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(54) Latch assembly

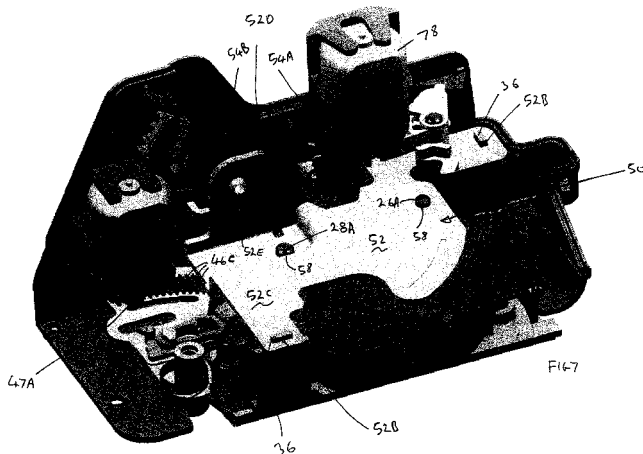
(57) A latch assembly including a retention module sub assembly (20), a release module sub assembly (40), and an inside release lever module sub assembly (50),

the retention module sub assembly including
a retention plate (22) having a mouth (24) to accept a striker,
a claw (27), for releasably retaining a striker,
and a pawl (29) engageable with the claw for retaining the striker,

the release module sub assembly including a body

(41), a pawl lifter (43) in use being rotatably fast with the pawl (29) and capable of moving the pawl (29) so as to release a striker

the inside release lever module sub assembly including a backplate (52),
an inside release lever (54) operable, in use, by an inside release handle, to selectively move the pawl lifter (43).



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