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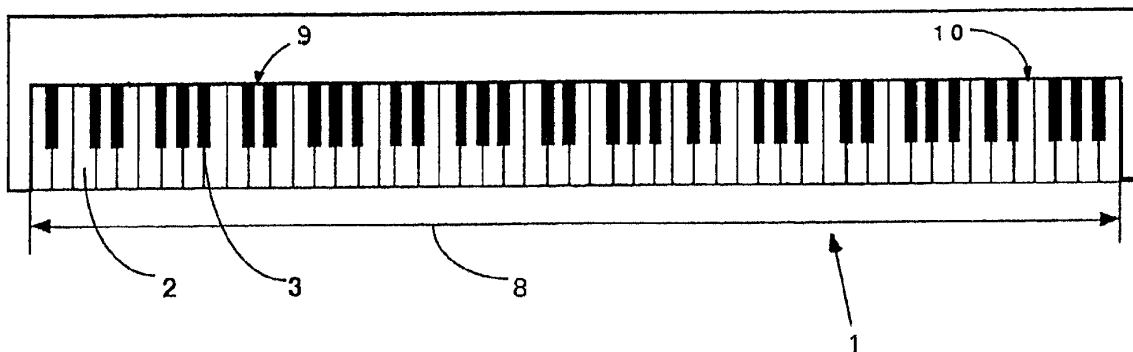
Electronic keyboard instrument with halved key travel

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An electronic instrument (1) with a keyboard (8), characterized in that it comprises a minimum of 46 to a maximum of 160 white keys (2) and black keys (3), and in that the distance travelled (5) by each white key (2) and each black key (3) from the point (4) at which it

is struck and the point (5) at which it stops is equal to approximately half that of a piano keyboard, and the dimensions of each of the said white keys (2) and black keys (3) are identical to those of the corresponding white and black keys of a piano accordion.

FIG. 1





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