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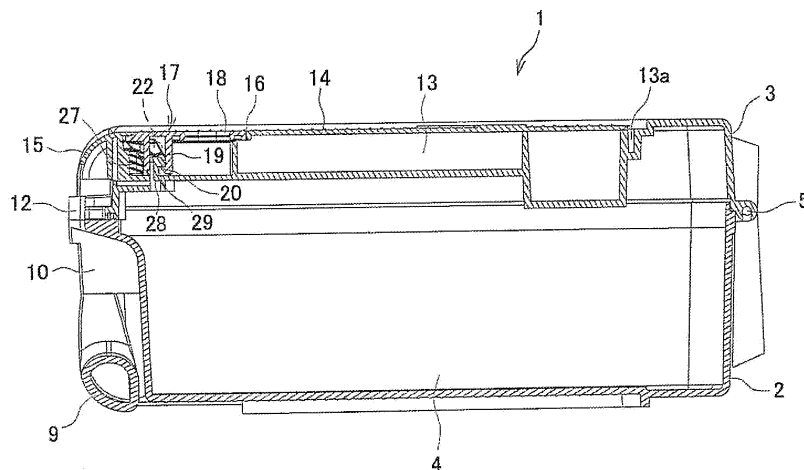
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(54) **Power tool storage case**

(57) A power tool storage case 1 for storing an electric power tool comprises: a main body casing 2 having a storage portion 4 configured to store an electric power tool; a lid member 3 hingedly connected to the main body casing 2 and capable of opening/closing the storage portion 4; a sub-storage portion 13 provided at an outer surface of the lid member 3; and an outer lid 14 hingedly connected to the lid member 3 and capable of opening/

closing the sub-storage portion 13. In this storage case 1, a locking portion is provided on the outer lid 14 so that when the sub-storage portion 13 is closed by the outer lid 14, the locking portion is moved to an engagement position at which the locking portion is engaged with an engageable portion provided on the lid member 3. The locking portion is movable from the engagement position to a disengagement position at which the locking portion is disengaged from the engageable portion.

FIG.2



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1. claims: 1-11, 13, 15

A power tool storage case comprising potential special technical features relating to a partition projection which is parallel to a handle (9) being provided between the locking portion and the handle (9) on one of the lid member (3) and the outer lid (14).

2. claim: 12

A power tool storage case comprising potential special technical features relating to each of the barb (20) and the stopper projection (29) having a slanted surface.

3. claim: 14

A power tool storage case comprising potential special technical features relating to a guide rod being provided on and protruding downward from the lower surface of the locking plate (17) along the coil spring (27).

4. claim: 16

A power tool storage case comprising potential special technical features relating to a finger rest hole (18) or a circular recessed portion (44) being formed in an upper surface of the locking plate (17).

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