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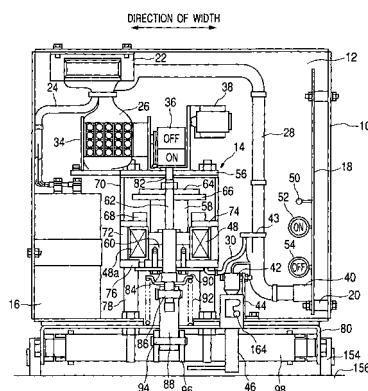
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(54) Solenoid-operated switching device and control device for electromagnet

(57) The present invention permits a configuration for workability enhancement by mounting an electromagnet 14 under the center of a casing 10, mounting a capacitor 16 and a control circuit board 18 on either side of the electromagnet 14, mounting an auxiliary contact 34, an indicator plate 36, and a counter 38 over the electromagnet 14, attaching the auxiliary contact 34, indicator plate 36, and counter 38 to a plate 56 to make them integral with the electromagnet 14, and rendering the capacitor 16 and control circuit board 18 removable from the front.

FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-10

Switching device in which an electromagnetic relay is powered by a capacitor and in which the direction of the current from the capacitor through the coil of the relay coil is controlled by a control circuit, the driving force of the relay armature is transmitted to the switch via a shaft and a link mechanism, capacitor and control circuit board are mounted separately from the electromagnet of the relay.

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2. claims: 11-22

Control device for an electromagnet, upon "open" and "close" commands currents with opposite directions through coil of electromagnet are established, current upon "open" command from capacitor, control device comprises selector relays.

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3. claims: 23-29

Switching device in which an electromagnetic relay is powered by a capacitor and in which the direction of the current through the coil of the relay coil is controlled by a control circuit, the driving force of the relay armature is transmitted to the switch via a shaft and a link mechanism, a bypass is formed between part of the "open" command and a power supply for the control circuit via a resistor.

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4. claims: 30-33

Switching device with an electromagnetic relay, the driving force of the relay armature is transmitted to the switch via a shaft and a link mechanism, an iron cover encloses the relay coil and is part of the magnetic circuit, the iron cover has the shape of an oval cylinder.

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