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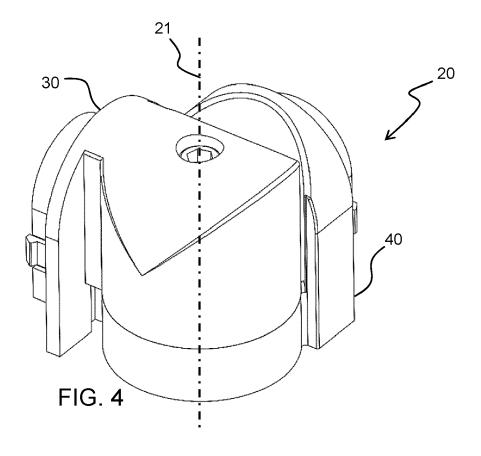
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(54)CONNECTOR PIECE FOR A LUMINAIRE SYSTEM, AND THE LUMINAIRE SYSTEM USING THE **CONNECTOR PIECE**

(57)A connector piece for a luminaire system couples between opposite gender ends of two adjacent luminaire housings. The connector piece has male and female connector units with a rotary coupling between them. First and second connecting elements of the connector units slidably coupled to each other. This avoids the need for flexible wire connections.



Description

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention relates to luminaire systems, in particular formed as a set of interconnected luminaires.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] It is known to form a luminaire system as a set of connected luminaires, by connecting together trunking elements of the individual luminaires. Each individual luminaire is for example a linear luminaire, and the connected assembly is for example suspended from a ceil-

[0003] The linear luminaire is one of the most widely used luminaire types, and customers have increasing requirements on the luminaire function. For example, it is well known to install multiple trunking elements together in a straight line. Typically, mounting brackets are used to hold the trunking elements together, one by one.

[0004] However, customers would additionally like to be able to make rotatable trunking connections, such that the limitation of forming a straight line of luminaires is removed.

[0005] One known approach for realizing a rotatable trunking connection is to make use of a wire connection between adjacent luminaires, to give the required flexibility. The use of sets of connecting wires has the disadvantage that there is risk of damage to the wires, or a risk of the wires becoming loose during installation. An assembly operation also requires connections to be made between wires, and there may be limited space for these connections.

[0006] There is therefore a need for a system for mechanically and electrically interconnecting luminaires, such as linear luminaires, which allows a desired path shape to be configured of the multiple luminaires, which is simple to install, and which provides a robust and reliable connection.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] The invention is defined by the claims.

[0008] According to examples in accordance with an aspect of the invention, there is provided a luminaire system comprising:

a luminaire, comprising:

an elongate housing;

a male electrical connector at a first end of the housing; and

a female electrical connector at a second end of the housing; and

a connector piece for coupling one end of the housing to an opposite gender end of an adjacent housing, wherein the connector piece comprises:

a male connector unit suitable for connection to the female electrical connector and comprising a first connecting element;

a female connector unit suitable for connection to the male electrical connector and comprising a second connecting element; and

a rotary coupling between the male and female connector units for rotation about a rotation axis perpendicular to the elongate axis of the elongate housing, wherein the rotary coupling implements an electrical connection between the male and female connector units.

wherein the first and second connecting elements are slidably coupled to each other.

[0009] The connector piece enables two luminaire housings of the same design to be connected together, with a rotary coupling implemented by the connector piece. The rotary coupling makes use of a sliding coupling between connecting elements. This avoids the need for flexible wire connections, so that the connector piece may be formed with rigid parts.

[0010] The luminaire for example comprises a light output face lying in plane, and the rotation axis is perpendicular to the plane.

[0011] The rotation (i.e. the movement of parts) is thus in the plane of the luminaire system, to enable a shaped track to be formed. The track may have right-angled bends or linear connections, but also other bend angles may be formed. This allows the configuration to best match the space into which lighting is being provided.

[0012] One of the male and female connector units for example comprise a first end wall with connector terminals and a base projecting from the first end wall, and the other of the male and female connector units comprises a second end wall with connector terminals and a cover projecting from the second end wall, wherein the cover is mounted over the base.

