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(54) **Electrical connector**

(57) An easy to assemble electrical connector, particularly for use in a lamp holder body, is provided.

The electrical connector has two complementary body portions (10, 20) which fit together to form the connector, the first body portion (20) containing contact means (35, 36) for electrical contact between the connector and a target to be supplied with electrical current and the second body portion (10) containing retaining means to retain wires (30, 31) to supply current to the connector, whereby the wires (30, 31) can be maintained in electrical contact with the contact means (35, 36) when the body portions (10, 20) are fitted together, the retaining means comprising a plurality of slots (14), each slot (14) to receive one end of a wire (30, 31), and a channel (15) adjacent each slot (14) to receive a connector portion (34) of a conductor tag (32) attached to the end of the wire (30, 31) to be received in the respective slot (14), the connector portion (34) of the tag (32) extending substantially normally to the wire (30, 31).

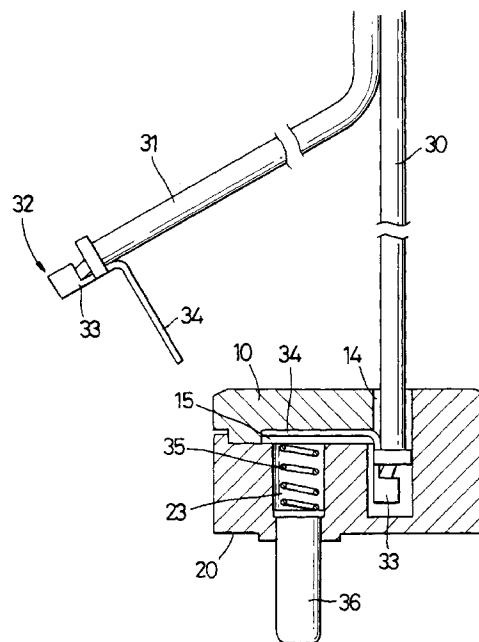


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