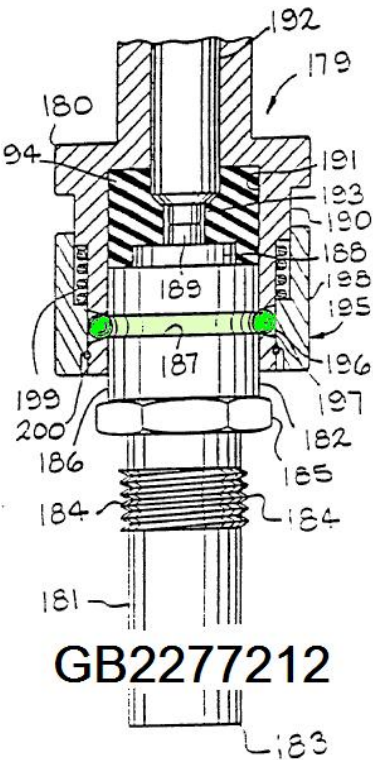
H01R 13/6276

{comprising one or more balls engaging in a hole or a groove}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6276](#)



H01R 13/629

Additional means for facilitating engagement or disengagement of coupling parts, e.g. aligning or guiding means, levers, gas pressure {electrical locking indicators, manufacturing tolerances (separate tools or apparatus [H01R 43/26](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Separate tools or apparatus	H01R 43/26
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H01R 13/62905

{comprising a camming member ([H01R 13/62933](#) and [H01R 13/641](#) take precedence)}

References

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This place does not cover:

Comprising exclusively pivoting lever	H01R 13/62933
Means for preventing incorrect coupling by indicating incorrect coupling; by indicating correct or full engagement	H01R 13/641

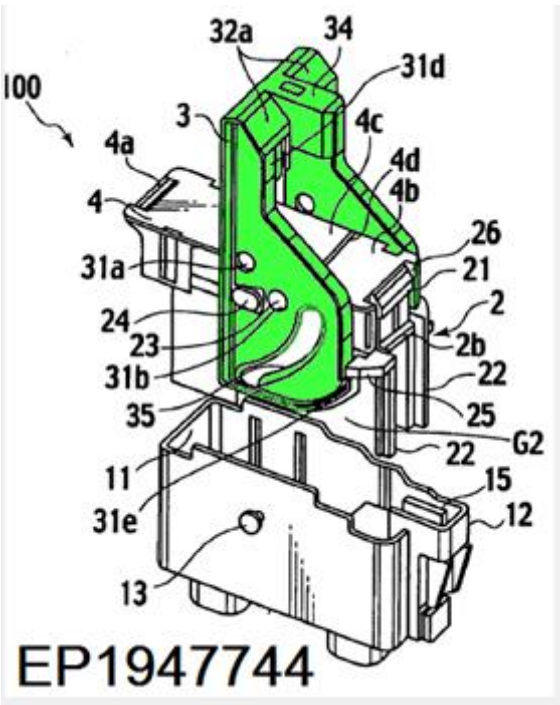
H01R 13/62938

{Pivoting lever comprising own camming means}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/62938](#)



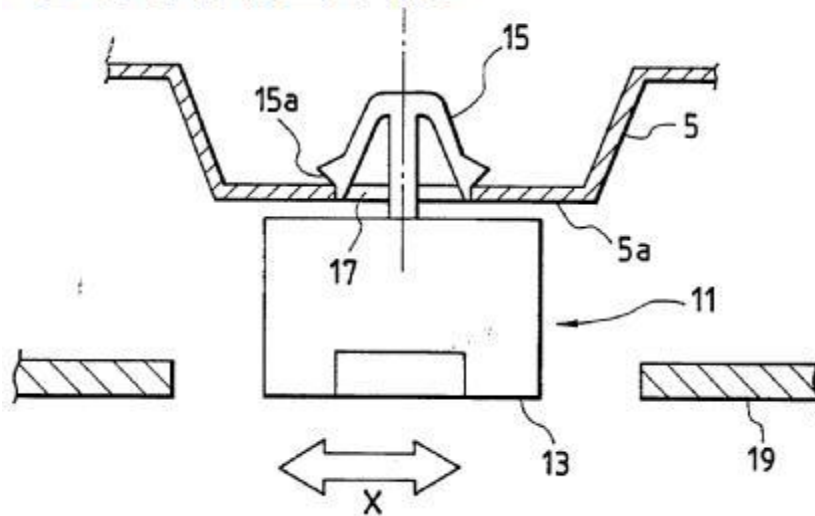
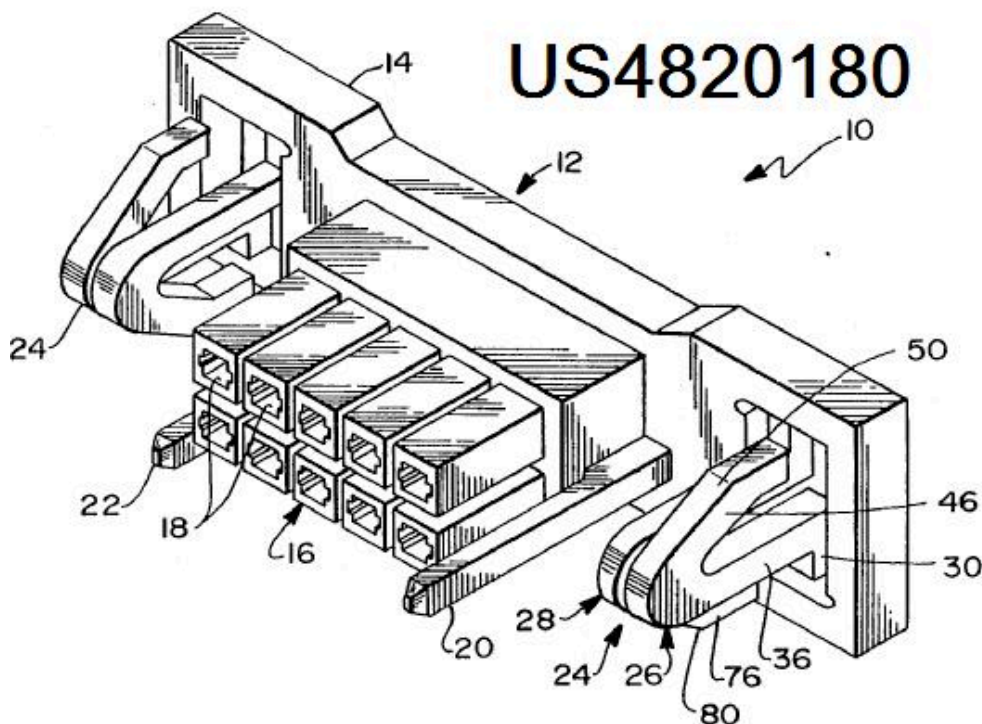
H01R 13/6315

{allowing relative movement between coupling parts, e.g. floating connection (for coupling devices specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures, [H01R 12/91](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6315](#)

US5882219**US4820180**

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For coupling devices specially adapted for printed circuits, flat or ribbon cables, or like generally planar structures

H01R 12/91

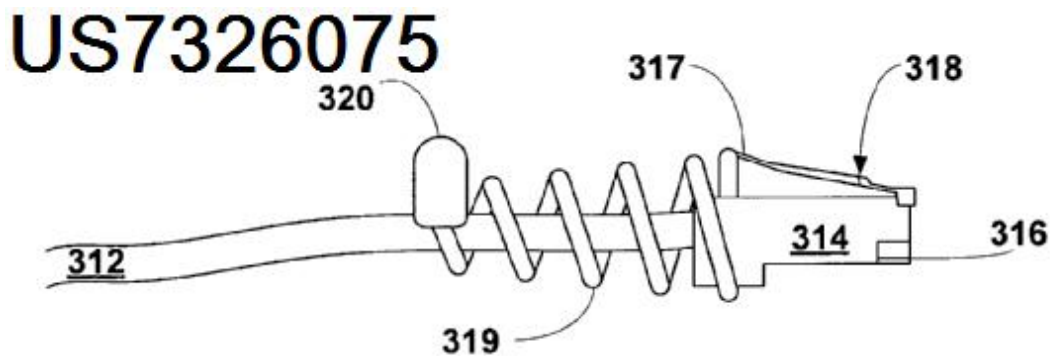
H01R 13/633

for disengagement only {(in combination with safety switch [H01R 13/7132](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/633](#)



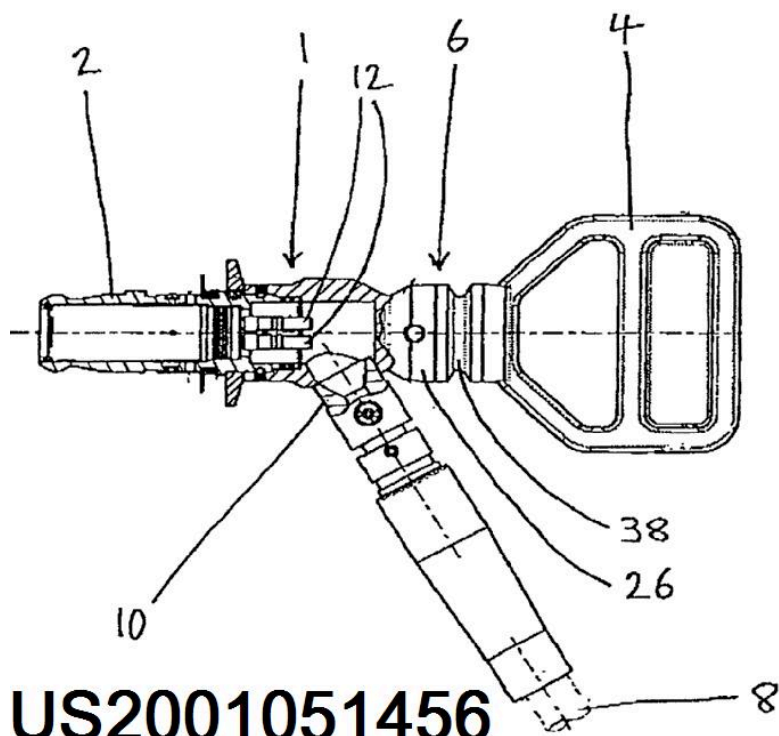
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

In combination with safety switch

H01R 13/7132

H01R 13/6335**{comprising a handle}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6335](#)

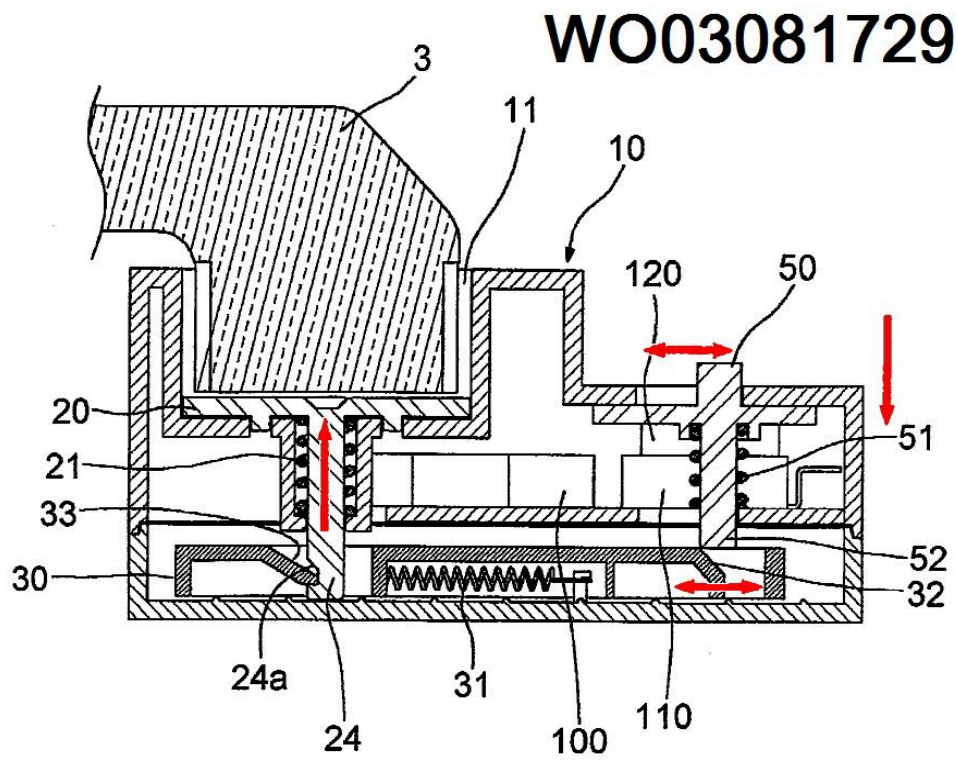
H01R 13/635

by mechanical pressure, e.g. spring force

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/635](#)



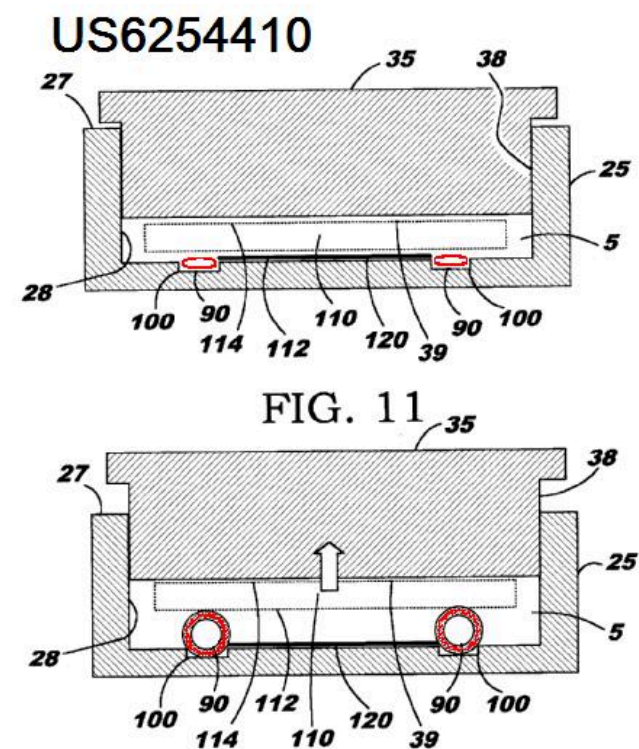
H01R 13/637

by fluid pressure, e.g. explosion

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/637](#)



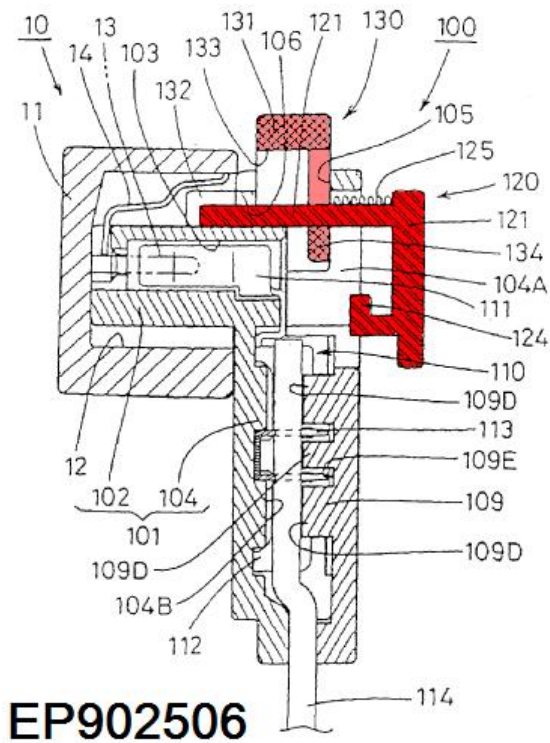
H01R 13/639

Additional means for holding or locking coupling parts together, after engagement, {e.g. separate keylock, retainer strap}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/639](#)



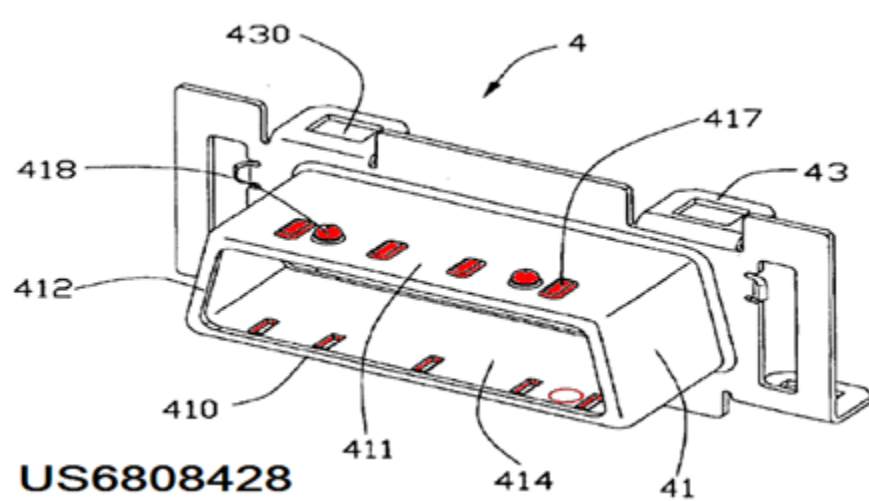
H01R 13/64

Means for preventing incorrect coupling

Definition statement

This place covers:

Specially adapted for: Bases; Cases; Security means



H01R 13/641

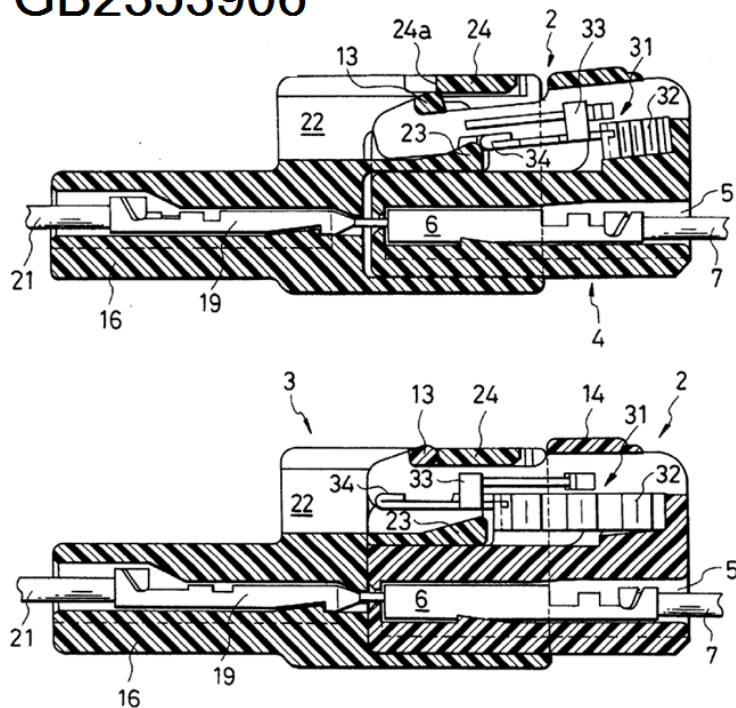
by indicating incorrect coupling; by indicating correct or full engagement

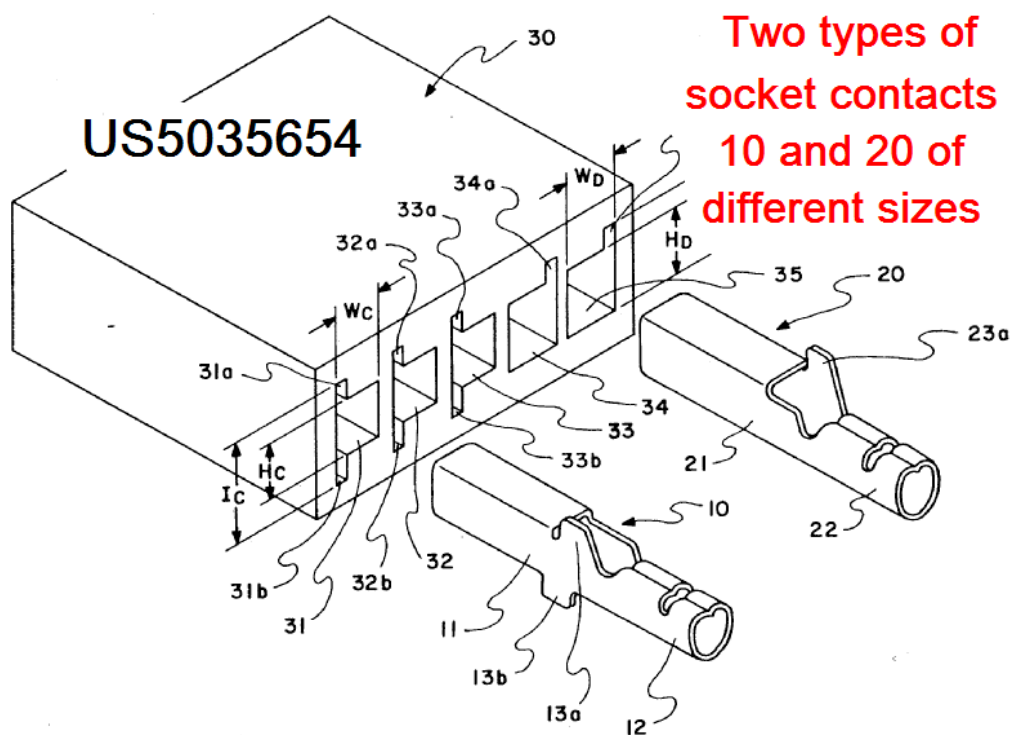
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/641](#)

GB2353906



H01R 13/642**by position or shape of contact members****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/642](#)

Specially adapted for high frequency

[H01R 24/40](#)

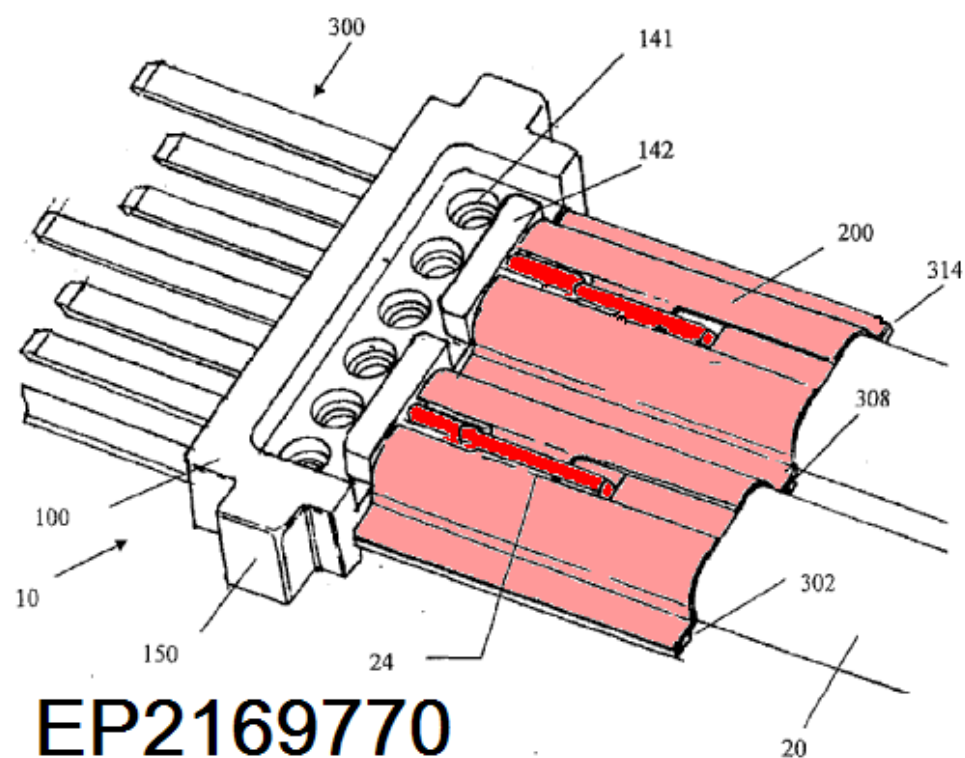
H01R 13/6463

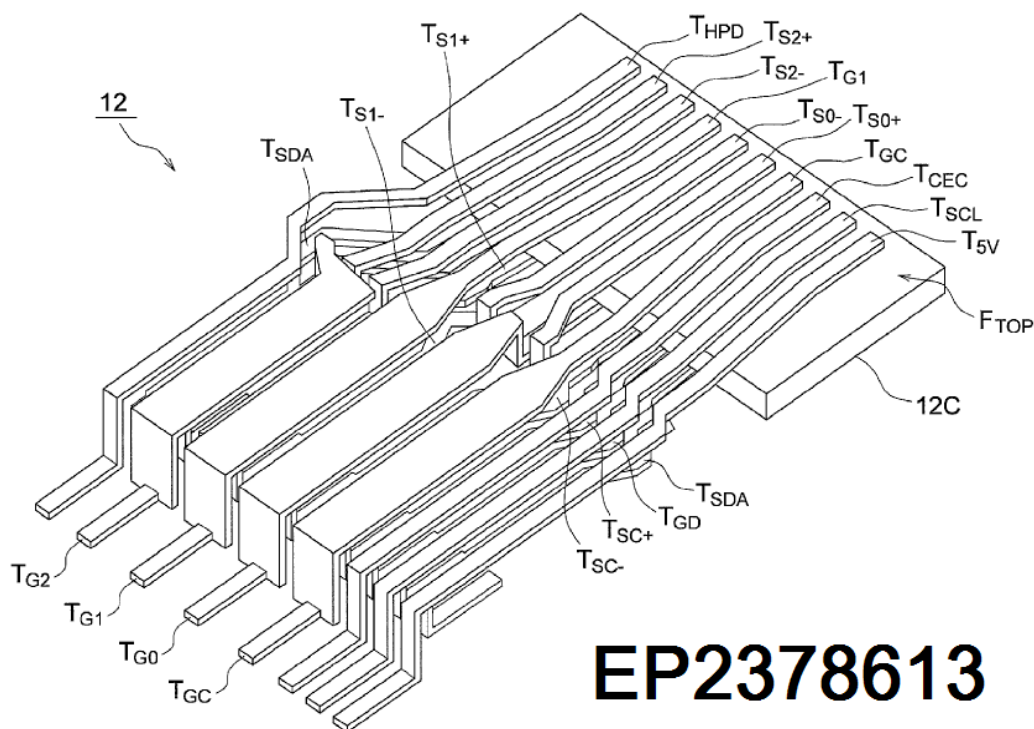
using twisted pairs of wires

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6463](#)



H01R 13/6467**by cross-over of signal conductors****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6467](#)

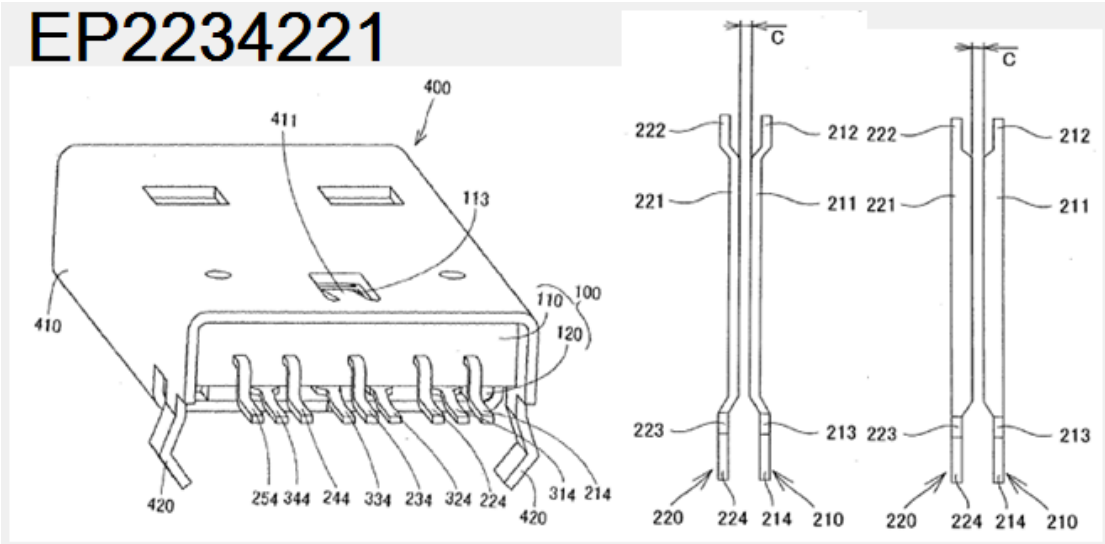
H01R 13/6474

by variation of conductive properties, e.g. by dimension variations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6474](#)



H01R 13/648

Protective earth or shield arrangements on coupling devices {, e.g. anti-static shielding} (coaxially arranged shields [H01R 24/38](#))

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Coaxially arranged shields	H01R 24/38
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H01R 13/6485

{Electrostatic discharge protection (in general [H05F 1/00](#), for electric apparatus [H05K 9/0067](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6485](#)

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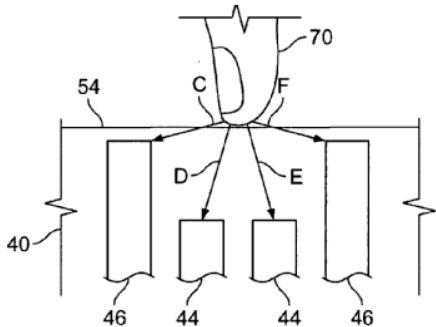


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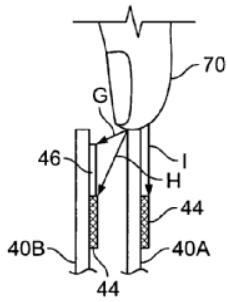


FIG. 4

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Electrostatic discharge protection in general	H05F 1/00
For electric apparatus	H05K 9/0067

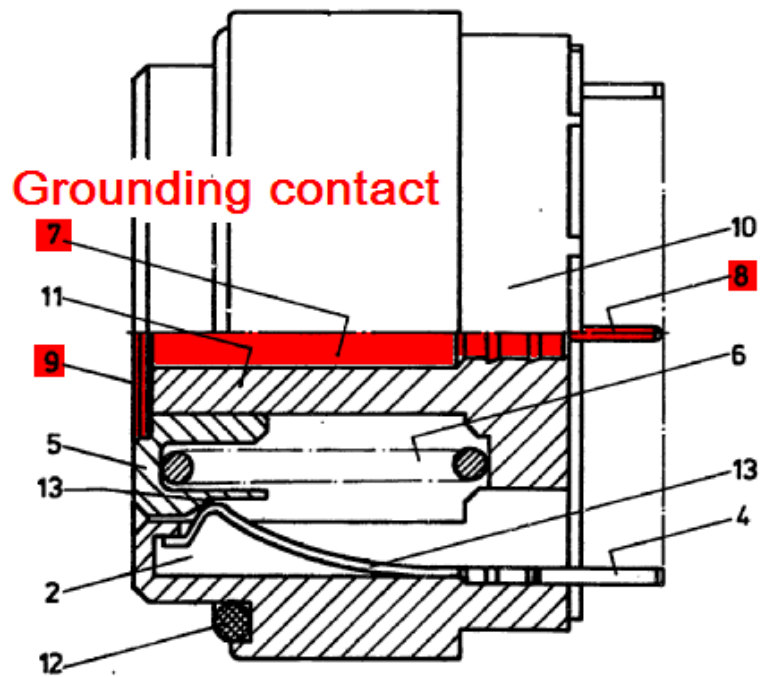
H01R 13/652

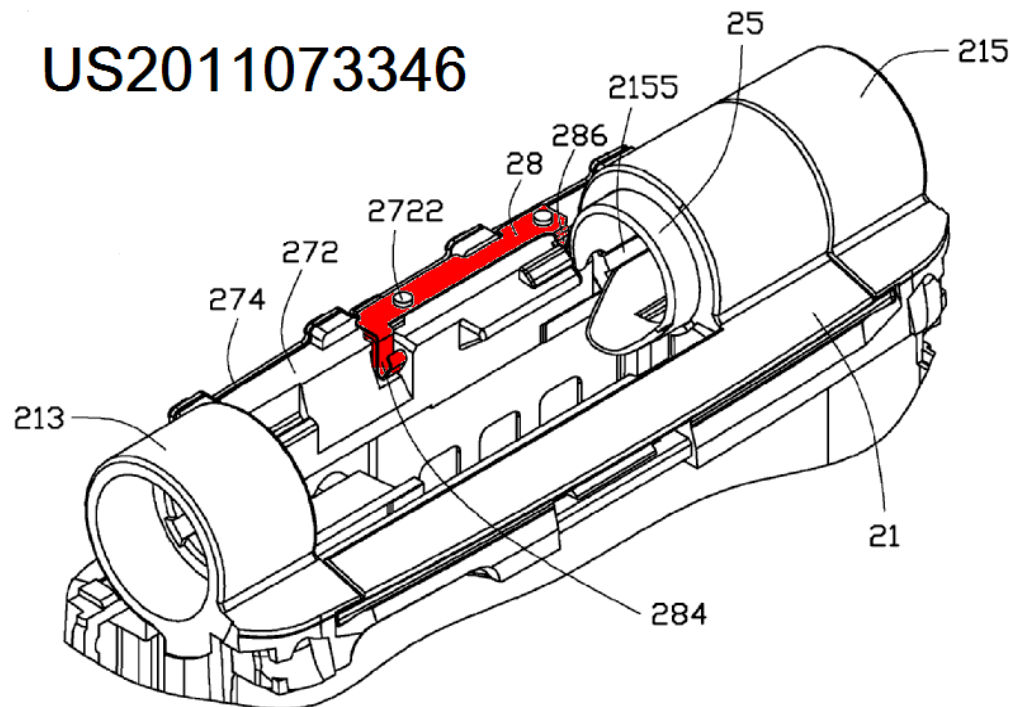
with earth pin, blade or socket

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/652](#)

DE8803003U

H01R 13/655**with earth brace****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/655](#)**H01R 13/658**

High frequency shielding arrangements, e.g. against EMI [Electro-Magnetic Interference] or EMP [Electro-Magnetic Pulse] {(coaxial coupling devices specially adapted for high frequency [H01R 24/40](#); for flat or ribbon cable connectors [H01R 12/774](#); for coaxial cable [H01R 9/05](#))}

Definition statement*This place covers:*

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/648](#) comprising a conductive means for preventing or reducing (a) detrimental effects induced within a connector or contact due to capacitive or inductive coupling with electric or magnetic fields generated from a source outside of the connector or contact, (b) induced electrical interference or signal loss due to capacitive or inductive coupling between mutually insulated contacts within a plural-contact connector, (i.e. reducing cross-talk), or (c) undesirable loss of electrical information or signal due to electrical radiation of signal from connector or contact.

References**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

For coaxial cable	H01R 9/05
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For flat or ribbon cable connectors	H01R 12/774
Coaxial coupling devices specially adapted for high frequency	H01R 24/40

H01R 13/6581

Shield structure

Definition statement

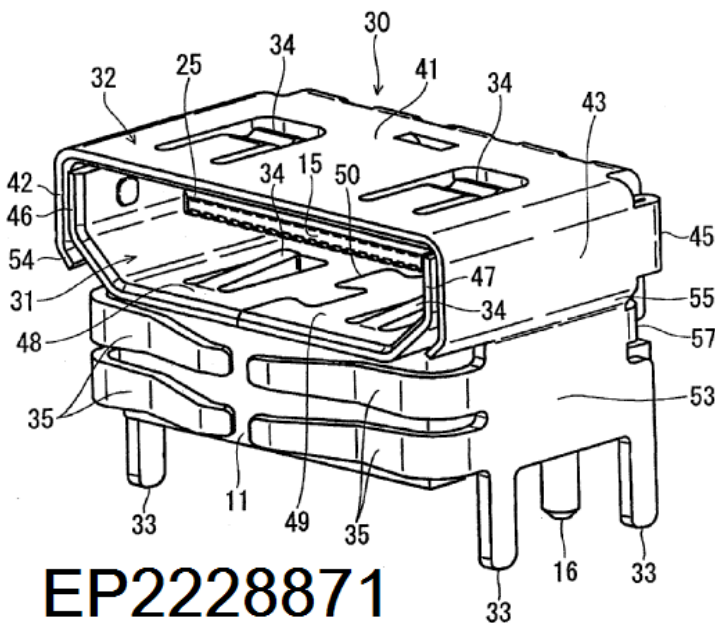
This place covers:
Subject matter under group [H01R 13/658](#) comprising details of the shape or construction of a shield.

H01R 13/6582

with resilient means for engaging mating connector

Definition statement

This place covers:
Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6581](#)
comprising shielding arrangements including
a resilient means on one connector for engaging a mating connector.



H01R 13/6583

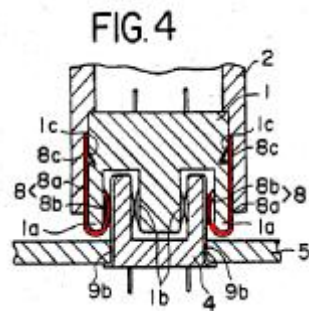
with separate conductive resilient members between mating shield members

Definition statement

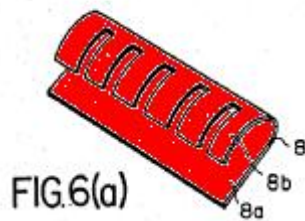
This place covers:
Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6582](#) including
additional resilient means for electrically connecting

the shields of two mating connectors.

