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(54) **Watercraft propulsion unit**

(57) A watercraft propulsion unit (4) comprises a bracket (6) mountable to a hull (2), a motor drive unit (8) mounted to the lower end of the bracket (6) and locatable in the body of water (7) and having an electric motor (23) provided with a motor case (27) for driving a propeller (24). Said motor drive unit (8) comprises a casing (16) forming an outer shell thereof and mounted to said bracket (6), and said electric motor (23) is accommodated in said casing (16) and mounted thereto.

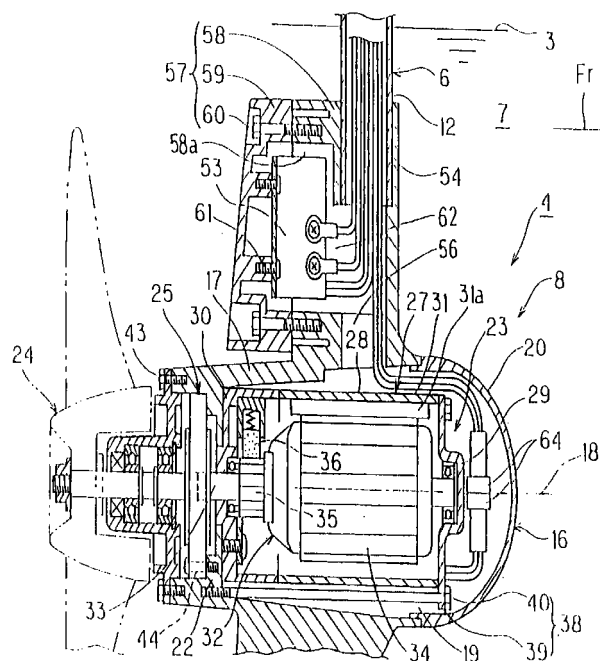


FIGURE 1

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