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(54) **MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD IN ANTISKID TREATMENT**

(57) Device for antiskid treatment which is hooked up to a vehicle and which comprises means for dealing with snow. The device further comprises in connection with it a container (34) from which the antiskid material

is spread. The antiskid material is first brought to a storage container (51). From the storage container, the antiskid substance is transferred to the container in connection with the device.

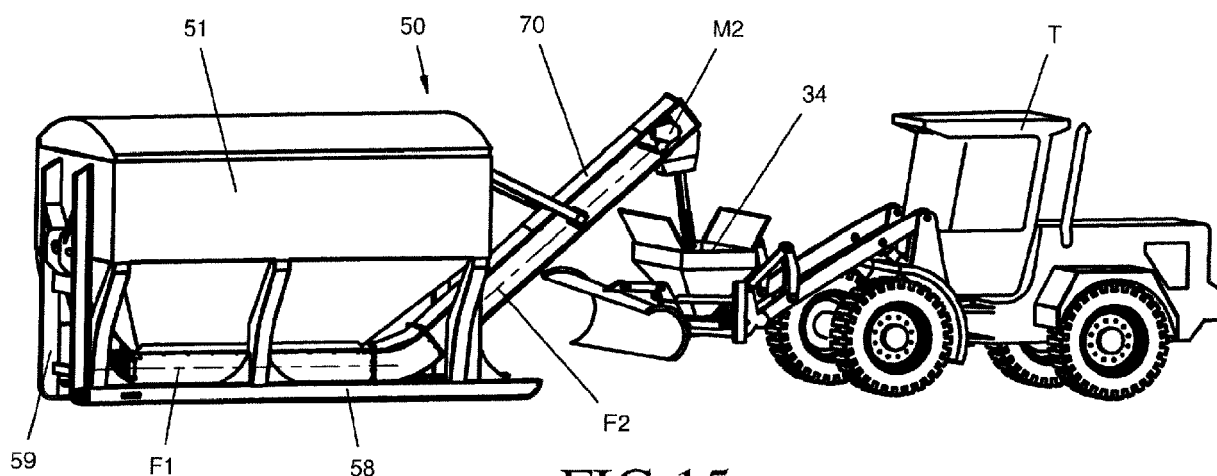


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1. claims: 1-7, 23

maintenance arrangement with snow bucket having an integral antiskid substance container

2. claims: 8-15

maintenance arrangement with a curved snow plough being attached by cylinders to an antiskid substance container

3. claims: 16-22, 24

maintenance arrangement with a storage container having a conveyor arranged at a bottom end of the storage container for elevating the antiskid substance stored in the storage container to a position for loading an antiskid substance container arranged on a vehicle

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