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(54) **A carburettor for an internal combustion engine.**

(57) The carburettor comprises at least one butterfly valve (1) operable to put a duct in which the petrol and air mixture is formed into communication with the outlet from the carburettor, and a starting up valve (3) operable to put this duct into communication with the atmosphere; the carburettor further includes first means (5) operable to carry the butterfly valve into a first opening position when the motor on which the carburettor is mounted is not running, second means (20) operable to control the gradual closure of the butterfly valve starting from the moment when the engine is started, and third means (38) operable to control the gradual opening of the starter valve starting from the said instant; the second means include at least one heat sensitive element (23) provided with a movable rod (24) the displacement of which is controlled by the thermal energy of the liquid in the engine cooling circuit, a first lever (30) fixed to the butterfly valve and a second, rocker lever (33), provided with a contact pad (34) which engages against the free end of the movable rod, the second lever being provided with a cam (36) and the first lever being provided with a contact pad (37) engageable against this cam in such a way that, following a displacement of the said movable rod produced by an increase in the temperature of the coolant liquid rotation of the second lever is controlled to effect gradual closure of the butterfly valve.

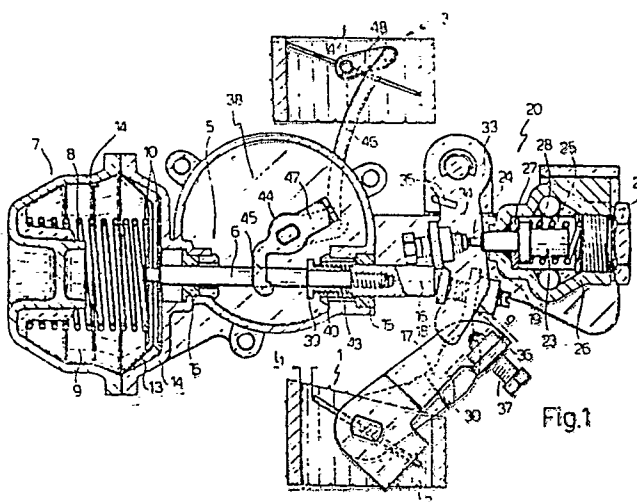


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