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DescriptionObject of the Invention:

[0001] The invention refers to a device of the type commonly known on the market as "hands-free", i.e. devices that do not require input from hands (fingers) in order to function, with the essential feature of the device being that in one of the preferred embodiments, it is installed inside a helmet of any kind, i.e. it is universal and does not require any modification of the helmet or any addition of complementary parts for its installation, this embodiment applying to persons driving a vehicle with two or more wheels, cyclists, skiers and other users of any type of helmet.

[0002] Alternatively, the same device, without modification of any kind, may be incorporated to the user's head, using an elastic band, for practicing athletics, hiking, & other activities for instance.

[0003] Furthermore, the invention introduces improvements so that the "hands-free device" may be used, in addition to communication between passengers in the same vehicle, for communication between passengers in different vehicles separated by a certain distance.

[0004] In addition, another of the aims of the present invention is that the hands-free device can be used as a means of communication between two users hiking, cycling or practicing other sports.

State of the Art:

[0005] On the market there are, and therefore can be considered as the closest state of the art to this invention, a wide range of devices that receive calls in vehicles with two or more wheels, which need to be suitably integrated into the mandatory helmet, comprising basically two parts, the main part being the earphones and the microphone which are integrated into the helmet.

[0006] The invention disclosed on WO2006/004796 relates to a communication headset component for attachment to the inside of a protective helmet, comprising: a resiliently flexible member extending between first and second ends, an earphone supported by the flexible member proximate to the first end, whereby the flexible member is biasable for loading within the protective helmet and release toward the unbiased state within the protective helmet.

[0007] The Cardo scala-rider TeamSet Quick guide discloses a hands free device for fitting in a helmet, which comprises a control unit connected to two speakers and a microphone, and which is operated by means of a multi-function switch. The speakers are attached to the inside of the helmet by means of Velcro® and the control unit is clamped to the shell of the helmet.

[0008] Some of the known devices use earphones which are inserted into the ear canal, and therefore they are cumbersome to insert and remove as well as possibly limiting the reception of other sounds that need to be

heard while riding or practicing the activity in question.

[0009] Scope of the Invention:

The design of a versatile and universal device for use with a helmet or without, easy to fit and use.

[0010] Fitted on the inside of any type of helmet, which avoids distributors and specialist shops needing to have numerous stocks, and thus a high investment, as a result the production runs and units produced can be larger and the final retail price lower.

[0011] When fitted, there is no need for any module external to the helmet and therefore is easier to use. More convenient for the user, as both the transmitting antenna and all the hardware are incorporated into the same module of the hands-free device, using one or two speakers, without any extra module, being powered by one or two batteries.

[0012] Earphones inserted into the ear canal are not used and it incorporates a microphone close to the mouth, connected by a cable.

[0013] The on/off and sound volume adjustment controls are contained in a multi-position switch and connected to the main unit through a multicore cable and a connector, and alternatively to a remote control on the handlebar, connected to the helmet via radio link.

[0014] Due to the thinness of the device, it is very comfortable to use with a helmet, in contrast to existent hands-free devices that are much thicker and cannot be used inside a helmet.

[0015] Another of the aims is to enable the use and commercialisation of this hands-free device for sports activities, whether the sport requires wearing a helmet (e.g., cycling, skiing and any other type of sport using a helmet) or not, for instance for running, trekking or others.

[0016] Alternatively, when a helmet is not necessary, the hands-free device can have a securing system such as an elastic band round the head, but this does not form part of the claimed invention.

[0017] Another aim of the invention is to incorporate, without changing the aforementioned basic features of the hands-free device, other important features that do not modify the format of the device but do enable additional functions not included in the main version.

[0018] The users of these types of hands-free devices are two-wheel vehicle passengers as well as people practicing other sports individually, who can only communicate when travelling in the same vehicle, in the case of individuals alone, they cannot communicate. Hence, the present invention includes this possibility: Vehicle passengers will be able to communicate with passengers in other vehicles, and people using this device but not riding on the vehicle, as well, alternating this possibility without limiting the aforementioned functions.

Description of the invention:

[0019] In a first possible embodiment of the invention,

the hands-free device has a main unit that incorporates a flat loudspeaker, an antenna, and the corresponding electronics for operation and functions, with the aid of the corresponding connectors, switches and push buttons and powered by one or two batteries.

[0020] The main unit also has a connector (jack type) to connect a control module, which includes a multi-position switch that controls activation (ON/OFF), volume and other functions.

[0021] In an alternative variant the hands-free device incorporates control module that is physically detached from the main unit, fitted to the handlebar of the vehicle and radio-linked to the main unit.

[0022] The main unit normally incorporates a rigid rod, this rod is joined to the unit by one of its ends, and it has a microphone on the opposite end. A twin core cable runs inside the rod to connect the main unit to the microphone.

[0023] Finally, and to facilitate the installation of the device, the loudspeaker has Velcro® or other adherent textile material on one of its sides, so it can be fitted to the helmet by simple pressure.

[0024] If the user of the vehicle of two or more wheels uses a full-face helmet, the rod can be done away with, and the microphone will be fitted to the frontal part of the helmet with Velcro® type adherent material near the mouth of the user and connected with a twin core cable to the main unit with a connector.

[0025] Alternatively, according to a second embodiment of the invention, and when the hands-free device uses two speakers, the second is connected to the first with a twin core cable, using a jack-type connector for the input to the speakers.

[0026] The most important characteristics of the two aforementioned embodiments is the incorporation of all the electronics of the device in the main unit, so that the device does not require any other element for its operation, neither inside nor outside the helmet, only the mobile phone, MP3, navigator, and GPS or other devices which may be typically in the user's pocket.

[0027] Regarding the electronics incorporated into the equipment, the first and second embodiment of the invention will use wireless Bluetooth technology for communication (preferably v2.1 specification or superior). In other possible embodiments of the device, and with the aim of using the car stereo, which has two speakers in some configurations, it will also incorporate A2DP technology ("*Advanced Audio Distribution Profile*", protocol which allows the transmission of a stereo Blue-Tooth audio signal).

[0028] Other possible variations of the device may incorporate an extra wireless chip enabling communication using a closed protocol with other devices such as: other units of the same device (for the communication between motorcyclists or other users without needing to use a mobile phone); control devices such as a remote control fitted to the handlebar of the motorcycle (As described in patent P200930534). other devices that currently exist on the market such as "TWIINS RCR PLUS" or even

"TWIINS" by the addition of a DETA type backpack, Audio Transmitter Device, fitted to said "TWIINS" device.

