

Title (en)

ROAD VEHICLE CRUISE CONTROL SYSTEM

Title (de)

TEMPOMATSYSTEM FUR KRAFTFAHRZEUGE

Title (fr)

SYSTEME REGULATEUR DE VITESSE D'UN VEHICULE ROUTIER

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO9501577A1] Cruise control systems for cars enable a driver to set a desired speed and then remove his foot from the accelerator. Acceleration and braking are then undertaken automatically as hills are encountered. Further developments have been proposed involving optical and microwave measurement of distance and rate of change. No system so far completely avoids confusion by, for example, lane changing, road curving and roadside furniture. The invention provides a light-based radar system in which all targets in a field of view are tracked for a time, assessed for possible conflict and either continued to be monitored or discounted as of no interest. Target returns are stored in a digital store and correlated with vehicle dimensions by "clumping" and "erosion" of the stored signals to produce vehicle-related target clumps to be tracked.

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