

Title (en)
Operating unit for switching and controlling household appliances

Title (de)
Bedieneinheit zum Schalten und Steuern von Haushaltsgeräten

Title (fr)
Unité pour la commutation et commande des appareils ménagers

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP0841521A2] Operating controls (1) have a continuous control surface (2) provided by a control plate incorporating a number of discrete operating zones (3), provided with cooperating piezosensors (4), for detecting applied finger pressure, coupled to a signal processor, for providing corresponding function control signals. When an applied pressure signal is provided simultaneously from 2 different operating zones, the intensities of the pressure signals are evaluated by the processor, for determining the selected control function.

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