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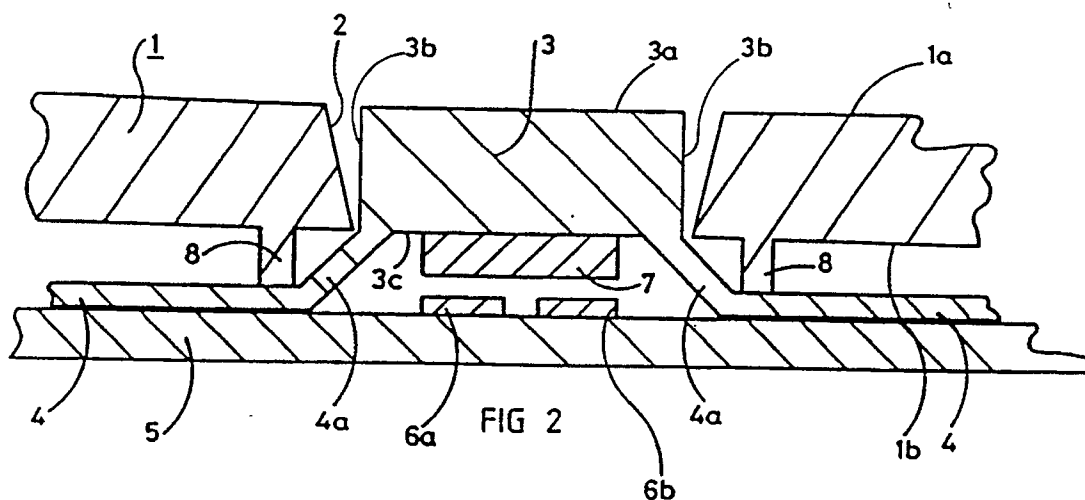
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**Keypad assembly.**

A keypad assembly comprises an elastomeric membrane (4) with integral keys (3) which extend through apertures (2) in a housing (1). In the non-actuated (OFF) position the keys are substantially flush or slightly proud of the top surface (1a) of the housing, but when the keys are depressed they descend beneath the top surface (1a). The apertures

(2) or the keys (3) (or both) have chamfered walls, the angle of chamfer being at least 4° and preferably 7°-10°. This prevents the keys from jarring or sticking against the walls of the apertures, enabling them to return to the non-actuated position without difficulty.





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