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(54) **Apparatus for applying/removing anti-theft devices**

(57) An apparatus (10) for applying/removing anti-theft devices constituted by a base (12) to which a bridge-like assembly (13) is applied. The ends of the assembly are suitable to enter corresponding seats (18) of the base (12) and remain locked therein by means of an engagement mechanism of the type with interlocking teeth. The apparatus comprises, on a contoured composite body (19) provided with a portion that can be gripped by an operator, two tools (22,24) associated with actuation means (21) suitable to produce their alternating movement, a first tool (22) being suitable, in cooperation with a corresponding and complementarily shaped first base (23), to lock closed a corresponding

anti-theft device, a second tool (24) being suitable, in cooperation with a corresponding and complementarily shaped second base (25), to open the device. The first tool (22) comprises two parallel plates (27), which are mounted on a common stem (26) in contact with the actuation means; the free edges of the plates are shaped complementarily to the outer back of the bridge-like assembly (13). The first base is shaped so as to keep the base in a corresponding position. The second tool comprises, on a common stem (29) which is also associated when aligned with the actuation means, two parallel C-shaped contoured elements (30), whose arms are suitable to enter and push within the seats of the base in which the ends of the bridge-like assembly are locked.

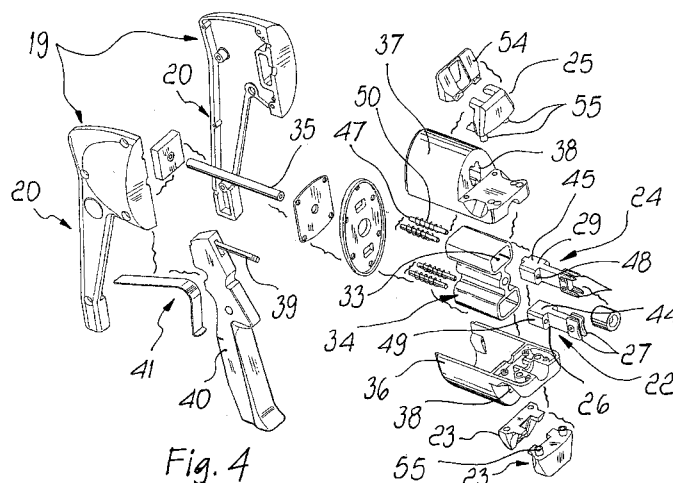


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