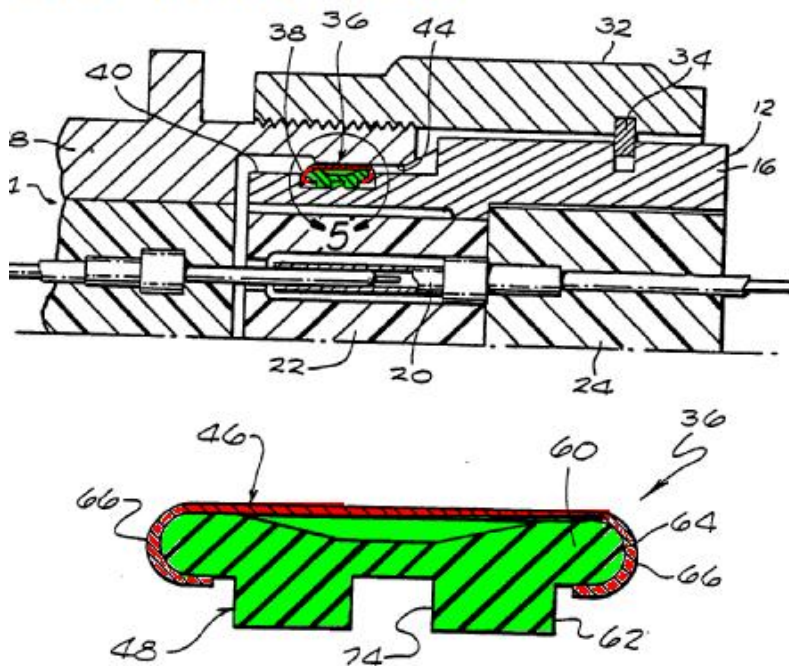
Examples:



US4544227



US4808126



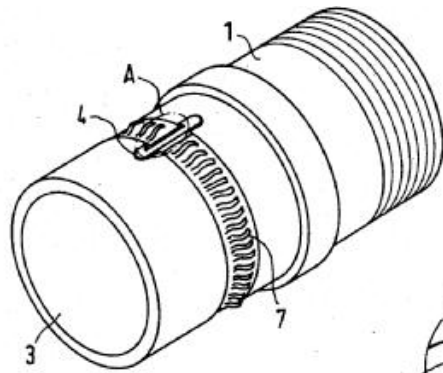


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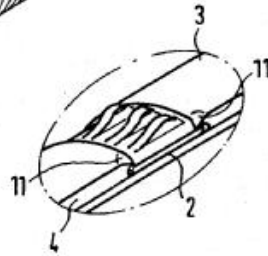
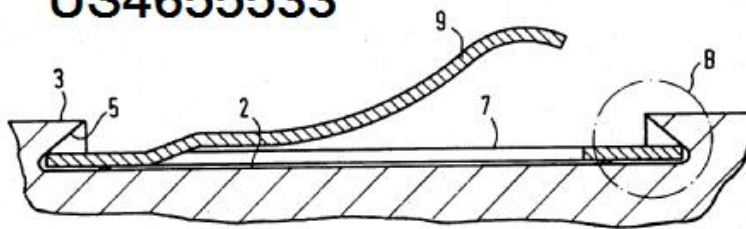


Fig.1a

US4655533



H01R 13/6584

formed by conductive elastomeric members, e.g. flat gaskets or O-rings

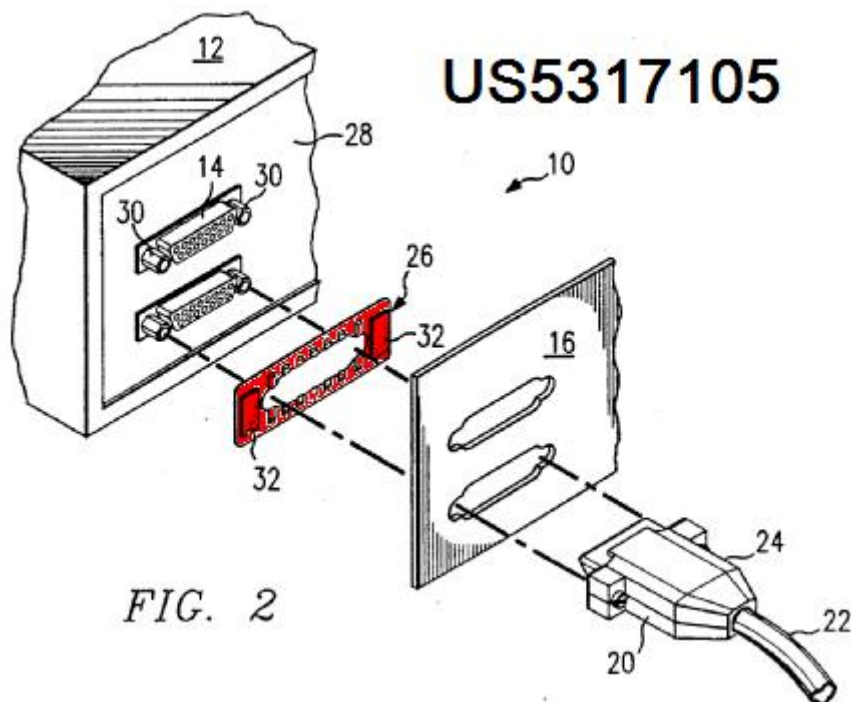
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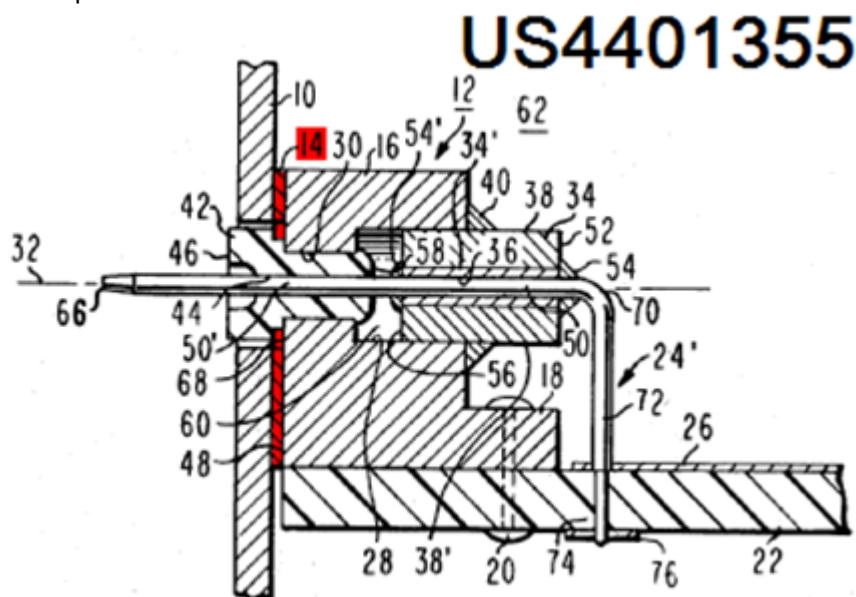
Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6583](#) wherein

the separate resilient means comprises a

conductive material having elastic properties.



Examples:



H01R 13/6585

Shielding material individually surrounding or interposed between mutually spaced contacts

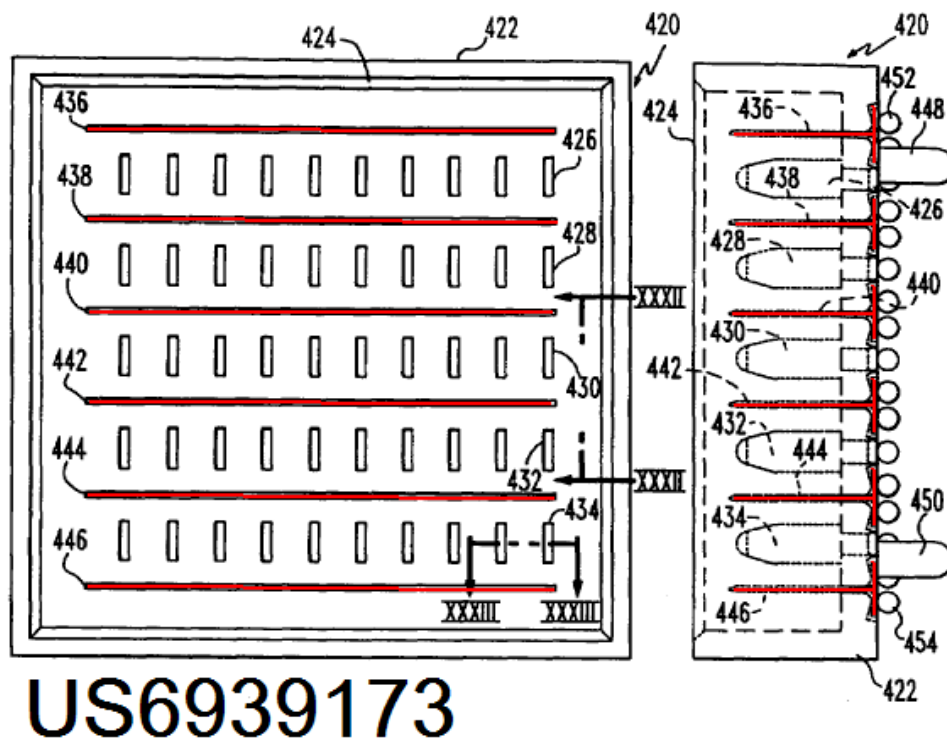
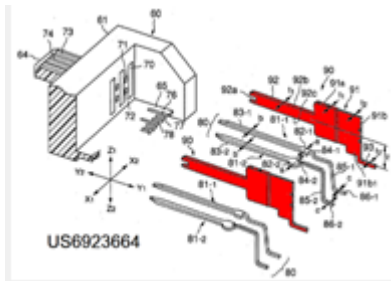
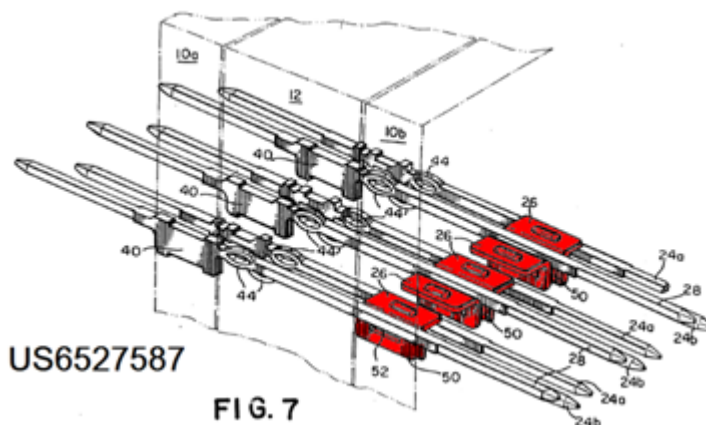
Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6581](#) comprising conductive material either (a) formed around but spaced apart from at least a portion of at least one contact, so that the contact is inductively

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shielded from one or more other contacts, or (b) interposed between two or more contacts, so that the contacts are inductively shielded from one another. Examples:



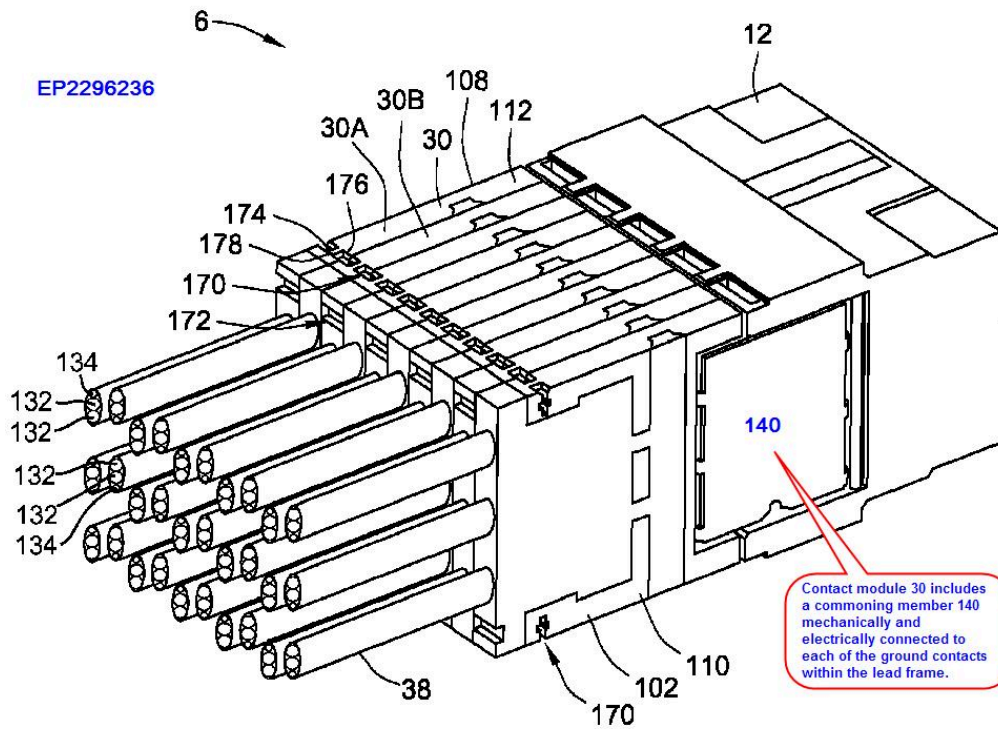
H01R 13/6586

for separating multiple connector modules

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6585](#) wherein the shielding material separates two or more assemblies of plural contacts.



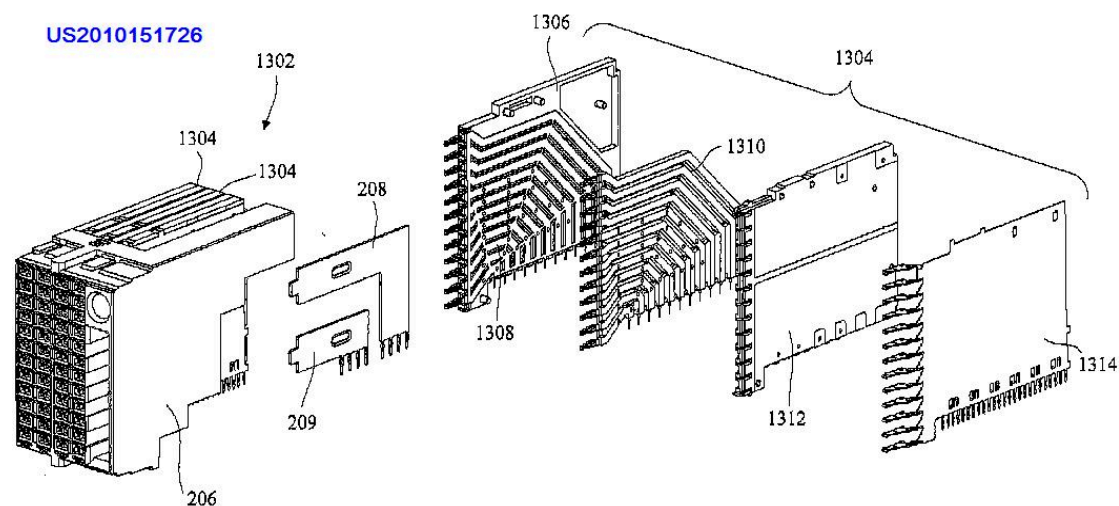
H01R 13/6587

for mounting on PCBs

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6586](#) wherein the shield has means to facilitate mounting on a printed circuit board.



H01R 13/6588

with through openings for individual contacts

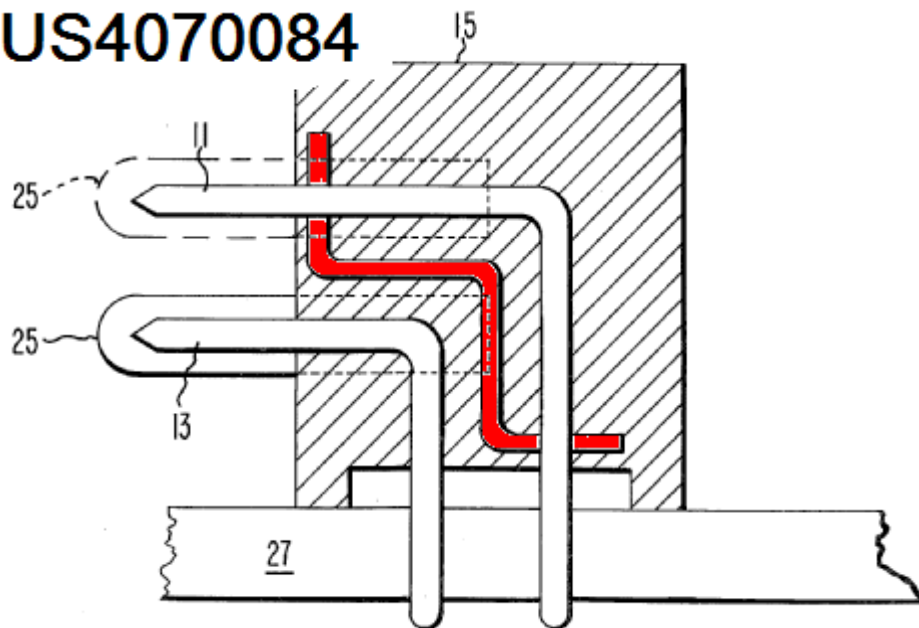
Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6585](#) wherein the shield has apertures corresponding to individual contacts.

(Example: US 4070084)

US4070084



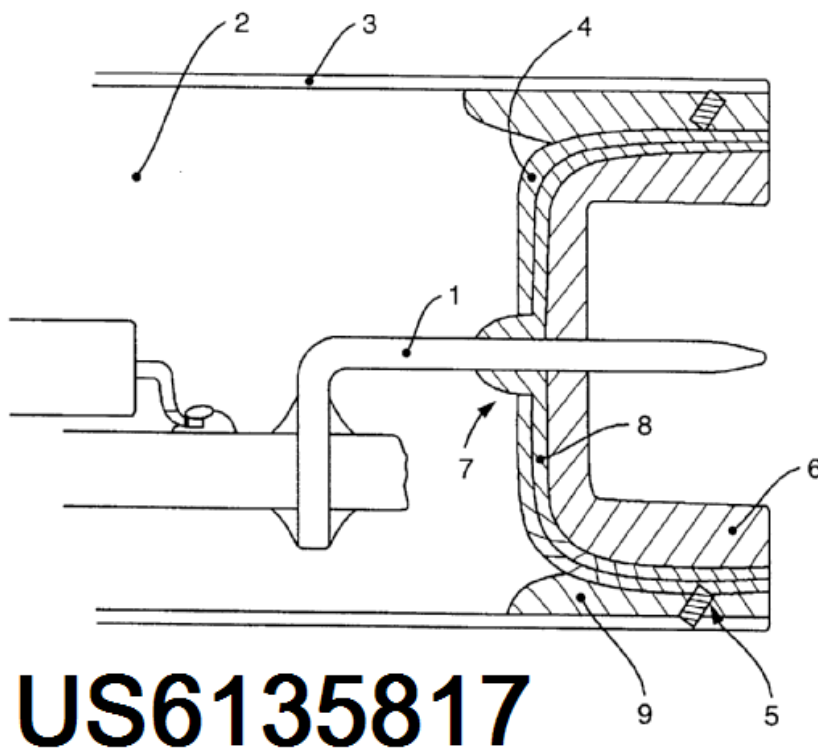
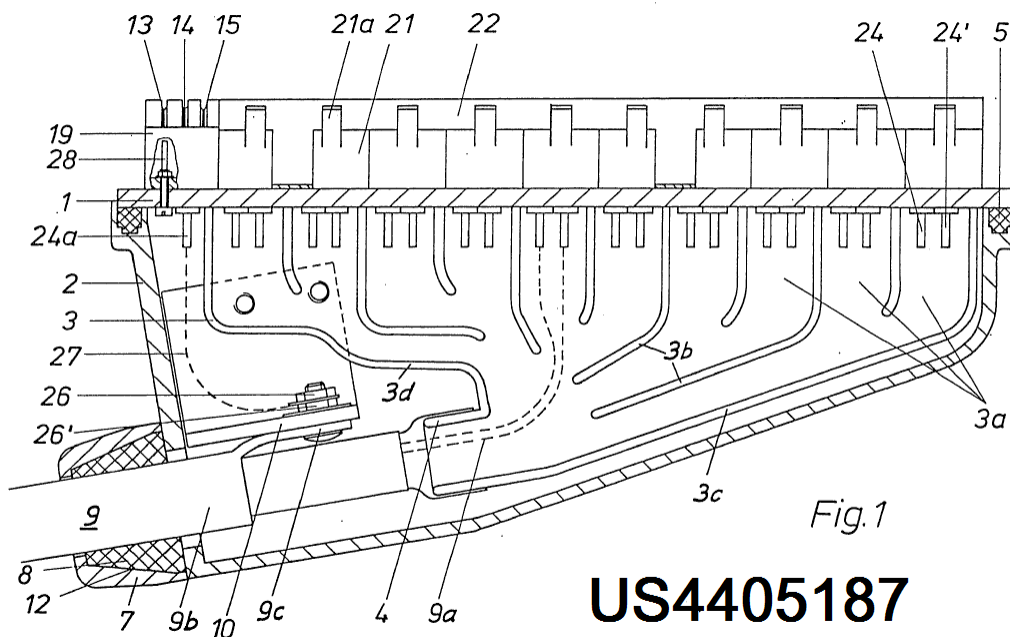
H01R 13/6589

with wires separated by conductive housing parts

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6585](#) wherein the shield includes a conductive wall portion that separates enclosed wires. Examples:



H01R 13/659

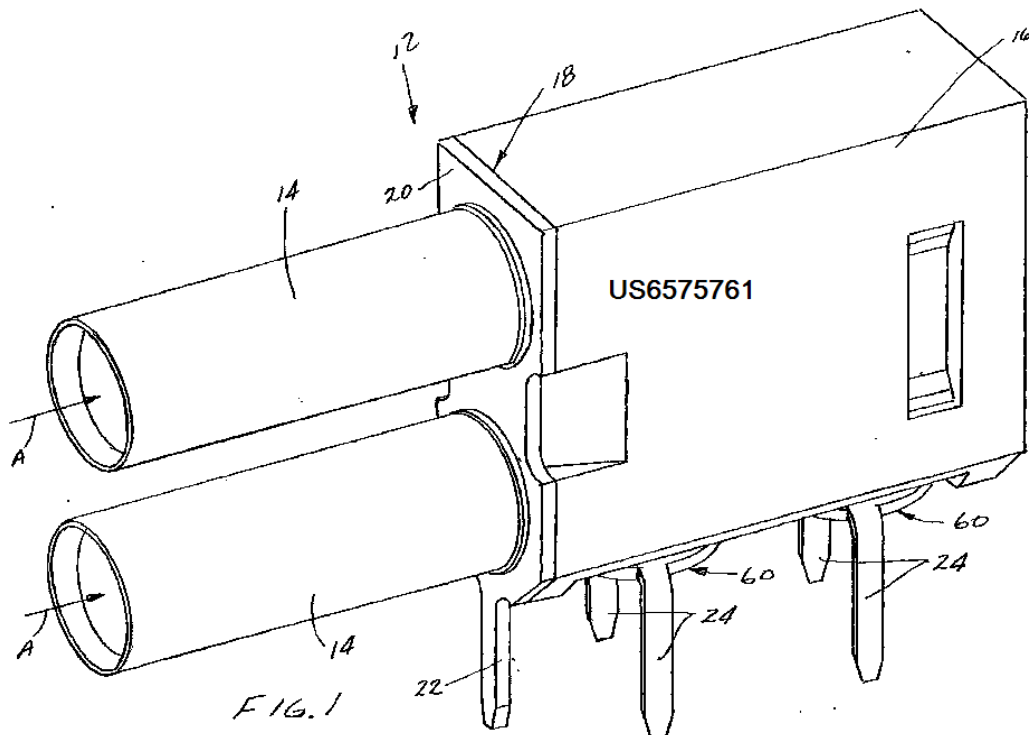
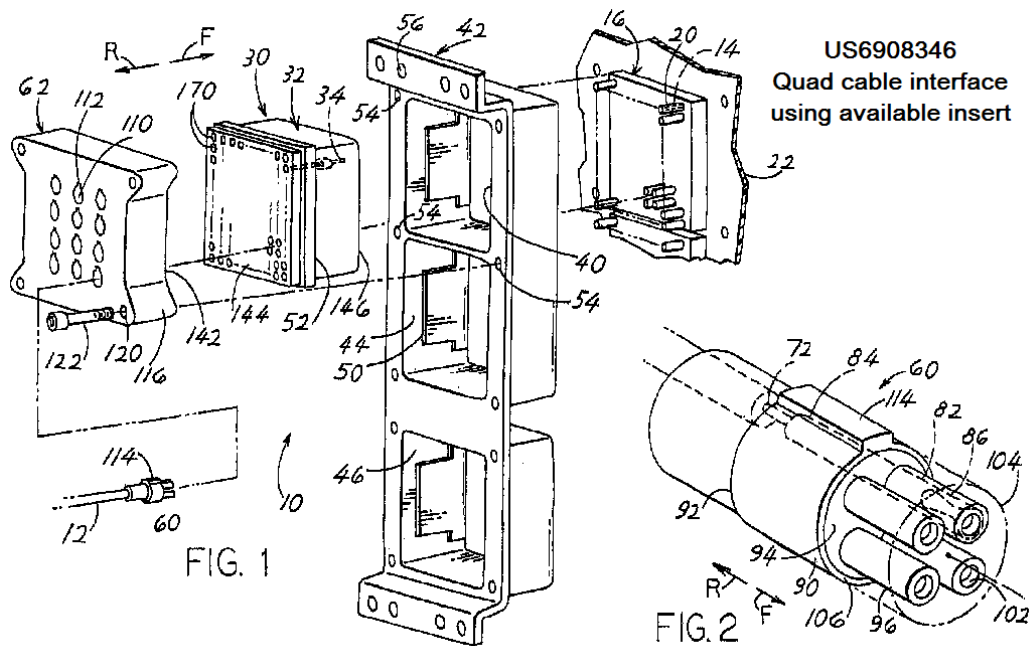
with plural ports for distinct connectors

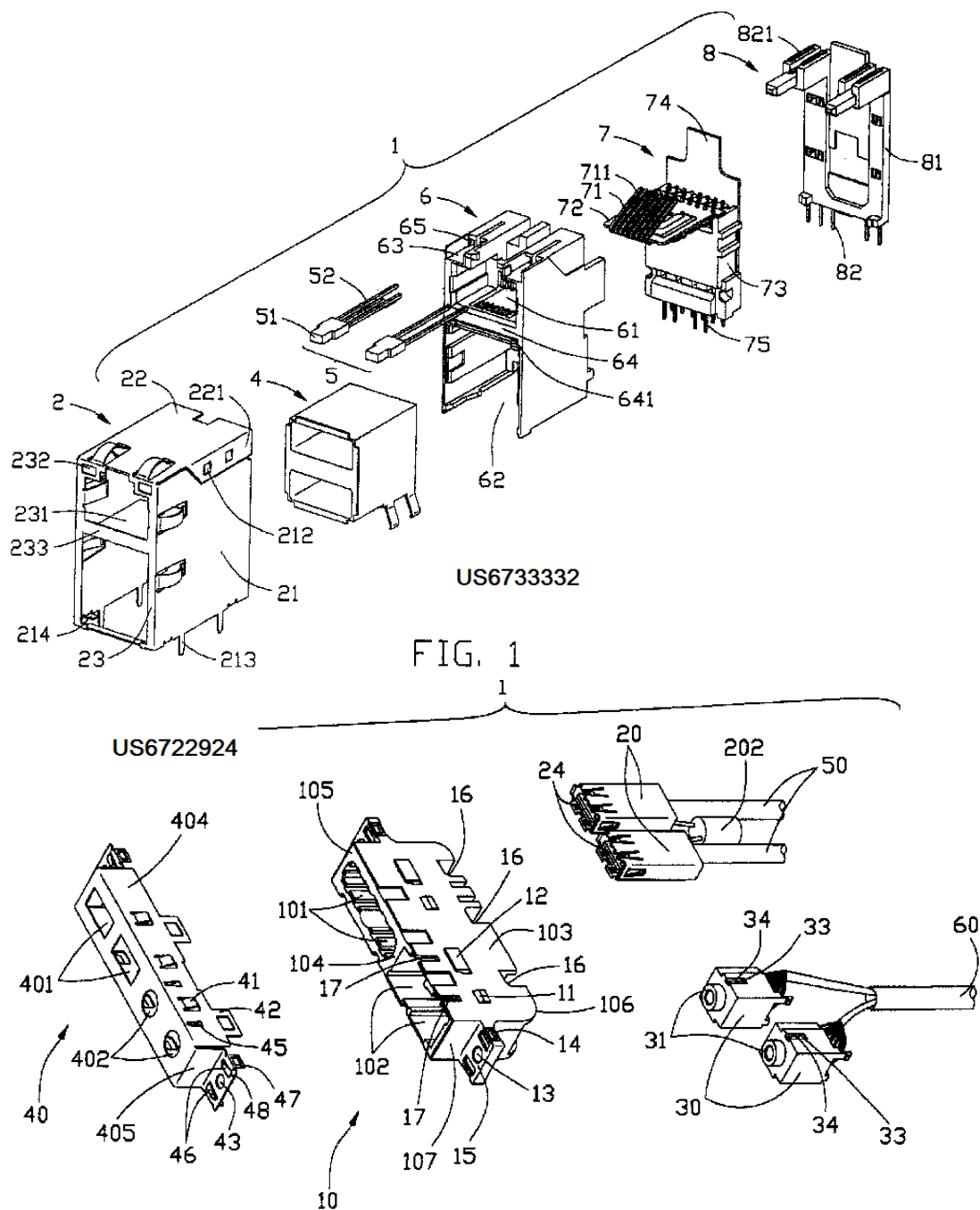
Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6581](#) wherein the shield encloses two or more connectors.

Examples:





H01R 13/6591

Specific features or arrangements of connection of shield to conductive members

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/658](#) including specific features of a connection between the conductive shield and a conductive member of the connector or another component.

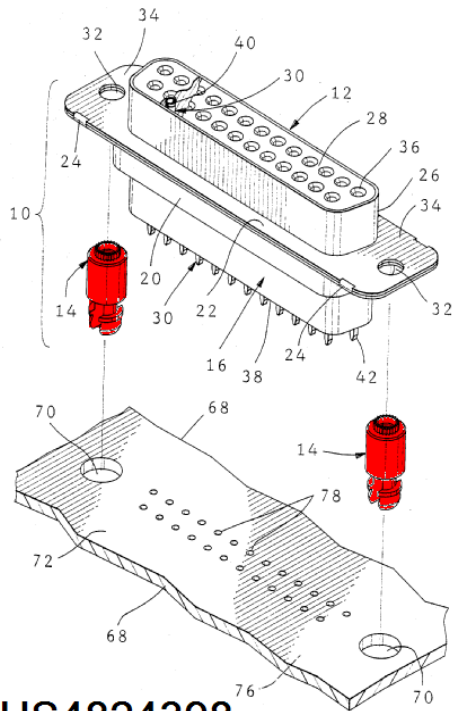
H01R 13/6595

with separate members fixing the shield to the PCB

Definition statement

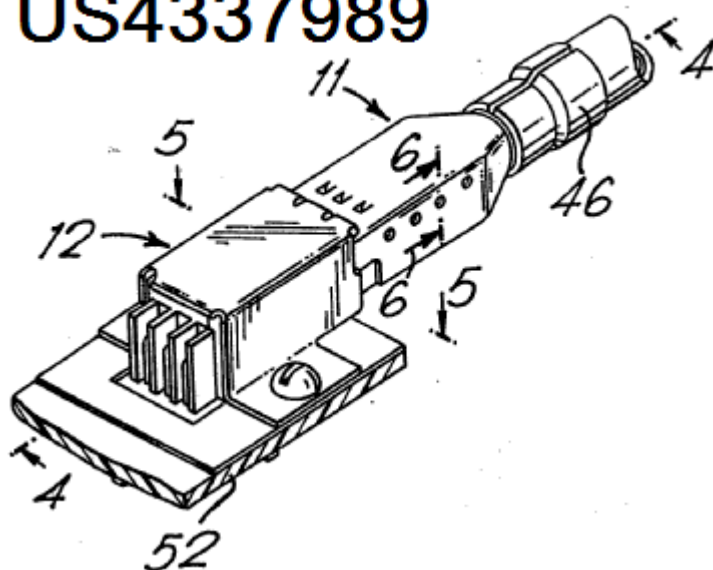
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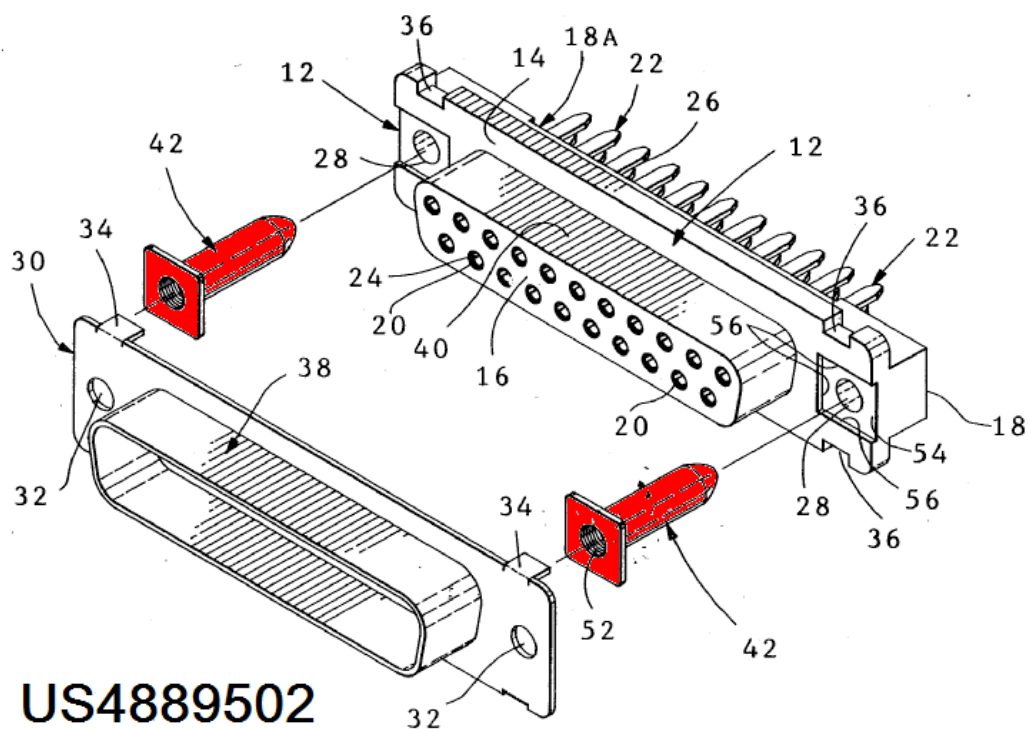
Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6594](#) wherein the shield is attached to the printed circuit board by a separate element or member. Examples:



US4824398

US4337989





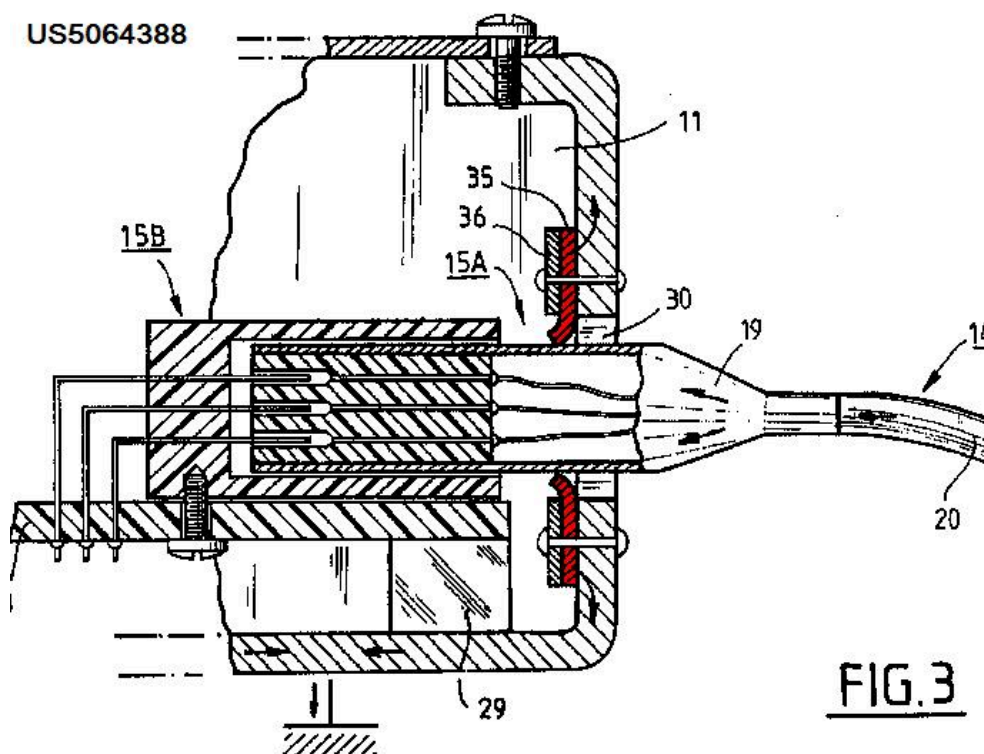
H01R 13/6596

the conductive member being a metal grounding panel

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6591](#) including specific features of a connection between the conductive shield and an electrically grounded metal panel. Examples:



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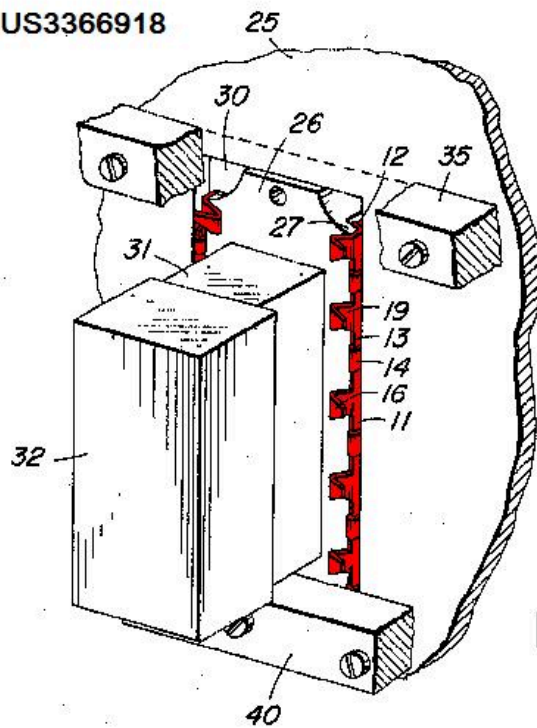
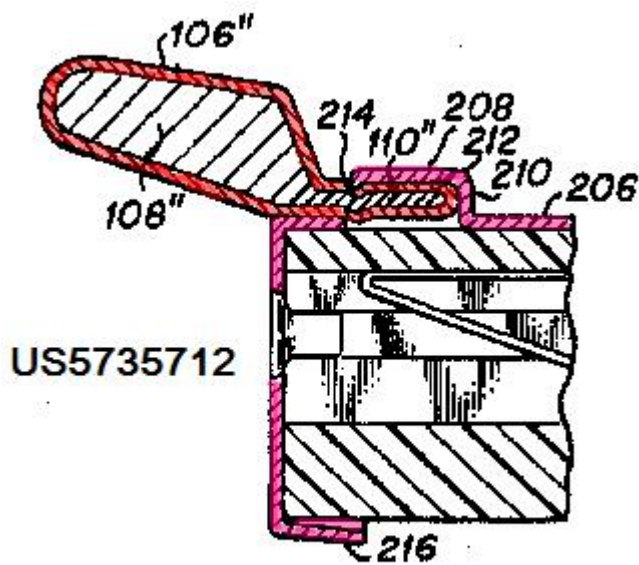


FIG 4



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Fig.10

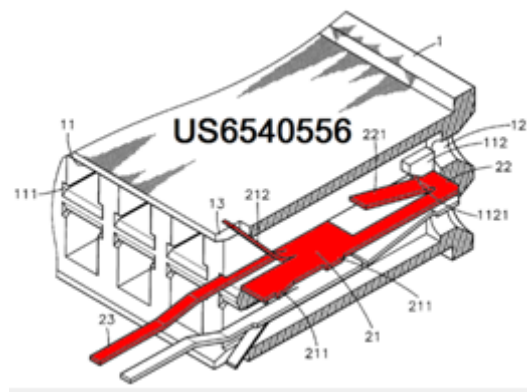
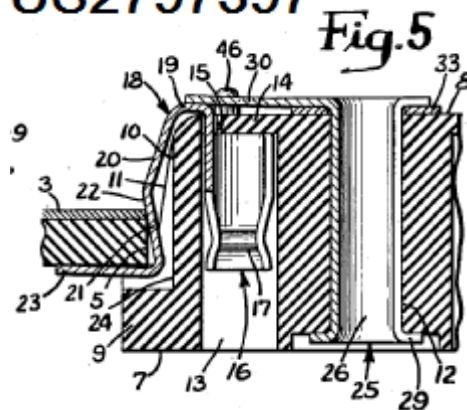
H01R 13/6597

the conductive member being a contact of the connector

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6591](#) including specific features of a connection between the conductive shield and a contact of the connector. Examples:

US2797397**H01R 13/6598**

Shield material

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/658](#) comprising the composition or properties of the shielding material.

