

Title (en)  
SAFETY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING ACCIDENTS IN THE COMBPLATE AREA OF ESCALATORS OR MOVING WALKWAYS

Title (de)  
SICHERHEITSVORRICHTUNG UND VERFAHREN ZUR VERHÜTUNG VON UNFÄLLEN IM KAMMPLATTENBEREICH VON FAHRTREPPEN ODER FAHRSTEIGEN

Title (fr)  
DISPOSITIF DE SÉCURITÉ ET PROCÉDÉ DE PRÉVENTION DES ACCIDENTS DANS LA ZONE PLAQUE-PEIGNE D'ESCALIERS OU DE TROTTOIRS ROULANTS

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Abstract (en)  
Safety device and method for preventing accidents in the combplate area of escalators or moving walkways. The safety device comprises: - at least one capacitor (8), each one formed by a first capacitor plate in contact with a combplate (2) or floor plate of an escalator or moving walkway (1) and a second capacitor plate (9) connected to a reference voltage; - a capacitance measuring module (7) for measuring the capacitance (C) of the at least one capacitor (8), obtaining at least one capacitance signal (20); - a controller (6) configured for comparing each capacitance signal (20) with at least one predefined value (22) and, based on said comparison, deciding whether a dangerous situation has occurred, and in that case sending the escalator or moving walkway (1) a warning signal or a stop order signal. This safety device can detect when human skin is close to the combplate area to stop the escalator or moving walkway, and thus avoiding human body injuries.

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