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(54) Latch assemblies for vehicle hoods

(57) A latch assembly for a vehicle hood comprises a latch (2) for receiving and releasably retaining a striker pin (3) by the co-operation of a latching member in the latch (2) with a head (4) on the pin (3). The latch (2) comprises a body (10,11) having a bore (13) in which the striker pin (3) is adapted to be received, and the latch member comprises a resilient member (23) which is

chordal to the bore (13) at least in a retaining position in which the member (23) co-operates within the head (4) to retain the striker pin (3) in the latch (2).

A release ring (15) rotatable about the axis of the bore (13) carries abutment means (24,25) for co-operation with the member (23) to move it away from the bore (13) and release it from the striker pin (3).

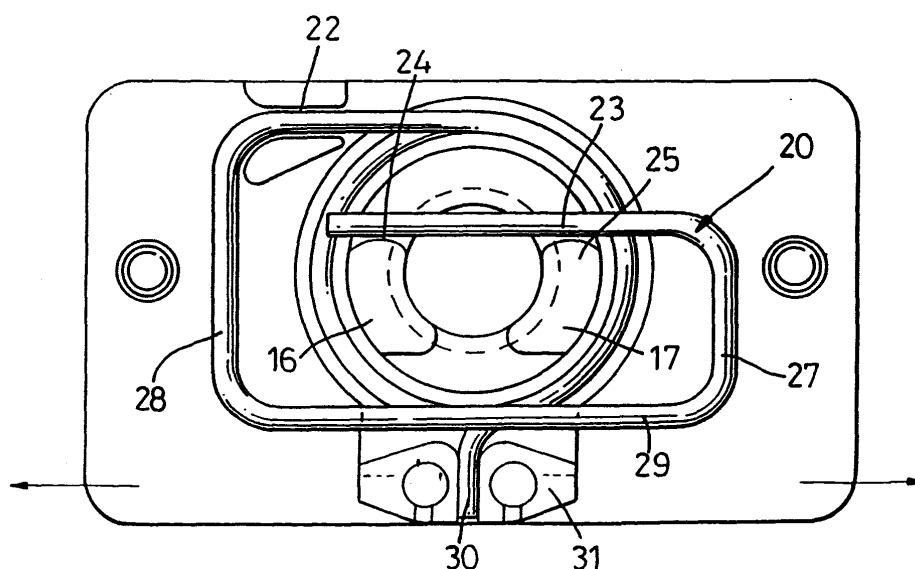


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