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(54) **Linkage unit for drive members of self-propelled vehicles such as lift trucks and the like**

(57) A linkage unit for drive members of self-propelled vehicles, such as manual lever or pedal actuators for the forward travel and reversing of a self-propelled vehicle, comprising two linkage members (7) to be connected to said forward travel and reversing actuators, said members being keyed onto two parallel shafts (33a, 33b) and being linked in such a manner as to rotate in phase opposition between a rest position determined by an elastic repositioning device, and two opposing operative positions determined by the activation of one or the other of said actuators, in which said linkage members and said repositioning device are located within an enclosing casing (10, 100, 101, 120) acting as a frame to be removably fixed to the structure of the self-propelled vehicle, and from which said shafts emerge with means (133) for the quick connection of said actuators, said linkage members being connected together by a connecting rod (77).

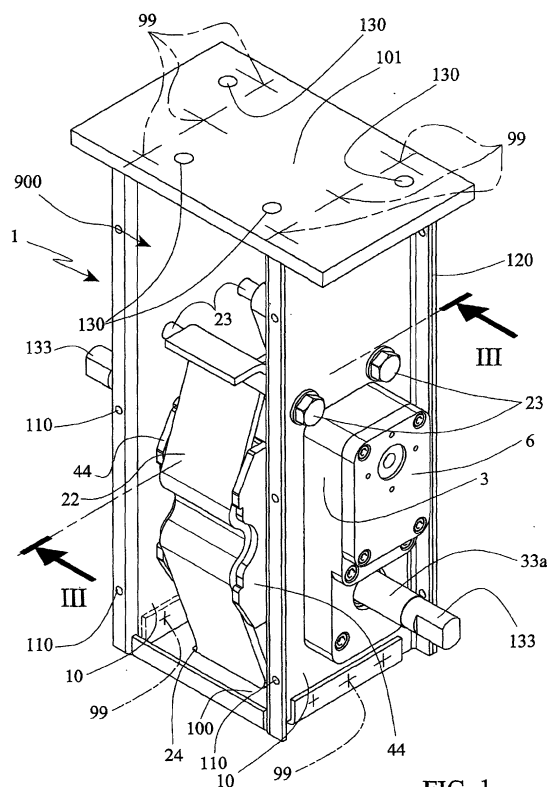


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