[0029] A third possible embodiment of the invention contemplates a new configuration of the left-hand side box, being slightly larger and comprising the left-hand speaker and all the electronics of the hands-free device: The batteries, and the electronic circuit board, with a flexible tube or hose with a microphone on its end emerging from this box, and the left-hand side box connected via a cable to a charger connector.

[0030] In this third embodiment of the invention, the hose has an upgraded microphone on its end that incorporates before the microphone a new and useful multifunction push button control by which the user can control predetermined functions with long and/or short presses, and an LED confirmation indicator designed to switch on and off when the user presses the multifunction push button, so the user can know that the pressure on the push button has been effective and has modified the function.

[0031] This third embodiment of the invention also incorporates other elements that enable the new communication function between users of different vehicles, or users without a vehicle.

[0032] This third embodiment has 3 different variations or versions, which we will call "top range", "medium range" and "low range".

[0033] The first version of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, which we will call "top range" comprises two boxes that are visibly identical, left and right. The left-hand box has the electronic circuit board and the left-hand speaker, the electronics in the box being connected to a microphone assembly, which has in turn the microphone, an LED indicator and a multifunction push button. The electronics of the left-hand box is connected to a charger connector with a cable. This version, in addition to the left-hand box, has another box of the same size on the right, connected by a cable. This right-hand box contains the other speaker (right-hand speaker) and a battery. Additionally, the elements in the right-hand box are connected via the corresponding cable to a function switch. The electronics of the left-hand box uses preferably Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles, with optional mono or stereo selection, vocal response and optionally with automatic volume.

[0034] A second version of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, which we will call "mid range" comprises two boxes, the left-hand box contains all the electronics, including the speaker, batteries and the electronic circuit board, connected to a microphone, and the right-hand box only contains a speaker. Like the previous device, the electronics of the left-hand box is connected to a charger connector with a cable. The electronics of the left-hand box uses preferably Bluetooth protocol with HFP and HSP profiles, or Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles.

[0035] A third version of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, which we will call "low range" com-

prises a single left-hand box, with the same ingredients as the previous version (all the electronics, including the speaker, batteries and the electronic circuit board, connected to a microphone). Like the previous device, the electronics of the left-hand box is connected to a charger connector with a cable. The electronics of the left-hand box uses preferably Bluetooth protocol with HFP and HSP profiles, or Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles.

[0036] In all these three versions of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, both the right and the left-hand box can incorporate means of adherence on the outside of the boxes, such as Velcro.

[0037] In these three versions of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, in order to enable the new communication functions, the multi-function switch located on the main unit of the first and second embodiments of the invention is replaced by a multi-function push button on the microphone assembly, with the following functions:

- accept a phone call from the exterior, and/or
- hang up a call, and/or
- activate voice dialling the, and/or
- synchronise the device with other equipment (mobile phone, PDA, MP3, GPS...).

[0038] The above functions are obtained through a short pressing of the multi-function push button, each pressing will light up the LED to inform the user that the pressure has become an order.

[0039] In these three versions of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, the multi-function push button of the microphone assembly additionally incorporates the following functions by means of a long pressure:

- *On* (activation of the hands-free device).
- *Off* (deactivation of the hands-free device).
- Association with a Bluetooth terminal.

[0040] Likewise each pressing of the multi-function push button will light up the corresponding LED indicator.

[0041] This third embodiment of the hands-free device also optionally has, in addition to the LED system, an acoustic confirmation system with different sounds depending on the function activated by the user. All these confirmations of orders by sounds allow the user not to lose sight of the road in front of the vehicle, which is very important when the vehicle is in motion.

[0042] Other details and characteristics shall be shown throughout the description below referring to drawings attached to this report which are shown for illustrative but not limiting purposes only in a drawing of the invention.

Description of the drawings:

[0043] Below is a numbered list for the different parts of the device described, which are indicated in the above

drawings; (10) hands-free device in helmet, (11) hands-free device without helmet, (12) body of the main unit, (13) speaker, (14) Velcro, (15) connector, (16) rod, (17) microphone, (18) multi-position switch, (19) perimeter of (12), (20) elastic band, (21) twin core cable, (22) multicore cable, (23) connectors, (24) battery charging connector, (25a) "top range" hands-free device, (25b) "mid range" hands-free device, (25c) "low range" hands-free device, (27d) adhesive tape, (28) foam, (29) microphone assembly, (30) multifunction push button, (31) LED indicator, (32) microphone holes, (33i) left box, (33d) right box, (34i) left box speaker, (34d) right box speaker, (35) microphone assembly connection tube, (36) power cable, (37) charger connector, (38) function selector, (39) function selector connection cable, (40) charger connector connection tube, (42) battery, (43) printed circuit board.

Figure 1 is a schematic perspective view of the second embodiment of the hands-free device (10) with two speakers, designed for use in a helmet.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a variation of the second embodiment of the hands-free device (10), when it is used without a helmet (12), with the aid of an elastic band (20).

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the first variation ("Top range") of the third embodiment of the hands-free device (25a), which is formed by two identical boxes (33i, 33d), designed for use inside a helmet using Velcro-type means to secure them (27), which is placed on the outside of both boxes (33i, 33d).

Figure 4 is a detail view of the microphone assembly (29) of the hands-free device (25a) of figure 3.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the second variation ("Mid range") of the third embodiment of the hands-free device (25b), which is formed by a left-hand box (33i) and a right-hand element (33d').

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the third variation ("Low range") of the third embodiment of the hands-free device (25c), which is formed by a single left-hand box (33i).

Figure 7 is a schematic view of the layout of the "Top range" (25a) hands-free device of figure 3.

Figure 8 is a schematic view of the layout of the "Mid range" (25b) hands-free device of figure 5.

Figure 9 is a schematic view of the layout of the "Low range" (25c) hands-free device of figure 6.

Figure 10 is a schematic view of the layout of the microphone assembly (29) of figure 4.

Description of a preferred embodiment of the invention:

[0044] In the second preferred embodiment of the invention, as can be seen in the figure 1, the hands-free device (10) is comprised of a main unit, the body (12) of which contains a speaker (13) on one of its sides, while the opposite face is covered with an adherent material such as Velcro (14) or similar, an antenna and the electronics for operating the device (10), and on the perimeter

of said body (19) and in a lower position, there is a connector (23) and a, multicore cable (22) that connects the body (12) of the main unit to a multi-position switch (18) with the following functions:

- On/Off.
- Accept/reject call.
- Volume
- Others (Such as pre-tuning FM radio stations, etc.).

