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ACCELERATION SENSOR WITH AT LEAST ONE MAGNETIC SWITCH DEVICE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0477839A2] An acceleration or position sensor having at least one magnetic switch device and at least one permanent magnet that influences the switch device is described. The object is to increase the sensitivity of such sensors, in particular to specify acceleration sensors for small accelerations, for example $b < 1$ g. The object is achieved by the combination of the following features: - the permanent magnet (10) is supported such that it cannot move with respect to the switch device (2) and - the acceleration sensor has a sphere (12) of ferromagnetic material which can be displaced under the influence of the acceleration and, over at least a part of its displacement path, influences the magnetic field of the permanent magnet. In one preferred embodiment, the switch device (2) is a reed switch. Various arrangements of such acceleration sensors are described, whose sensitivity is so high that they can also be used as position sensors. <IMAGE>

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