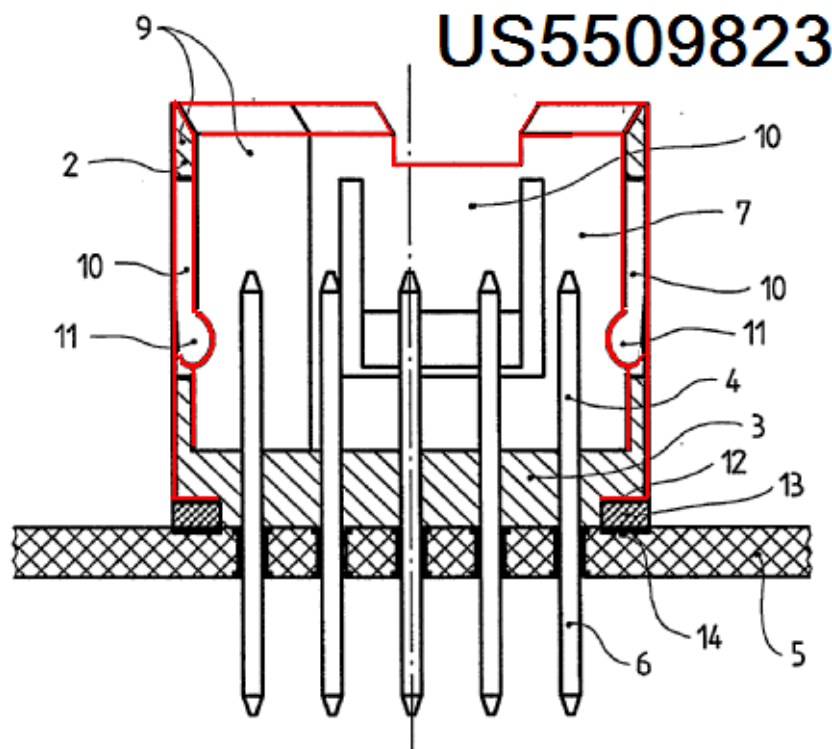
H01R 13/6599

Dielectric material made conductive, e.g. plastic material coated with metal

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/6598](#) comprising a dielectric material having conductive additives or coatings. Example:



H01R 13/66

Structural association with built-in electrical component (coupling devices having concentrically or coaxially-arranged contacts [H01R 24/38](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/00](#) comprising details of the structural relationship of a coupling device other than a non-coaxial connector and an electrical component housed within the device.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Coupling devices having concentrically or coaxially-arranged contacts	H01R 24/38
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Informative references

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

Specially adapted to a specific shape of cables	H01R 24/56
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H01R 13/6608

{with built-in single component ([H01R 13/68](#), [H01R 13/70](#) take precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Structural association with built-in fuse	H01R 13/68
Structural association with built-in switch	H01R 13/70

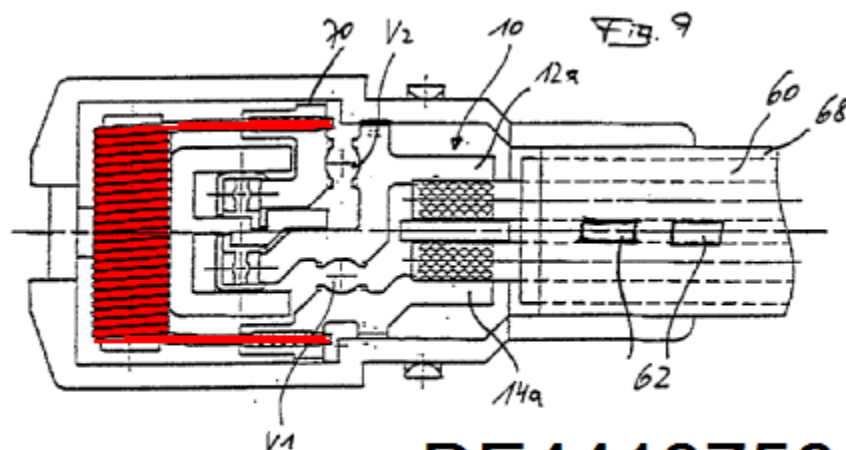
H01R 13/6633

{with inductive component, e.g. transformer}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6633](#)



DE4413756

H01R 13/6641

{with diode (with LED [H01R 13/7175](#))}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

With LED	H01R 13/7175
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H01R 13/665

{with built-in electronic circuit ([H01R 13/70](#), [H01R 13/719](#) take precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Structural association with built-in switch	H01R 13/70
Structural association with built-in component specially adapted for high frequency	H01R 13/719

H01R 13/6658

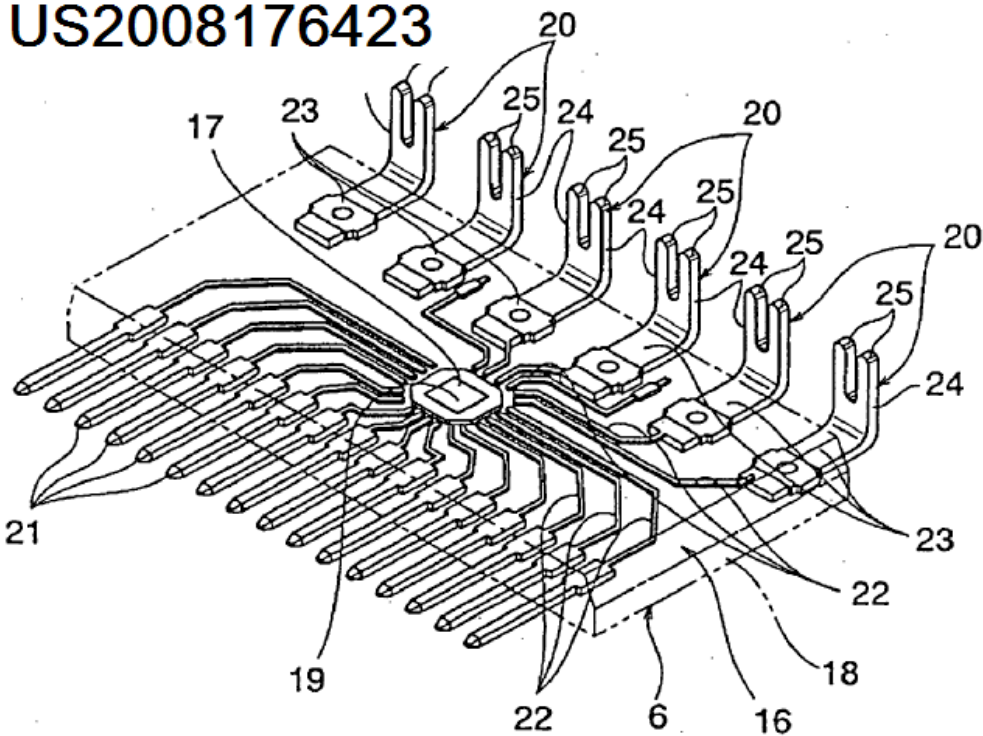
{on printed circuit board ([H01R 13/6666](#) - [H01R 13/6691](#) take precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/6658](#)

US2008176423



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Structural association with built-in overvoltage protection	H01R 13/6666
Structural association with built-in signalling means	H01R 13/6691

H01R 13/6691

{with built-in signalling means ([H01R 13/717](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Built-in light source	H01R 13/717
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H01R 13/68

with built-in fuse

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/66](#) wherein the built-in electrical component is a fusible circuit breaker.

H01R 13/684

the fuse being removable

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/68](#) wherein the built-in fuse is removable from the coupling device.

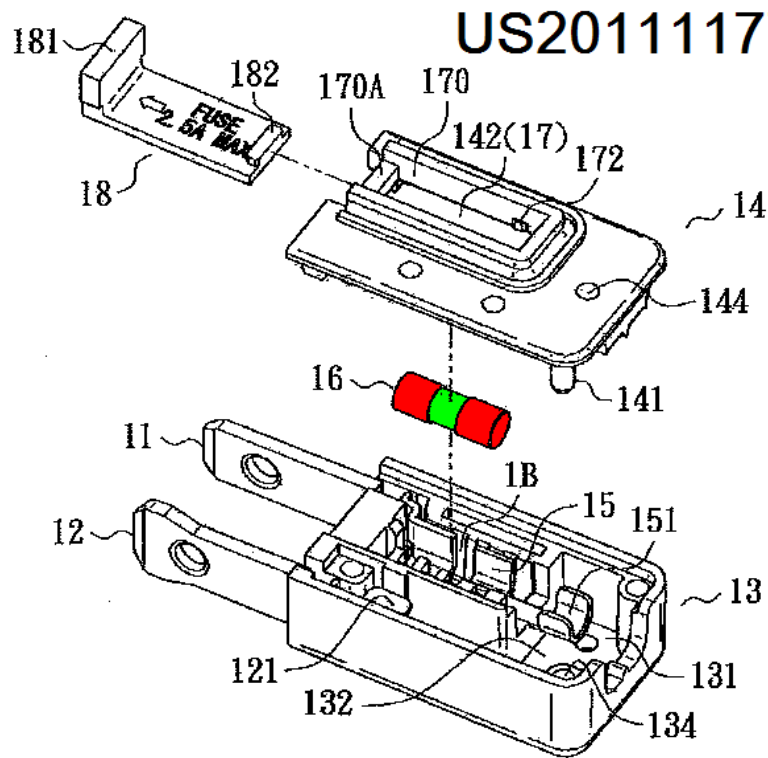
H01R 13/688

with housing part adapted for accessing the fuse

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/684](#) wherein the coupling device includes an opening or a removable or repositionable portion which permits access to the built-in removable fuse.

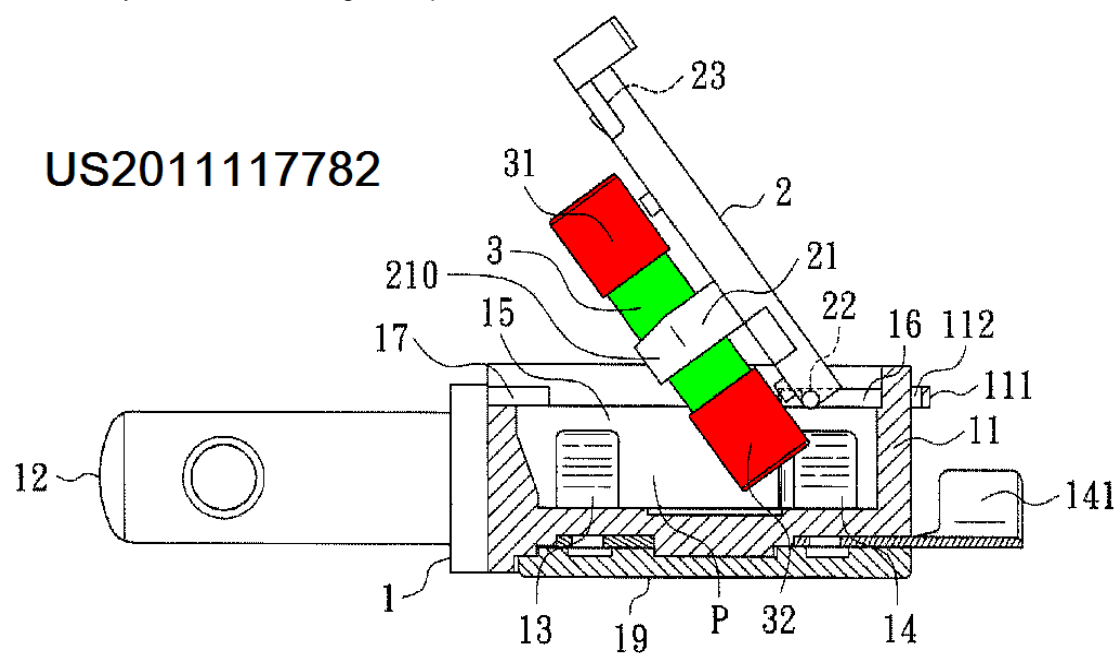


H01R 13/692**Turnable housing part****Definition statement**

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/688](#) wherein the housing part is rotatable, e.g. threadably connected or hinged, to permit access to the built-in removable fuse.

US2011117782



H01R 13/696

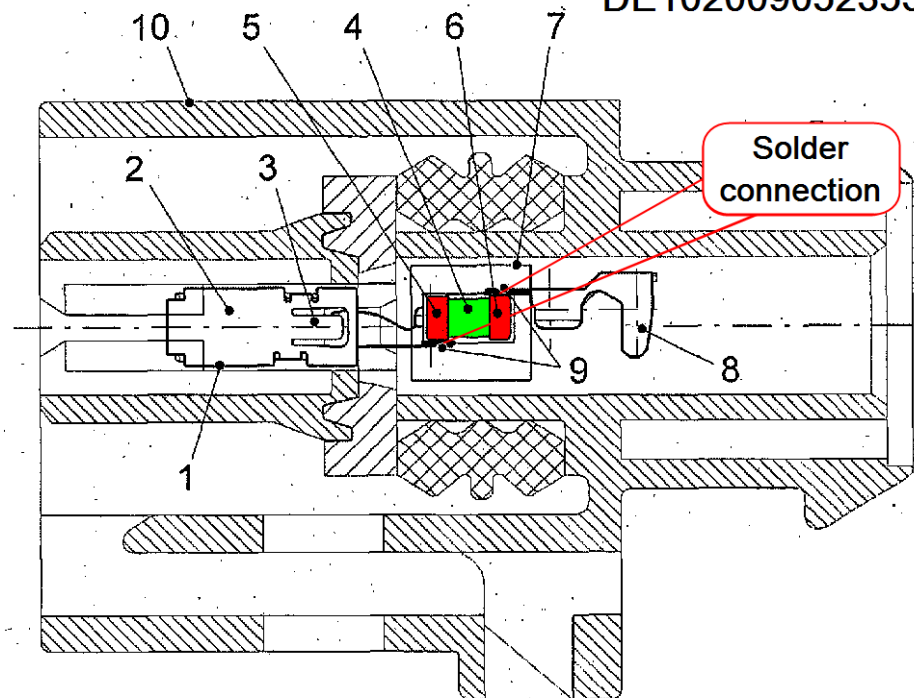
the fuse being integral with the terminal, e.g. pin or socket

Definition statement

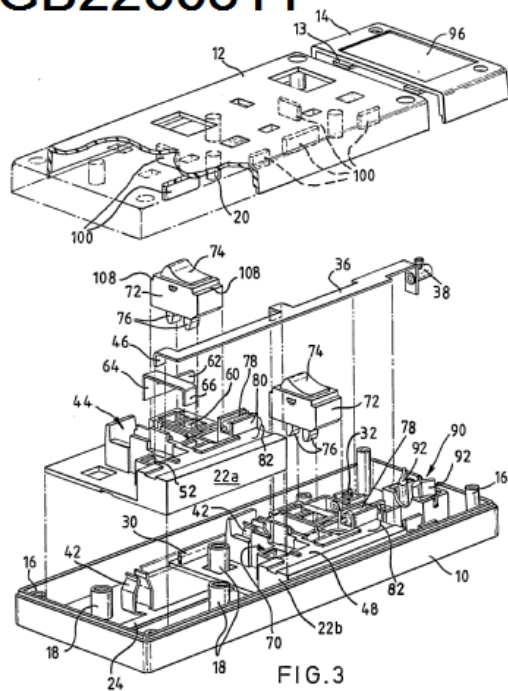
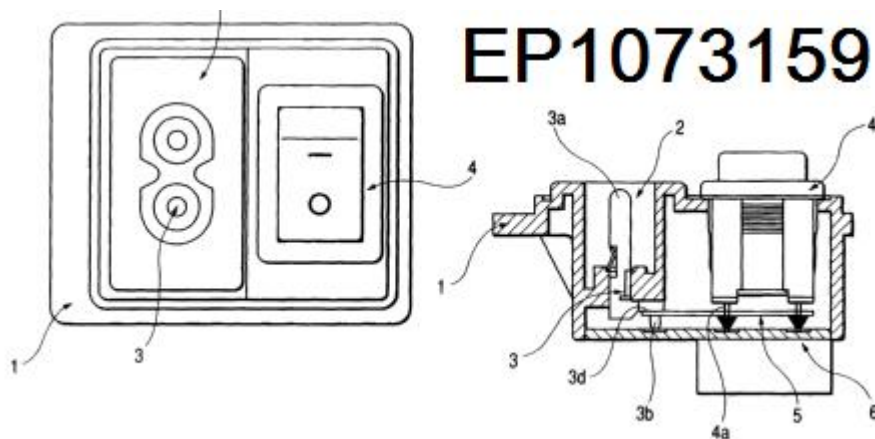
This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/68](#) wherein the built-in fuse is irremovably attached to a contact

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of the coupling device.

H01R 13/70**with built-in switch****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/70](#)**GB2266811****EP1073159**

H01R 13/703

operated by engagement or disengagement of coupling parts, {e.g. dual-continuity coupling part} ([H01R 13/71](#) takes precedence)

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Contact members of coupling parts operating as switch	H01R 13/71
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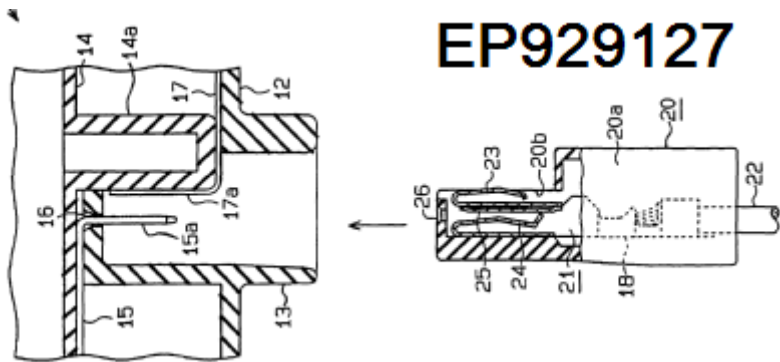
H01R 13/7034

{the terminals being in direct electric contact separated by double sided connecting element (for printed circuit boards [H01R 12/7094](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/7034](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Terminals being in direct electric contact separated by double sided connecting element for printed circuit board	H01R 12/7094
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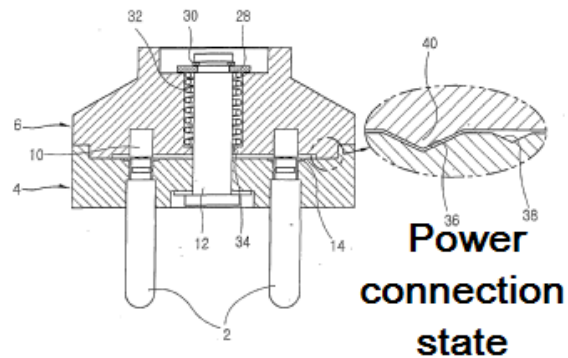
H01R 13/71

Contact members of coupling parts operating as switch {, e.g. linear or rotational movement required after mechanical engagement of coupling part to establish electrical connection}

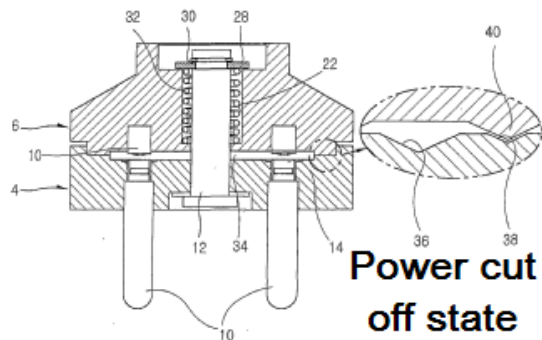
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/71](#)



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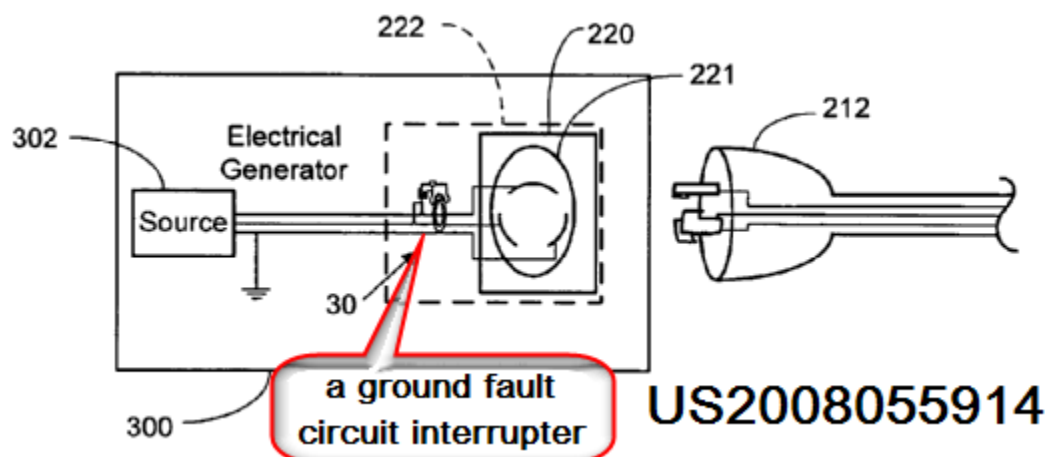
H01R 13/7135

{with ground fault protector ([H01R 13/7132](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/7135](#)

**References****Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Safety switches having ejecting mechanisms	H01R 13/7132
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H01R 13/7137

{with thermal interrupter ([H01R 13/7132](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Safety switches having ejecting mechanisms	H01R 13/7132
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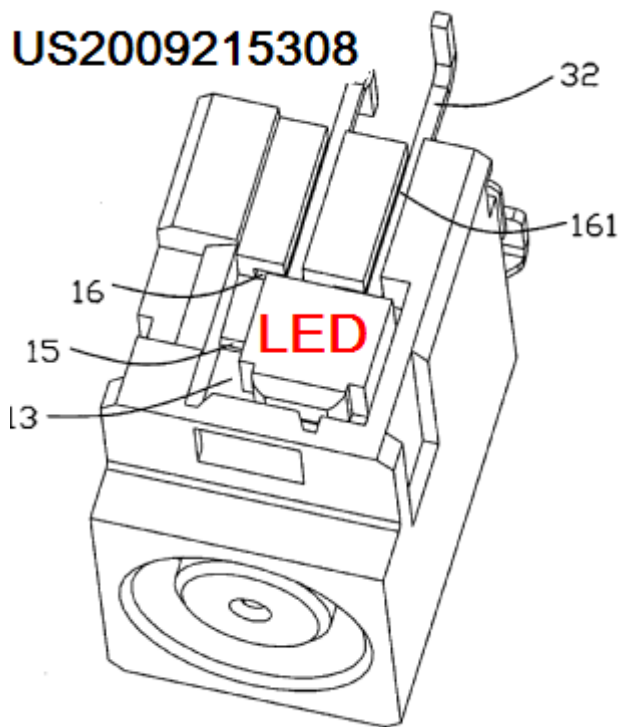
H01R 13/717

with built-in light source

Definition statement

This place covers:

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/66](#) wherein in the built-in electrical component is an electric light source.

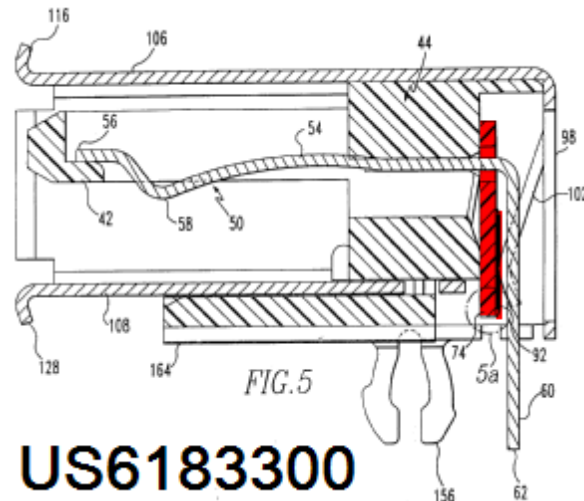
H01R 13/7175**{Light emitting diodes (LEDs)}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/7175](#)**US2009215308****H01R 13/719****pecially adapted for high frequency, e.g. with filters****Definition statement***This place covers:*Subject matter under group [H01R 13/66](#) comprising coupling devices having built-in electrical components or other features which adapt for use with high frequency alternating currents or voltages.**Synonyms and Keywords***In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used with the meaning indicated:*

"filter"	"noise-reducing member".
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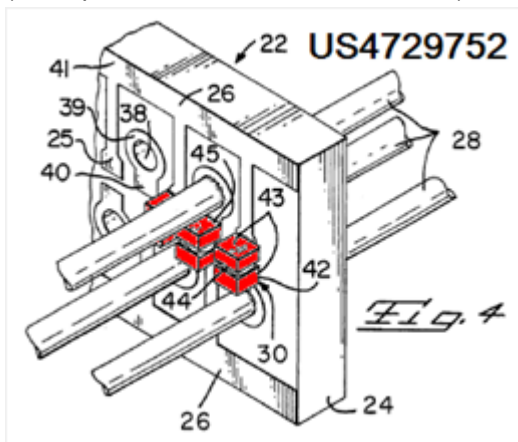
H01R 13/7193**with ferrite filters****Definition statement***This place covers:*Subject matter under group [H01R 13/719](#) wherein the built-in electrical component is a ferrite filter.

H01R 13/7195**with planar filters with openings for contacts****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/719](#) wherein the built-in electrical component consists of a flat, i.e. essentially two-dimensional, filter circuit device, e.g. a PCB with a filter fixed thereon, with apertures to permit engagement of mating contacts.

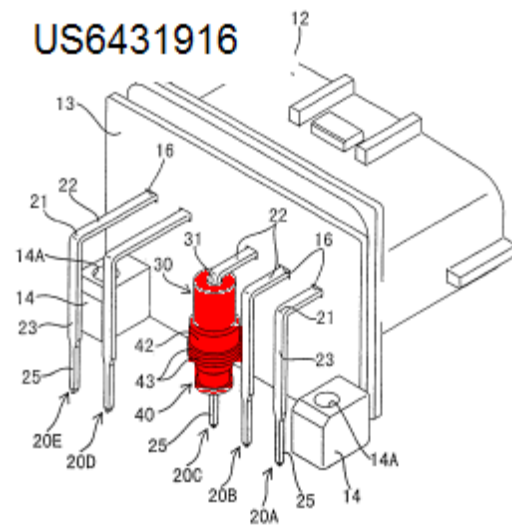


(Examples: US 4729752; US 6183300)

**H01R 13/7197****with filters integral with or fitted onto contacts, e.g. tubular filters****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Subject matter under group [H01R 13/719](#) wherein the built-in electrical component consists of a filter integral with, or fitted onto, at least one connector contact.

(Example: US 6431916)



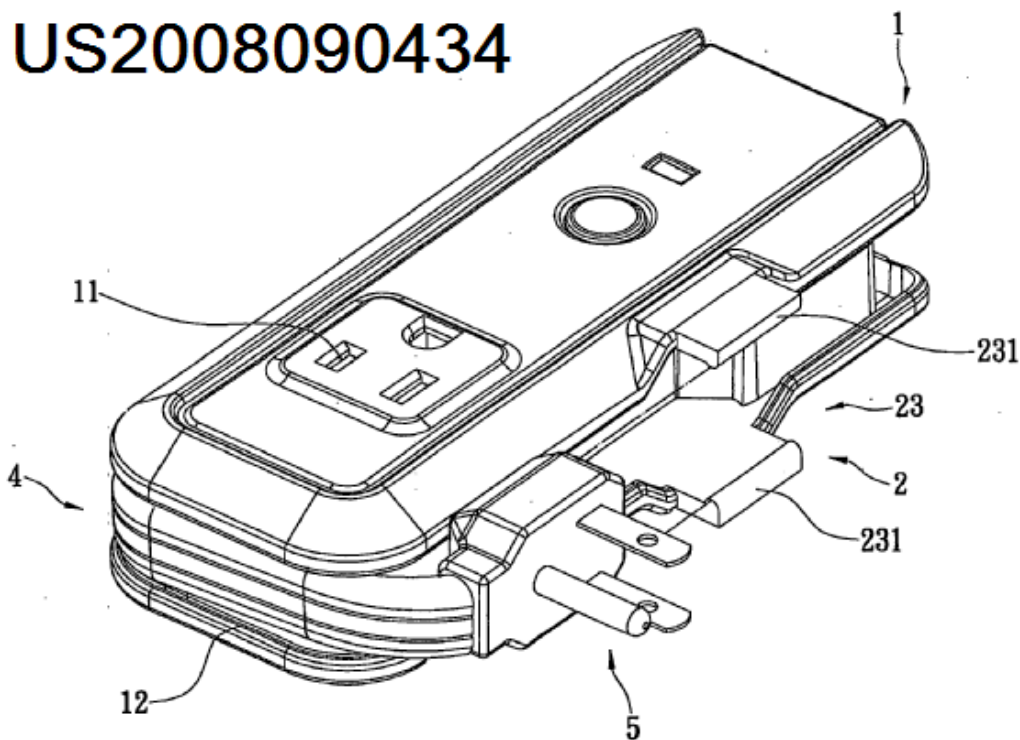
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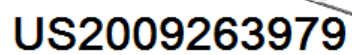
Means for accommodating flexible lead within the holder

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/72](#)

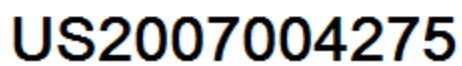


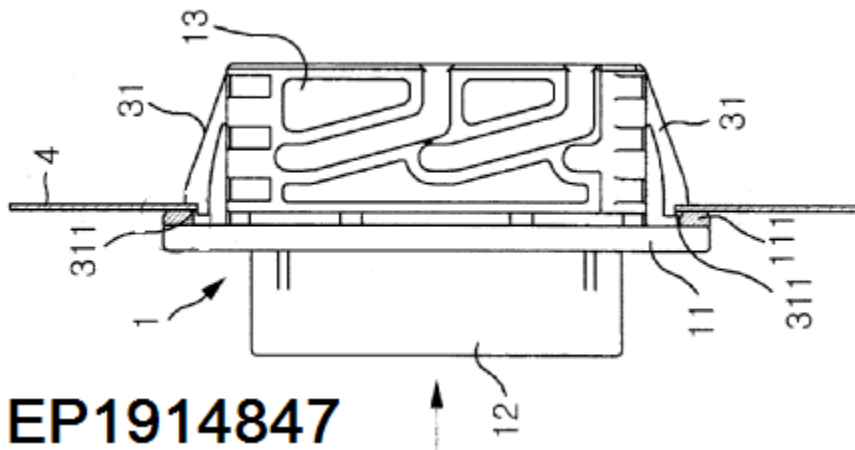
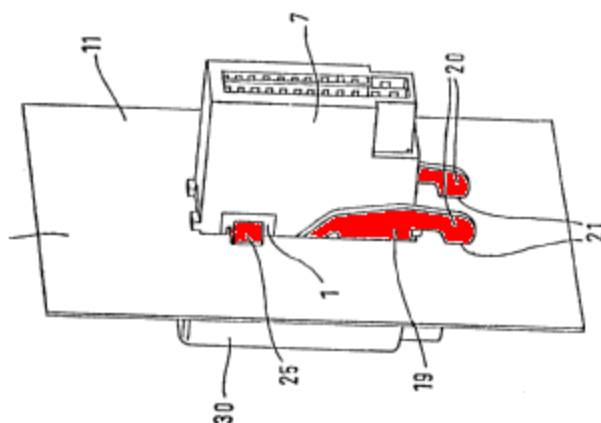


Means for mounting coupling parts to apparatus or structures, e.g. to a wall

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/73](#)



H01R 13/743**{integral with the housing}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/743](#)**EP1914847****H01R 13/745****{separate from the housing}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 13/745](#)**DE10140243**

H01R 13/748

{using one or more screws ([H01R 13/746](#) takes precedence)}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Means for mounting coupling parts in openings of a panel using a screw ring	H01R 13/746
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H01R 24/00

Two-part coupling devices, or either of their cooperating parts, characterised by their overall structure (contact members [H01R 13/02](#); securing contact members in or to a base or case or insulating of contact members [H01R 13/40](#); bases or cases [H01R 13/46](#); means for supporting coupling part when not engaged [H01R 13/60](#); means for facilitating engagement or disengagement of coupling parts or for holding them in engagement [H01R 13/62](#); means for preventing, inhibiting or avoiding incorrect coupling [H01R 13/64](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling devices attached to cables or attached to structures

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

Contact members	H01R 13/02
Securing contact members in or to a base or case	H01R 13/40
Bases; Cases	H01R 13/46
Means for supporting coupling part when not engaged	H01R 13/60
Means for facilitating engagement or disengagement of coupling parts	H01R 13/62
Means for preventing, inhibiting or avoiding incorrect coupling	H01R 13/64

Informative references

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

Special adaptation for high-frequency, e.g. structures providing an impedance match or phase match	H01R 13/646
Protective earth or shield arrangements on coupling devices	H01R 13/648
Structural association with built-in electrical component	H01R 13/66
Coupling devices in which a holder is adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached: Separate parts thereof	H01R 33/00
One pole	H01R 2101/00
Two poles	H01R 2103/00

Three poles	H01R 2105/00
Four or more poles	H01R 2107/00

Special rules of classification

An Indexing Code of the groups [H01R 2101/00](#)- [H01R 2107/00](#) is preferably given to each document classified in this group and the sub-groups.

H01R 24/20

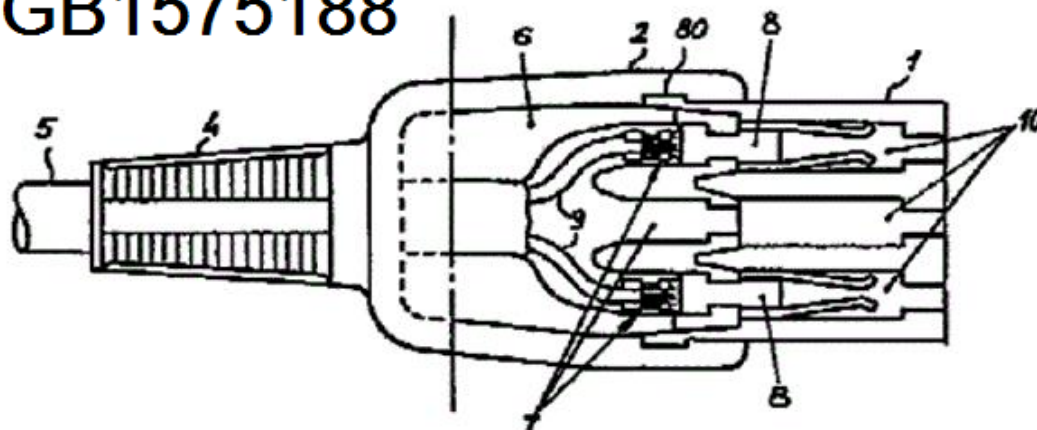
Coupling parts carrying sockets, clips or analogous contacts and secured only to wire or cable

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/20](#) comprises cooperating parts having cavities with conducting properties extending into a support structure. At least one of the cavities is connected to an elongated electrical conductor attached to the support structure.

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H01R 24/22

with additional earth or shield contacts

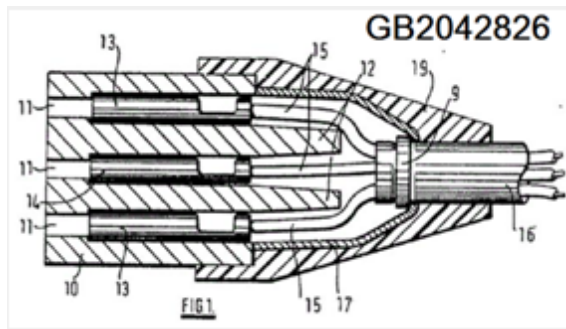
Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/22](#) comprises cooperating parts having cavities with conducting properties extending into a support structure. At least one of the cavities is connected to an elongated

Definition statement

electrical conductor attached to the support structure, whereby the support structure comprises a grounding structure.



H01R 24/28

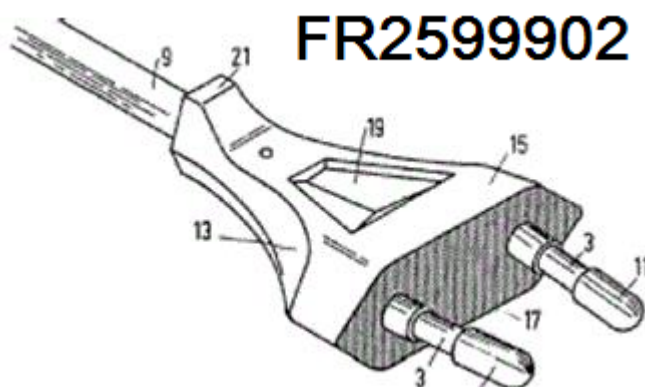
Coupling parts carrying pins, blades or analogous contacts and secured only to wire or cable

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/28](#) comprises cooperating parts having protruding members with conducting properties extending from a support.

At least one of the protruding members is connected to an elongated electrical conductor.



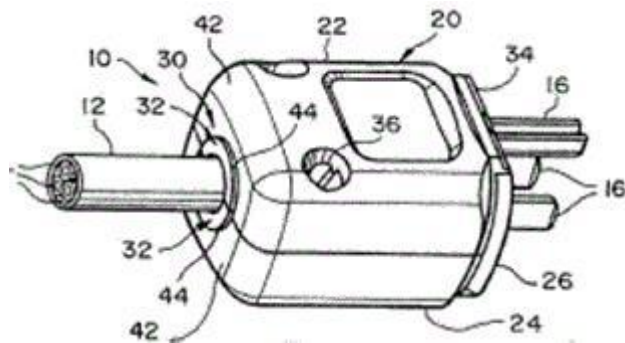
H01R 24/30

with additional earth or shield contacts

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/30](#) comprises cooperating parts having protruding members with conducting properties extending from a support structure and connected to an elongated electrical conductor, whereby one conductor is grounded.



H01R 24/38

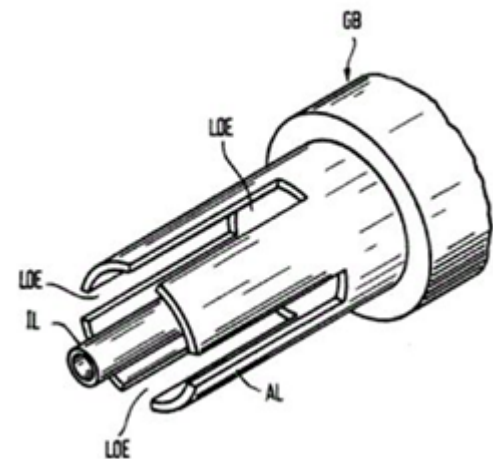
having concentrically or coaxially arranged contacts

Definition statement

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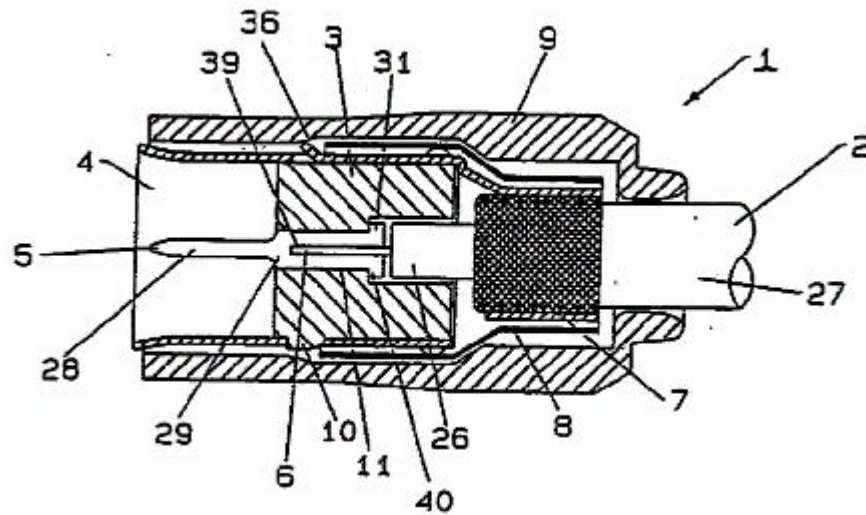
The subject matter under [H01R 24/38](#) comprises cooperating parts having a center contact and cylindrical contacts concentrically disposed thereabout.

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H01R 24/40**specially adapted for high frequency****Definition statement***This place covers:*

The subject matter under [H01R 24/40](#) comprises cooperating parts having a center contact and cylindrical contacts concentrically disposed thereabout and adapted for signals used for radio transmission.



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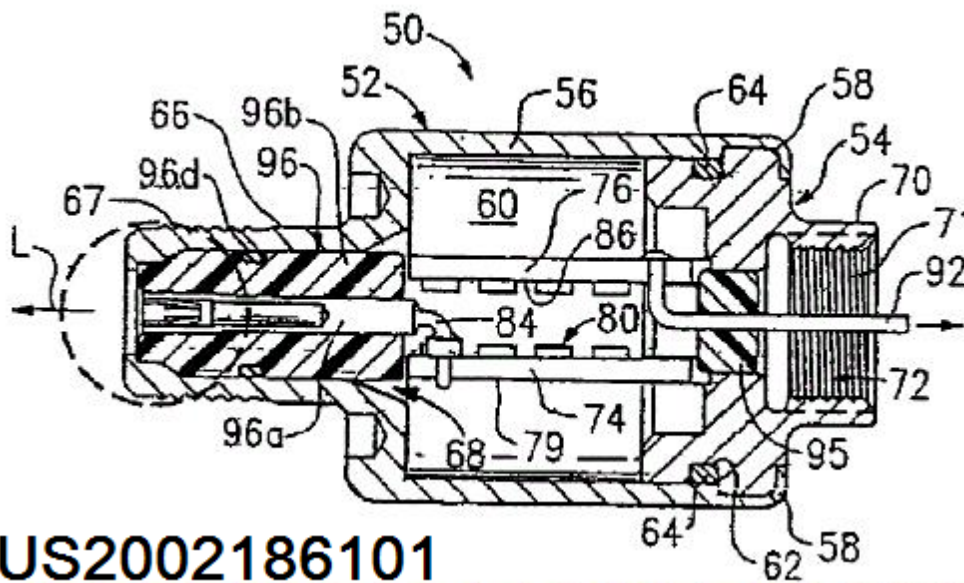
H01R 24/42

comprising impedance matching means or electrical components, e.g. filters or switches

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/42](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and cylindrical contacts concentrically disposed thereabout and at least one component, except components covered by [H01R 24/46](#) or [H01R 24/48](#).



