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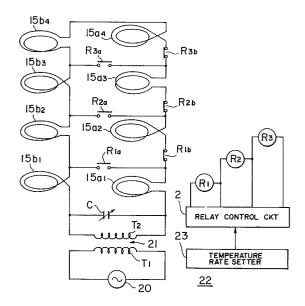
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[54] Electromagnetic induction heater capable of realizing a wide variety of heating rates.

In an electromagnetic induction heater for use in heating, by electromagnetic induction, a strip which is transported in a predetermined direction, a plurality of coil elements (15a,b) are selectively supplied from a power source (20) or sources with currents under control of a power controller (22). The power controller (22) has a plurality of relays (R1,R2,R3) which are selectively operable under control of a relay control circuit (2) and which have contacts (R1a...R3b) connected to the coil elements (15a,b). With this structure, the coil elements (15a,b) are selectively energized to locally generate magnetic fields, which serves to realize a wide variety of heating rates.

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