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1,2,6,7,13



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1,2,6,7,13

Contact socket with a support spring

1.1. Claim : 8

Contact socket with a square cross-section

1.2. Claim : 9

Contact socket made by stamping and bending

1.3. Claim : 10

Contact socket assembled by laser

1.4. Claim : 11

Contact socket with a polarization

1.5. Claim : 12

Contact socket with a latch

2. Claims: 3-5

Contact socket from specified materials

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

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