US2002186101

References**Informative references**

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

Impedance matching, filters per se	H03H
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H01R 24/44

comprising impedance matching means

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/44](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and cylindrical contacts concentrically disposed thereabout and means for setting the

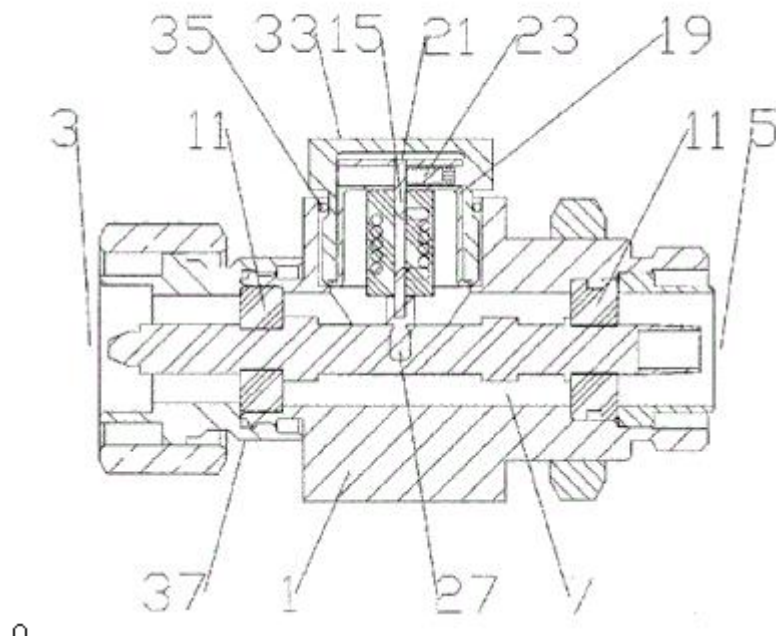
H01R 24/48

comprising protection devices, e.g. overvoltage protection

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/48](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and a cylindrical contact concentrically disposed thereabout and means for reducing voltages above its upper design limit (e.g. transient voltages or voltage spikes).

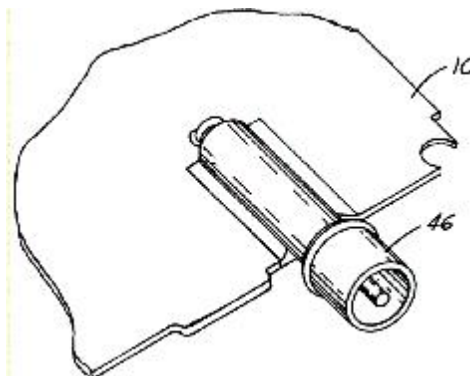
EP1780840**H01R 24/50**

mounted on a PCB [Printed Circuit Board]

Definition statement

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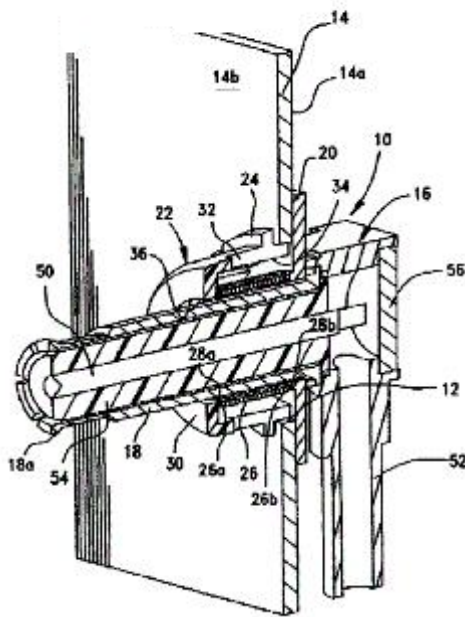
The subject matter under [H01R 24/50](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and a cylindrical contact concentrically disposed thereabout, and adapted for mounting on a substrate providing electrically conductive paths.



US6140977

H01R 24/52**mounted in or to a panel or structure****Definition statement***This place covers:*

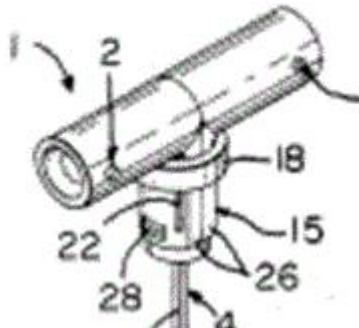
The subject matter under [H01R 24/52](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and a cylindrical contact concentrically disposed thereabout and adapted for mounting on a support except a printed circuit board as in [H01R 24/50](#).

US6679726**H01R 24/54****Intermediate parts, e.g. adapters, splitters or elbows****Definition statement***This place covers:*

The subject matter under [H01R 24/54](#) comprises cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and a cylindrical contact concentrically disposed thereabout and specially adapted as coupling part between two or more counterparts, characterized by the relationship of the counterparts,

e.g. different kinds of counterparts, right angle relationship between counterparts, one counterpart connected to a plurality of counterparts.

US4687446



H01R 24/56

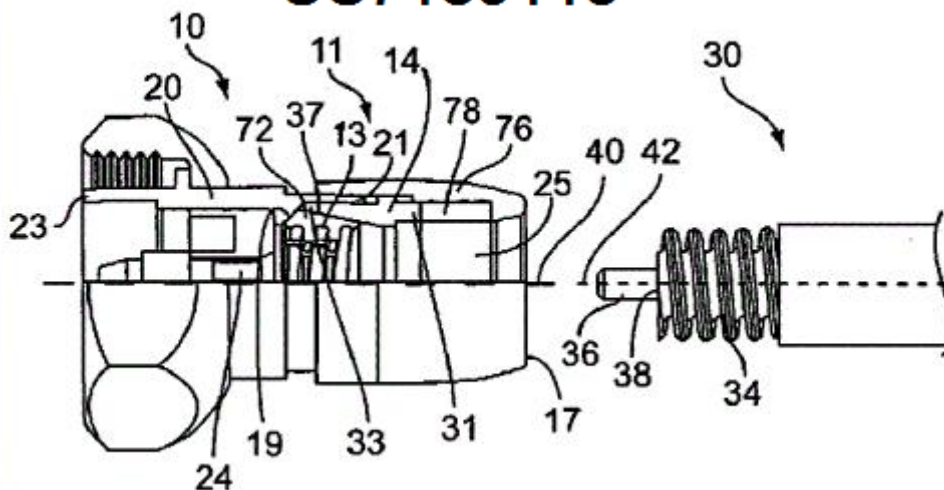
specifically adapted to a specific shape of cables, e.g. corrugated cables, twisted pair cables, cables with two screens or hollow cables

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/56](#) comprises a plurality of cooperating parts for radio transmission having a center contact and a cylindrical contact concentrically disposed thereabout, being adapted to connect elongated conductors having a center conductor and a shielding layer with special features.

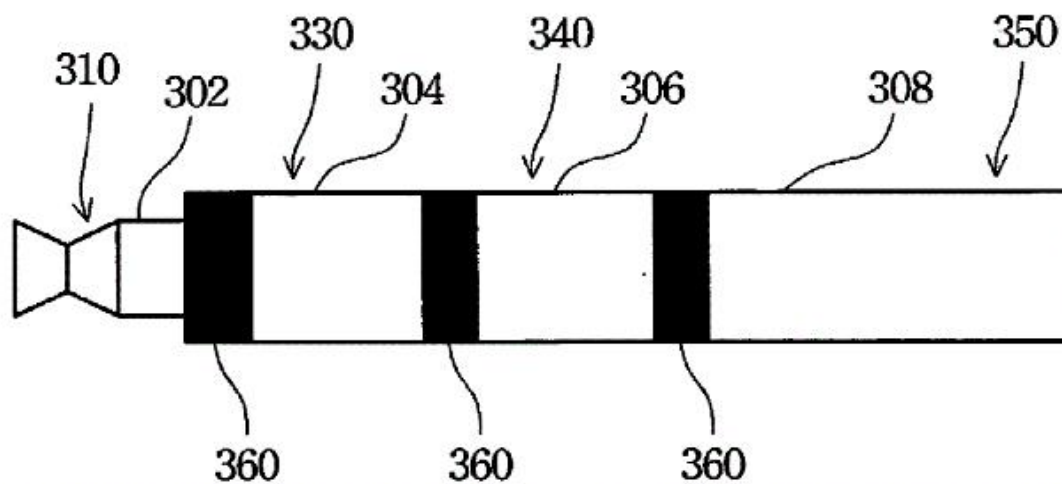
US7189115



H01R 24/58**Contacts spaced along longitudinal axis of engagement****Definition statement**

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/58](#) comprises coupling parts with contacts disposed serially along a line parallel to the longitudinal axis along which the coupling part engages its mating coupling part.

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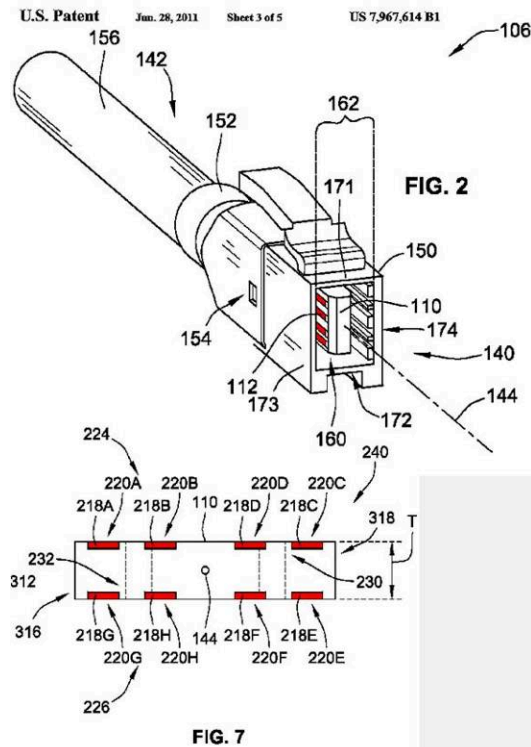
H01R 24/60

Contacts spaced along planar side wall transverse to longitudinal axis of engagement

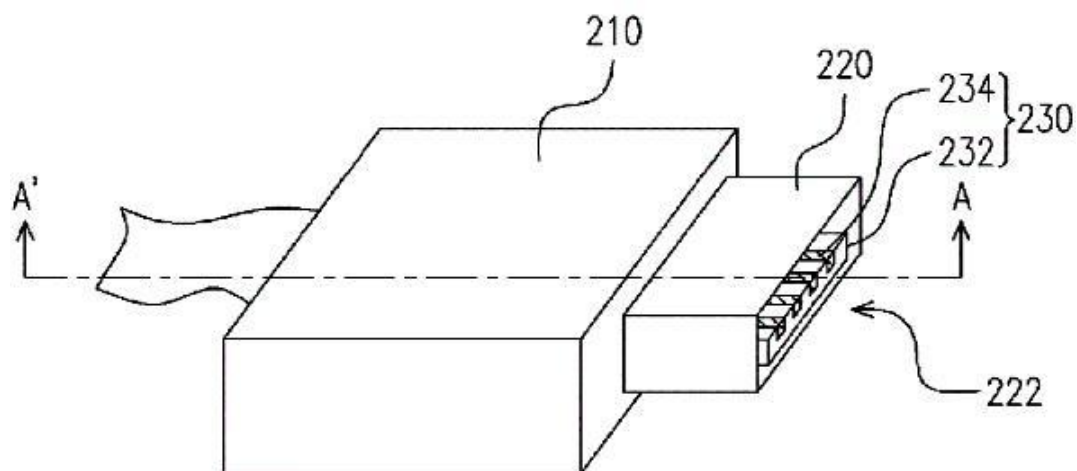
Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/60](#) comprises coupling parts with contacts disposed serially along a line orthogonal to the longitudinal axis along which the coupling part engages its mating coupling part.



US2007178734



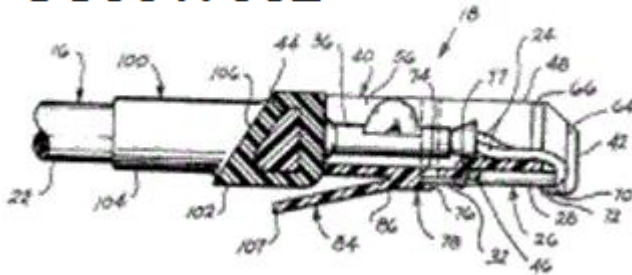
H01R 24/62

Sliding engagements with one side only, e.g. modular jack coupling devices

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/62](#) comprises coupling parts with contacts disposed serially along a surface orthogonal to the longitudinal axis along which the coupling part engages, its mating coupling part being accessible only on one side.

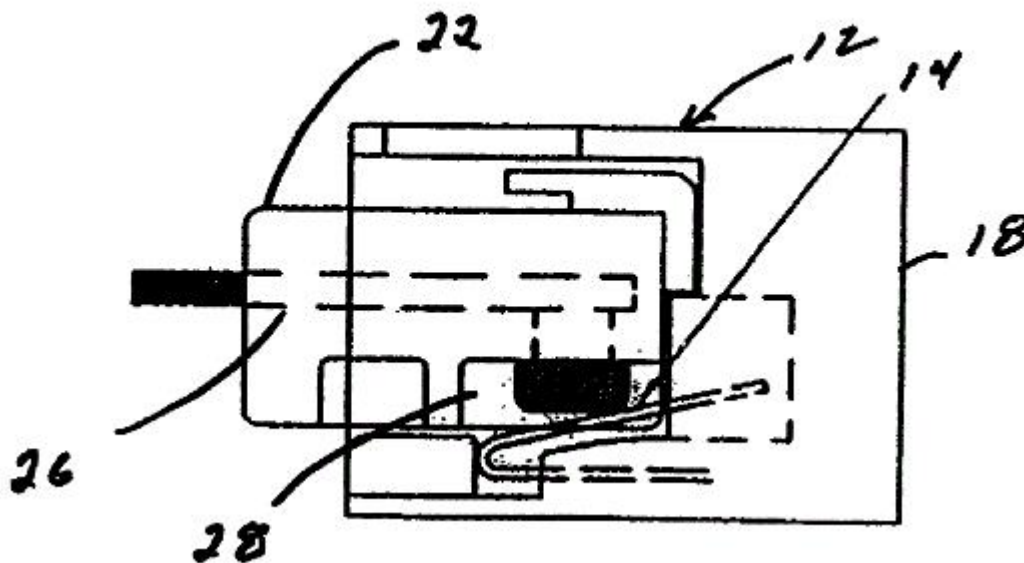
US3617982**H01R 24/64**

for high frequency, e.g. RJ 45

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/64](#) comprises coupling parts with contacts disposed serially along a surface orthogonal to the longitudinal axis along which the coupling part engages its mating coupling part, the coupling part has special features for high speed transmissions.

US2005153580

H01R 24/66

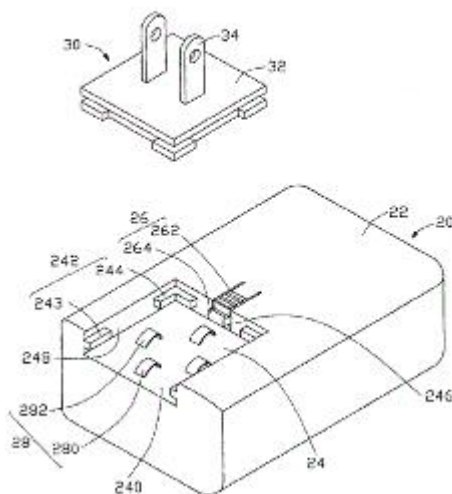
with pins, blades or analogous contacts and secured to apparatus or structure, e.g. to a wall

Definition statement

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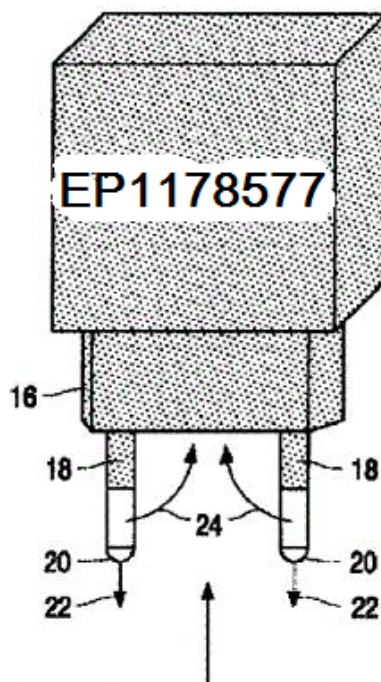
The subject matter under [H01R 24/66](#) comprises cooperating parts having protruding members with conducting properties extending from a support attached to a wall of an apparatus or structure.

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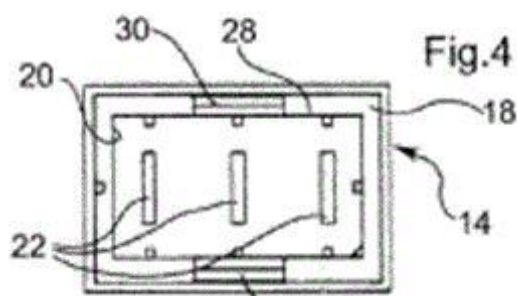


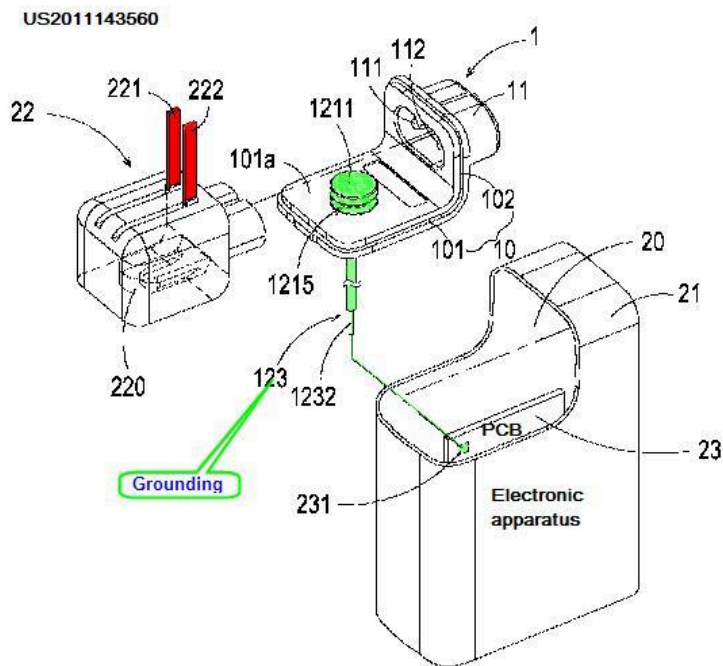
H01R 24/68**mounted on directly pluggable apparatus****Definition statement***This place covers:*

The subject matter under [H01R 24/68](#) comprises cooperating parts having protruding members with conducting properties extending from a portable device.

**H01R 24/70****with additional earth or shield contacts****Definition statement***This place covers:*

The subject matter under [H01R 24/70](#) comprises cooperating parts having protruding members with conducting properties extending from a support, one of the protrusions on the portable device having grounding means.

EP1383207



H01R 24/76

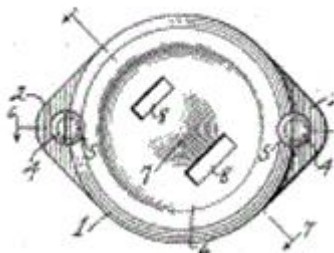
with sockets, clips or analogous contacts and secured to apparatus or structure, e.g. to a wall

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/76](#) comprises cooperating parts having recesses with conducting properties extending into a support attached to a wall of an apparatus or structure.

US1994880



H01R 24/78

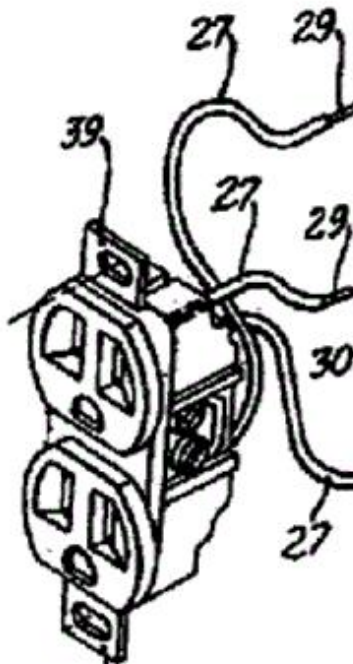
with additional earth or shield contacts

Definition statement

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/78](#) comprises cooperating parts having recesses with conducting properties extending into a support attached to a wall of an apparatus or structure, one of the recesses having grounding means.

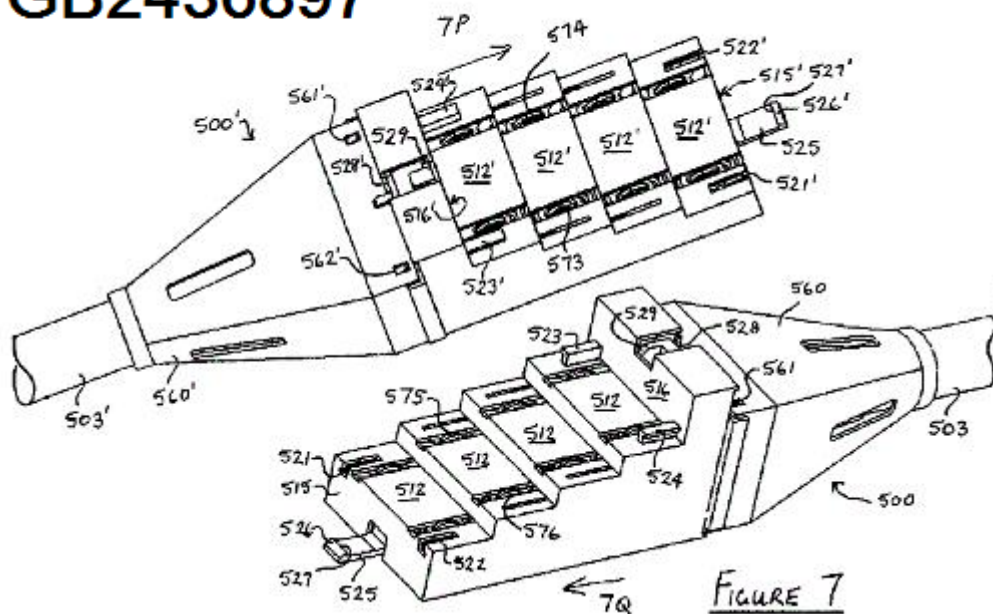
US6786766



H01R 24/84**Hermaphroditic coupling devices****Definition statement**

This place covers:

The subject matter under [H01R 24/84](#) comprises cooperating parts which are identical in configuration in the interfitting portions thereof.

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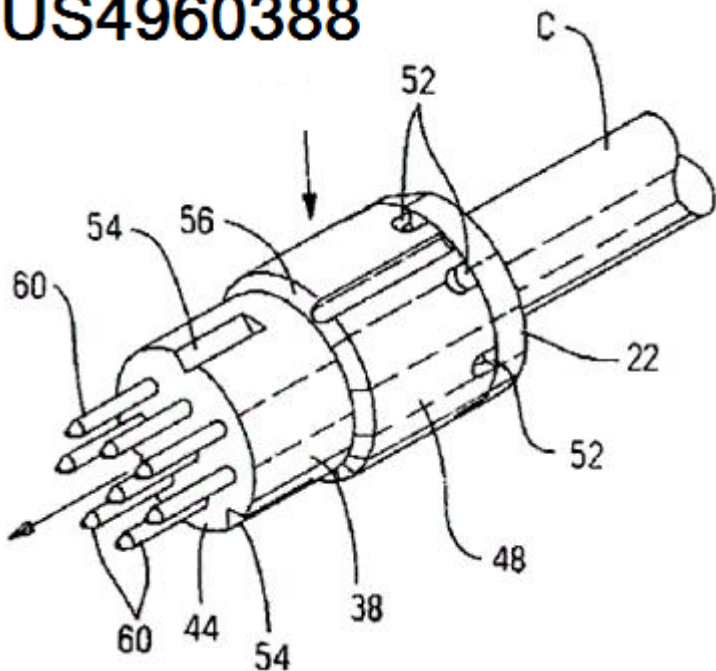
H01R 24/86

Parallel contacts arranged about a common axis

Definition statement

This place covers:
The subject matter under [H01R 24/86](#) comprises cooperating parts with electrically mating conductors extending in the same direction about the longitudinal axis along which the cooperating part engages its mating coupling part.

US4960388



H01R 25/00

Coupling parts adapted for simultaneous co-operation with two or more identical counterparts, e.g. for distributing energy to two or more circuits (supported only by co-operation with a counterpart [H01R 31/00](#); with a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached [H01R 33/88](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:
Coupling parts for multiple or alternative co-operation with identical counterparts

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Supported only by co-operation with a counterpart	H01R 31/00
With a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached	H01R 33/88

H01R 25/003

{the coupling part being secured only to wires or cables}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/003](#)

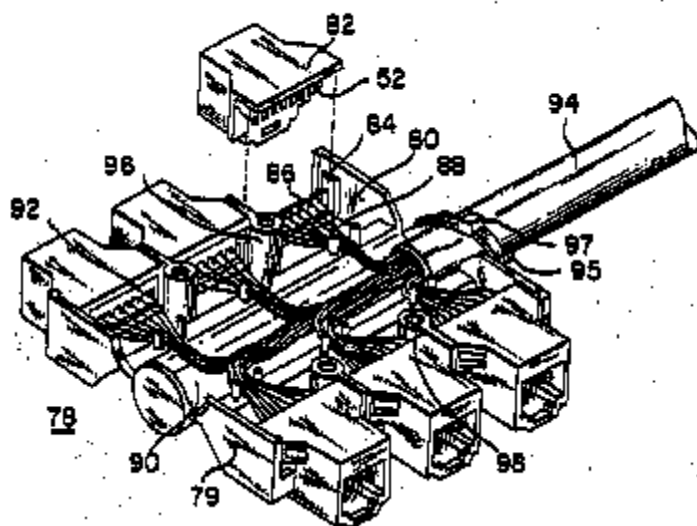
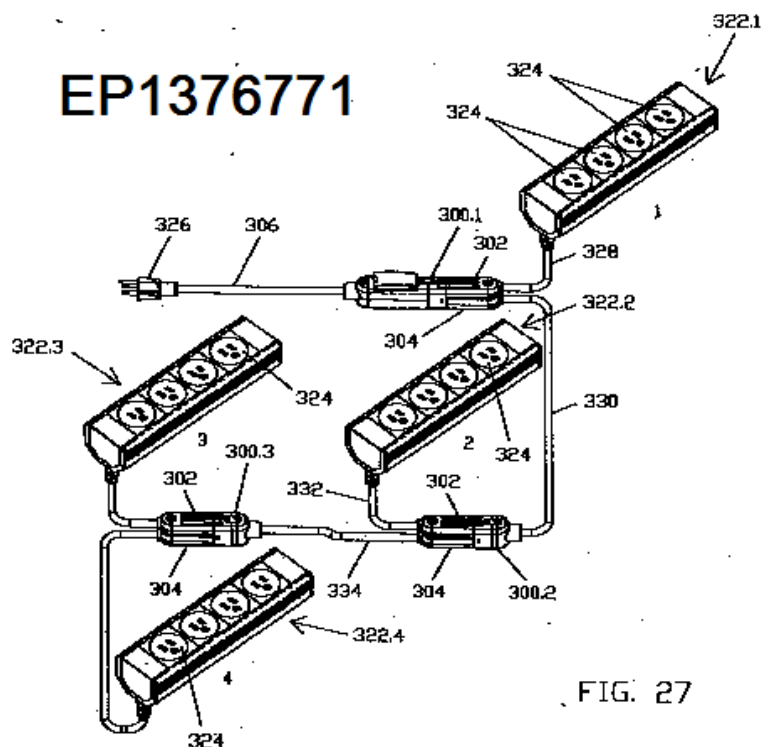
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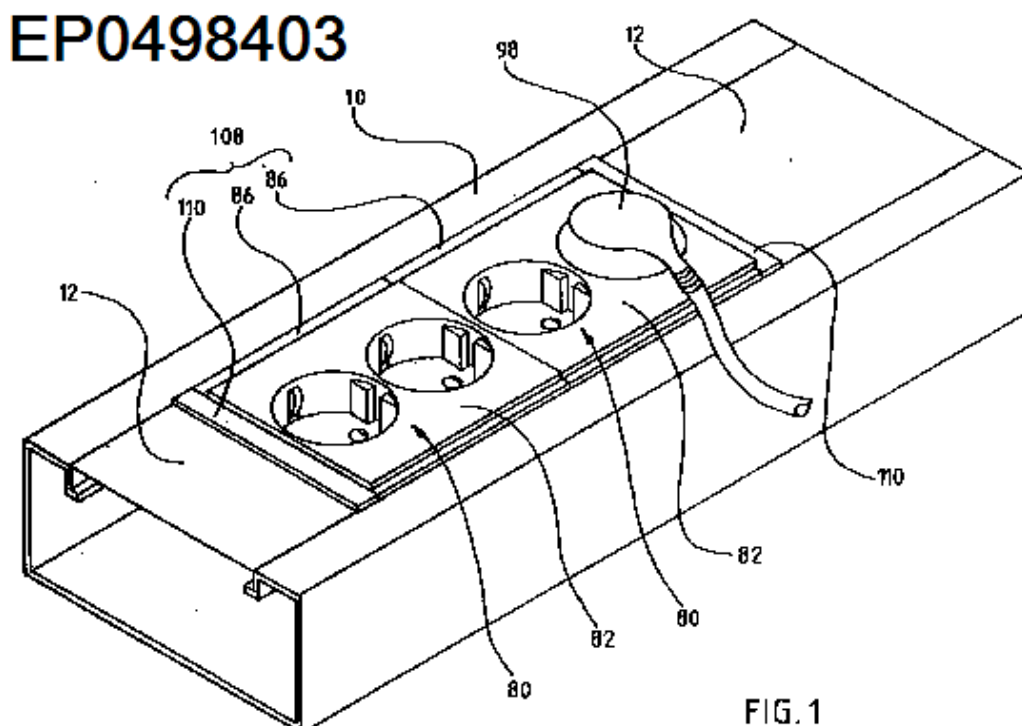
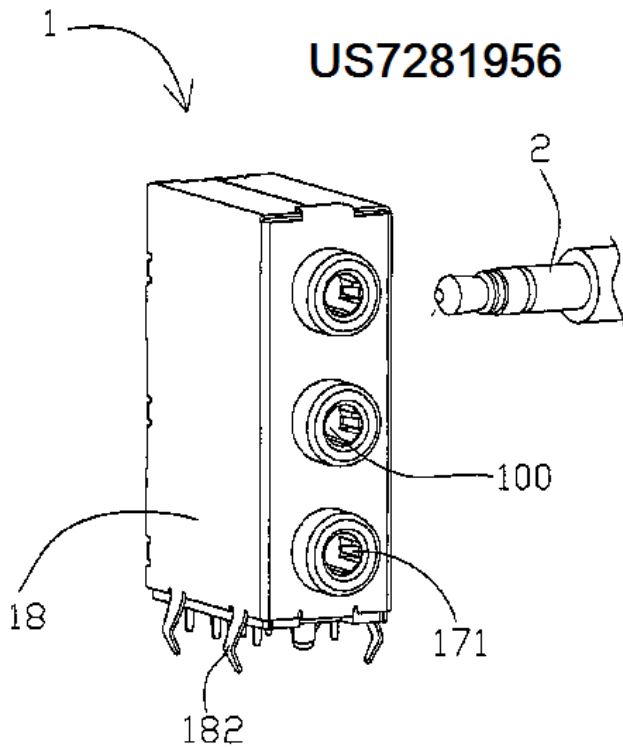
H01R 25/006

{the coupling part being secured to apparatus or structure, e.g. duplex wall receptacle}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/006](#)



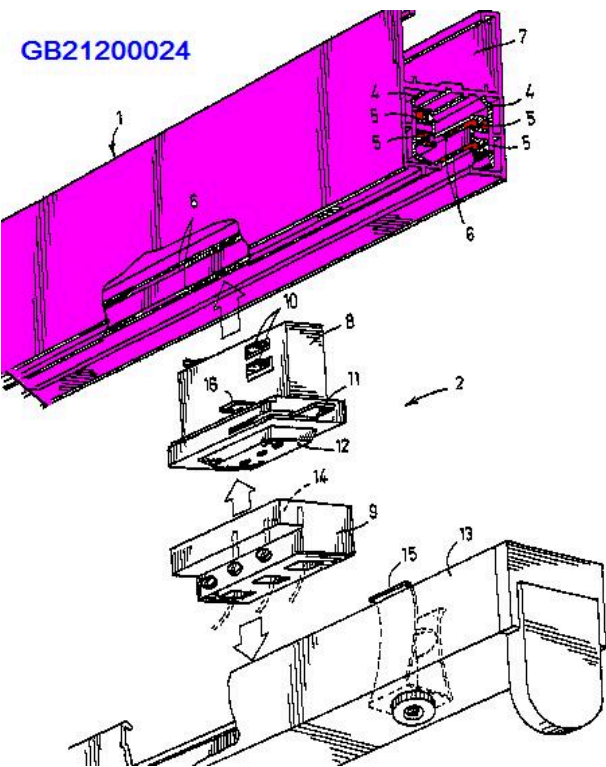
H01R 25/14

Rails or bus-bars constructed so that the counterparts can be connected thereto at any point along their length (supporting elements for lighting devices, displaceable along guiding elements and making electrical contact with conductors running along the guiding elements [F21V 21/35](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/14](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Direct electrical contact between the supporting element and electric conductors running along the guiding element	F21V 21/35
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Informative references

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

Installation of bus bars	H02G 5/00
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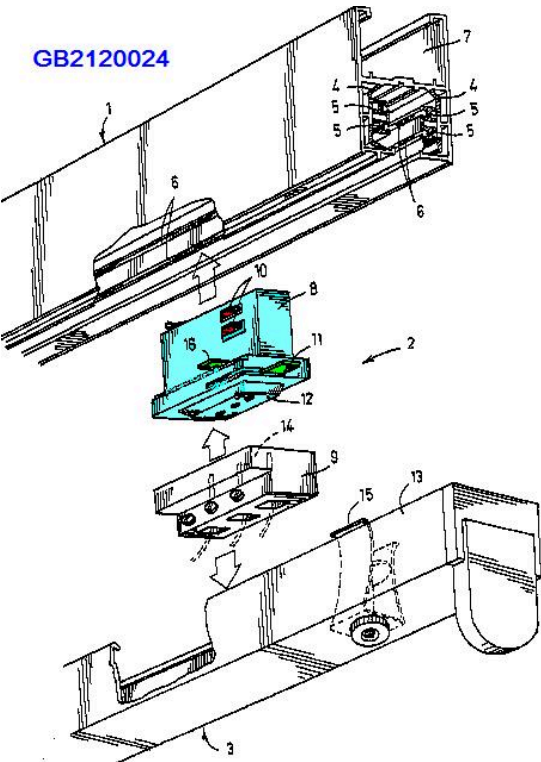
H01R 25/142

{Their counterparts}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/142](#)



H01R 25/145

{Details, e.g. end pieces or joints ([H01R 25/147](#) takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Low voltage devices	H01R 25/147
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H01R 25/16

Rails or bus-bars provided with a plurality of discrete connecting locations for counterparts

References

Informative references

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

Protective tubings or conduits	H02G 3/00
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Installation of bus bars

[H02G 5/00](#)

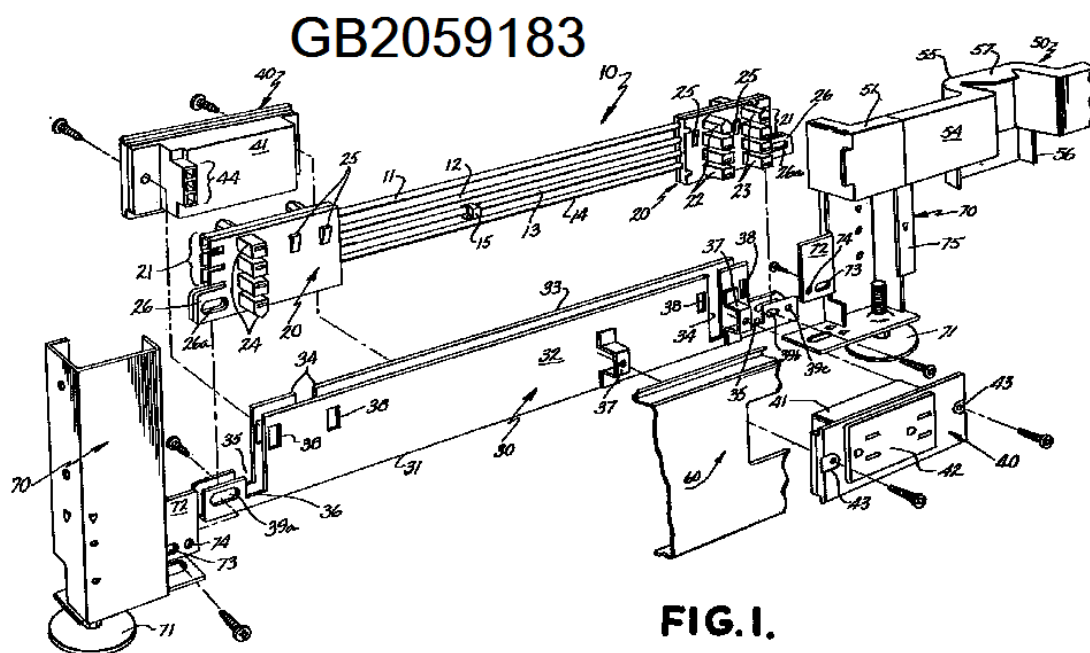
H01R 25/161

{Details}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/161](#)



H01R 25/162

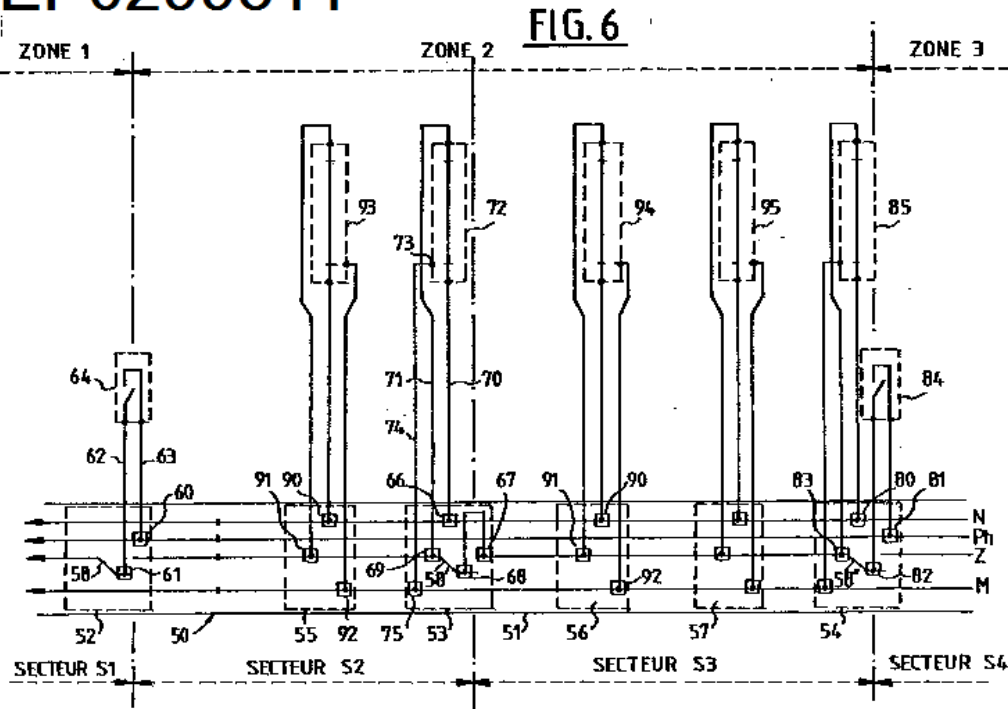
{Electrical connections between or with rails or bus-bars (rails having primarily a non electrical function [H01R 4/64](#))}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 25/162](#)

