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## (54) Manual operating unit for robot

(57) A manual operating unit for operating a robot in a manual mode, for the purpose of a teaching operation, a start/stop operation, or the like. The manual operating unit includes a housing; a robot diagram provided on the housing for schematically showing an external appearance of a robot mechanical section; an index provided on the housing in association with the robot diagram for representing a plurality of directions of motions to be performed by the robot mechanical section under control; and a motion command section provided on the housing in association with the index for causing the robot me-

chanical section to perform the motions in the directions represented by the index. For example, the index includes a drawing illustrating three coordinate axes of a three-axis rectangular coordinate system provided for the robot mechanical section. In this arrangement, the motion command section includes a plurality of motion command keys for causing the robot mechanical section to perform the motions along the three coordinate axes illustrated by the drawing.