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Residual-current device

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP1014416A2] A residual current device comprising an actuator which is operatively connected to kinematic elements for opening contacts following the detection, by a sensor, of an earth fault current. The actuator comprises a bistable metallic element which is operatively connected to the kinematic elements and to which at least one piezoelectric element is coupled, the piezoelectric element being excited by an electrical signal as a consequence of the detection of the fault current and inducing a movement of the bistable metallic element from a first stable equilibrium position to a second stable equilibrium position. The device further comprises reset elements which are suitable to return the bistable metallic element into the first stable equilibrium position before the contacts close again. <IMAGE>

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