EP0299811



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Rails having primarily a non electrical function	H01R 4/64
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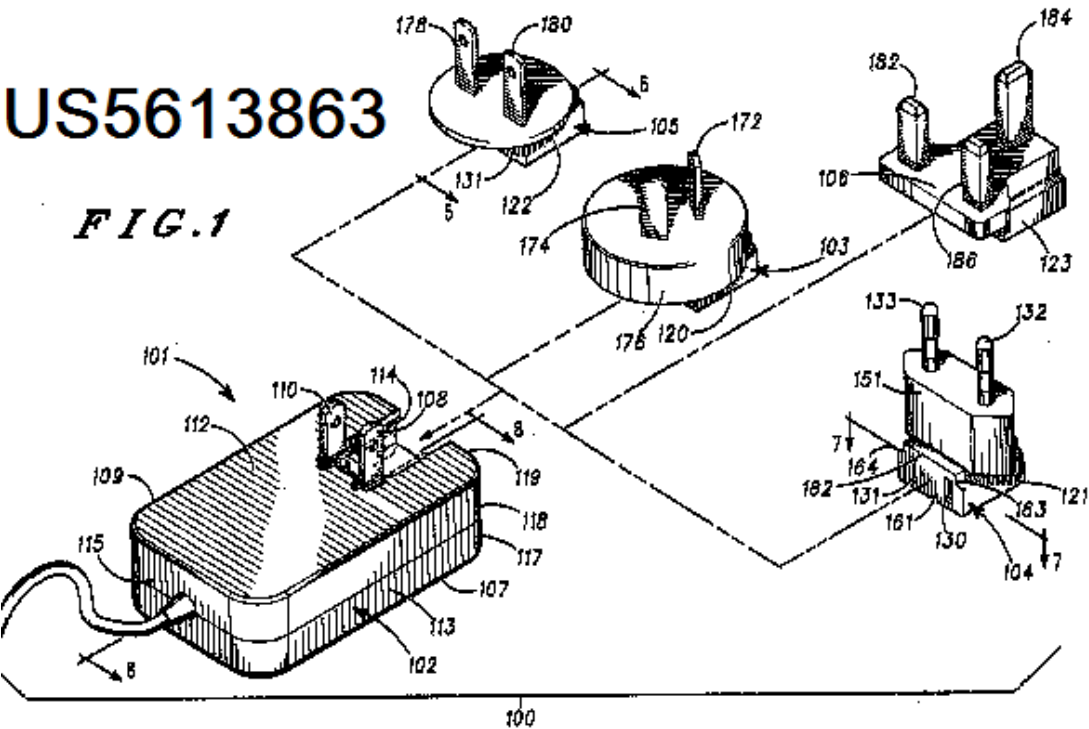
H01R 27/00

Coupling parts adapted for co-operation with two or more dissimilar counterparts (for dissimilar contact members [H01R 13/35](#)); supported only by co-operation with a counterpart [H01R 31/00](#); with a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached [H01R 33/90](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Coupling parts for multiple or alternative co-operation with non-identical counterparts



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For dissimilar contact members	H01R 13/35
Supported only by co-operation with a counterpart	H01R 31/00
With a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached	H01R 33/90

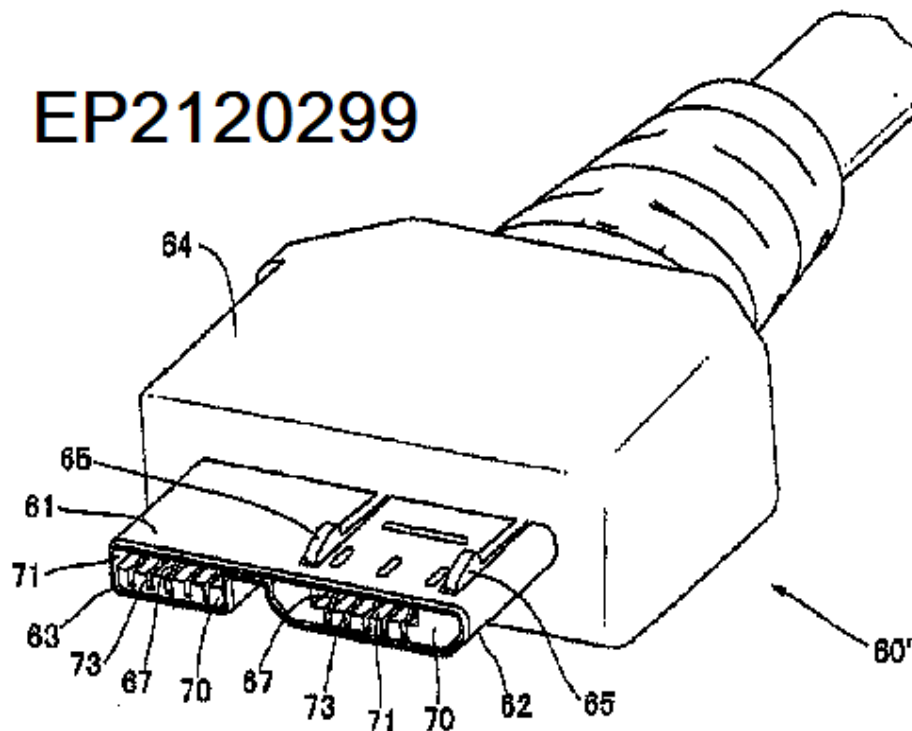
H01R 27/02

for simultaneous co-operation with two or more {dissimilar} counterparts

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 27/02](#)

**H01R 29/00**

Coupling parts for selective co-operation with a counterpart in different ways to establish different circuits, e.g. for voltage selection, for series-parallel selection, {programmable connectors}

Definition statement

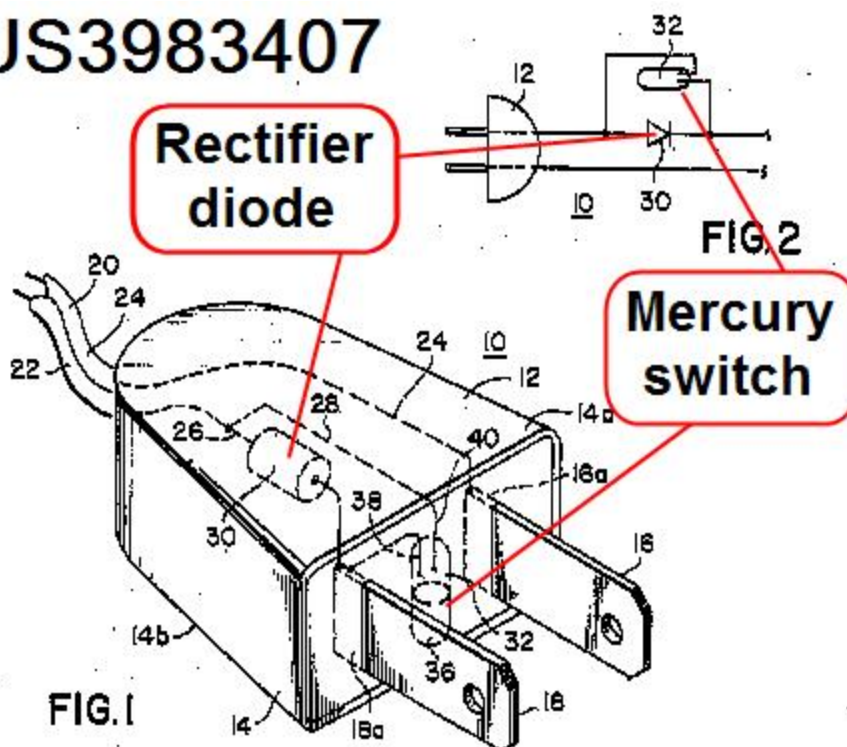
This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 29/00](#)

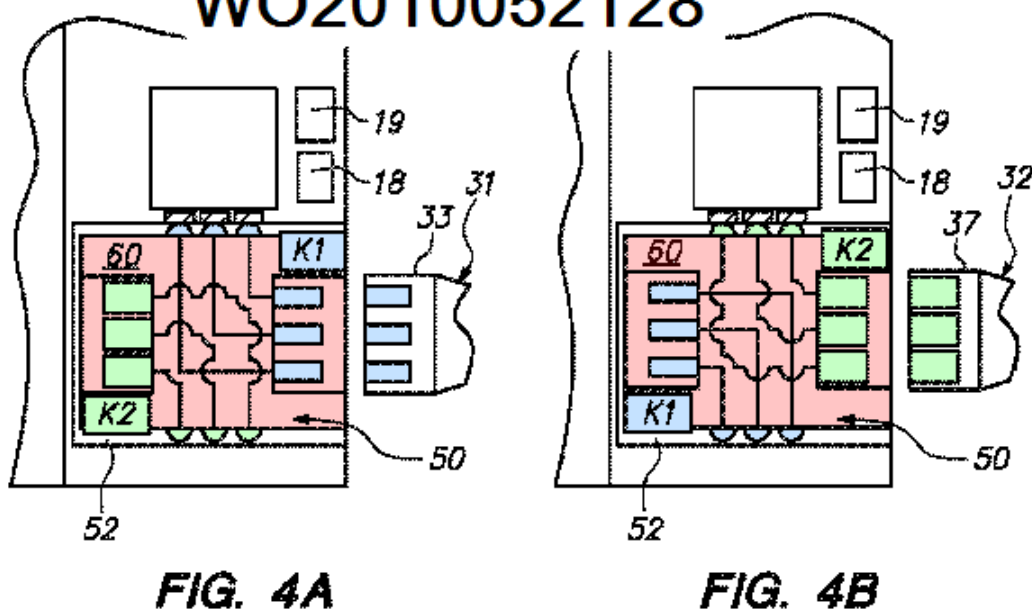
e.g.: Programmable plugs/sockets;

Plug/socket comprising a fixed wiring pattern insertable in a counterpart.

US3983407



WO2010052128



H01R 31/00

Coupling parts supported only by co-operation with counterpart

Definition statement

This place covers:

Linking part forming an intermediate coupling mean between the two parts of coupling devices.

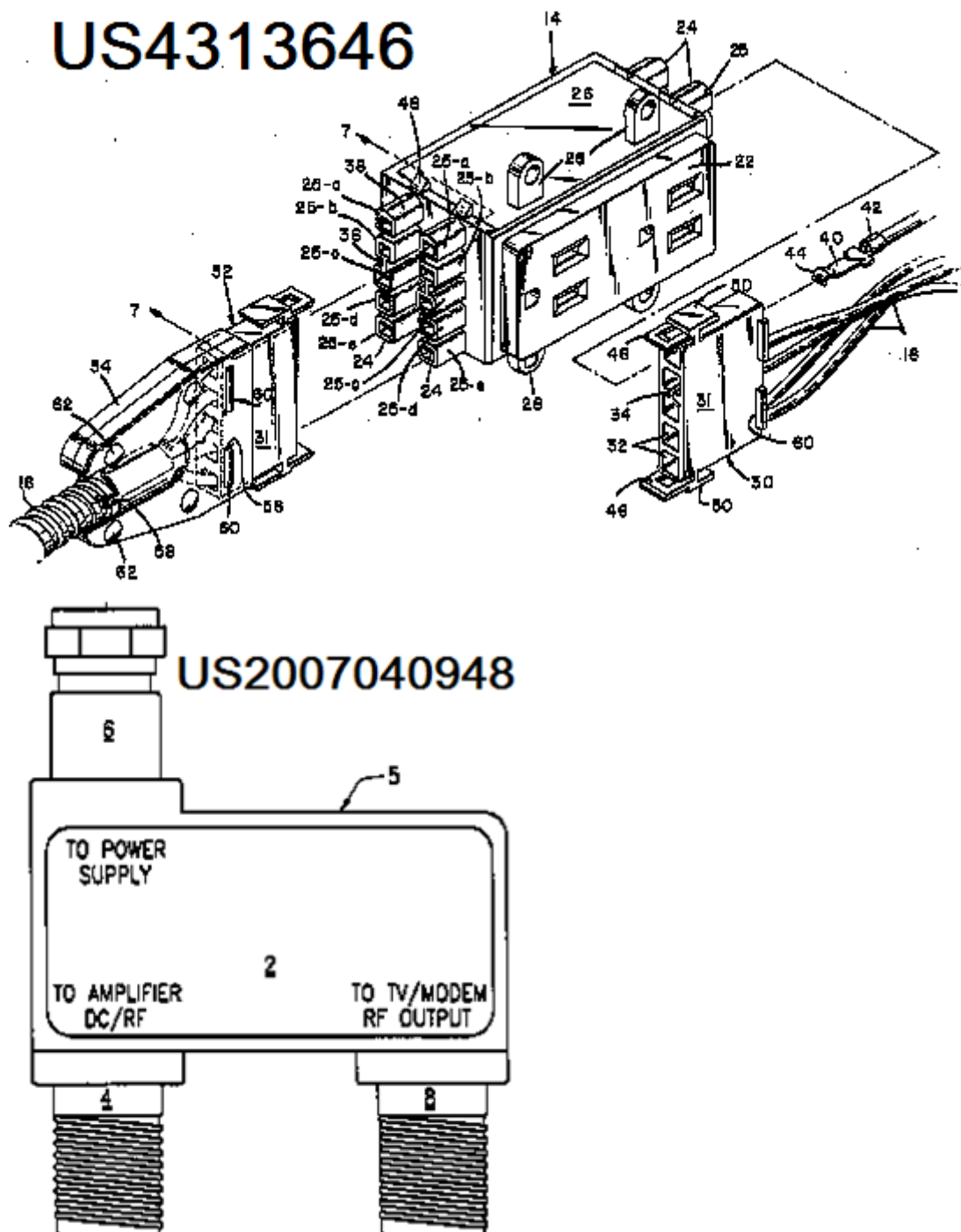
H01R 31/02

Intermediate parts for distributing energy to two or more circuits in parallel, e.g. splitter (with a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached [H01R 33/92](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 31/02](#)



References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For linking coupling parts that cannot co-operate	H01R 31/06
With a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached	H01R 33/92

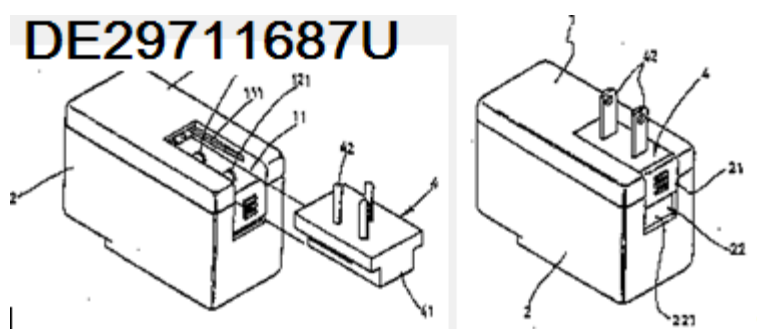
H01R 31/06

Intermediate parts for linking two coupling parts, e.g. adapter (with a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached [H01R 33/94](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 31/06](#)

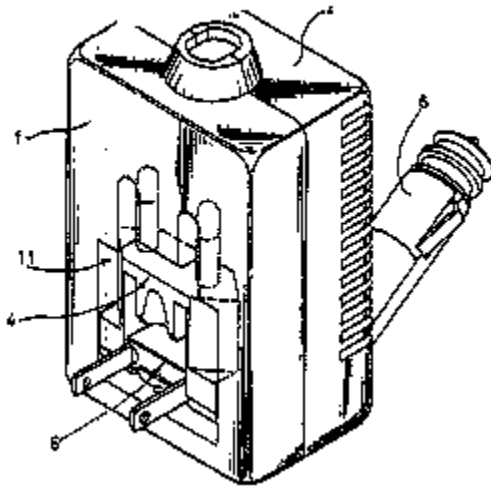
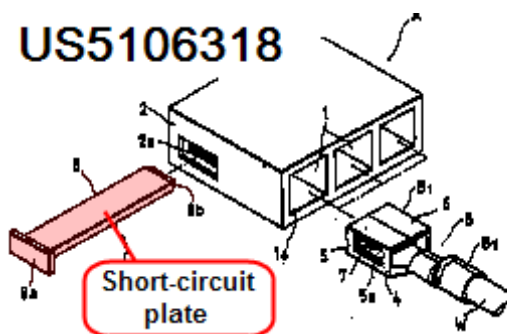


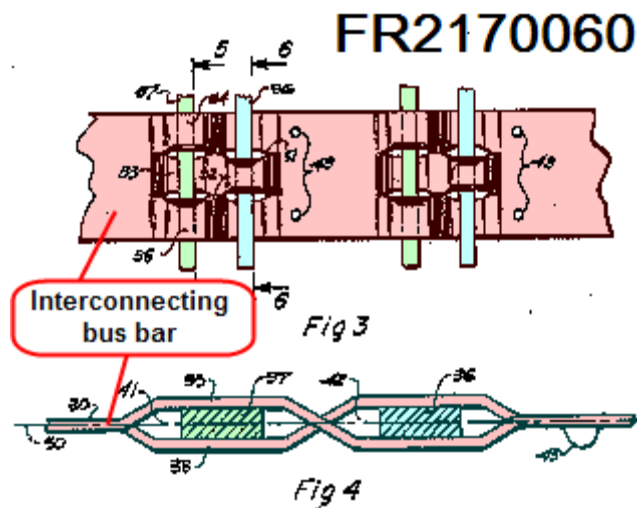
References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

With a holder adapted for supporting apparatus to which its counterpart is attached	H01R 33/94
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H01R 31/065**{with built-in electric apparatus}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 31/065](#)**DE29715788U****H01R 31/08****Short-circuiting members for bridging contacts in a counterpart****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 31/08](#)**US5106318**

H01R 31/085**{Short circuiting bus-strips}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 31/085](#)**H01R 33/00**

Coupling devices specially adapted for supporting apparatus and having one part acting as a holder providing support and electrical connection via a counterpart which is structurally associated with the apparatus, e.g. lamp holders; Separate parts thereof

Definition statement*This place covers:*

Coupling devices specially adapted for supporting, holding and electrically connecting with an apparatus.

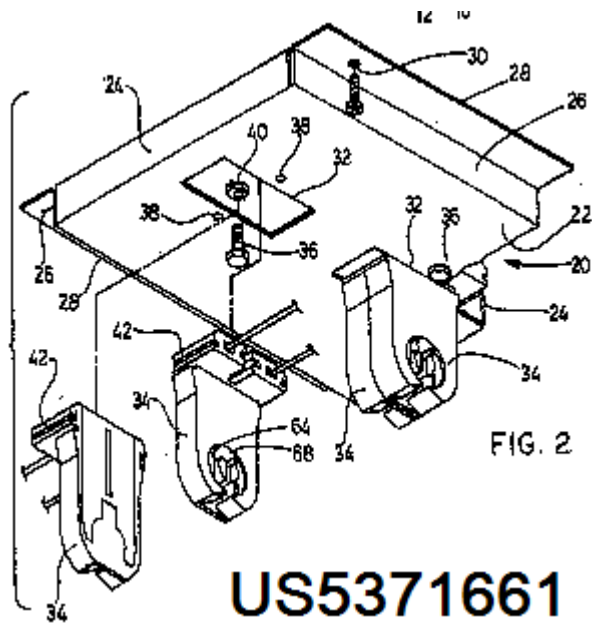
H01R 33/08

for supporting tubular fluorescent lamp

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/08](#)



H01R 33/089

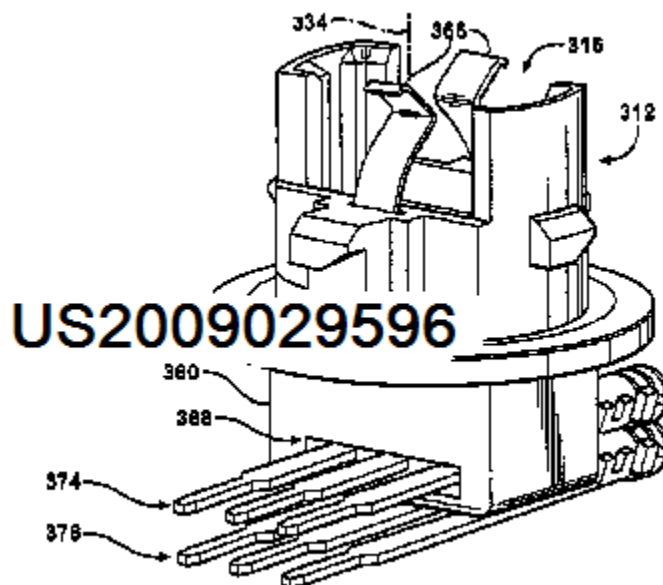
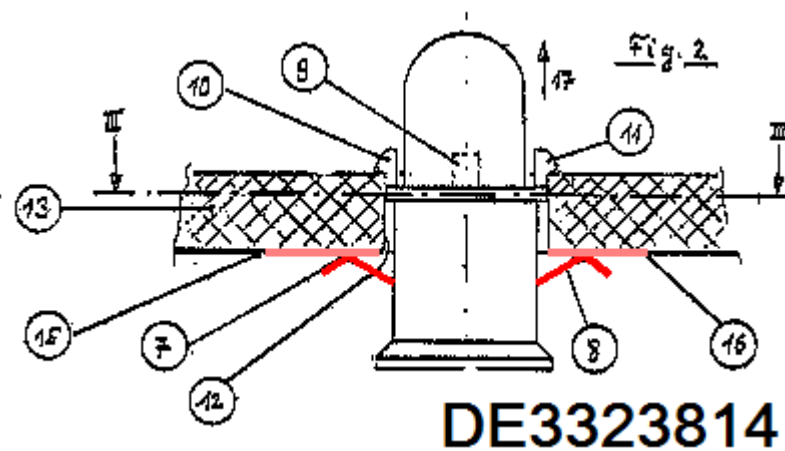
{integral with starter holding structure ([H01R 33/065](#) for starters only)}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For starters only	H01R 33/065
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H01R 33/09**for baseless lamp bulb****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/09](#)**H01R 33/18****having only abutting contacts****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/18](#)

H01R 33/20

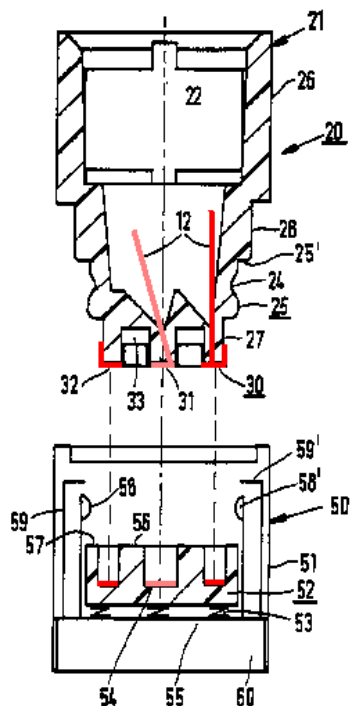
having concentrically or coaxially arranged contacts

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/20](#)

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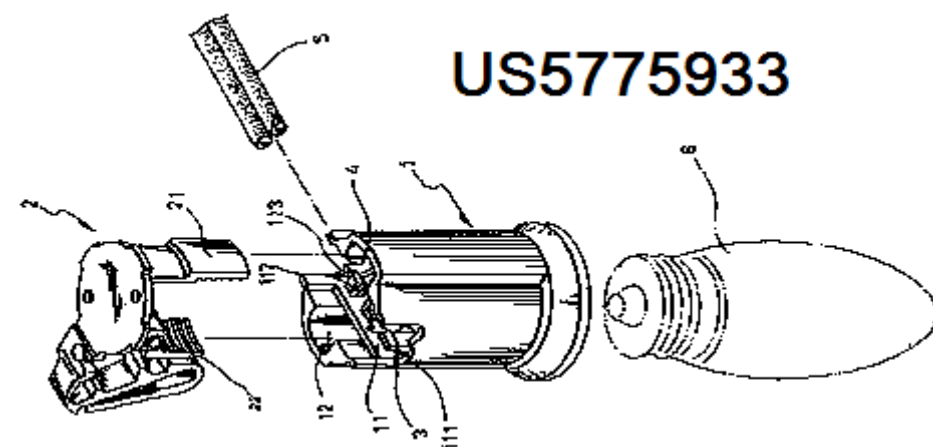
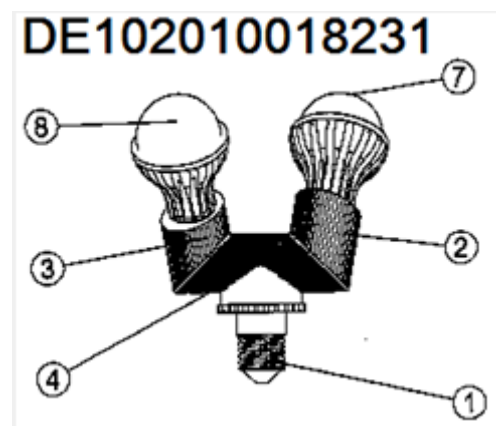
H01R 33/22

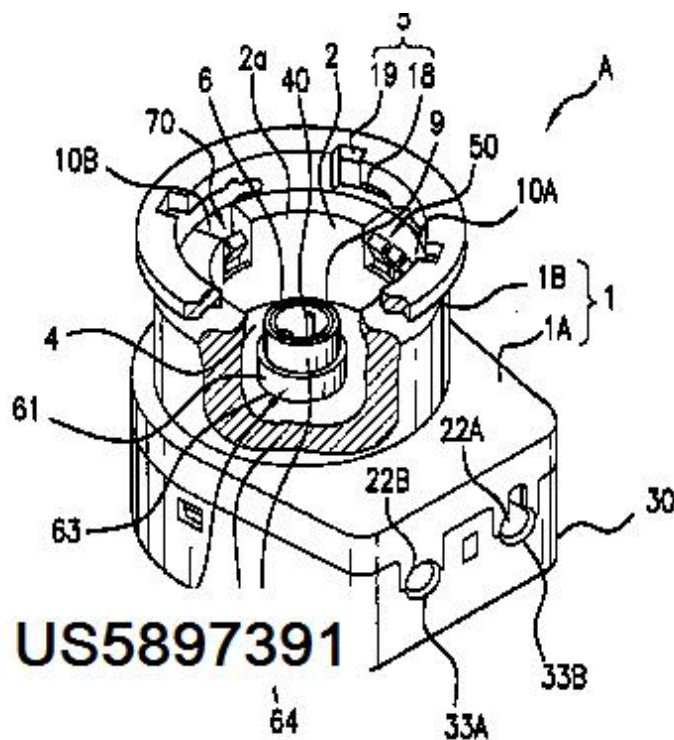
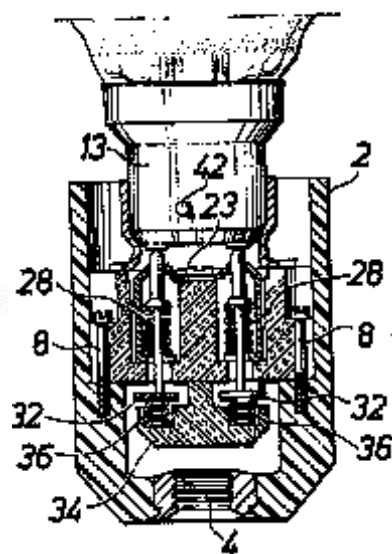
for screw type base, e.g. for lamp

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/22](#)

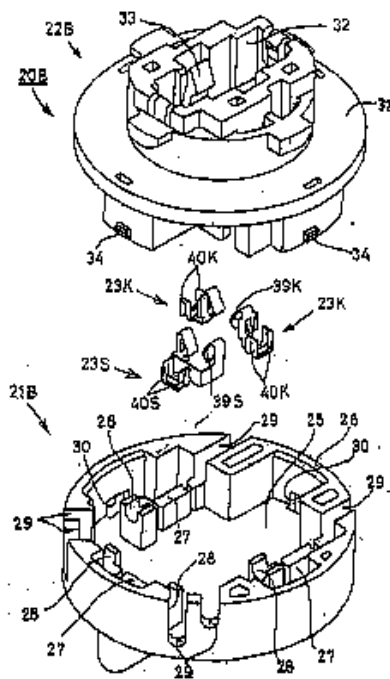
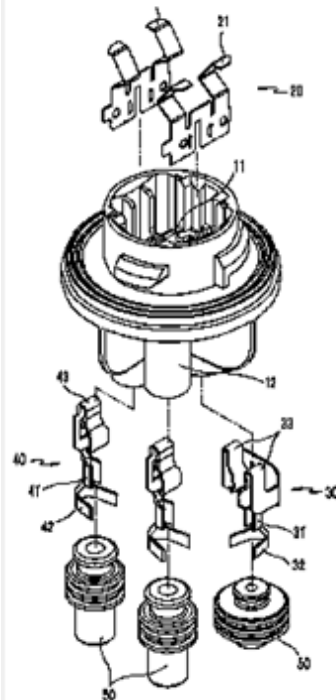


H01R 33/46**for bayonet type base****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/46](#)**FR2325213**

H01R 33/72**Three-pole devices****Definition statement**

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/72](#)

EP0898342**WO2008120910**

H01R 33/74

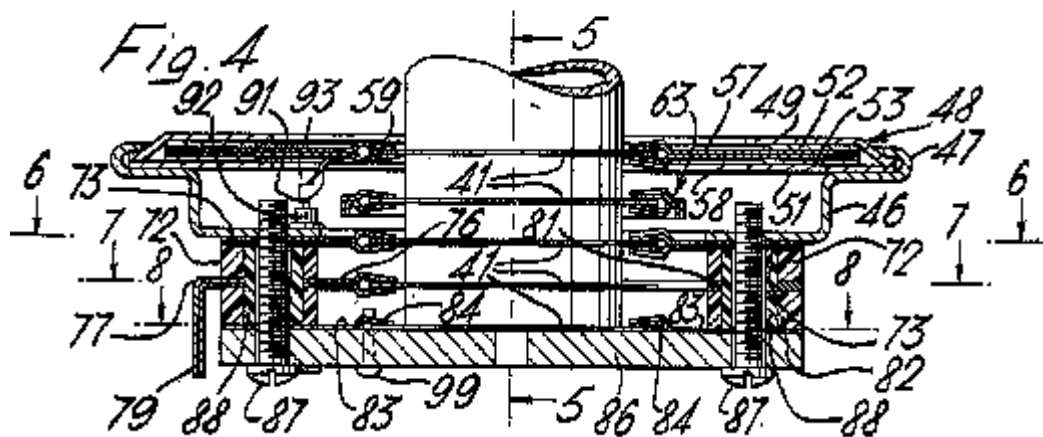
Devices having four or more poles {, e.g. holders for compact fluorescent lamps}

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/74](#)

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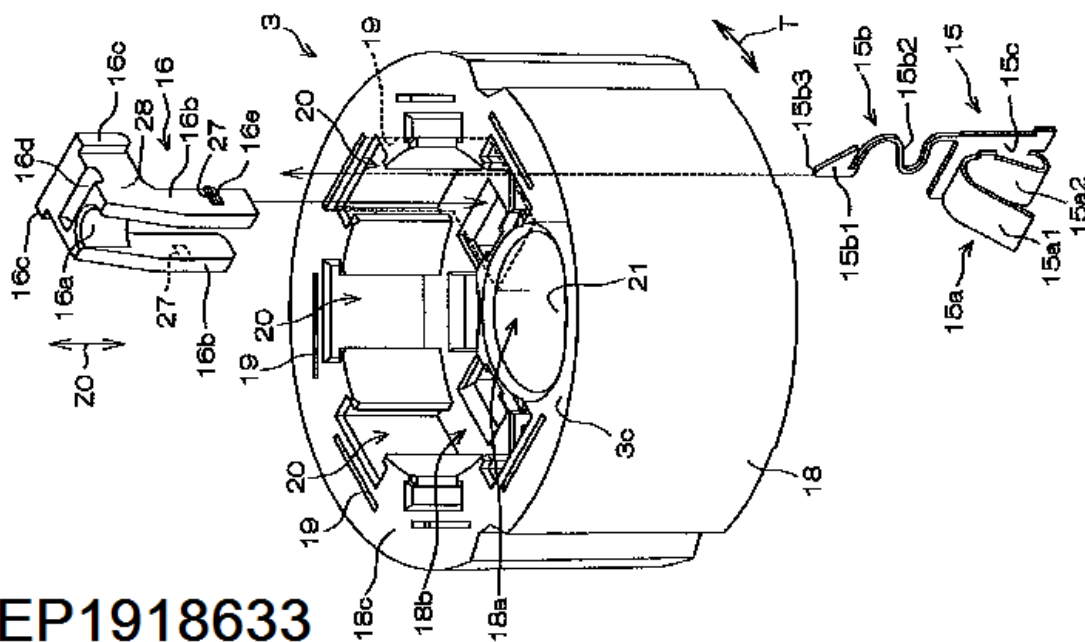
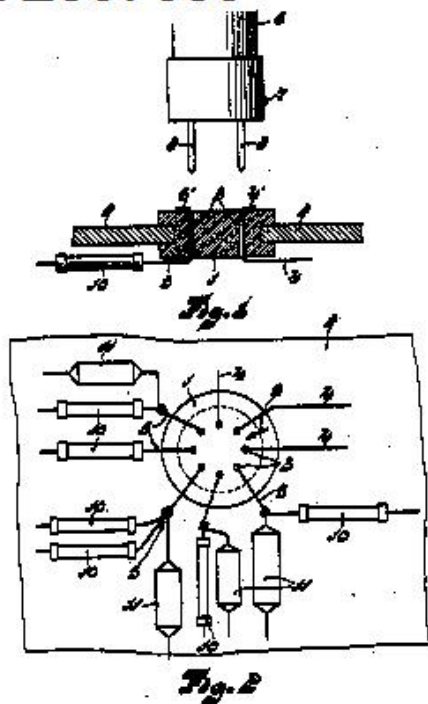
H01R 33/7621

{the wires being connected using screw, clamp, wrap or spring connection}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/7621](#)

DE807639**EP1918633**

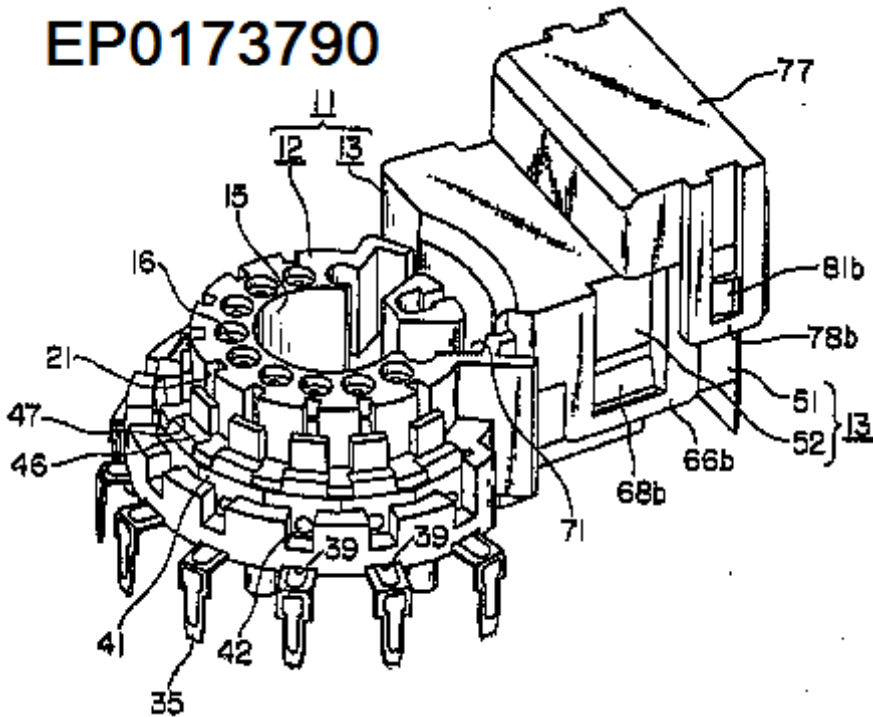
H01R 33/7635

{the terminals being collectively connected, e.g. to a PCB}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/7635](#)



H01R 33/7692

{for supporting a tubular fluorescent lamp (for two-pole devices [H01R 33/06](#))}

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

For two-pole devices	H01R 33/06
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H01R 33/88

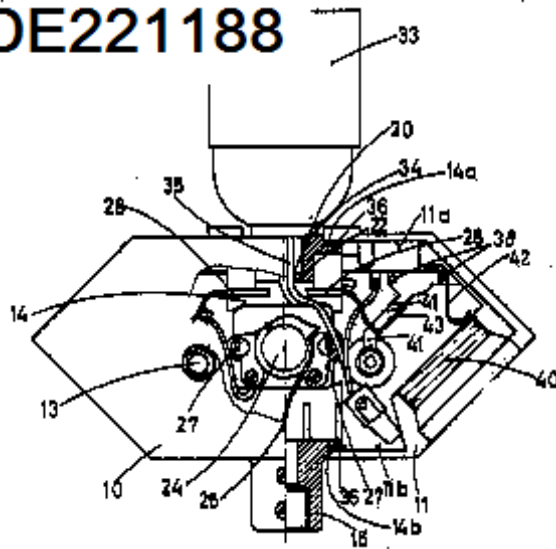
adapted for simultaneous co-operation with two or more identical counterparts

Definition statement

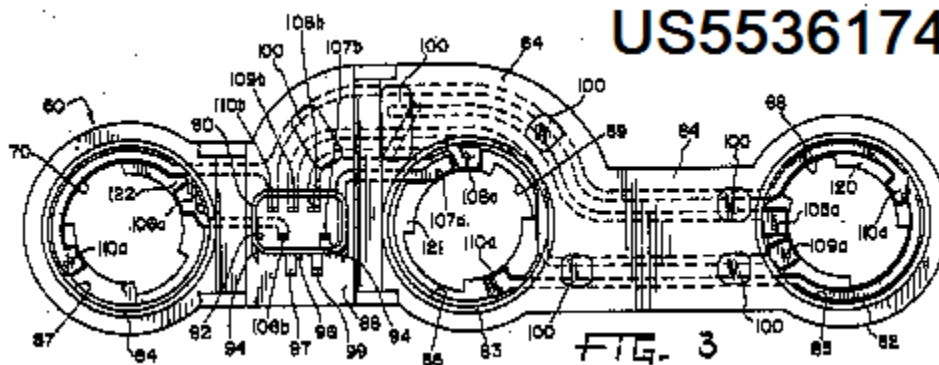
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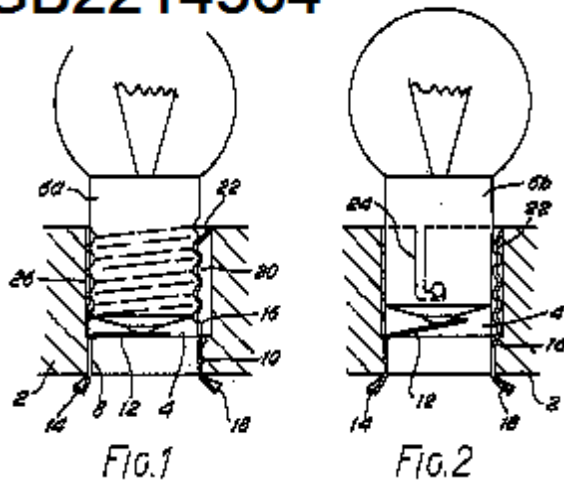
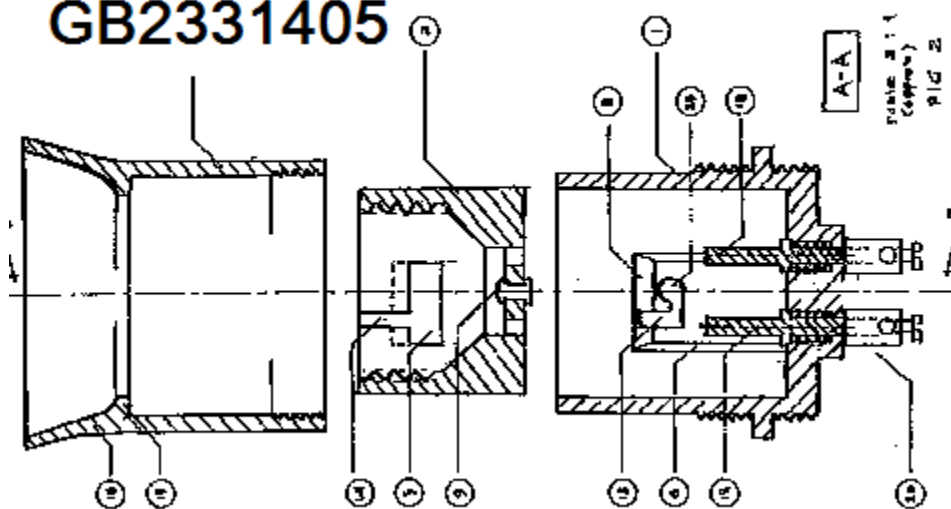
H01R 33/90

adapted for co-operation with two or more dissimilar counterparts

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/90](#)

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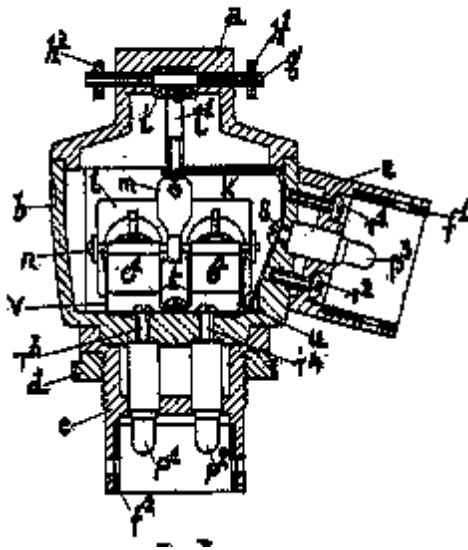
H01R 33/92