[0045] In the main unit and in its body (12) and on its perimeter (19), is the microphone (17) with a rigid rod (16), and with a jack connector (15). If using a full face helmet, the rigid rod (16) can be eliminated, securing the microphone (17) with adherent Velcro type material (14) or similar, connecting the microphone (17) to the (12) main unit with a twin core cable.

[0046] The device in this second embodiment incorporates a second speaker on the right (13) with identical features to the first, but without a microphone (17) and rod (16). This second right-hand speaker (13) is connected to the first with a twin core cable (21), and input on the body of the speaker through a jack connector (23).

[0047] Both speakers (13), left and right, and the device entire (10) is fitted to the helmet, with Velcro (14) being secured without any sort of studs or similar, staying in the helmet or being removed to fit into another.

[0048] To charge the batteries that power the main unit, its body (12) and the perimeter (19) of the same has a mini USB connector (24).

[0049] Alternatively, the control module may be physically detached from the body (12) of the device (10) and fitted to the vehicle handlebar, communicating with the main unit by radio frequency.

[0050] As shown in figure 2, if the user practices a sport that does not require the use of a helmet, there is an elastic band (20) to secure the hands-free device (10) to the user's head.

[0051] Alternatively and in another possible embodiment, the hands-free device with two speakers (13) of figure 1 incorporates a closed protocol wireless chip, but it will not have a Bluetooth chip, so it can be used as a slave receiver in communication between, for example, the pilot and co-pilot.

[0052] In the third preferred embodiment of this invention, as may be seen in figures 3-10, the three versions described in the hands-free device patent (25) comprise in all cases the possibility of communication between two or more hands-free devices (25). For this purpose, a flexible connection tube (35) coming out of the left-hand box (33i), see figure 2, which incorporates a microphone (29) in its end, which has a multi-function push button (30) so the user can select orders by means of two types of pushes, either short or long.

[0053] As clearly shown in figure 4, the multi-function push button (30), which replaces the multi-function switch of embodiments one and two depicted by number (18), is physically located close to the holes of the microphone

(32), with an LED indicator (31) located between these microphone holes (32) and the multi-function push button (30). The mission of this LED indicator is to confirm the user that the pressure on the push button (30) has been effective and has changed the function.

[0054] According to the embodiment of figure 3, the first version of the third embodiment of the hands-free device (25a), which we will call "Top range", comprises two boxes, identical in appearance (33i, 33d); left (33i) and right (33d). The left-hand box (33i) has the electronic circuit board (43) and the left-hand speaker (34i), the electronics in the box being connected to a microphone assembly (29), the electronics in the box being connected to a charger connector (37) with a cable (40). This version, in addition to the left-hand box, has another box (33i) of the same size on the right (33d), connected by a flexible cable (35). This right-hand box (33d) contains the other speaker (right-hand speaker, 34d) and the battery (42d). Additionally, the elements contained in the right-hand box are connected with the corresponding power cable (39) to a function selector (38).

[0055] According to the embodiment of figure 4, in a second version of the hands-free device of the third embodiment which we will call "Mid range" (25b), it is formed by two boxes, the left-hand box contains all the electronics including the left-hand speaker (34i), the batteries (42i) and the printed circuit board (43) and is connected to the microphone assembly (29), while the right-hand box (33d) only contains the right-hand speaker (34d) and a Velcro type support on the back (27). Like the "Top range" device, the electronics of the left-hand box is connected to a charger connector (37) with a cable (40).

[0056] According to figure 5, a third version of the third embodiment of the hands-free device, which we will call "low range", has a single left-hand box, with the same components as the previous version, all the electronics, including the left-hand speaker (34i), the batteries (42i) and the circuit board (43) connected to the microphone assembly (29). Like the previous device, the electronics of the left-hand box (33i) is connected to a charger connector (37) with a cable (40).

[0057] Having sufficiently described this invention using the figures attached, it is easy to understand that any modification may be made to the detail which may be deemed to be appropriate, whenever these changes do not alter the scope of the invention summarised in the following claims.

50 Claims

1. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" formed at least by a speaker (13) used inside or over the ear canal, wherein the hands-free device (10) is fitted inside a helmet of any type, and comprises:

- a main unit, formed by a body or box (12) which contains a speaker (13) on one of its sides,

- wherein said body or box (12) is linked to a microphone assembly comprising in addition to the a microphone (17) a multi-function push button (18) by which the user can control predetermined functions by manually pressing the buttons, such as on/off or accepting calls, and an LED confirmation indicator designed to switch on or off when the user presses the multifunction push button, and wherein the multi-function push button works by the user pressing the multi-function push button (18) for short and/or long periods,
- batteries (42d) and a circuit board (43), and
- Wherein the hands-free device (10) is fitted inside a helmet (11) by means of an adherent textile material such as Velcro® (14) on the opposite side of the main unit and its body (12).
2. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 1, **characterised in that** the multi-function push button works by the user pressing the multi-function push button for short periods, offers the following functions:
 - accept a phone calls from the exterior, and/or
 - hang up a call, and/or
 - activate voice dialling the, and/or
 - synchronise the device with other equipment (mobile phone, PDA, MP3, GPS...).
 3. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 1, **characterised in that** the multi-function push button works by the user pressing the multi-function push button for long periods offers the following functions:
 - On (activation of the hands-free device).
 - Off (deactivation of the hands-free device).
 - Association with a Bluetooth terminal.
 4. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claims 1 to 3, **characterised in that** the hands-free device comprises a single left-hand box, with all the electronics including the speaker, the batteries and the circuit board, connected to the microphone assembly.
 5. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 4, **characterised in that** the electronics of the left-hand box uses preferably Bluetooth protocol with HFP and HSP profiles, or Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles.
 6. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claims 1 to 3, **characterised in that** the hands-free device comprises in addition a right-hand second box only contains a speaker, and wherein the left-hand box contains all the electronics, including the speaker, batteries and the electronic circuit board, connected to a microphone assembly.
 7. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 6, **characterised in that** the electronics of the left-hand box uses preferably Bluetooth protocol with HEP and HSP profiles, or Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles.
 8. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claims 1 to 3, **characterised in that** the hands-free device comprises in addition a right-hand second box, wherein the left-hand box has the printed circuit board and the left-hand speaker, and the electronics in this left-hand box being connected to the microphone assembly, and the right-hand box containing other speaker and a battery, the right-hand second box and the left-hand box being connected together with a cable.
 9. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 8, **characterised in that**, additionally, the elements in the right-hand box are connected via the corresponding cable to a function switch.
 10. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claims 8 and 9, **characterised in that** the electronics of the left-hand box has a Bluetooth protocol with HFP, HSP and A2DP profiles, with optional mono or stereo selection, vocal response and, optionally, with automatic volume.
 11. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 1, **characterised in that**, the hands-free device of the invention has, in addition to the LED system, an acoustic confirmation system with different sounds depending on the function activated by the user.
 12. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the preceding claims, **characterised in that** the electronics of the left-hand box is connected to a charger connector with a cable.
 13. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the preceding claims **characterised in that** both speakers and the entire device (10) are secured to the helmet, using a Velcro® type adherent material (14) on one of the sides of the speaker, staying inside the helmet or can be detached and fitted into another helmet.
 14. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claim 1, **characterised in that** the body of the main unit and its perimeter incorporate a mini-USB connector for charging the battery.
 15. "HANDS-FREE DEVICE" according to the claims 1, **characterised in that** the hands-free device has additionally a communication function between the device and other hands-free devices of different users

