

Title (en)  
AN ACOUSTIC INTERFACE FOR AN ALARM DEVICE

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AKUSTISCHE SCHNITTSTELLE FÜR EINE ALARMVORRICHTUNG

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INTERFACE ACOUSTIQUE POUR UN DISPOSITIF D'ALARME

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Abstract (en)  
An acoustic interface (1) is for a device such as an alarm device. It has a vibratory element piezoelectric horn (2) and a drive circuit (8, 5) with a processor (8) for delivering drive electrical signals (7) to the horn to cause it to vibrate and generate a sound signal with encoded binary data. The piezo horn (2) has a natural frequency, and the control signals are frequency encoded with pulses having pulse widths ( $t_{sub>p</sub>}$ ) which are significantly shorter than the vibrating member natural frequency period ( $1/f_{sub>N</sub>}$ ). The encoding processor (8) provides the control signals via a feedback transistor (5) and a voltage oscillator (6), the vibratory element (2) having at least three electrical contacts of which two are for power and a third is for feedback to the feedback transistor (5), in which mechanical oscillation of the vibratory element generates an electrical feedback signal used to amplify this control signal (7).

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