Holders formed as intermediate parts for distributing energy in parallel through two or more counterparts at least one of which is attached to apparatus to be held

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/92](#)

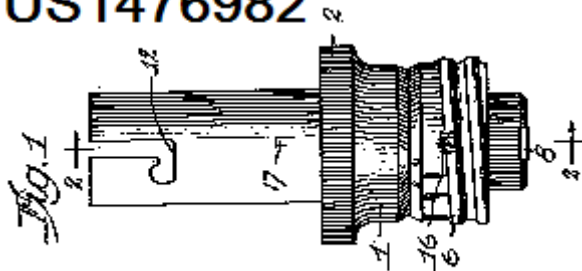
GB407319**H01R 33/94**

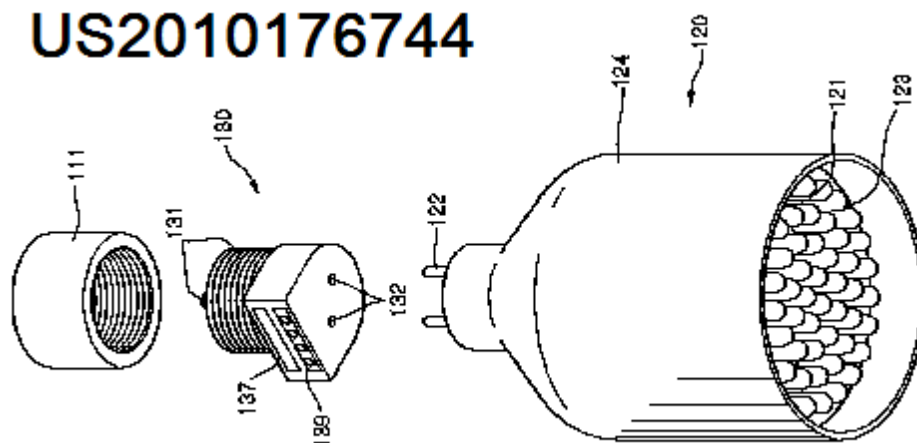
Holders formed as intermediate parts for linking a counter-part to a coupling part

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/94](#)

US1476982

H01R 33/942**{for tubular fluorescent lamps}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/942](#)**US2010176744**

H01R 33/945

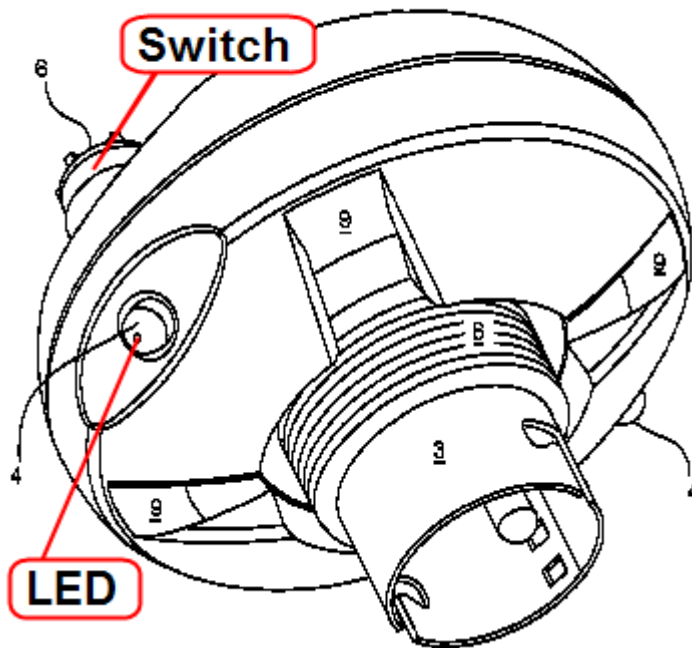
Holders with built-in electrical component

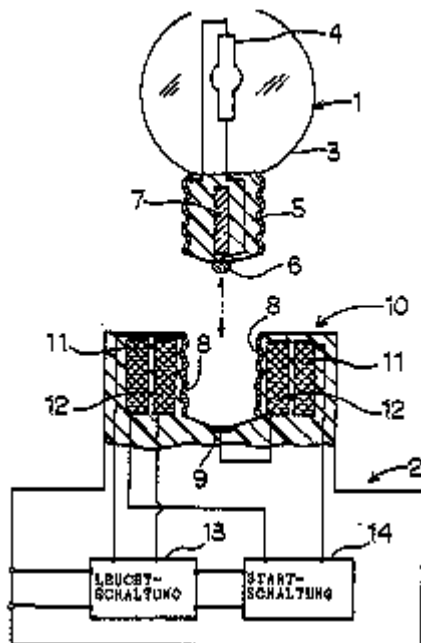
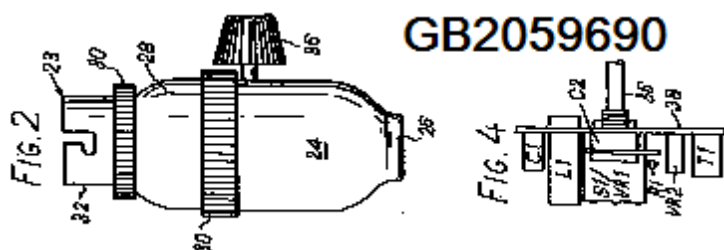
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/945](#)

WO2008001078



H01R 33/9453**{for screw type coupling devices}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/9453](#)**DE19541438****H01R 33/9456****{for bayonet type coupling devices}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/9456](#)

with fuse; with thermal switch

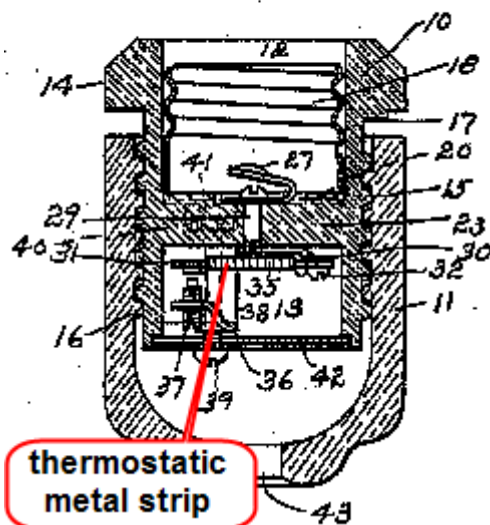
H01R 33/95

with fuse; with thermal switch

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/95](#)

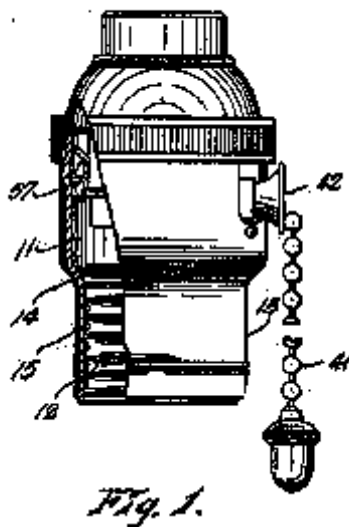
US1861159**H01R 33/9555**

{for screw type coupling devices}

Definition statement

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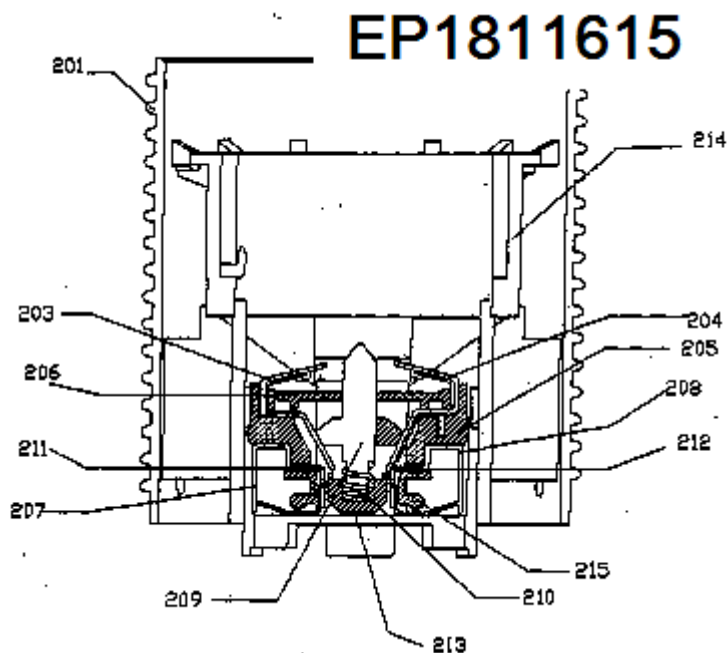
H01R 33/962

{for screw type coupling devices}

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/962](#)



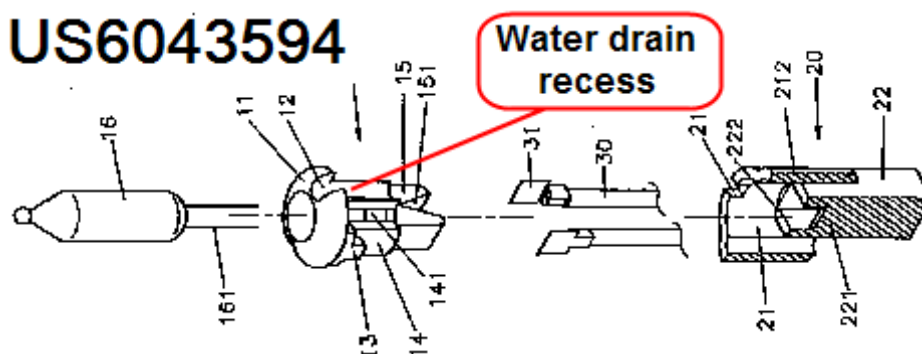
H01R 33/965

Dustproof, splashproof, drip-proof, waterproof, or flameproof holders

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/965](#)



H01R 33/9658

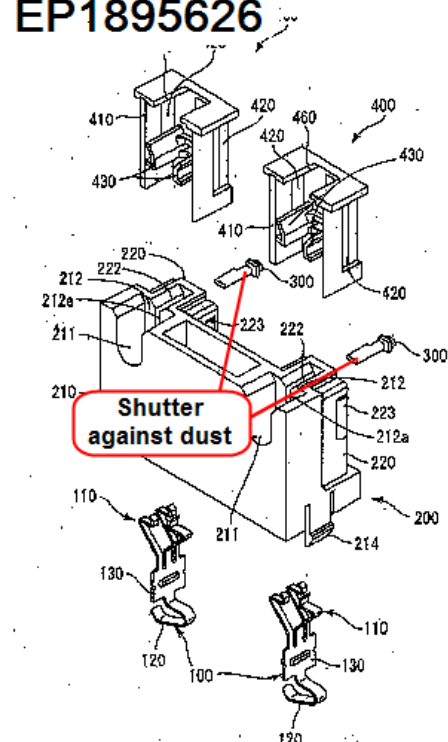
{for tubular fluorescent lamps}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/9658](#)

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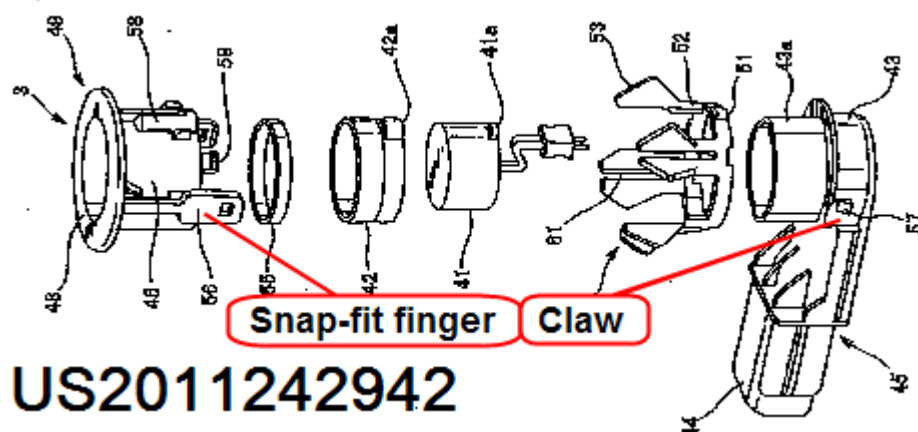
H01R 33/97

Holders with separate means to prevent loosening of the coupling or unauthorised removal of apparatus held

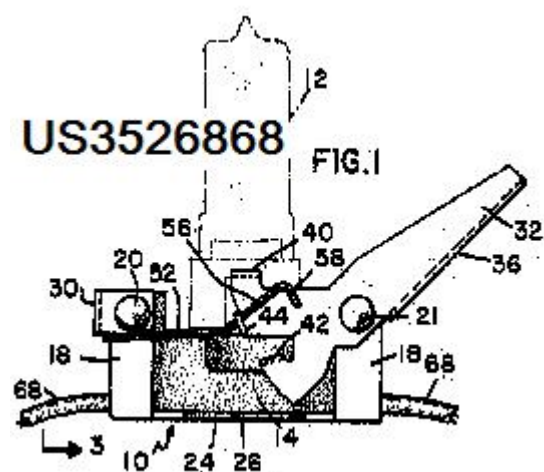
Definition statement

This place covers:

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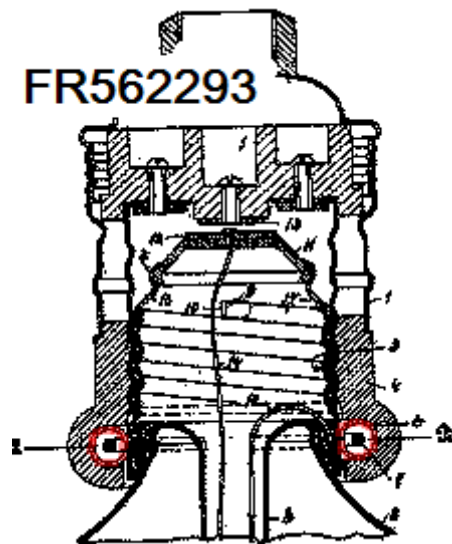
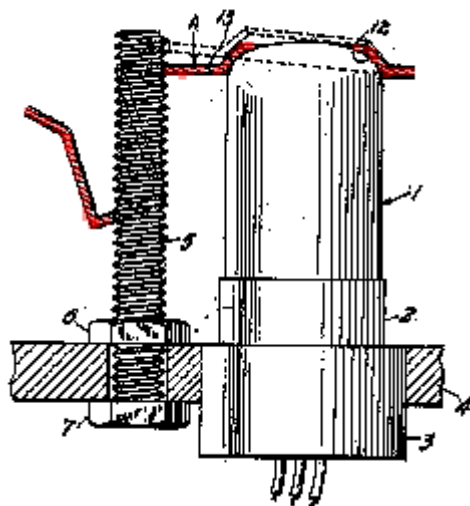


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FIG. 1

H01R 33/971**{for screw type coupling devices}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/971](#)**H01R 33/975****Holders with resilient means for protecting apparatus against vibrations or shocks****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/975](#)**US2505840**

H01R 33/9756

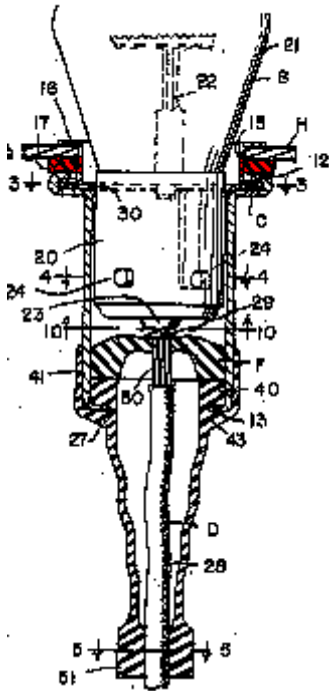
{for bayonet type coupling devices}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 33/9756](#)

US2941182



H01R 35/00

Flexible or turnable line connectors {, i.e. the rotation angle being limited}
(rotary current collectors, distributors [H01R 39/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Rotary coupling devices allowing limited motion between the moving and the stationary parts.

References

Limiting references

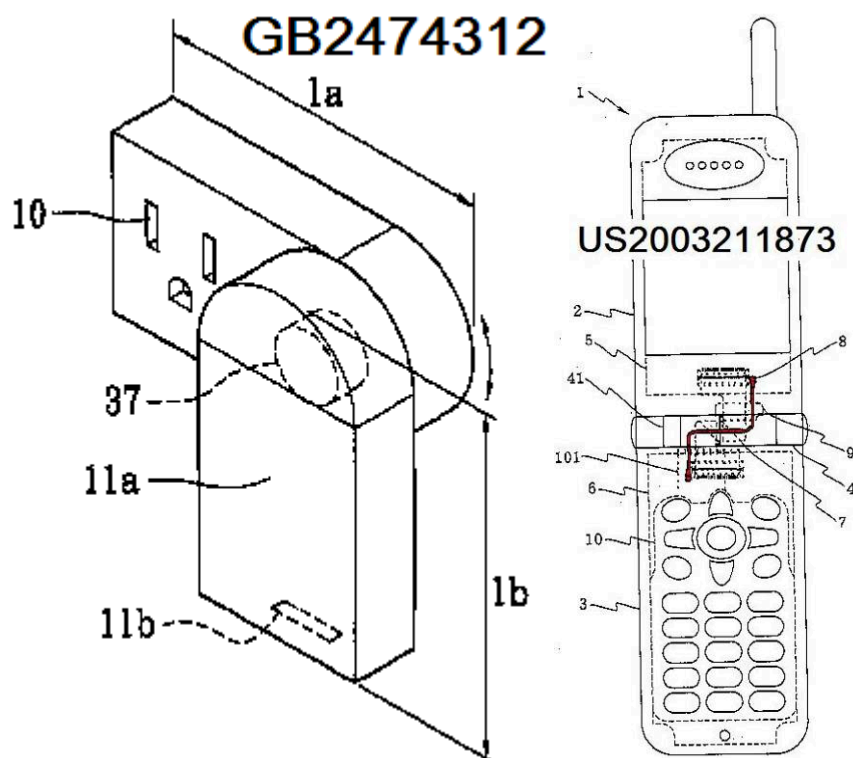
This place does not cover:

Rotary current collectors, distributors	H01R 39/00
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Informative references

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

Arrangement of these connectors in vehicle steering wheels	B60R 16/027
Arrangements of electric cables or lines between relatively movable parts	H02G 11/00

H01R 35/02**Flexible line connectors {without frictional contact members}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 35/02](#)

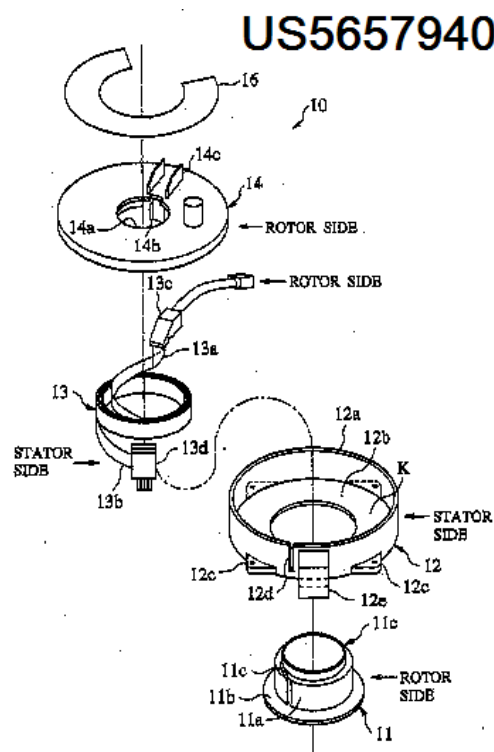
H01R 35/025

{having a flexible conductor wound around a rotation axis}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 35/025](#)



H01R 35/04

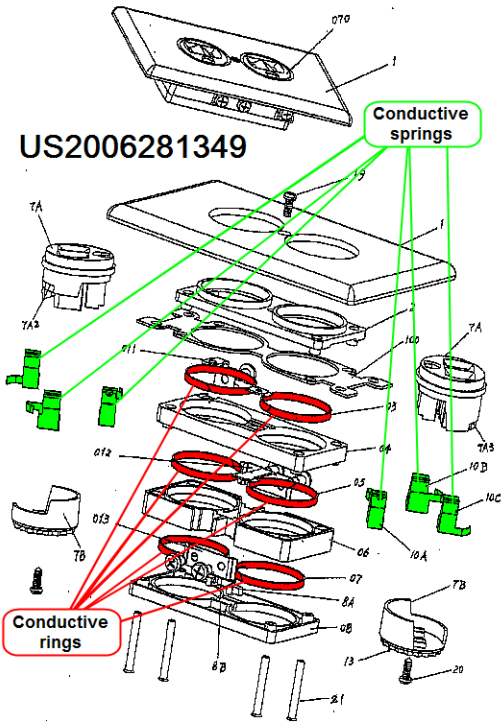
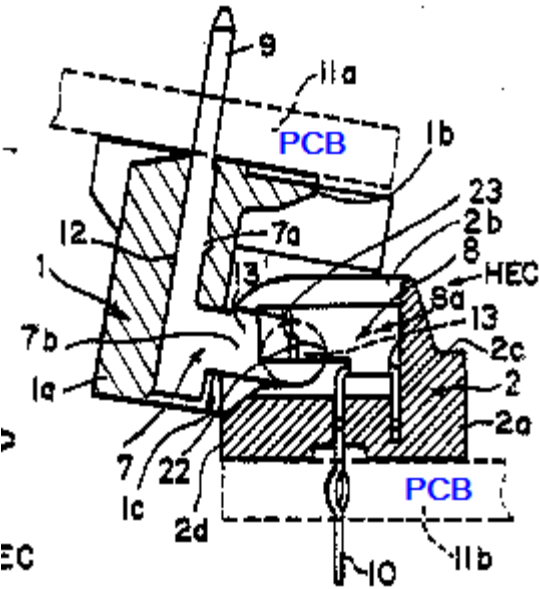
Turnable line connectors with limited rotation angle {with frictional contact members}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 35/04](#)

FR2626416



H01R 39/00

Rotary current collectors, distributors or interrupters

Definition statement

This place covers:

Turnable connectors with unlimited rotation angle.

References

Informative references

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

Cam-operated switches	H01H 19/00
Structural association with dynamo-electric machine	H02K 13/00

H01R 39/02

Details {for dynamo electric machines (for current collectors not particularly for dynamo electric machines [H01R 39/60](#), [H01R 39/64](#))}

References**Limiting references**

This place does not cover:

For current collectors not particularly for dynamo electric machines	H01R 39/60 , H01R 39/64
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H01R 39/025

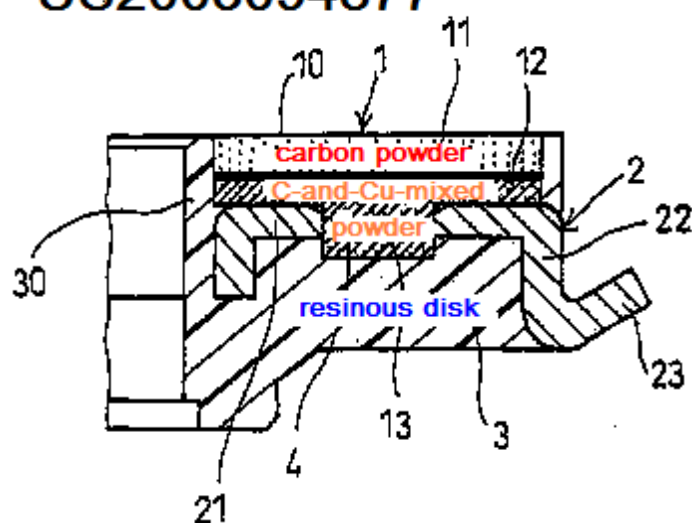
{Conductive materials}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/025](#)

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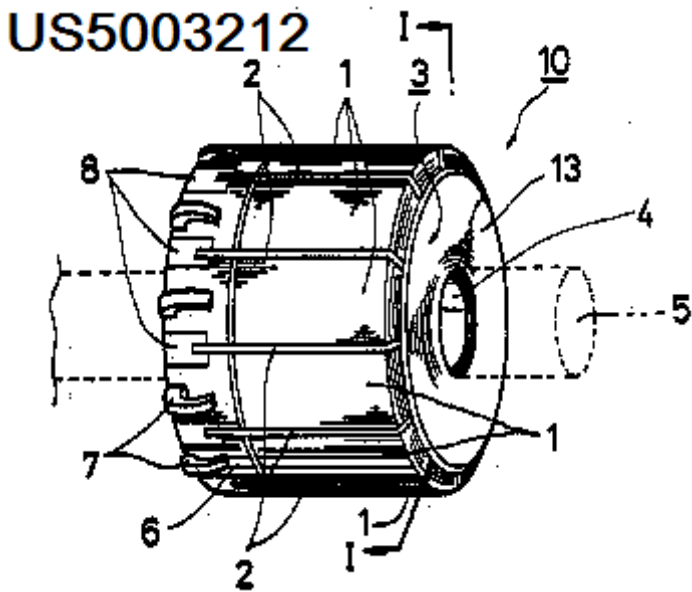
H01R 39/04

Commutators (wherein the segments are formed by extensions of dynamo-electric machine winding [H02K](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/04](#)



References

Informative references

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

Commutators wherein the segments are formed by extensions of dynamo-electric machine winding	H02K
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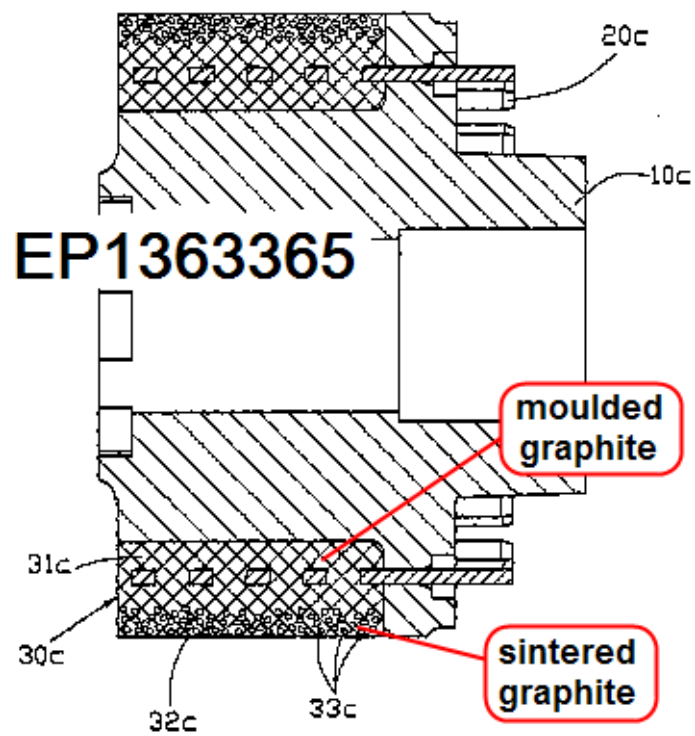
H01R 39/045

{the commutators being made of carbon}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/045](#)



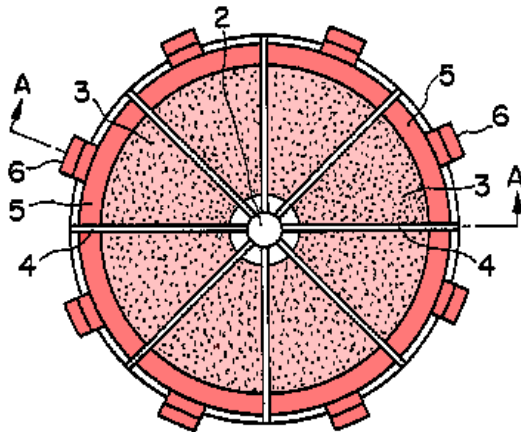
H01R 39/06

other than with external cylindrical contact surface, e.g. flat commutators

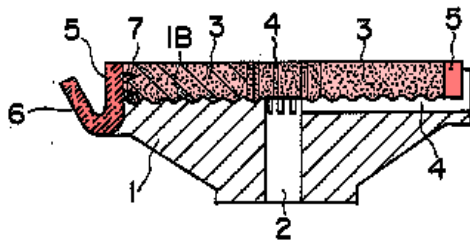
Definition statement

This place covers:

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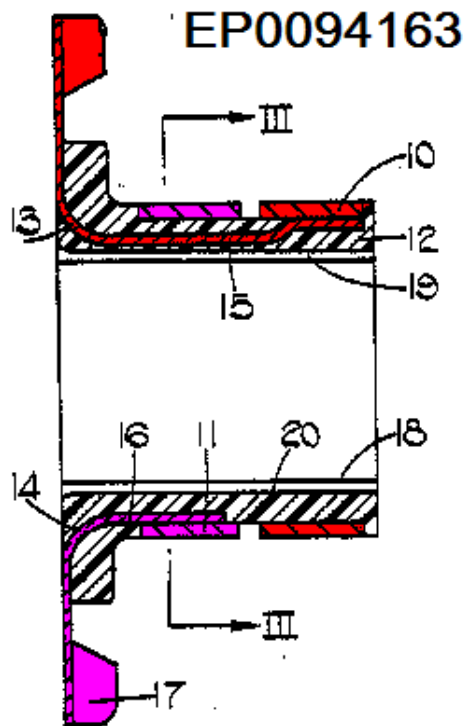
H01R 39/08

Slip-rings

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/08](#)



H01R 39/14

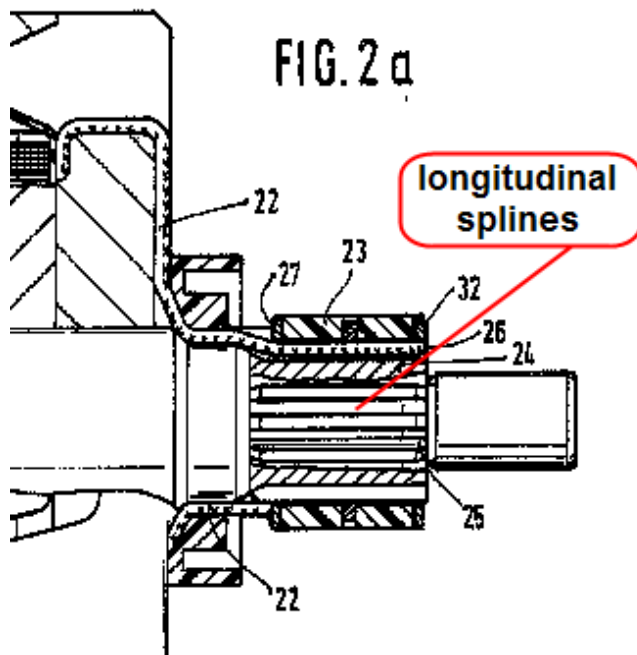
Fastenings of commutators or slip-rings to shafts

Definition statement

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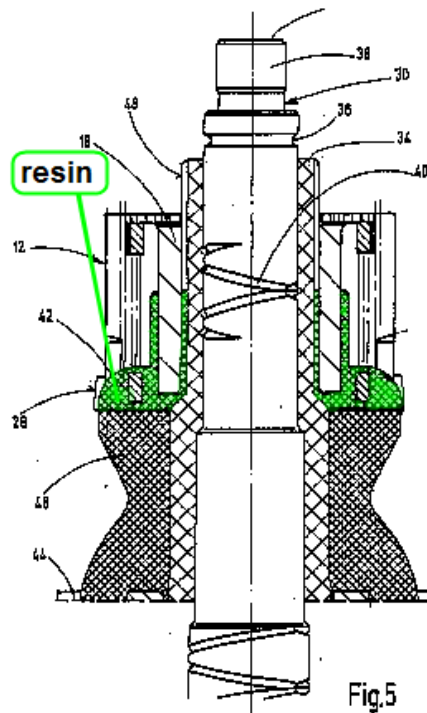
H01R 39/16

by means of moulded or cast material applied during or after assembly

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/16](#)

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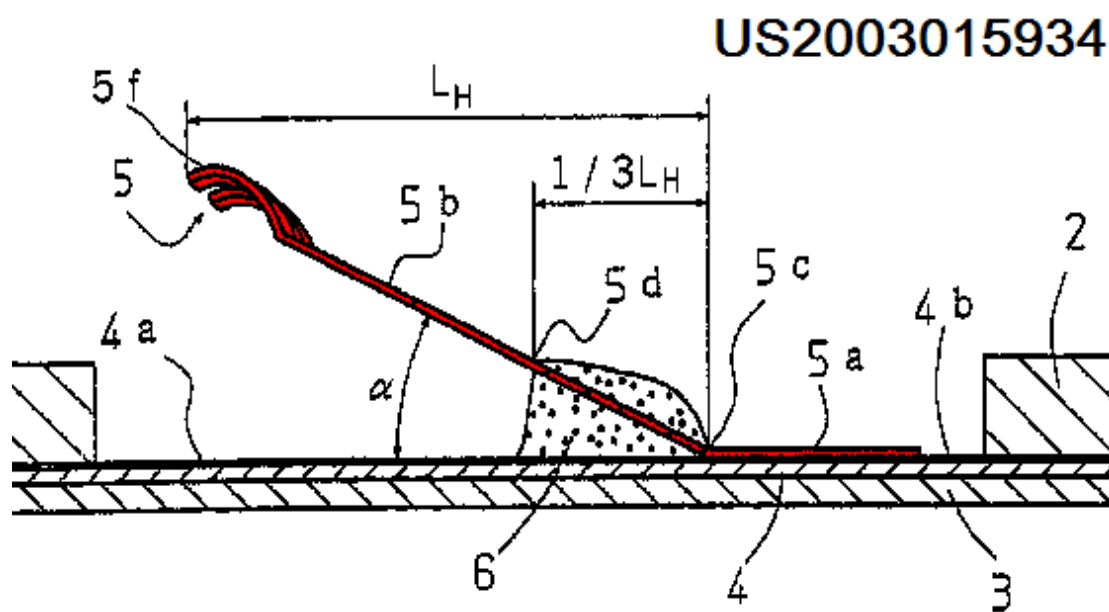
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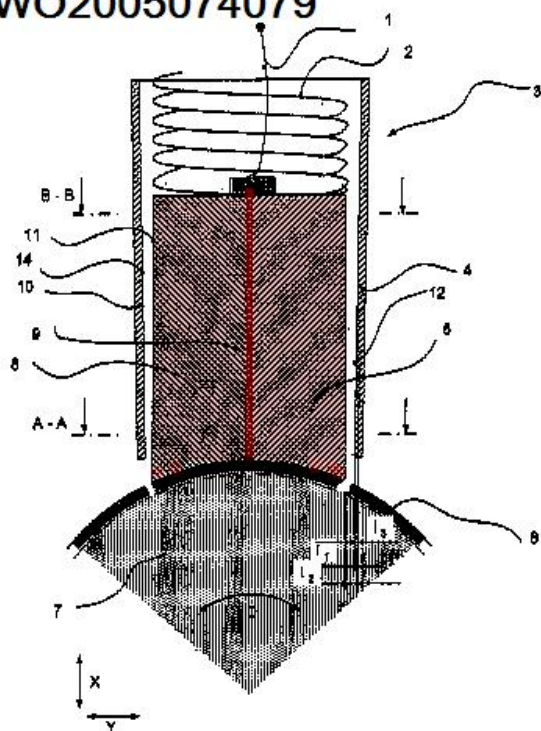
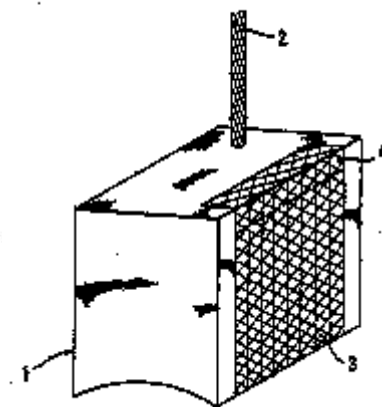
Laminated contacts; Wire contacts, e.g. metallic brush, carbon fibres

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/24](#)



H01R 39/26**Solid sliding contacts, e.g. carbon brush****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/26](#)**WO2005074079****DE2838144**

H01 R 39/46

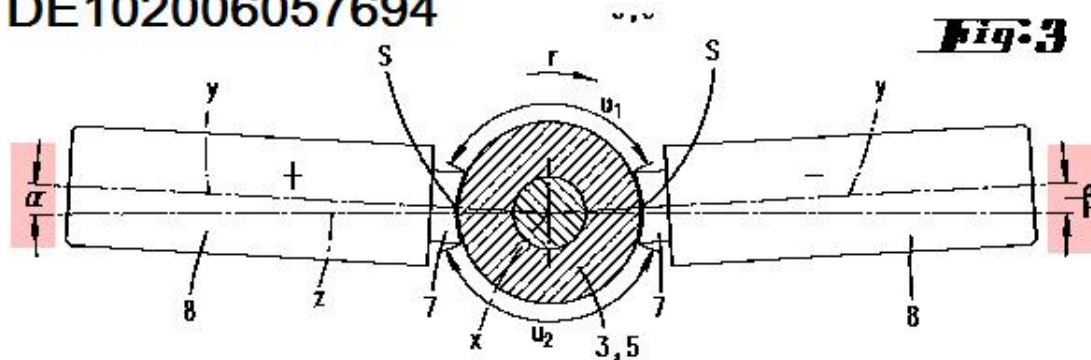
Auxiliary means for improving current transfer, or for reducing or preventing sparking or arcing

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/46](#)

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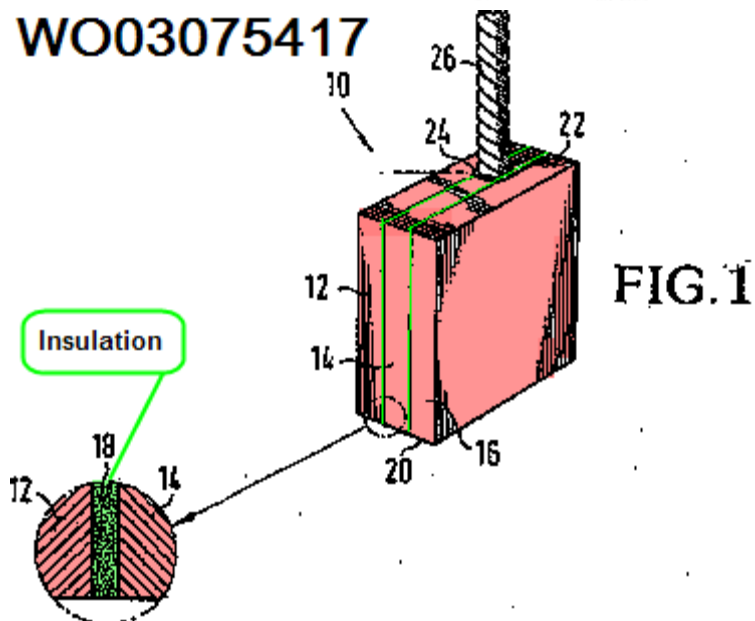


FIG. 2

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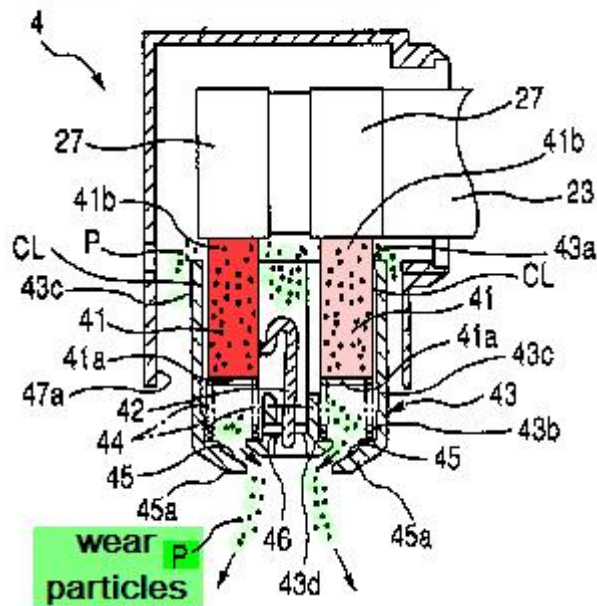
Devices for lubricating or polishing slip-rings or commutators during operation of the collector