physically separated from each other.

Patentansprüche

1. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG", mindestens bestehend aus einem Lautsprecher (13), der im oder über dem Gehörgang eingesetzt wird, wobei die Freisprecheinrichtung (10) im Inneren eines Helmes beliebiger Art befestigt ist und Folgendes umfasst:

- eine Haupteinheit, die aus einem Behältnis oder Gehäuse gebildet ist, das auf einer seiner Seiten einen Lautsprecher (13) enthält, wobei das Behältnis oder Gehäuse (12) mit einer Mikrofonanordnung verbunden ist, die zusätzlich zu dem Mikrofon einen Multifunktionsknopf (18) umfasst, mit dem der Nutzer vorgegebene Funktionen steuern kann, indem er die Knöpfe, wie z. B. für Ein/Aus oder Rufannahme, von Hand drückt, sowie einen LED-Bestätigungsanzeiger zum Ein- und Ausschalten, wenn der Nutzer den Multifunktionsknopf drückt, und wobei der Multifunktionsknopf (18) funktioniert, indem der Nutzer ihn kurzzeitig betätigt und/oder länger gedrückt hält;
- Batterien (42d) und eine Leiterplatte (43), wobei die Freisprecheinrichtung (10) im Inneren eines Helmes (11) mittels eines textilen Klettmaterials, wie z. B. Velcro® (14), auf der gegenüberliegenden Seite der Haupteinheit und deren Gehäuse (12) befestigt ist.

2. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 1, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** der Multifunktionsknopf folgende Funktionen ermöglicht, wenn der Nutzer ihn kurzzeitig betätigt:

- Annehmen eines eingehenden Telefonanrufes und/oder
- Beenden eines Telefonanrufes und/oder
- Aktivieren der sprachgesteuerten Wählfunktion und/oder
- Synchronisieren der Einrichtung mit anderen Geräten (Mobiltelefon, PDA, MP3, GPS etc.).

3. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 1, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** der Multifunktionsknopf folgende Funktionen ermöglicht, wenn der Nutzer ihn länger gedrückt hält:

- Ein (Einschalten der Freisprecheinrichtung)
- Aus (Ausschalten der Freisprecheinrichtung)
- Verbindung mit einem Bluetooth-Anschluss

4. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den Ansprüchen 1 bis 3, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Freisprecheinrichtung ein einziges linksseitiges Ge-

häuse mit der gesamten Elektronik einschließlich Lautsprecher, Batterien und Leiterplatte umfasst, das mit der Mikrofonanordnung verbunden ist.

5. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 4, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Elektronik im linksseitigen Gehäuse vorzugsweise Bluetooth-Protokolle mit HFP- und HSP-Profilen oder Bluetooth-Protokolle mit HFP-, HSP- und A2DP-Profilen verwendet.

6. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den Ansprüchen 1 bis 3, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Freisprecheinrichtung zusätzlich ein rechtsseitiges zweites Gehäuse umfasst, das lediglich einen Lautsprecher enthält, wobei das linksseitige Gehäuse die gesamte Elektronik einschließlich Lautsprecher, Batterien und elektronische Leiterplatte enthält und mit einer Mikrofonanordnung verbunden ist.

7. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 6, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Elektronik im linksseitigen Gehäuse vorzugsweise Bluetooth-Protokolle mit HEP- und HSP-Profilen oder Bluetooth-Protokolle mit HFP-, HSP- und A2DP-Profilen verwendet.

8. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den Ansprüchen 1 bis 3, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Freisprecheinrichtung zusätzlich ein rechtsseitiges zweites Gehäuse umfasst, wobei das linksseitige Gehäuse die gedruckte Leiterplatte und den linken Lautsprecher enthält und die Elektronik in diesem linksseitigen Gehäuse an die Mikrofonanordnung angeschlossen ist und wobei das rechtsseitige Gehäuse einen weiteren Lautsprecher und eine Batterie enthält, wobei das rechtsseitige zweite Gehäuse und das linksseitige Gehäuse über ein Kabel miteinander verbunden sind.

9. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 8, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Elemente im rechtsseitigen Gehäuse zusätzlich über ein entsprechendes Kabel mit einem Funktionsschalter verbunden sind.

10. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den Ansprüchen 8 und 9, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Elektronik im linksseitigen Gehäuse über ein Bluetooth-Protokoll mit HFP-, HSP- und A2DP-Profilen mit optionaler Mono- oder Stereoauswahl, Sprachantwort und wahlweise mit automatischer Lautstärkeregelung verfügt.

11. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 1, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die erfindungsgemäße Freisprecheinrichtung zusätzlich zum LED-System ein akustisches Bestätigungssystem mit un-

terschiedlichen Tönen je nach der vom Nutzer betätigten Funktion besitzt.

12. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den vorangehenden Ansprüchen, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Elektronik im linksseitigen Gehäuse per Kabel mit einem Ladeanschluss verbunden ist.

13. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach den vorangehenden Ansprüchen, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** sowohl die Lautsprecher als auch die gesamte Einrichtung (10) mit einem Klettmaterial vom Typ Velcro® (14) im Helm auf einer der Seiten des Lautsprechers gesichert sind und im Helm verbleiben oder herausgenommen und in einen anderen Helm eingesetzt werden können.

14. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 1, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** das Gehäuse der Haupteinheit an dessen Umfang einen Mini-USB-Stecker zum Aufladen der Batterie enthält.

15. "FREISPRECHEINRICHTUNG" nach Anspruch 1, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** die Freisprecheinrichtung zusätzlich eine Funktion für die Kommunikation zwischen der vorliegenden Einrichtung und anderen physisch voneinander getrennten Freisprecheinrichtungen anderer Nutzer aufweist.

Revendications

1. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » composé d'au moins un haut-parleur (13) utilisé à l'intérieur ou sur le canal de l'oreille, dans lequel le dispositif mains libres (10) est logé à l'intérieur d'un casque de n'importe quel type, et comprend :

- une unité principale, formée par un corps ou boîtier qui contient un haut-parleur (13) sur l'un de ses côtés, où ledit corps ou boîtier (12) est relié à un ensemble de microphone comprenant, en plus du microphone, un bouton-poussoir multifonction (18) par lequel l'utilisateur peut contrôler des fonctions prédéterminées en appuyant manuellement sur les boutons, comme on/off ou accepter des appels, et un indicateur de confirmation LED conçu pour passer de on à off lorsque l'utilisateur appuie sur le bouton-poussoir multifonction, et où le bouton-poussoir multifonction est mis en fonctionnement par l'utilisateur en appuyant sur le bouton-poussoir multifonction (18) pendant de courtes et/ou longues périodes,
- des batteries (42d) et une carte de circuit imprimé (43) où le dispositif mains libres (10) est monté à l'intérieur d'un casque (11) au moyen d'un matériau textile adhérent tel que Velcro®

(14) sur le côté opposé de l'unité principale et de son corps (12).

2. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** le bouton-poussoir multifonction est mis en fonctionnement par l'utilisateur en appuyant sur le bouton-poussoir multifonction pendant de courtes périodes, offrant les fonctions suivantes :

- accepter des appels téléphoniques de l'extérieur, et/ou
- raccrocher un appel, et/ou
- activer la reconnaissance vocale, et/ou
- synchroniser le dispositif avec un autre équipement (téléphone portable, PDA, MP3, GPS...)

3. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** si le bouton-poussoir multifonction est mis en fonctionnement par l'utilisateur en appuyant sur le bouton-poussoir multifonction pendant de longues périodes, il offre les fonctions suivantes :

- On (activation du dispositif mains libres).
- Off (désactivation du dispositif mains libres).
- Association avec un équipement Bluetooth.

4. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif mains libres comprend un seul boîtier à gauche, avec toute l'électronique, y compris le haut-parleur, les batteries et la carte de circuit imprimé, relié à l'ensemble de microphone.

5. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 4, **caractérisé en ce que** l'électronique du boîtier à gauche utilise de préférence le protocole Bluetooth avec les profils HFP et HSP, ou le protocole Bluetooth avec les profils HFP, HSP et A2DP.

6. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément aux revendications 1 à 3, **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif mains libres comprend, en outre, un second boîtier à droite contenant seulement un haut-parleur, et où le boîtier à gauche contenant toute l'électronique, y compris le haut-parleur, les batteries et la carte de circuit imprimé, relié à un ensemble de microphone.

7. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 6, **caractérisé en ce que** l'électronique du boîtier à gauche utilise de préférence le protocole Bluetooth avec des profils HEP et HSP, ou le protocole Bluetooth avec des profils HFP, HSP et A2DP.

8. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément aux revendications 1 à 3, **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif mains libres comprend, en outre, un second boîtier à droite, où le boîtier à gauche comprend la carte de circuit imprimé et le haut-parleur gauche, et l'électronique dans ce boîtier à gauche étant reliée à l'ensemble de microphone, et le boîtier à droite contenant un autre haut-parleur et une batterie, le deuxième boîtier à droite et le boîtier à gauche étant reliés entre eux par un câble.
9. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 8, **caractérisé en ce que**, en outre, les éléments dans le boîtier à droite sont connectés via le câble correspondant à un commutateur de fonction.
10. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément aux revendications 8 et 9, **caractérisé en ce que** l'électronique du boîtier à gauche a un protocole Bluetooth avec des profils HFP, HSP et A2DP, avec sélection mono ou stéréo en option, réponse vocale et, éventuellement, avec volume automatique.
11. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif mains libres de l'invention possède, en plus du système de LED, un système de confirmation acoustique avec des sons différents selon la fonction activée par l'utilisateur.
12. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément aux revendications précédentes, **caractérisé en ce que** l'électronique du boîtier à gauche est connectée à un connecteur de chargeur au moyen d'un câble.
13. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément aux revendications précédentes, **caractérisé en ce que** les deux haut-parleurs et tout le dispositif (10) sont fixés au casque, à l'aide d'un matériau adhérent de type Velcro® (14) sur l'un des côtés du haut-parleur, restant à l'intérieur du casque ou pouvant être détaché et monté sur un autre casque.
14. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** le corps de l'unité principale et son périmètre intègrent un connecteur mini-USB pour charger la batterie.
15. « DISPOSITIF MAINS LIBRES » conformément à la revendication 1, **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif mains libres présente, en outre, une fonction de communication entre l'appareil et d'autres dispositifs mains libres de différents utilisateurs physiquement séparés les uns des autres.

