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(54) **Improved circuit breaker**

(57) A circuit breaker comprising at least one moving contact and at least one fixed contact, an actuator for moving the moving contact, said circuit breaker comprising

an active device which is operatively connected to the moving contact and is suitable to modulate the motion of the moving contact by applying an adjustable force.

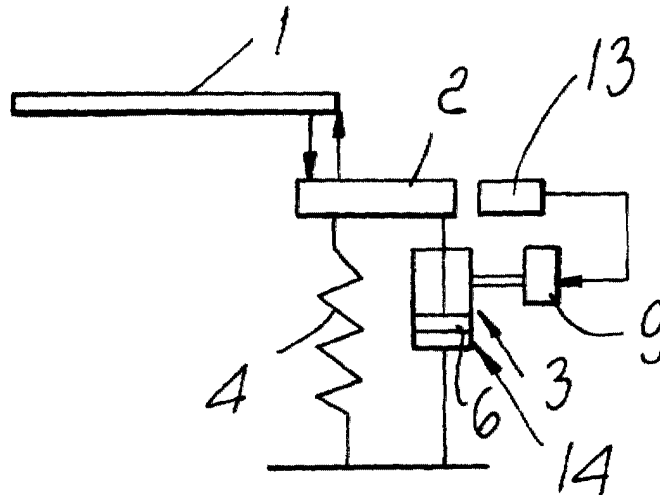


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