Definition statement

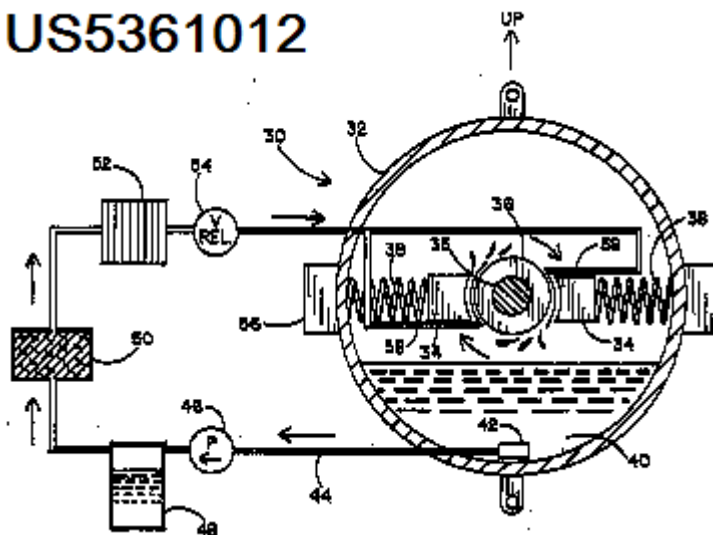
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H01R 39/58

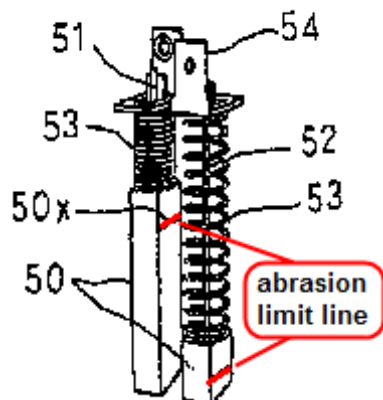
Means structurally associated with the current collector for indicating condition thereof, e.g. for indicating brush wear

Definition statement

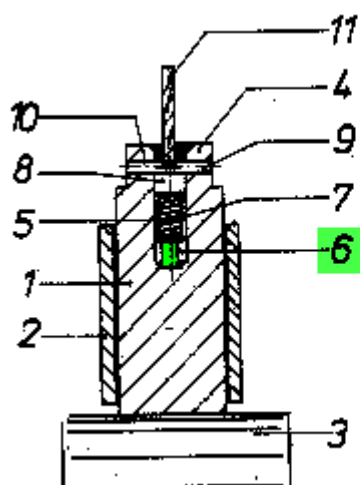
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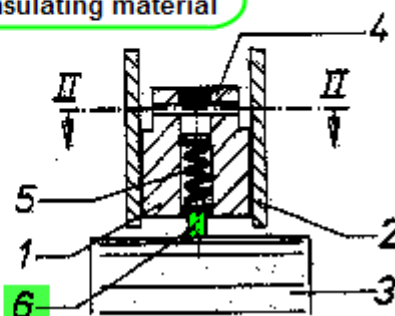
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lifting contact (6)
is made of
insulating material



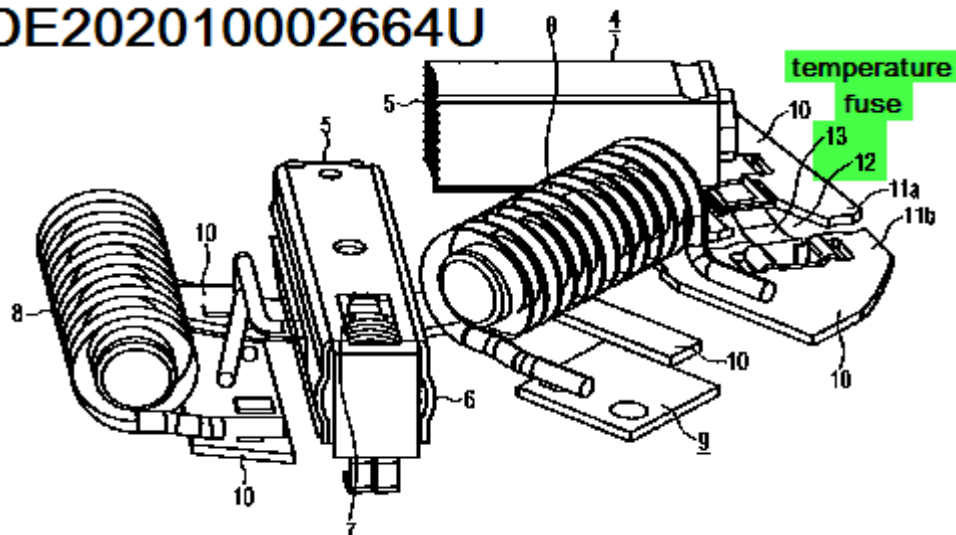
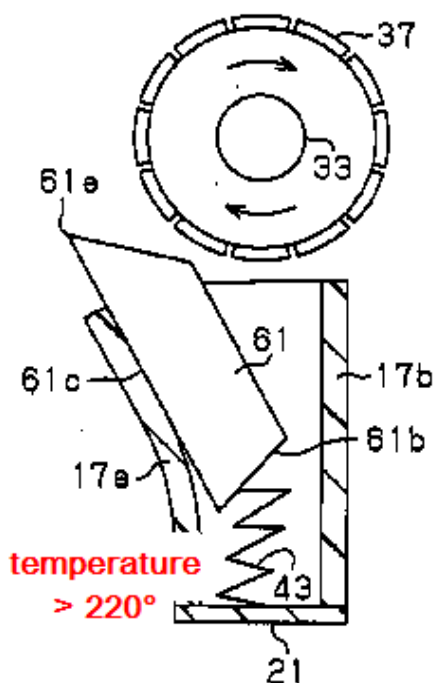
H01R 39/59

Means structurally associated with the brushes for interrupting current
([H01R 39/58](#) takes precedence)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/59](#)

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References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Means structurally associated with the current collector for indicating condition thereof	H01R 39/58
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H01R 39/60

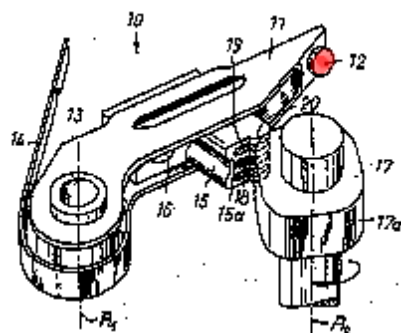
Devices for interrupted current collection, e.g. commutating device, distributor, interrupter (self-interrupters [H01H](#), e.g. [H01H 51/34](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/60](#)

US3681543



References

Informative references

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

Self-interrupters	H01H , e.g. H01H 51/34
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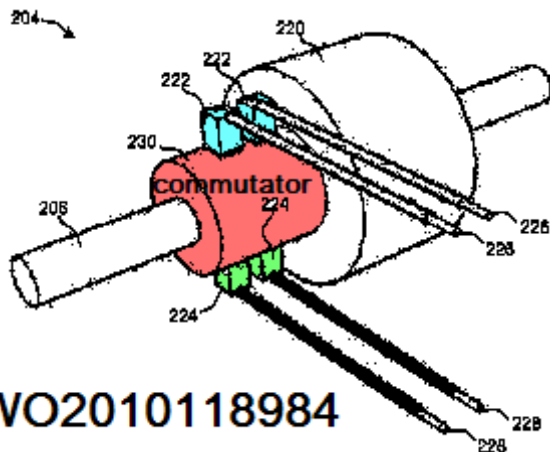
H01R 39/62

with more than one brush co-operating with the same set of segments

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/62](#)



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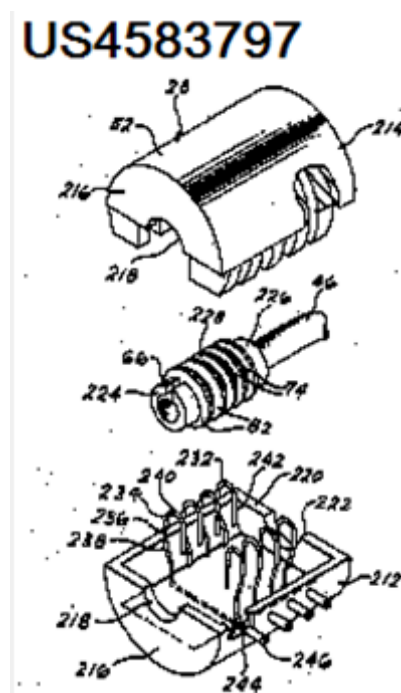
H01R 39/64

Devices for uninterrupted current collection

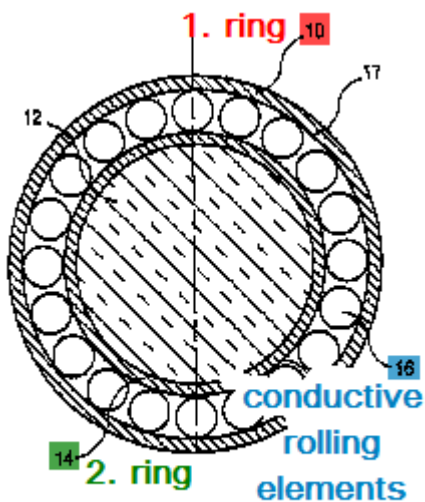
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/64](#)



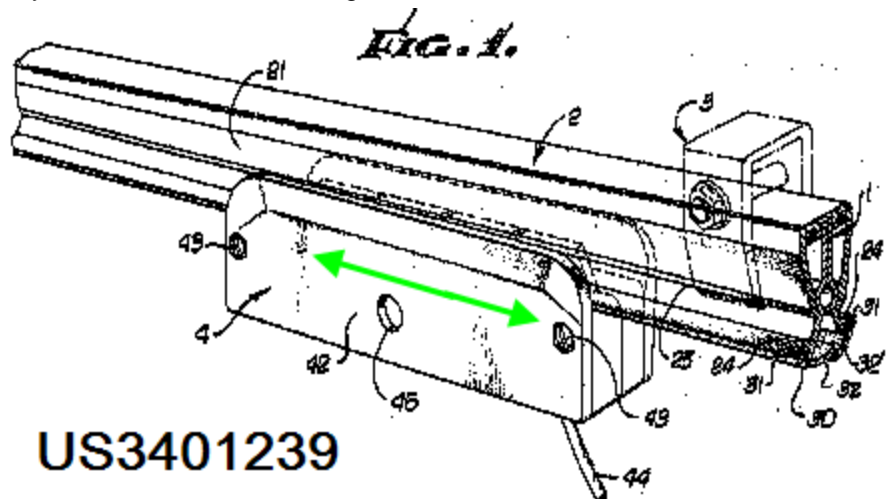
US4583797

H01R 39/643**{through ball or roller bearing}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 39/643](#)**WO03019735****H01R 41/00**

Non-rotary current collectors for maintaining contact between moving and stationary parts of an electric circuit (end pieces terminating in a hook or the like [H01R 11/12](#); current collectors for power supply lines of electrically-propelled vehicles [B60L 5/00](#))

Definition statement*This place covers:*

Non-rotary current collectors allowing limited or unlimited movement between moving and stationary

**US3401239**

parts.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

End pieces terminating in a hook or the like	H01R 11/12
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Informative references

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Current collectors for power supply lines of electrically-propelled vehicles	B60L 5/00
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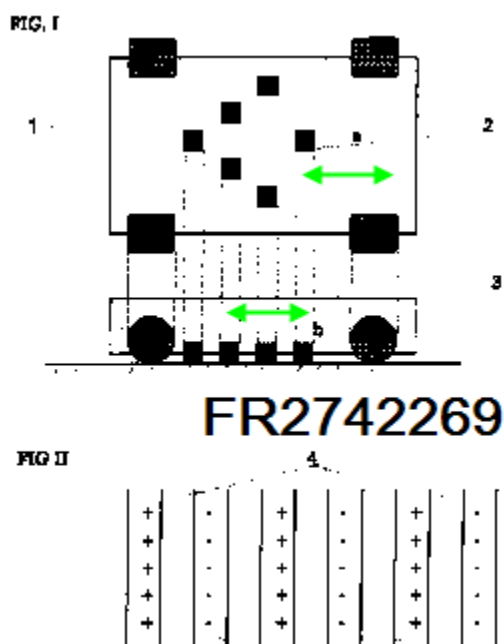
H01R 41/02

Devices for interrupted current collection, e.g. distributor (electrically-operated selector switches [H01H 67/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 41/02](#)



References

Informative references

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

Electrically-operated selector switches	H01H 67/00
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H01R 43/00

Apparatus or processes specially adapted for manufacturing, assembling, maintaining, or repairing of line connectors or current collectors or for joining electric conductors (of trolley lines [B60M 1/28](#))

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Joining electric conductors of trolley lines	B60M 1/28
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Informative references

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Joining cables	H02G 1/14
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H01R 43/01

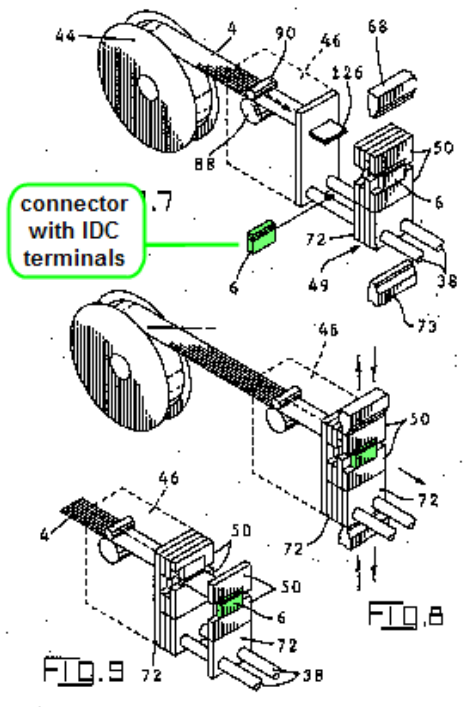
for connecting unstripped conductors to contact members having insulation cutting edges

Definition statement

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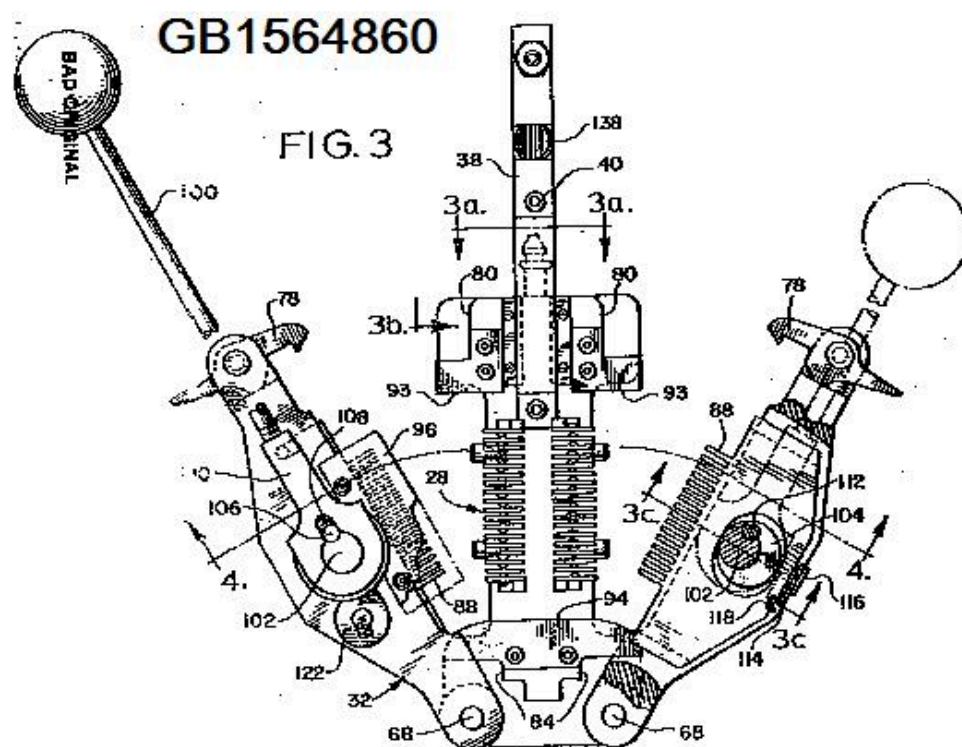
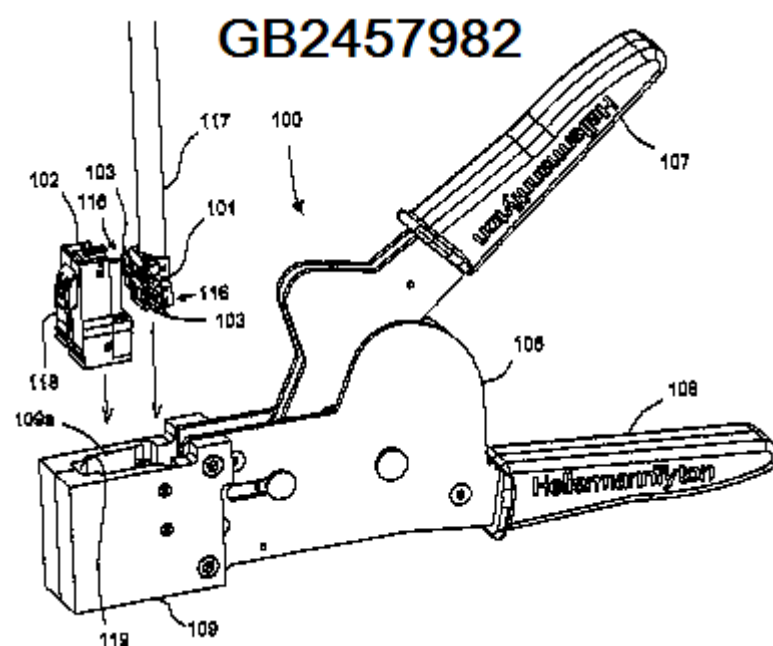
Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/01](#)

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H01R 43/015

{Handtools}

Definition statement*This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/015](#)

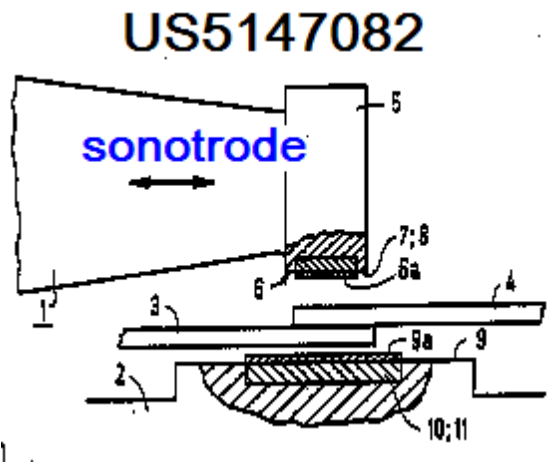
H01R 43/0207

{Ultrasonic-, H.F.-, cold- or impact welding}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0207](#)



H01R 43/0214

{Resistance welding ([H01R 43/0228](#) takes precedence)}

References

Limiting references

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Apparatus or processes specially adapted for soldered or welded connections without preliminary removing of insulation before soldering or welding	H01R 43/0228
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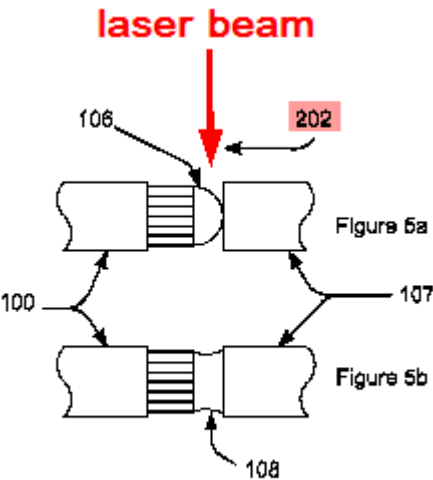
H01R 43/0221

{Laser welding ([H01R 43/0228](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0221](#)



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References

Limiting references

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Apparatus or processes specially adapted for soldered or welded connections without preliminary removing of insulation before soldering or welding	H01R 43/0228
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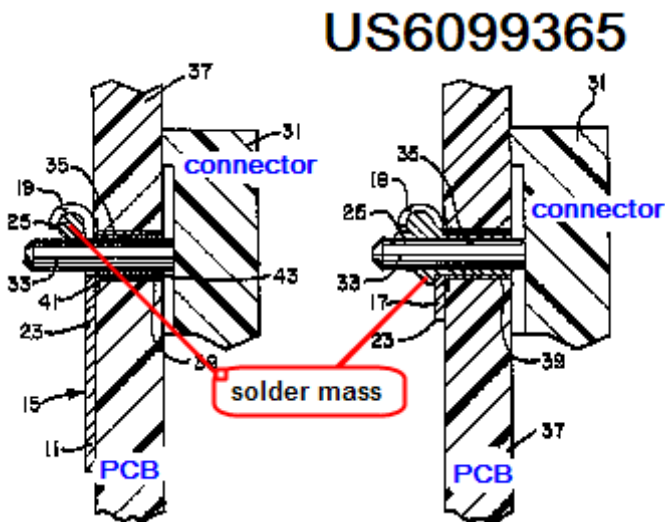
H01R 43/0235

{for applying solder ([H01R 43/0228](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0235](#)



References

Limiting references

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Apparatus or processes specially adapted for soldered or welded connections without preliminary removing of insulation before soldering or welding	H01R 43/0228
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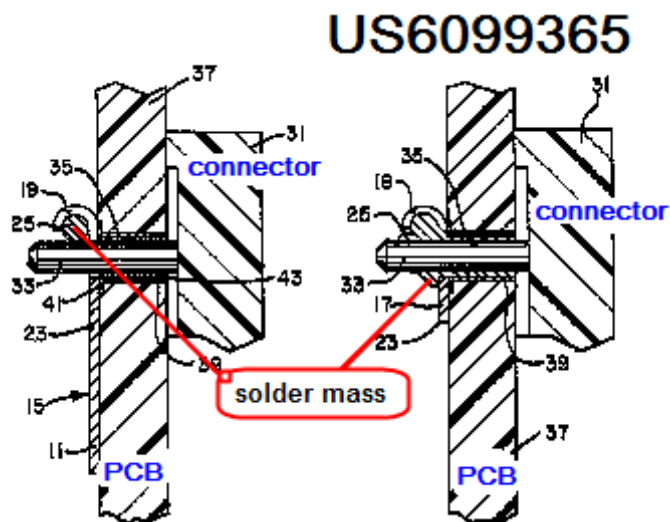
H01R 43/0256

{for soldering or welding connectors to a printed circuit board}

Definition statement

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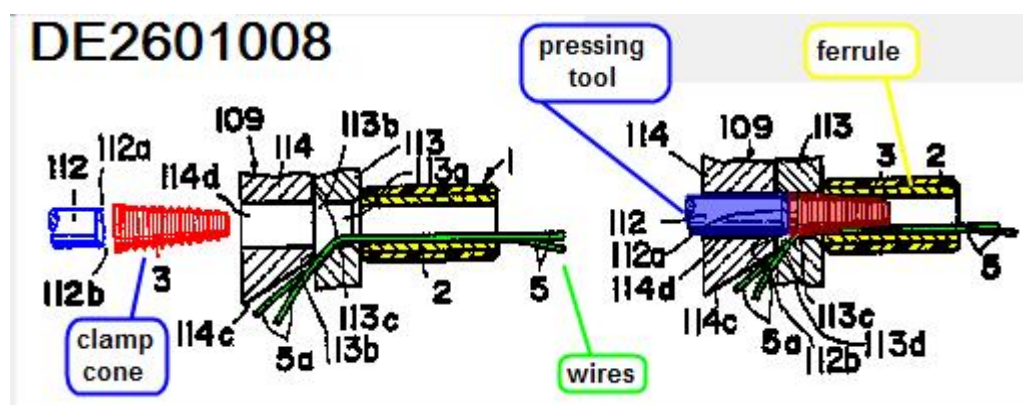
**H01R 43/027**

for connecting conductors by clips

Definition statement

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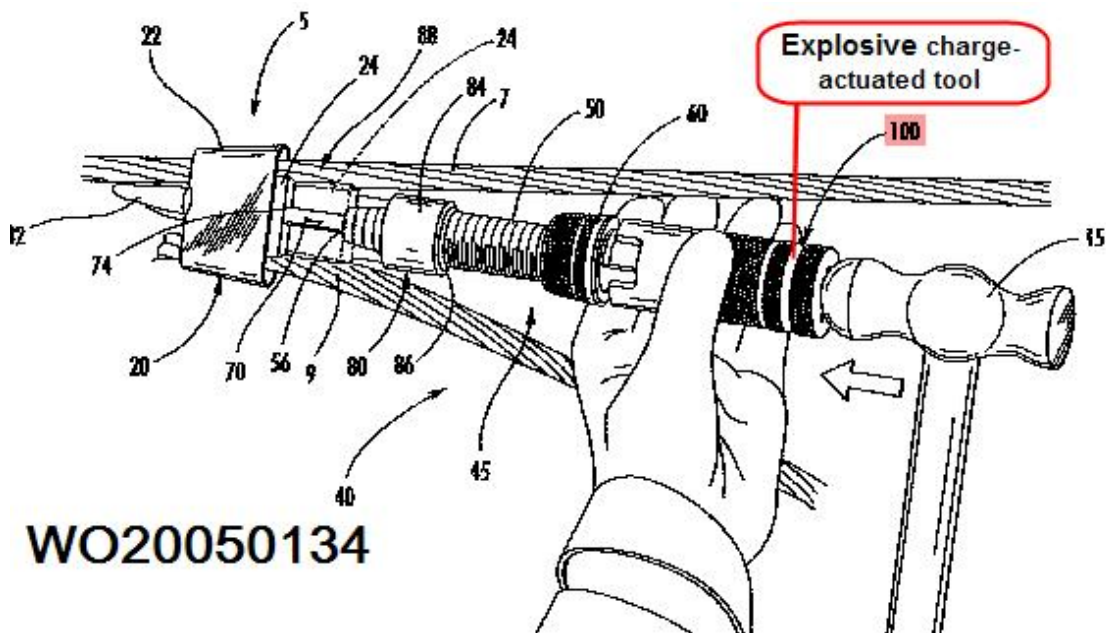
H01R 43/0275

{by using explosive force}

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0275](#)



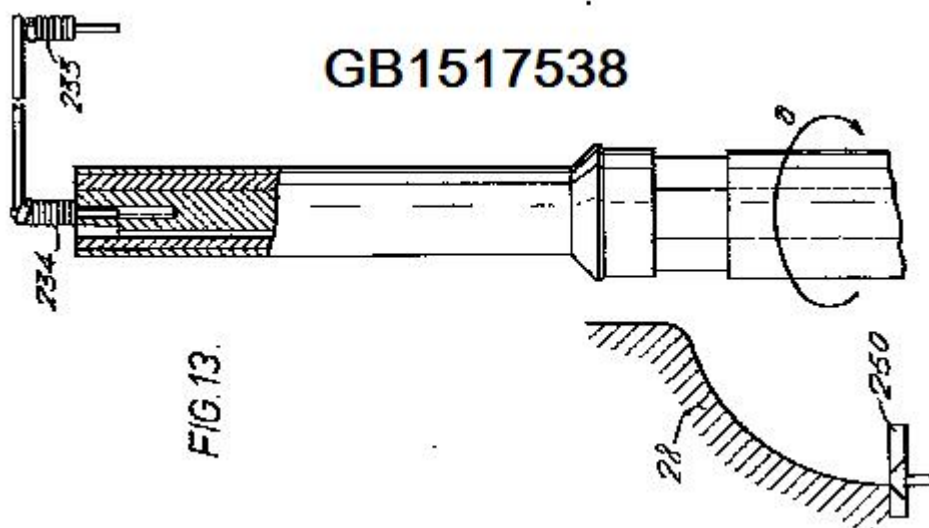
H01R 43/033

for wrapping or unwrapping wire connections

Definition statement

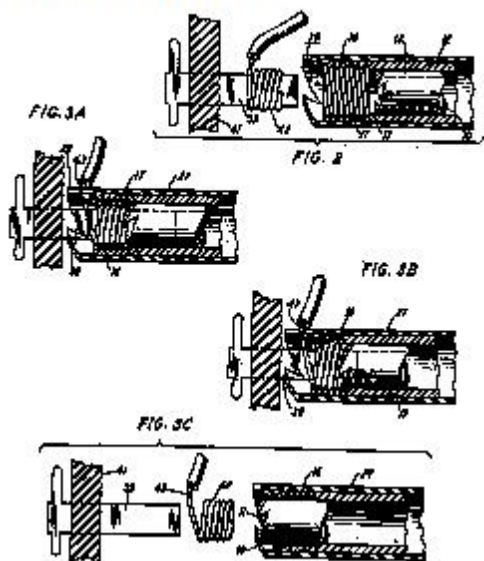
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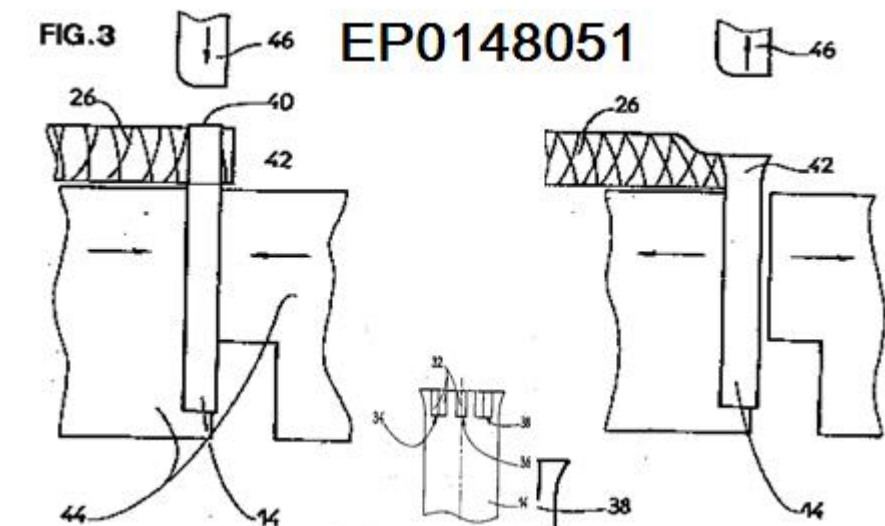


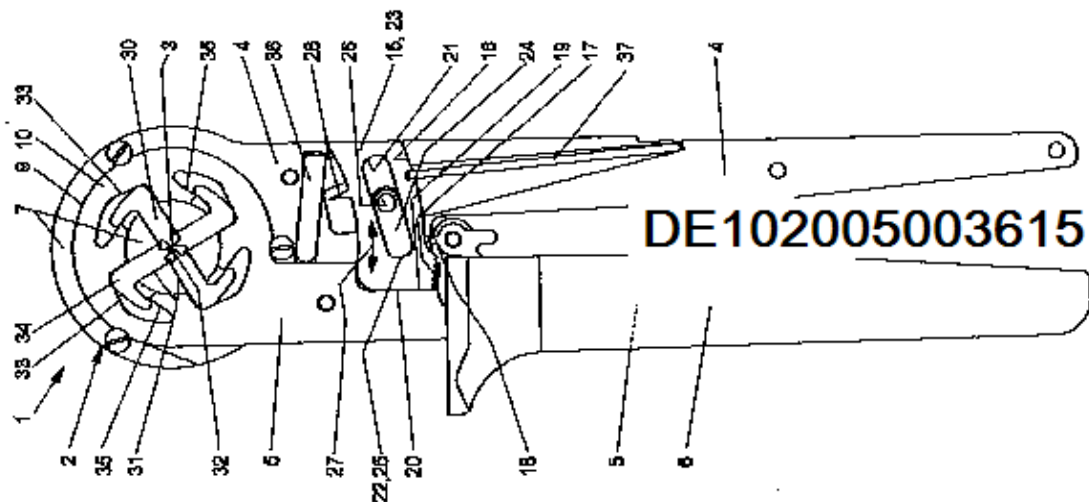
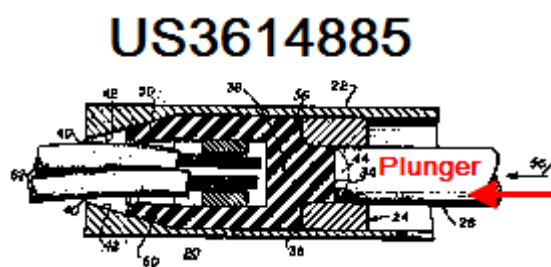
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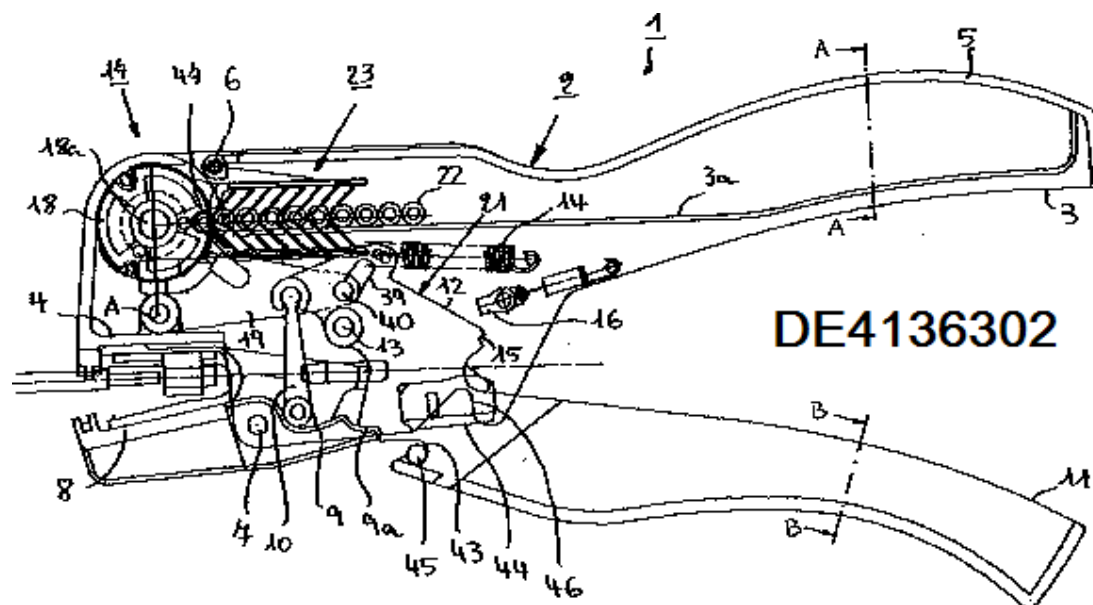
{for unwrapping}

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This group covers all kind of apparatus, processes, methods specially adapted for forming electrical connections by deformation.



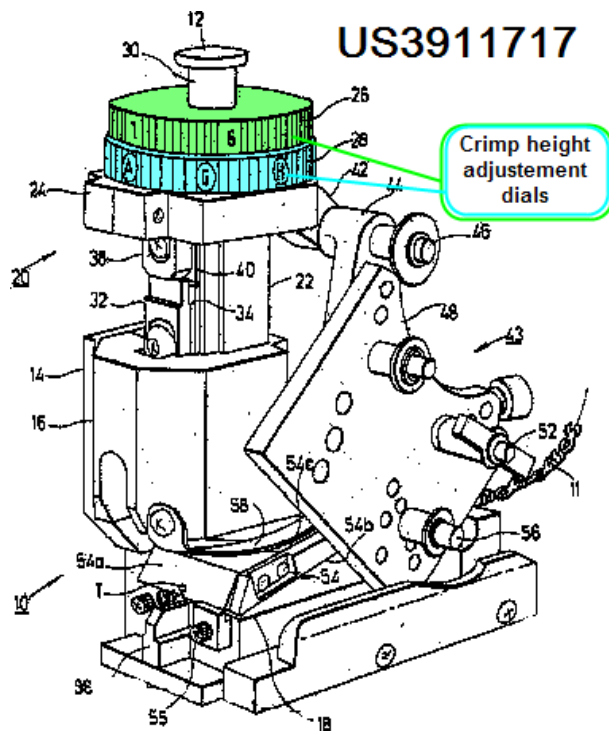
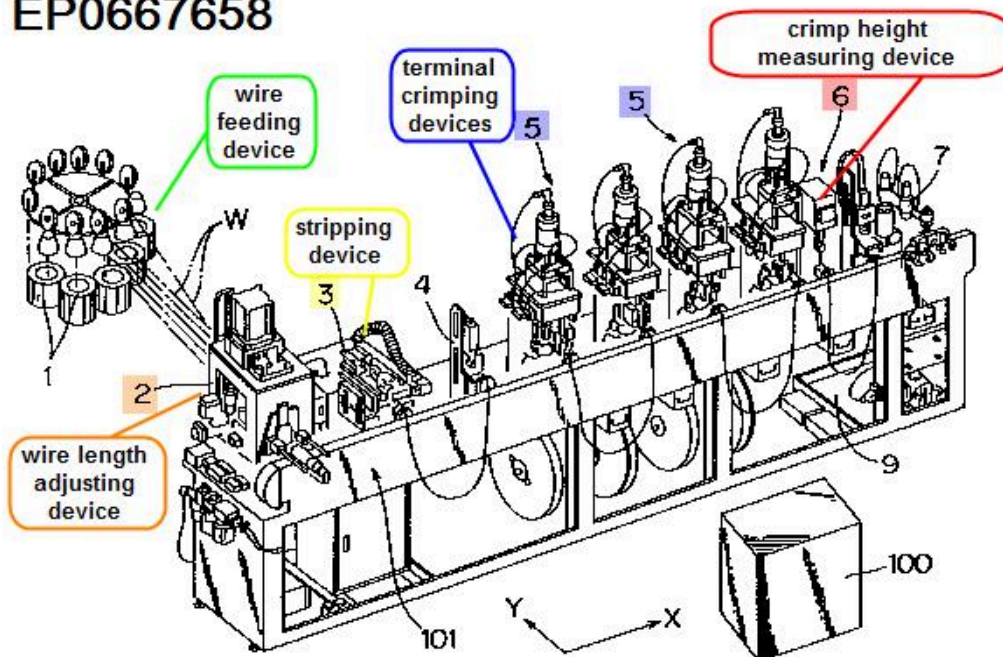
H01R 43/0424**{with more than two radially actuated mandrels}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0424](#)**H01R 43/0425****{with mandrels actuated in axial direction to the wire}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0425](#)

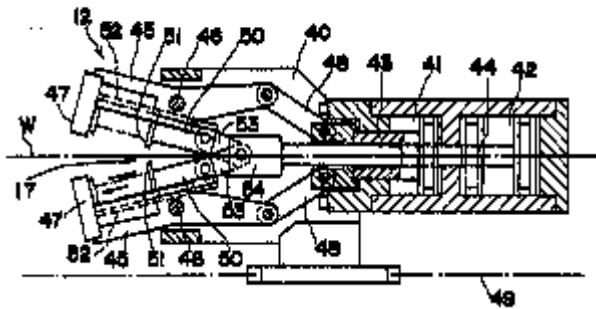
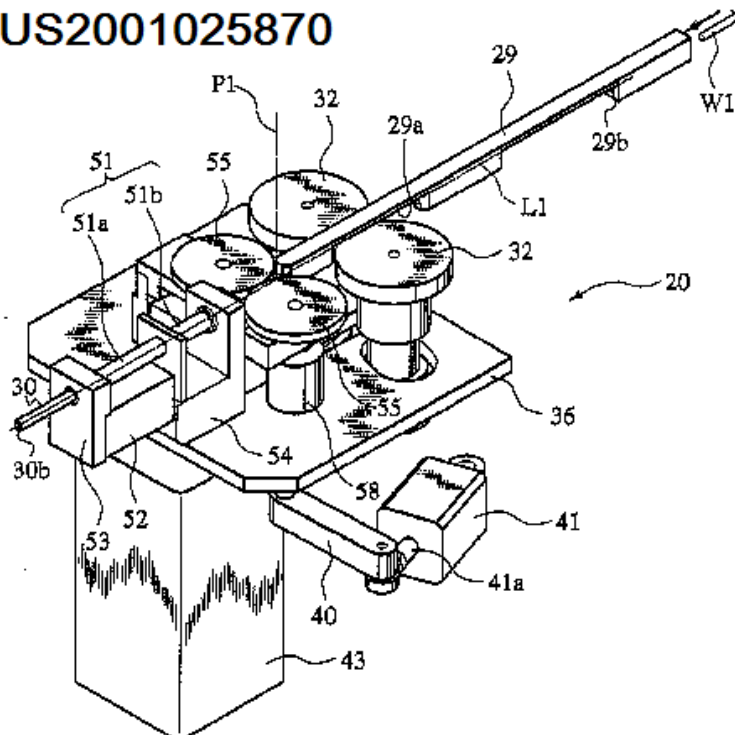
H01R 43/045**with contact member feeding mechanism****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/045](#)**H01R 43/048****Crimping apparatus or processes ([H01R 43/042](#) takes precedence)****Definition statement***This place covers:*

All kind of apparatus, processes, methods specially adapted for forming electrical connections by crimping.

