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(54) **Electronic accident prevention device for electric sewing machines**

(57) This invention concerns an electronic device installed on sewing machines which detects the presence of the hand close to the needle and immediately stops the needle which automatically resumes working only when the hand is withdrawn from this area.

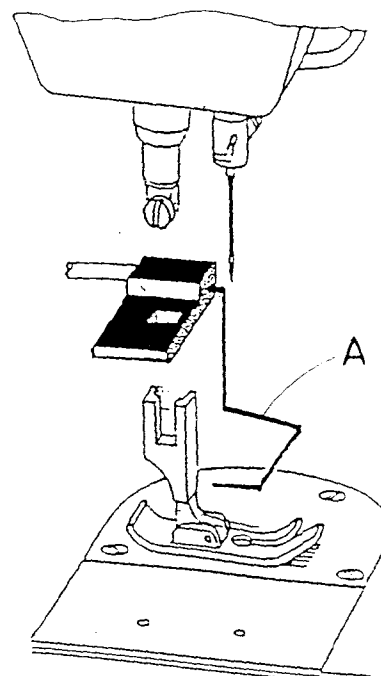


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