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(54) **Pivoting Detent Joint**

(57) A pivoting detent joint for an exterior vehicle mirror assembly comprising a support arm (16) for carrying a mirror head; a mounting bracket (20) for being affixed to a vehicle exterior and carrying said support arm (16); a base keyway (24) included in said mounting bracket (20); a key (30) received in sliding engagement with said base keyway (24) along a first axis; a lower detent member (36) having a detent keyway (38) receiving said key (30) in sliding engagement along a second axis perpendicular to said first axis; and, an upper detent member (44) carried by said support arm (16) engaging said lower detent member (36) to hold said support arm (16) in a selected position; whereby said support arm (16) pivots along said first axis and said second axis to accommodate misalignment between said mounting bracket (20) and said support arm (16) to maintain proper detent resistance of said upper and lower detent members (36).

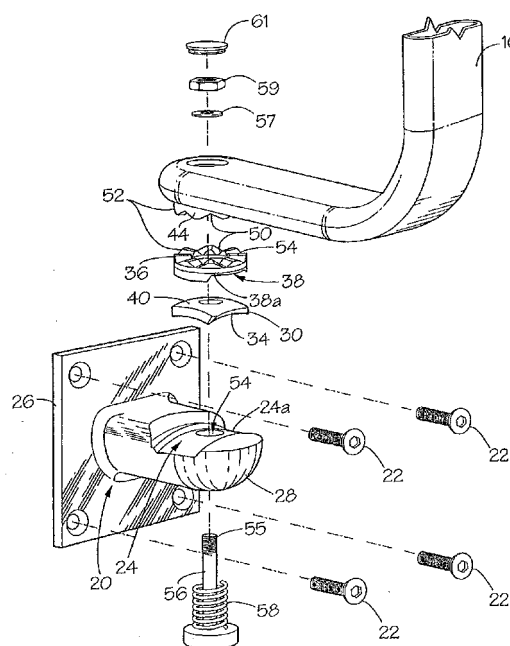


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