[0013] The connector terminals enable a push fit connection between the luminaire and the connector piece. The connector piece is assembled as a cover and a base. The connector piece is assembled by mounting the cover over the base. This means it is possible to make the connection between luminaires when space is tight, because the connector units can be attached to the luminaire housings separately, and then coupled together (to assemble the overall connector piece) without requiring any linear movement (along the elongate axis of the luminaire housing) of the luminaires. In the same way, a single luminaire can be removed from a line of luminaires without linearly moving the remaining luminaires of the system. Alternatively, the luminaires can be attached to an already assembled connector piece for assembly if there is sufficient space.

[0014] The first connecting element may comprise a

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set of conductor pins and the second connecting element comprises a set of arcuate conductor tracks. The pins thus slide over the tracks when rotary adjustment is made, maintaining electrical connection between the luminaires.

[0015] The arcuate conductor tracks are preferably concentric around the rotation axis.

[0016] The arcuate conductor tracks are for example provided on a printed circuit board. This provides a low cost and compact way to form the conductor tracks.

[0017] A (coil) spring may be provided for each conductor pin, for elastically biasing the conductor pin. This ensures a good electrical contact.

[0018] The male connector unit for example comprises the set of conductor pins, and further comprises a male connection strip for each conductor pin extending between a male connector terminal and an associated conductor pin.

[0019] This use of the male connection strip avoids the need for any flexible connections such as wiring. The pin movement is enabled by the spring, but the electrical connection is made by the connection strip, which can be a rigid (but sprung) part.

[0020] The female connector unit then comprises the set of arcuate conductor tracks and it may further comprise a female connection strip for each track, the female connection strip extending between a female connector terminal and a track where it is soldered to the track.

[0021] This use of the female connection strip also avoids the need for any flexible connections such as wiring.

[0022] A nut and bolt may be used to connect the male and female connector units, the bolt extending along the rotation axis

[0023] The bolt defines the rotation axle. By removing the nut, the male and female connector units can be disassembled. This enables a luminaire to be removed from a line without needing space to disconnect the push fit connections between the luminaire and the connector piece. Thus, one luminaire may be dropped out of a line of luminaires, and similarly a replacement luminaire may be fitted in the same way.

[0024] The male connector unit and the female connector unit for example each comprise a mechanical clip for coupling to an adjacent luminaire housing. This provides a firm coupling to the luminaire housings.

[0025] The system may further comprise a second luminaire having a second elongate luminaire housing, wherein the housing of the luminaire and the second housing, of the second luminaire, are connected by the connector piece.

[0026] Thus, the system has at least two luminaires connected at adjacent ends by the connector piece.

[0027] The invention also provides a connector piece for use in a luminaire system as defined above, the connector piece being for coupling an end of one luminaire housing with a male electrical connector to an end of another luminaire housing with a female electrical con-

nector, wherein the connector piece comprises:

a male connector unit suitable for connection to the female electrical connector and comprising a first connecting element;

a female connector unit suitable for connection to the male electrical connector and comprising a second connecting element; and

a rotary coupling between the male and female connector units for rotation about a rotation axis perpendicular to the elongate axis of the elongate housing, wherein the rotary coupling implements an electrical connection between the male and female connector

wherein the first and second connecting elements are slidably coupled to each other.

[0028] The first connecting element for example comprises a set of conductor pins tracks and the second connecting element comprises a set of arcuate conductors.

[0029] In one example:

the male connector unit comprises the set of conductor pins, and further comprises a male connection strip for each conductor pin extending between a male connector terminal of the male connector unit and an associated conductor pin; and

the female connector unit comprises the set of arcuate conductor tracks and further comprises a female connection strip for each track, the female connection strip extending between a female connector terminal of the female connector unit and a track where it is soldered to the track.

These and other aspects of the invention will be apparent from and elucidated with reference to the embodiments) described hereinafter.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030] For a better understanding of the invention, and to show more clearly how it may be carried into effect, reference will now be made, by way of example only, to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows a luminaire system comprising first and second luminaires connected together by a connector piece;

Fig. 2 shows one luminaire from one end;

Fig. 3 shows the luminaire from the opposite end;

Fig. 4 shows the connector piece;

Fig. 5 shows the male connector unit of the connector piece in more detail;

Fig. 6 shows a cross section through the male connector unit in a vertical plane;

Fig. 7 shows a view of the male connector unit from beneath the cover;

Fig. 8 shows a first view of the female connector unit of the connector piece in more detail;

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Fig. 9 shows a second view of the female connector unit in more detail;

Fig. 10 shows the connector piece with the male and female connector units coupled together, in cross section;

Fig. 11 shows the vertical pin more clearly;

Fig. 12 shows the connection pin more clearly;

 $Fig.\,13\,shows\,the\,male\,connection\,strip\,more\,clearly;$

Fig. 14 shows a contact pin cap;

Fig. 15 shows the female connector unit with the printed circuit board and female connection strips removed;

Fig. 16 shows the female connection strip more clearly; and

Fig. 17 shows the printed circuit board.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0031] The invention will be described with reference to the Figures.