References**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Hand tools for crimping	H01R 43/042
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H01R 43/0488**{with crimp height adjusting means}****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/0488](#)**EP0667658**

H01R 43/05**with wire-insulation stripping****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/05](#)**EP0174823****H01R 43/052****with wire-feeding mechanism****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/052](#)**US2001025870**

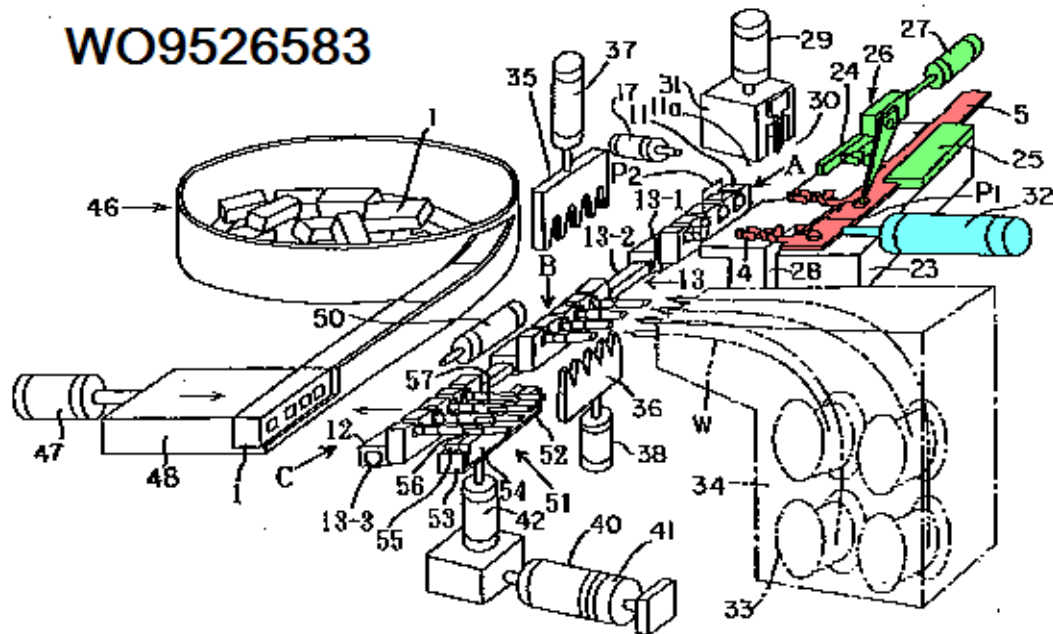
H01R 43/055

with contact member feeding mechanism

Definition statement

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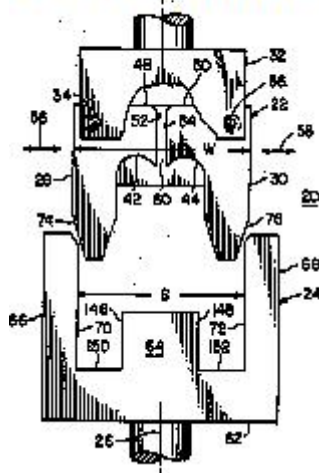
**H01R 43/058**

Crimping mandrels

Definition statement

This place covers:

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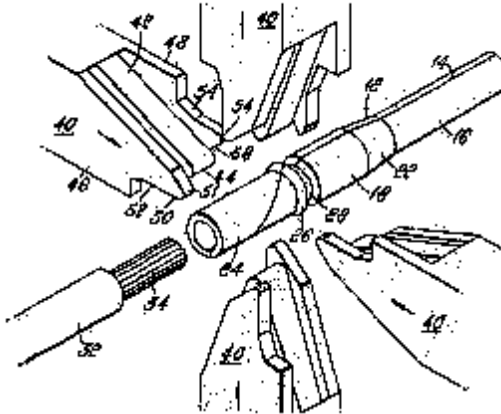
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{for crimping apparatus with more than two radially actuated mandrels}

Definition statement

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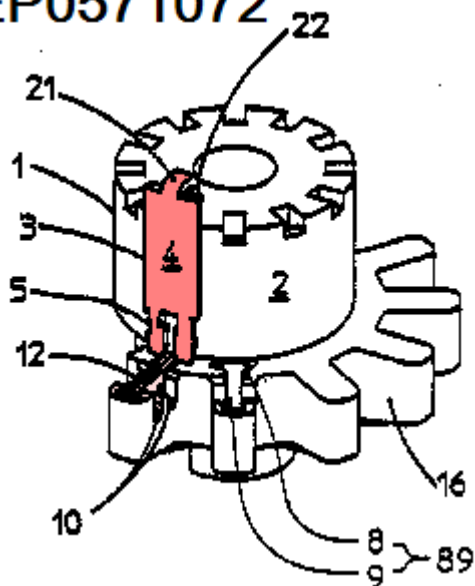
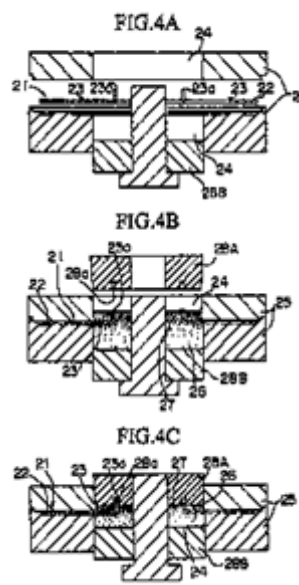
US3728889**H01R 43/06**

Manufacture of commutators

Definition statement

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EP0571072**EP1003269**

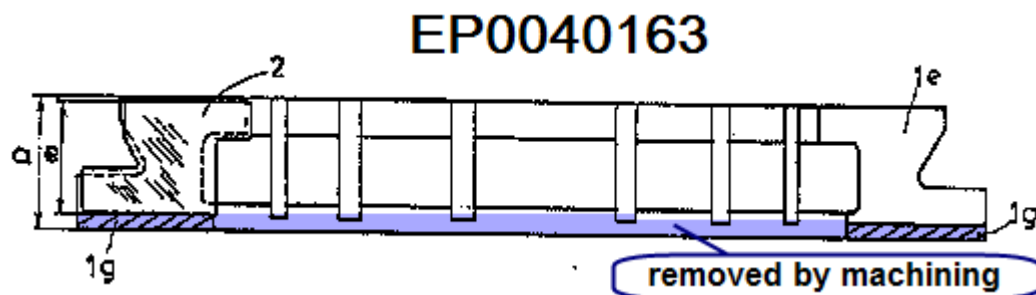
H01R 43/08

in which segments are not separated until after assembly

Definition statement

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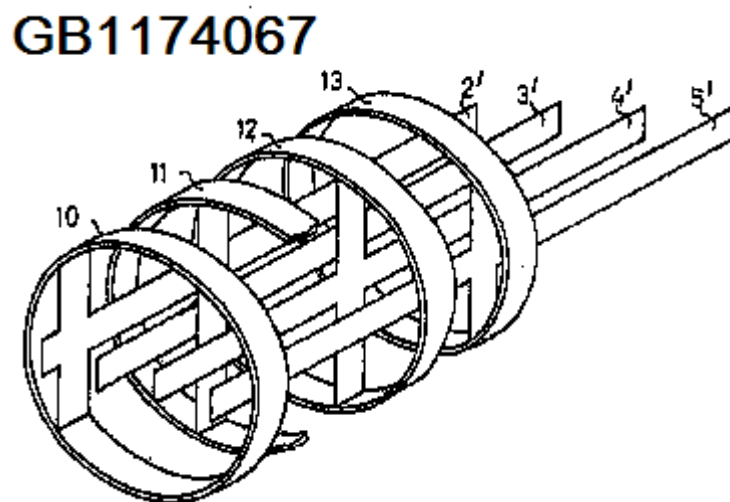
**H01R 43/10**

Manufacture of slip-rings

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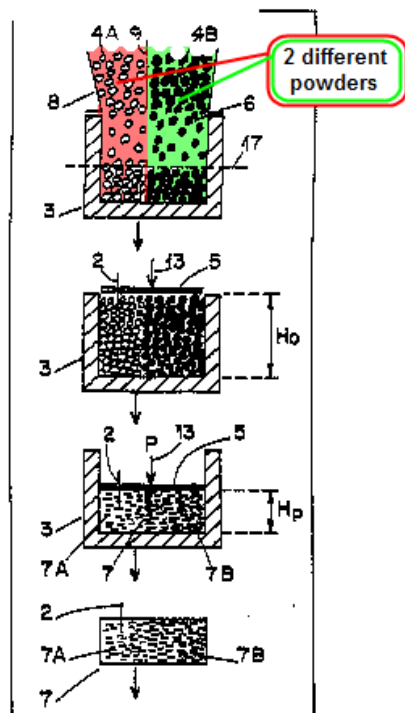


H01R 43/12**Manufacture of brushes****Definition statement**

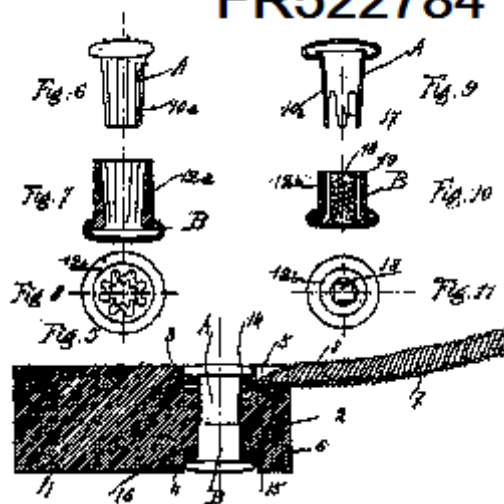
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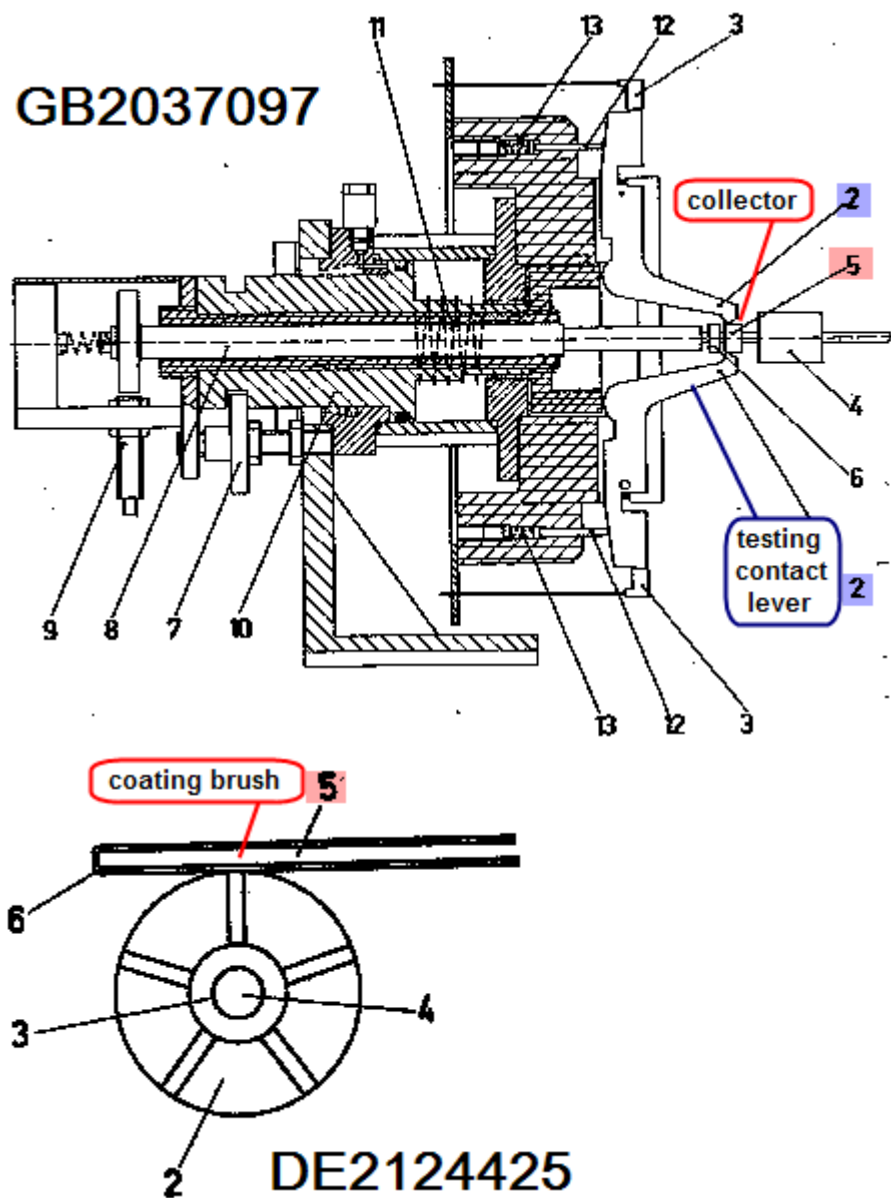
H01R 43/14

Maintenance of current collectors, e.g. reshaping of brushes, cleaning of commutators

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/14](#)



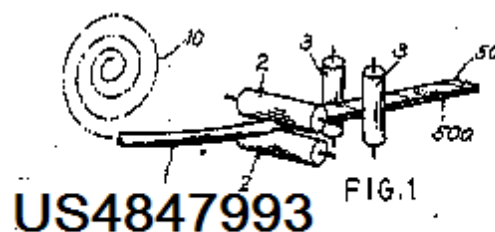
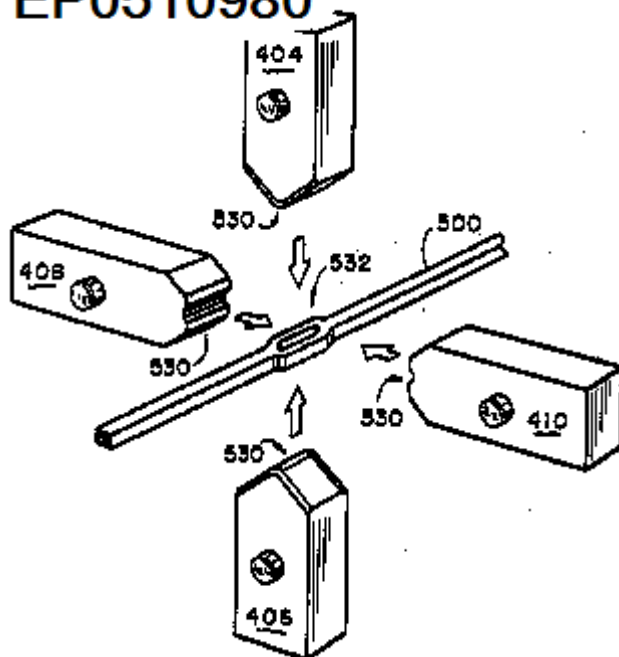
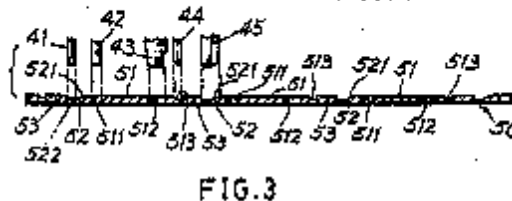
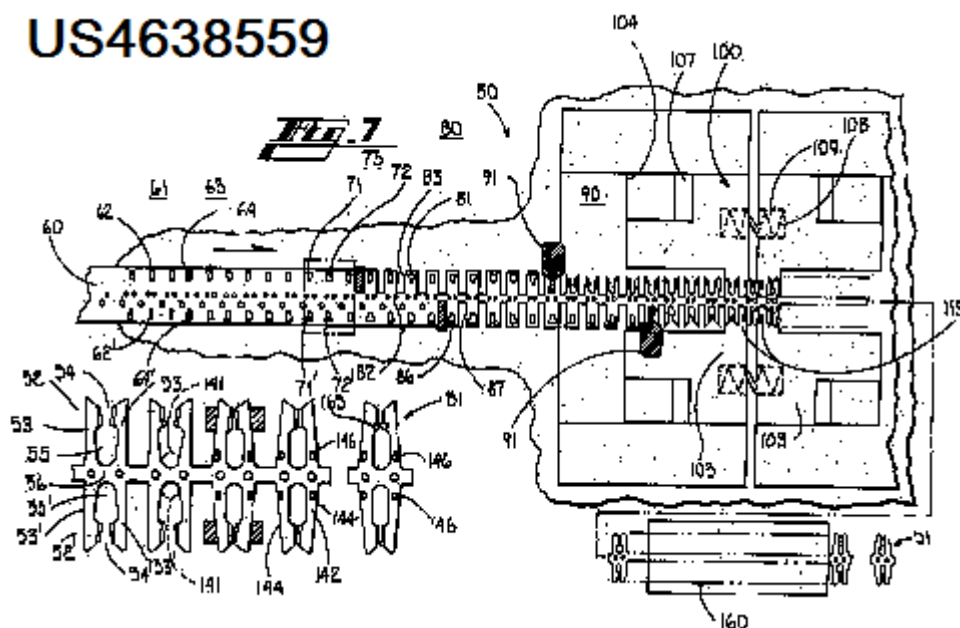
H01R 43/16

for manufacturing contact members, e.g. by punching and by bending

Definition statement

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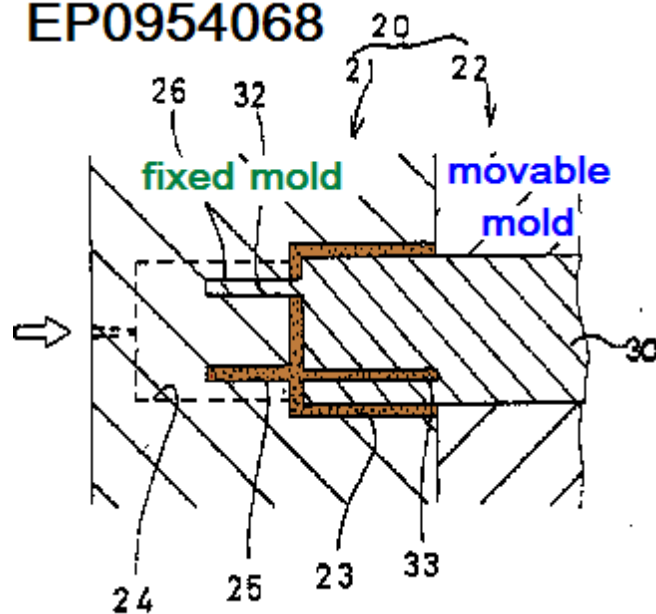
H01R 43/18

for manufacturing bases or cases for contact members

Definition statement

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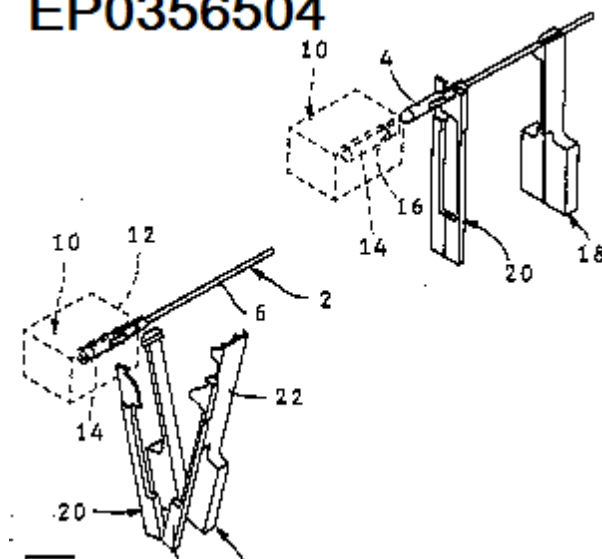
H01R 43/20

for assembling or disassembling contact members with insulating base, case or sleeve

Definition statement

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Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 43/20](#)

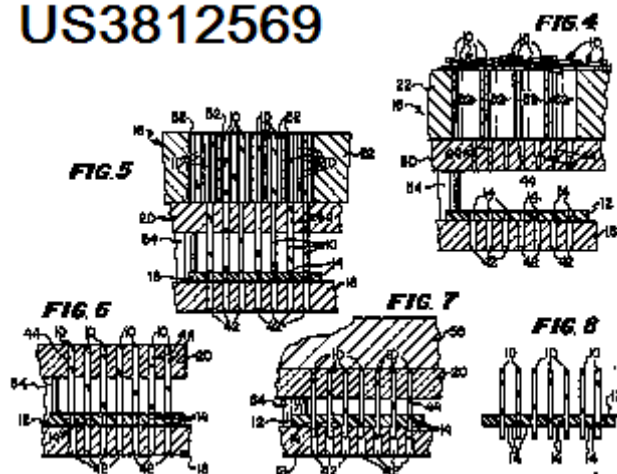
EP0356504**H01R 43/205**

{with a panel or printed circuit board}

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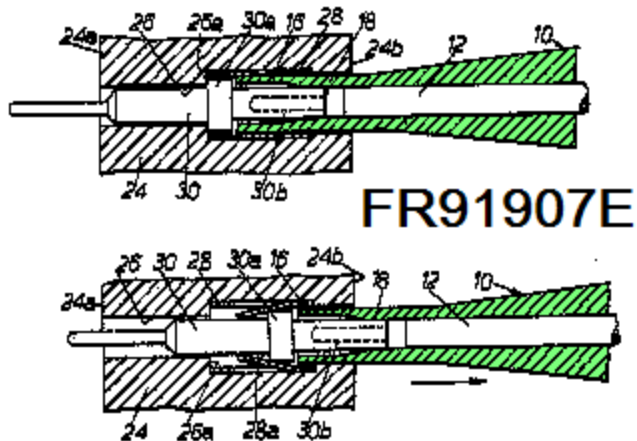
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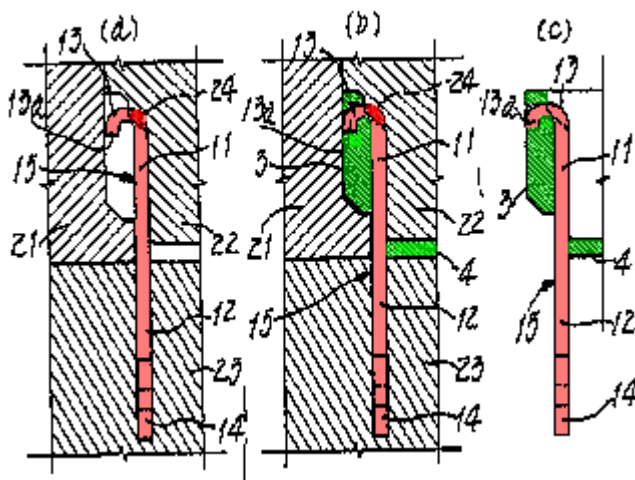
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**H01R 43/24****Assembling by moulding on contact members****Definition statement**

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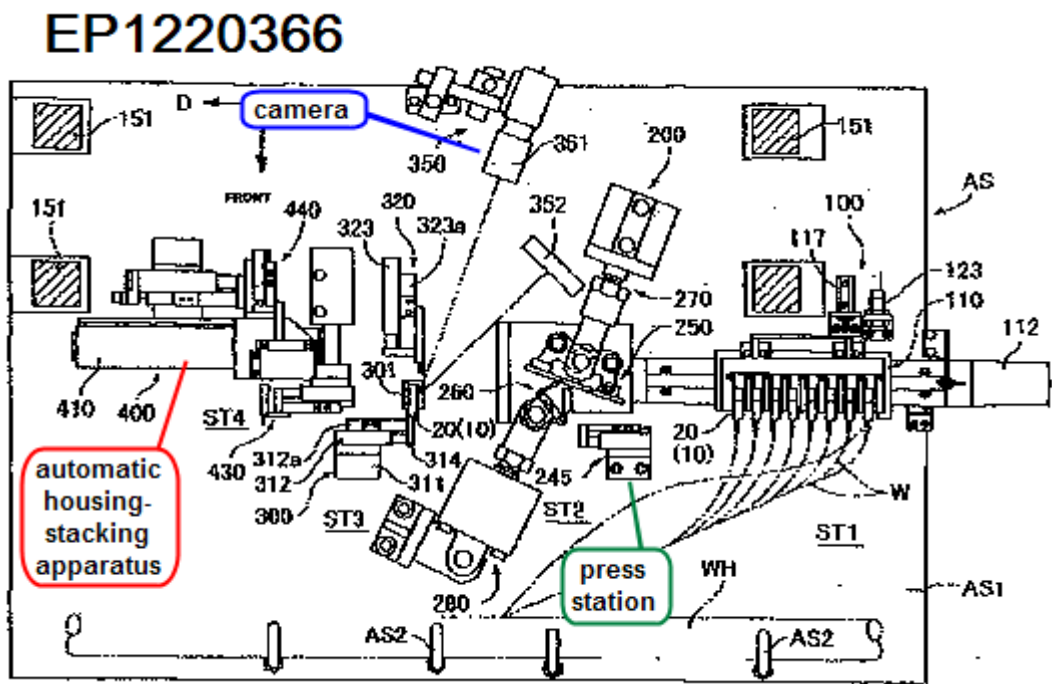
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for engaging or disengaging the two parts of a coupling device (structural association with two-part coupling device [H01R 13/629](#))

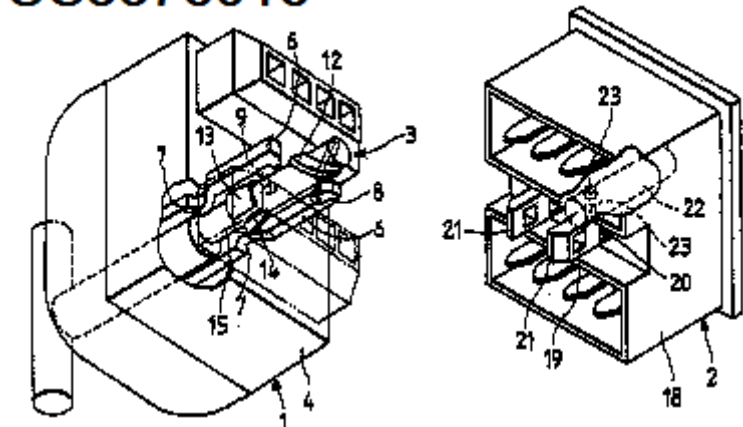
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References

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Structural association with two-part coupling device	H01R 13/629
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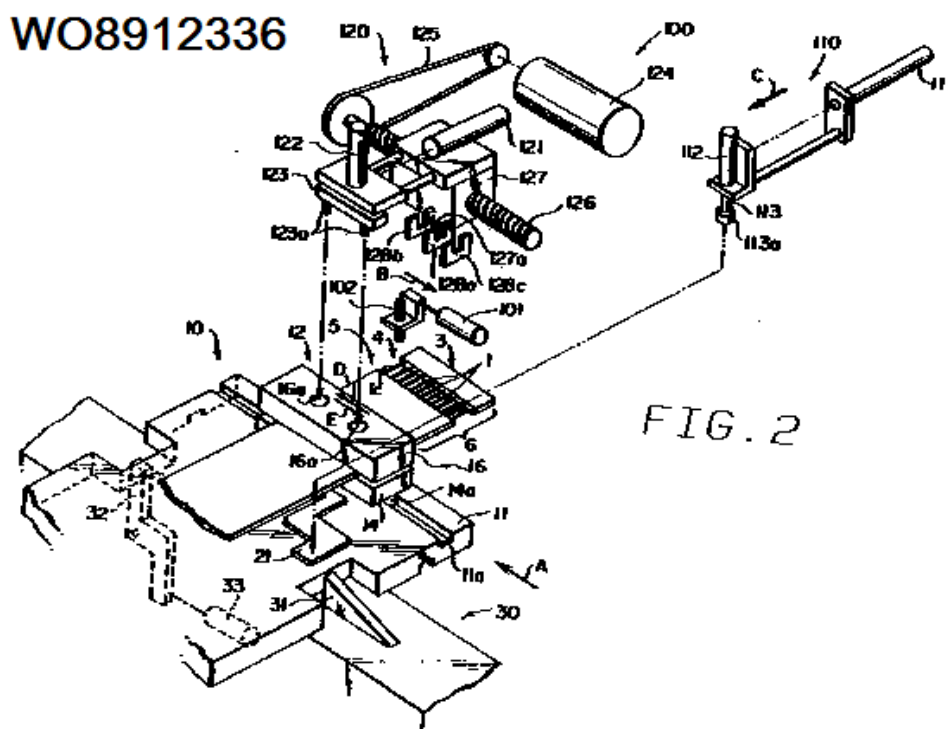
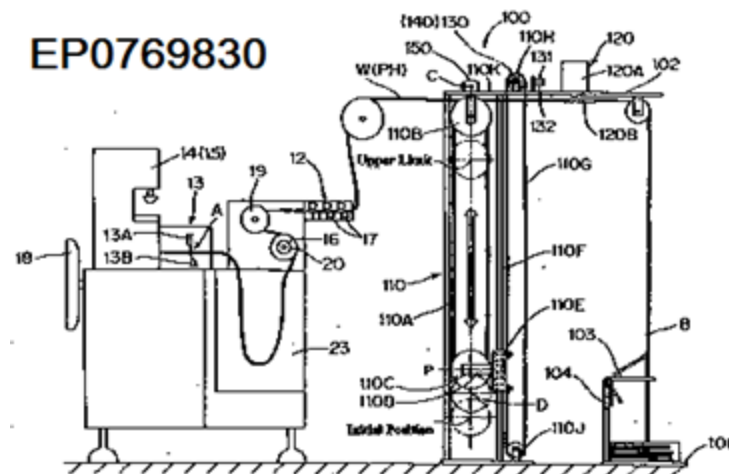
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for wire processing before connecting to contact members, not provided for in groups [H01R 43/02](#) - [H01R 43/26](#)

Definition statement

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Apparatus or processes specially adapted for soldered or welded connections

[H01R 43/02](#)

Apparatus or processes specially adapted for connecting conductors by clips	H01R 43/027
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for wrapping or unwrapping wire connections	H01R 43/033
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for forming connections by deformation	H01R 43/04
Manufacture of commutators	H01R 43/06
Manufacture of slip-rings	H01R 43/10
Manufacture of brushes	H01R 43/12
Maintenance of current collectors	H01R 43/14
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for manufacturing contact members	H01R 43/16
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for manufacturing bases or cases for contact members	H01R 43/18
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for assembling or disassembling contact members with insulating base, case or sleeve	H01R 43/20
Apparatus or processes specially adapted for engaging or disengaging the two parts of a coupling device	H01R 43/26

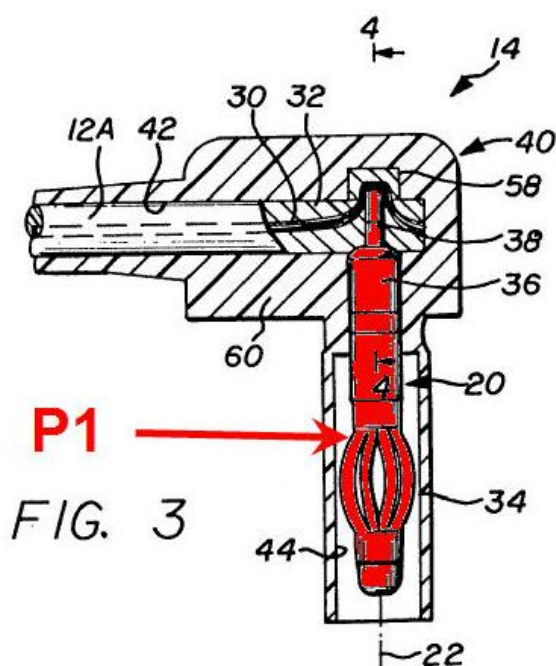
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One pole

Definition statement

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H01R 2103/00**Two poles****Definition statement**

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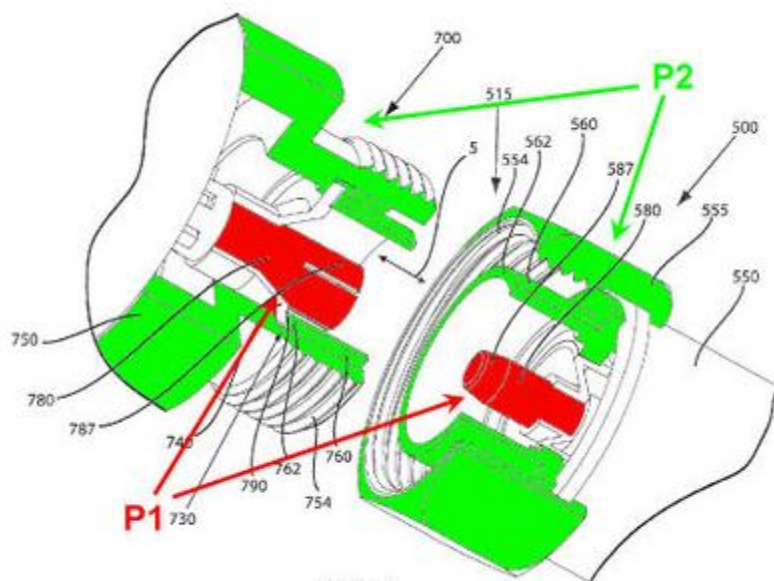
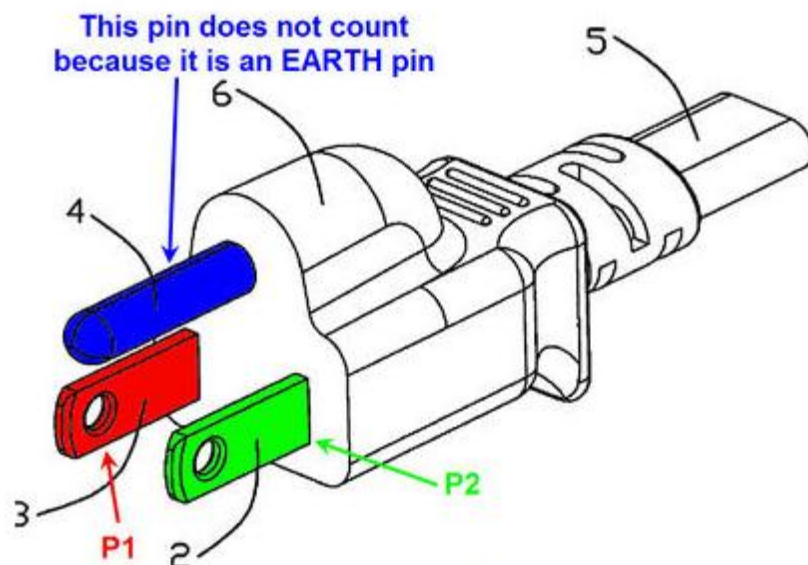


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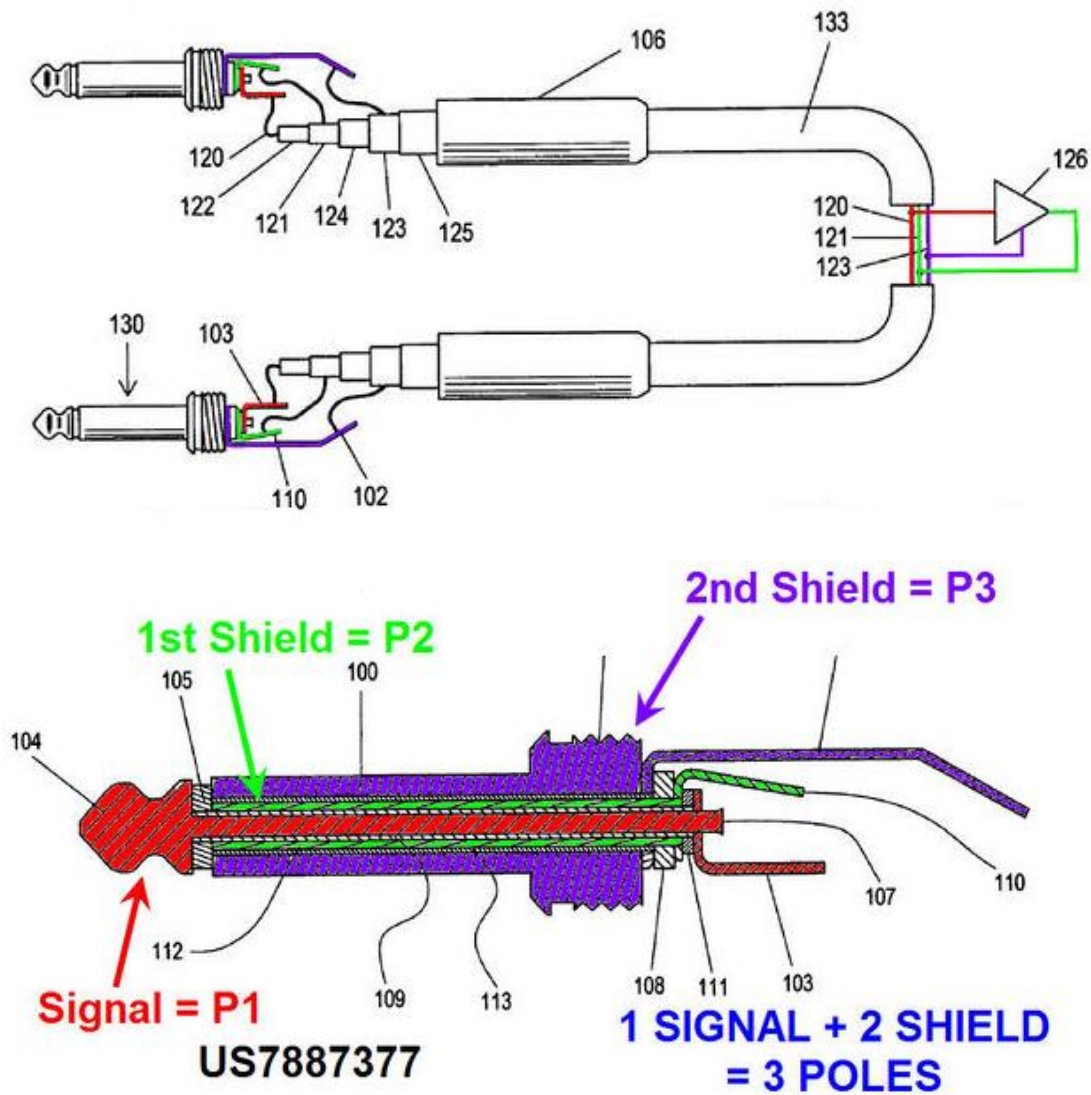


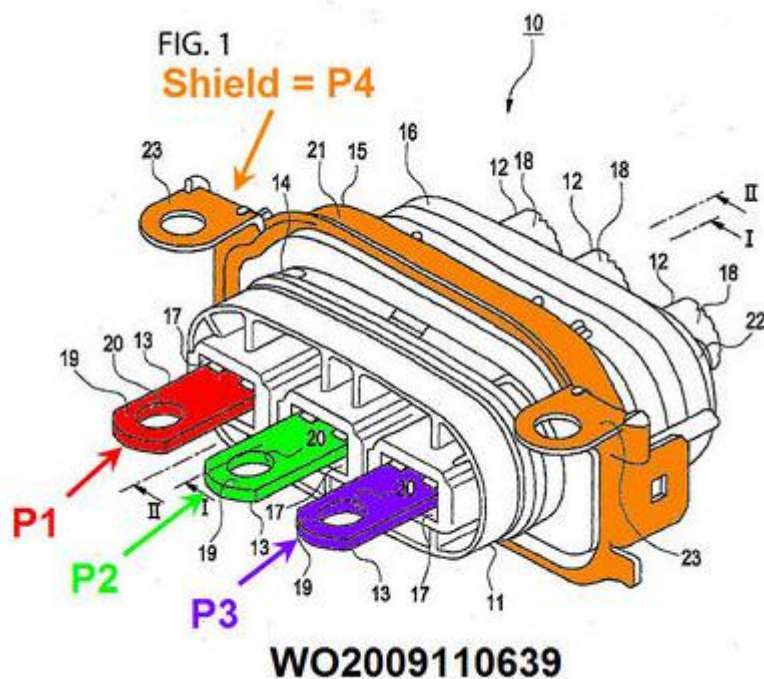
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H01R 2105/00**Three poles****Definition statement**

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H01R 2107/00**Four or more poles****Definition statement***This place covers:*Illustrative example of subject matter classified in [H01R 2107/00](#)

**This pin does not count
because it is an EARTH pin**