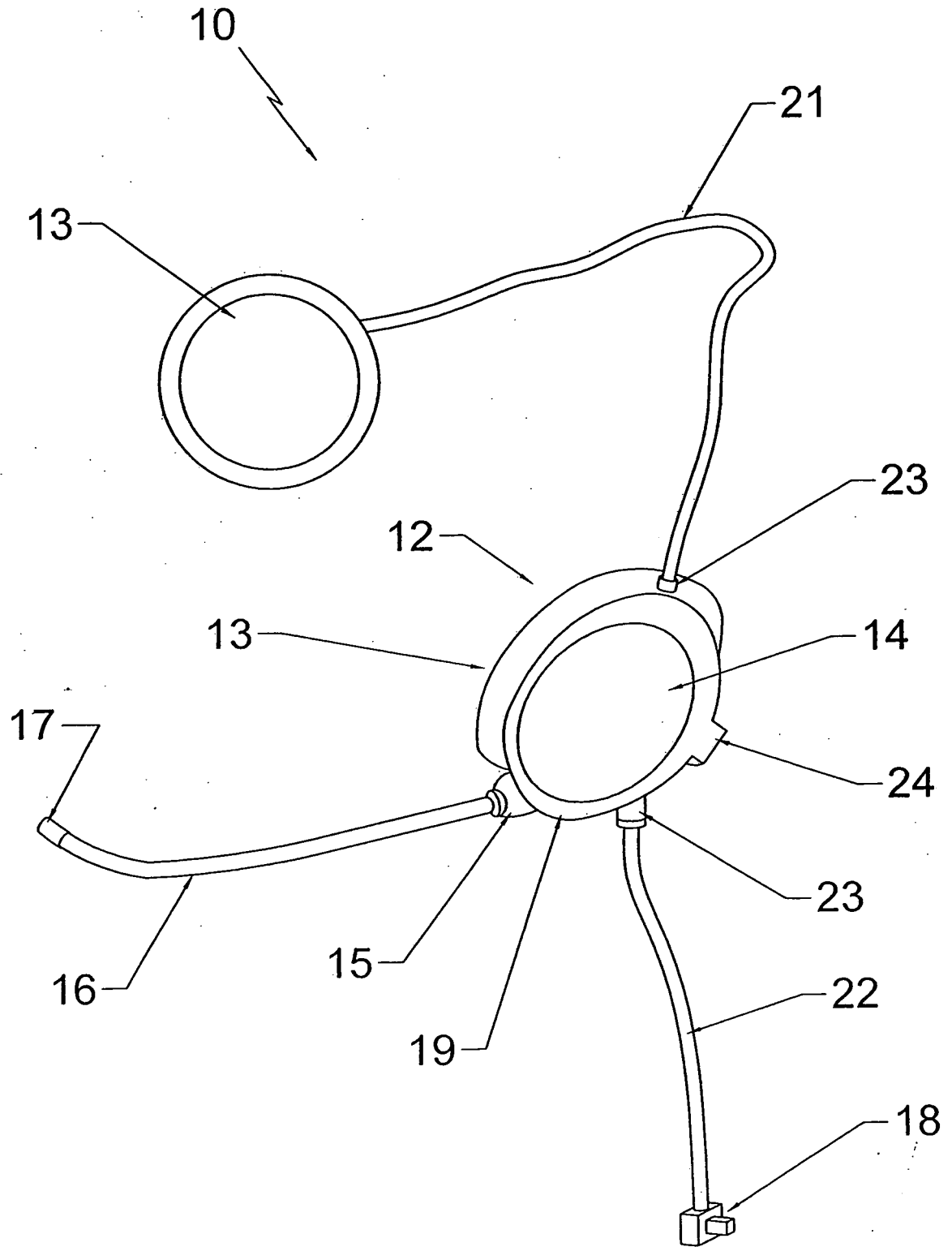


Fig. 1

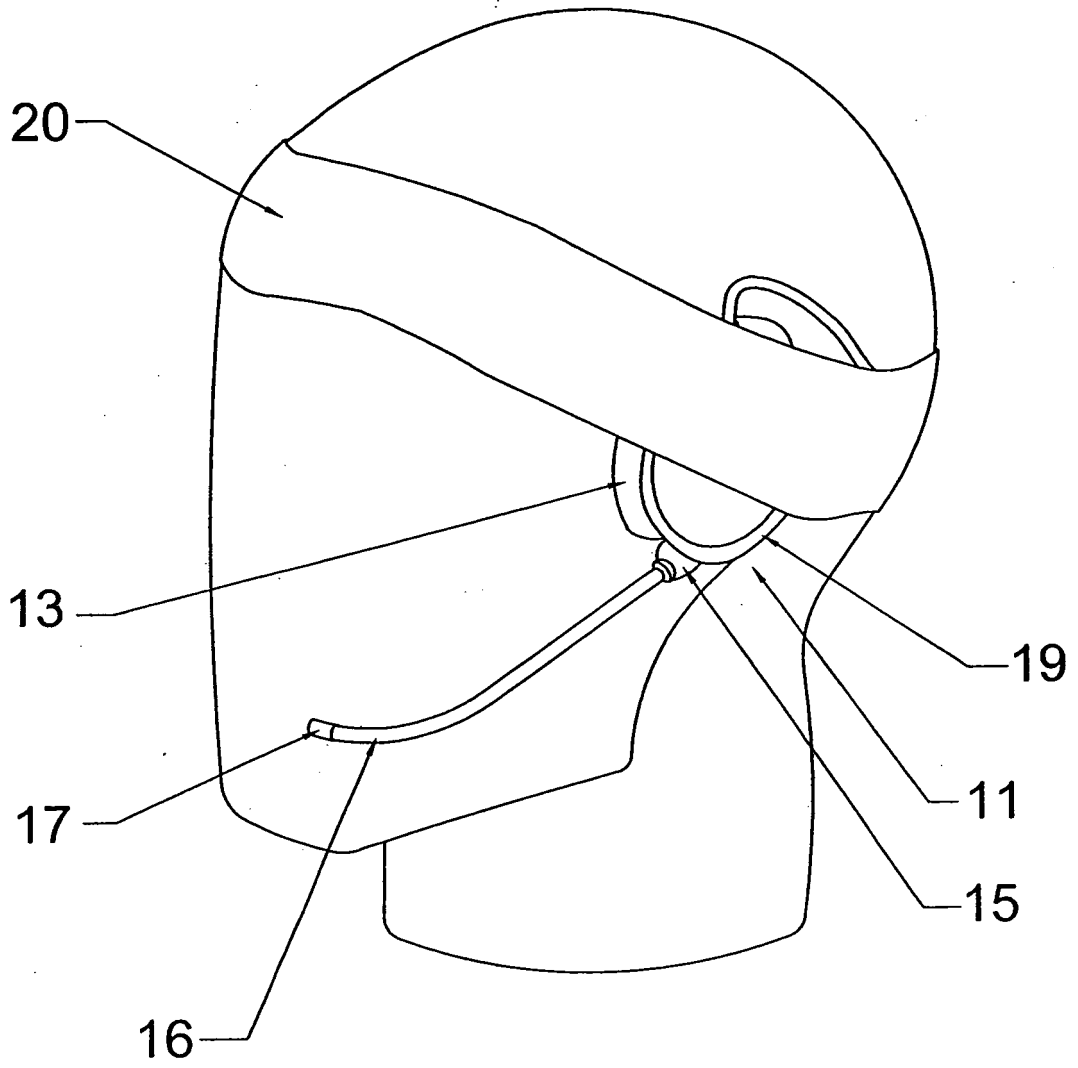


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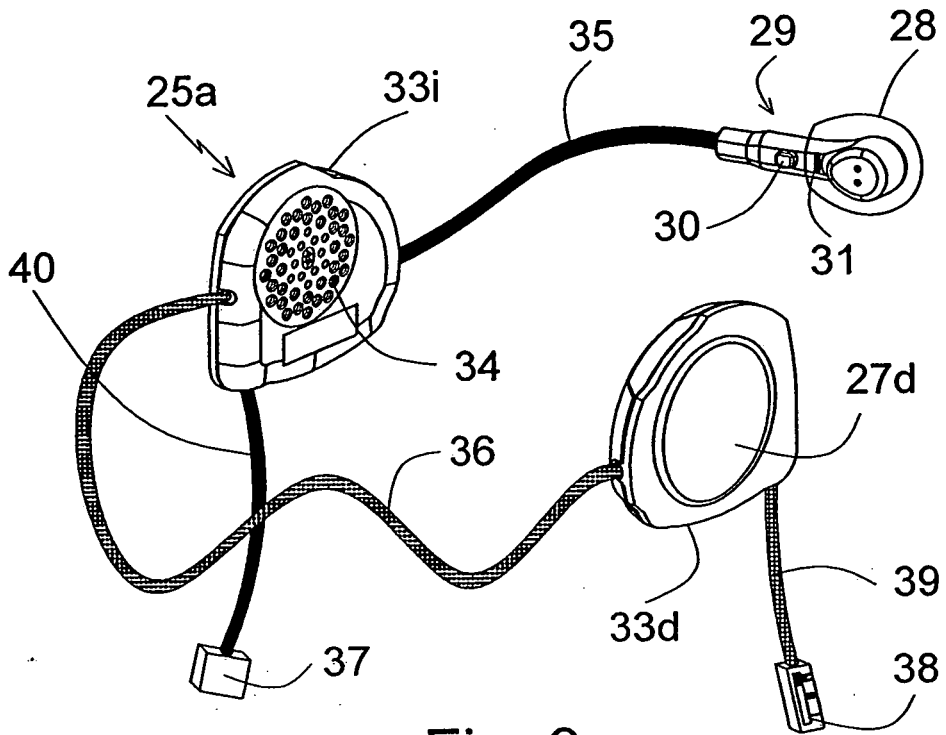


