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(54) Authorization control system

(57) An authorization control system is presented in which any person who wants to use a device, amongst others particularly cars or fire arms can only use the device when the person has passed a successful authorization check. The check is performed with secret personal data, carried by the person and some data stored in digital form in the device. The data is transferred automatically from the person into the device's data processing device (23) when an authorized person wants to use the device, in case of a fire arm, wants to shoot.

The data interface comprises capacitive coupling means (22) with the human body serving as carrier of the information stream or in an alternative embodiment, the data interface comprises a direct metal contact. The system can be extended to achieve a documentation of the use, too.

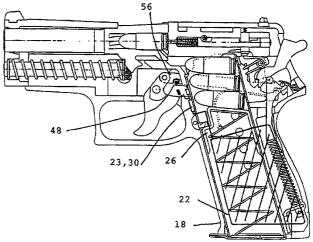


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