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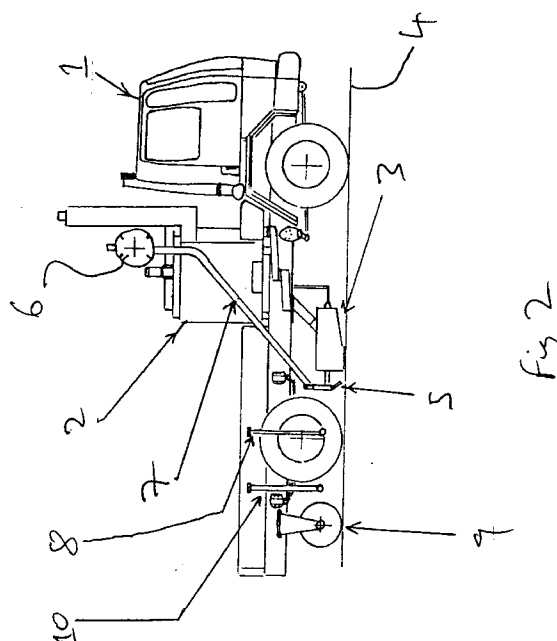
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⑤④ **Profiled road markings.**

⑤⑦ A method and apparatus for generating a surface profile (13) on a thermoplastic road marking (12) through the application of a profiled embossing wheel (9) to the road marking (12) is disclosed. The embossing wheel (9) is mounted a predetermined distance behind the road marking applicator (3) on a single vehicle (1) so as to allow accurate control of the time between the application of the road marking (12) and the passage of the embossing wheel (9) so as to provide consistent results tailored to the hardening time of the thermoplastic road marking (12).





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