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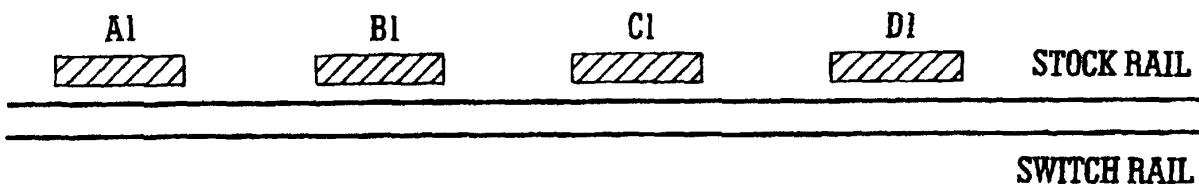
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(54) Point heating system

(57) A points heating system for use on a railway is disclosed. Strip heaters are selectively switched on and off. In a preferred arrangement, when the heating sys-

tem is switched on, a first set of heaters is maintained constantly on and further sets of heaters are cyclically switched on and off.



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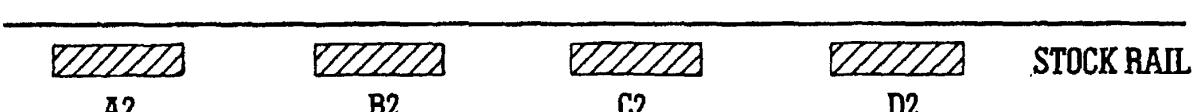


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