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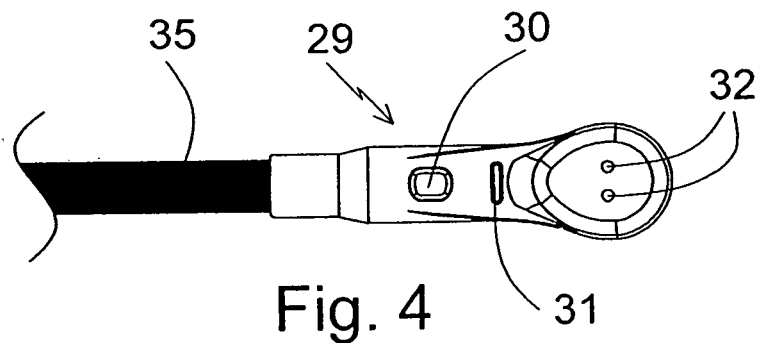
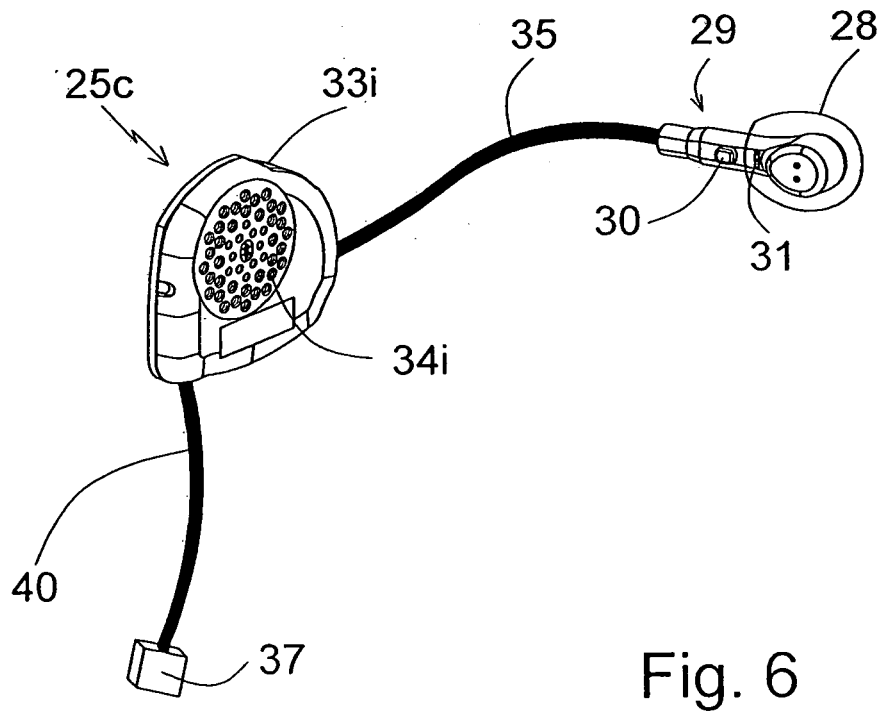
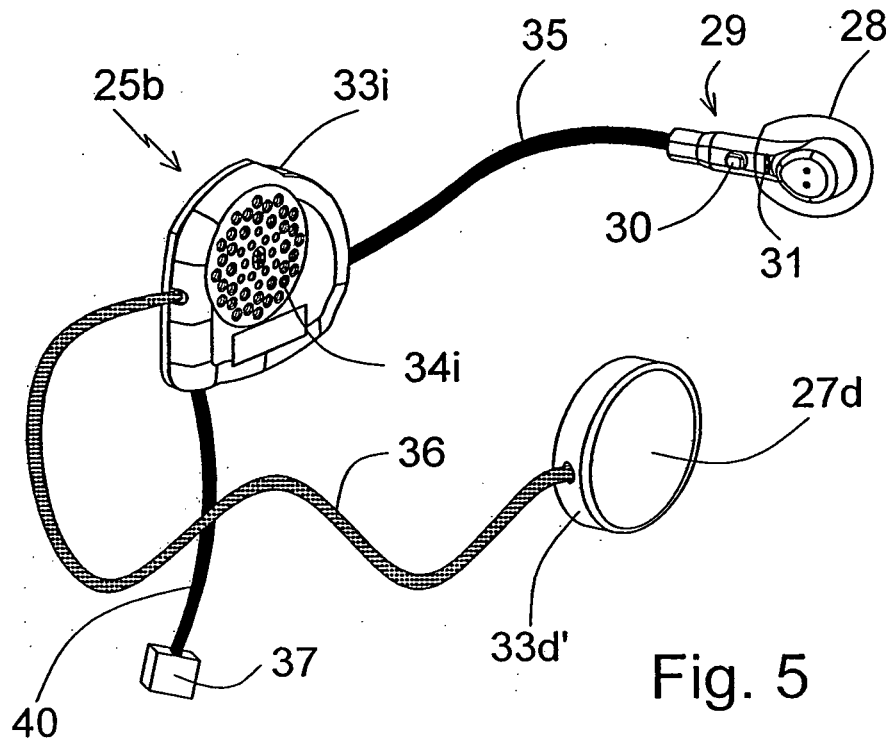


