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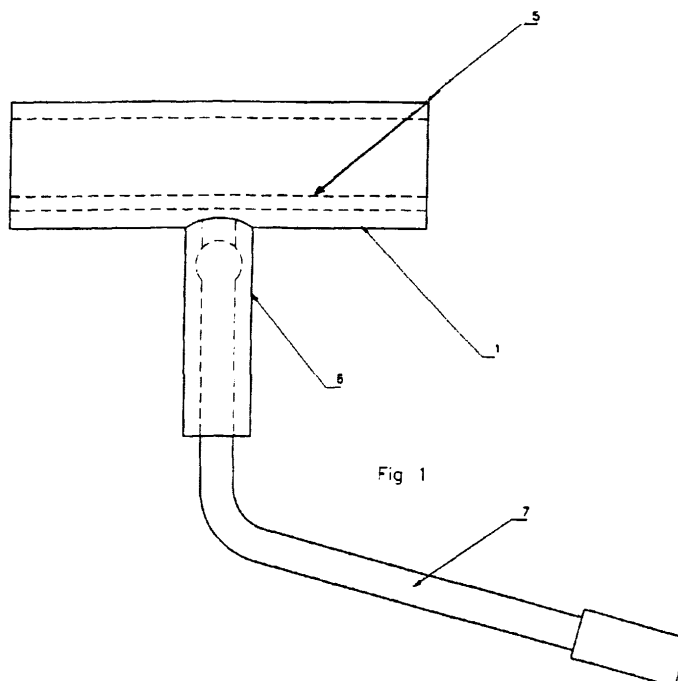
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(54) **Electrical connector**

(57) The invention concerns an electrical connector for providing a connection to an insulated overhead powerline. The connector comprises the sleeve member (1) having a removable portion (2) and a connection point (6) for connecting an external conductor thereto. The electrical connector includes insulation piercing

means which is activated upon compression of the connector using a standard compression tool. Various embodiments of connector are described herein, including embodiments which do not feature a removable portion (2) but which, instead feature a sleeve member of essentially U-shaped construction which may be compressed directly onto an overhead powerline.



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