

Title (en)

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETECTING SNOW AND ICE

Title (de)

EINRICHTUNG UND VERFAHREN ZUR SCHNEE- UND EISMELDUNG

Title (fr)

DISPOSITIF ET PROCEDE DESTINE A LA SIGNALISATION DE NEIGE ET DE GLACE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US6276202B1] A device for detecting snow and ice which has a humidity sensor and an ambient temperature sensor. An evaluator switch is controlled according to a humidity sensor-measured variable, producing a control signal at set humidity values for defrosting a surface which is being monitored for snow and ice. The ambient temperature sensor activates the humidity sensor within a temperature range of between +2° C. and -12° C. The humidity sensor itself has a PTC (positive temperature coefficient) heating element. The current consumption of the heating element is used as a measure of humidity. Both the ambient temperature sensor and the humidity sensor are positioned at a mutual distance in a longitudinally extended sensor cartridge made of plastic. The temperature sensor is thermally decoupled from the PTC heating element. The PTC heating element is built into a metal sleeve in such a way that it is corrosion and humidity proof.

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