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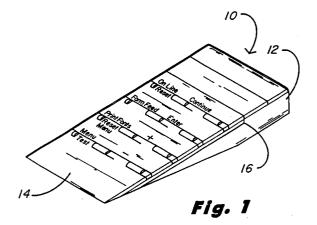
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- 64 Control panel and keypad of one piece molded construction.
- 57) An operator controlled panel and keypad member for an electronic instrument which includes a plurality of cantilevered beam members (24) secured at only one end thereof to an integral control panel member (14,15) and each being operatively depressed down into electrical contact with control circuitry (22) located on the underside of the panel and forming part of an electronic instrument (12) being controlled by an operator. Thus, by aligning the control panel or keypad member with a given reference point or mark on an instrument housing, all of the cantilevered contacts (28) thereon are also automatically aligned with electrical circuitry (22) within the instrument housing (12). The control panel or keypad member may be of the replaceable snapon or snap-fit type which is designed to have language-specific, code-specific or numbers-specific indicia (26) thereon dedicated to a single nation or single country language, customs and usage.



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