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(54) **A valve-actuating system for an exhaust gas recirculation system of an internal-combustion engine**

(57) A valve-actuating system for an exhaust gas recirculation system, in which a camshaft has main lobes (30), which are used to induce full valve opening so as to bring about the intake of the air/fuel mixture or the expulsion of the exhaust gases, and auxiliary lobes (31) used to induce partial valve opening bringing about exhaust gas recirculation. A valve clearance regulating device (35) is provided adapted to vary the clearance between at least a first lower clearance value (D1) in which the valves (7) which are caused to be opened both by the main lobes (30) and by the auxiliary lobes (31), and a second higher clearance value (D2) in which the valves (7) which are induced to open by the main lobes (30) alone, thereby rendering the exhaust gas recirculation inoperative.

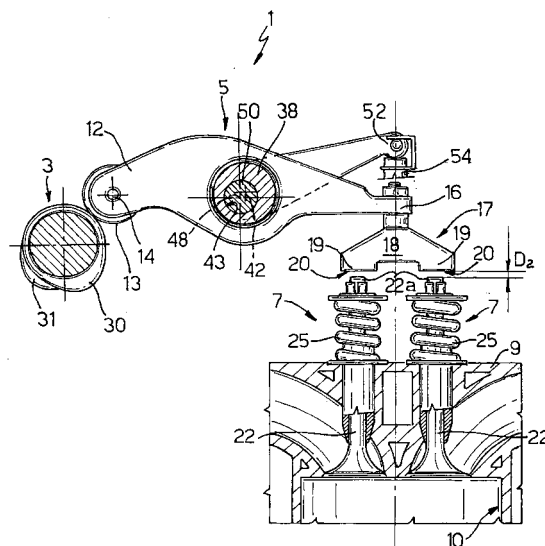


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