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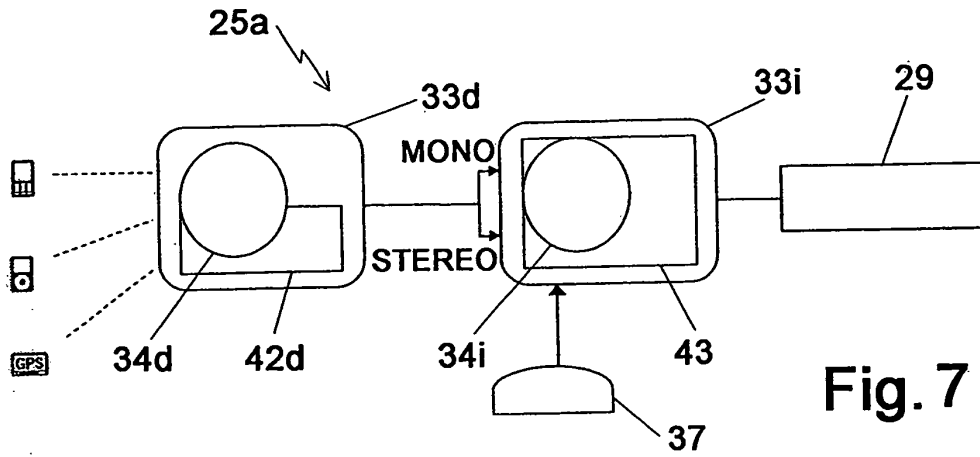


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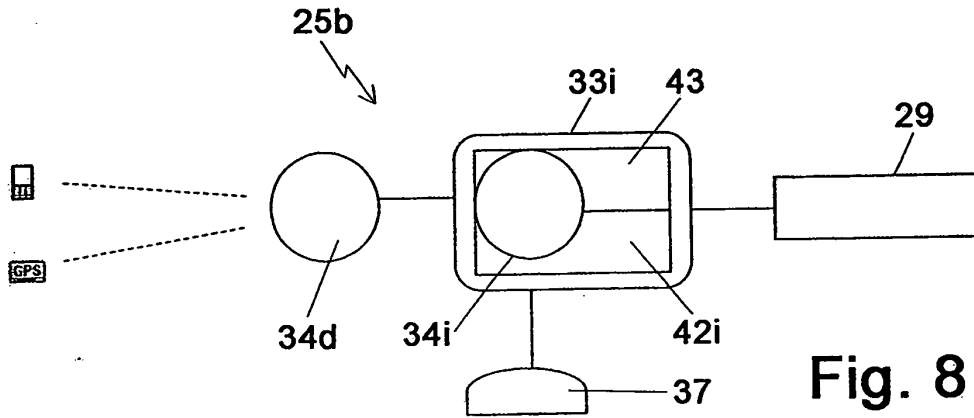


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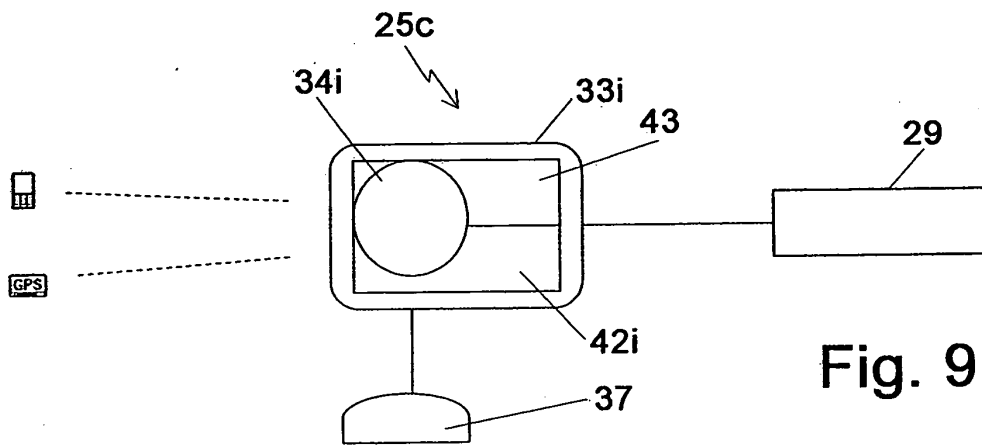


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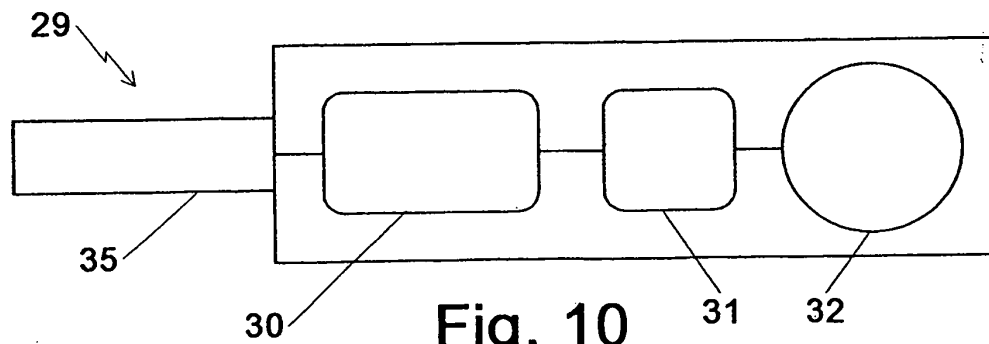


Fig. 10

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