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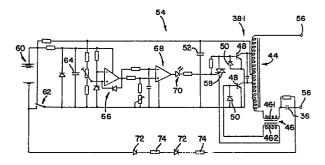
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A means for and a method of Initiating explosions.

(57) An alternating current generator for use as a shot exploder suitable for firing electric detonators coupled through toroid transformers e.g. 'Magnadet' detonators. The detonating system is energised by means of a signal that is automatically generated at the resonant frequency, thus avoiding the usual time-consuming and dangerous practice involving in-situ determination of inductance and selection of capacitors.



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