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#### (54) Insect repulsion

(57) A fire alarm system comprising a plurality of remote alarm transducers 11, each incorporating a smoke and/or heat sensor 20 and a sounder 22. The sounders 22 emit a high frequency sound that deters insects from

entering the transducers 11 and from causing false alarms or faults. In a preferred embodiment, the sounders 22 are also arranged to emit an alarm signal in the event that smoke or heat is detected.

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