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(54) **Method for controlling the speed of a vehicle**

(57) A method for controlling the speed of a vehicle (1); the control method envisages the steps of: determining a current stretch of a path of the vehicle (1); determining a recommended maximum speed (V_{MAX}) for the current stretch of the path of the vehicle (1); determining a coefficient (k_S) of static saving, which is variable and depends upon the wishes of the driver; and determining an optimal speed (V_O) for the current stretch of the path of the vehicle (1) as a function of the corresponding recommended maximum speed (V_{MAX}) and of the coefficient (k_S) of static saving.

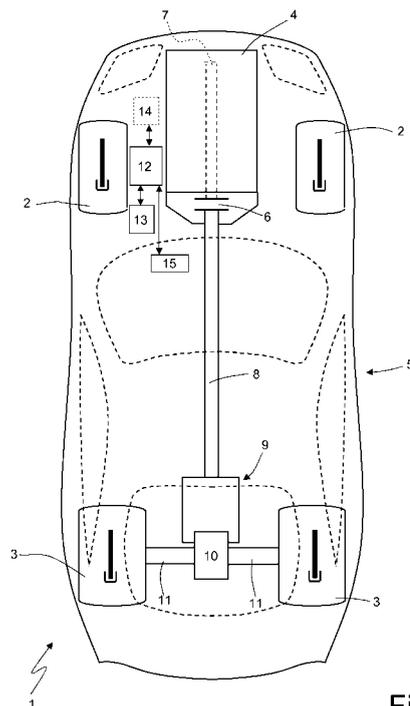


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