[0032] It should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating exemplary embodiments of the apparatus, systems and methods, are intended for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. These and other features, aspects, and advantages of the apparatus, systems and methods of the present invention will become better understood from the following description, appended claims, and accompanying drawings. It should be understood that the Figures are merely schematic and are not drawn to scale. It should also be understood that the same reference numerals are used throughout the Figures to indicate the same or similar parts.

[0033] The invention provides a connector piece for a luminaire system couples between opposite gender ends of two adjacent luminaire housings. The connector piece has male and female connector units with a rotary coupling between them. First and second connecting elements of the connector units slidably coupled to each other. This avoids the need for flexible wire connections. [0034] Figure 1 shows a luminaire system comprising first and second luminaires 10, 11 connected together by a connector piece 20. Each luminaire comprises an elongate housing. The luminaires have a light exit face, which is typically arranged to be parallel with the floor (and therefore also usually the ceiling) of a space to be illuminated. The two luminaires are connected together by the connector piece 20 so that they may be rotate relative to each other about an axis 21 which is perpendicular to the plane of the light exit face.

[0035] In a typical use, the light exit face is horizontal and the axis 21 is vertical.

[0036] The connector piece 20 enables adjustment of the angle between the two luminaires in a continuous manner, for example between -90 degrees and +90 degrees, including a linear connection. These three connection angles are shown in Figure 1.

[0037] Figure 2 shows one luminaire 10 from a first end. The luminaire 10 has an elongate housing 12. The first end of the housing has a male electrical connector 16. In this example, the male electrical connector 16 comprises male connector terminals in the form of a set of three pins 17 projecting in a direction parallel to the elongate axis of the housing 12.

[0038] Figure 3 shows the luminaire 10 from the opposite, second, end. The second end of the housing has a female electrical connector 14. In this example, the female electrical connector 14 comprises female connector terminals in the form of a set of three sleeves 15 also projecting in a direction parallel to the elongate axis of the housing 12.

[0039] Figure 4 shows the connector piece 20. The connector piece 20 is for coupling one end of one housing to an opposite gender end of an adjacent housing. The connector piece 20 comprises a male connector unit 30 suitable for connection to the female electrical connector 14 and a female connector unit 40 suitable for connection to the male electrical connector 16.

[0040] The connection between the male connector unit 30 and the female electrical connector 14 is a push fit and the connection between the female connector unit 40 and the male electrical connector 16 is also a push fit. The push fit is parallel to the elongate axis of the housing 12.

[0041] Figure 5 shows the male connector unit 30 in more detail. The male connector unit has an end wall 32 from which connector terminals, in particular a set of male connection pins 33, extend. These are designed to engage with the sleeves 15. A cover 34 extends from the other (opposite) side of the end wall 32.

[0042] Figure 5 also shows a pair of mechanical clips 35 for coupling to an adjacent luminaire housing. Each clip 35 comprises a barb which engages with a slot in the end face of the luminaire housing. The slots in the end faces can be seen in Figures 2 and 3.

[0043] Figure 6 shows a cross section through the male connector unit 30 in a vertical plane.

[0044] The end wall 32 has a shroud 50 around the connection pins 33. The shroud fits into a recess in the end face of the luminaire housing. A portion of the shroud forms the mechanical clips 35.

[0045] The cover 34 has a bore 52 with a recessed top 54. This is for receiving a bolt to couple the male and female connector units 30,40. The bore (and bolt) lie along the rotation axis 21.

[0046] Each male connection pin 33 is electrically coupled to an associated first connecting element in the form a vertical conductor pin 36 housed within a column 37. One column and its conductor pin is shown in cross section, and one column behind is shown solid.

[0047] The vertical conductor pin 36 is biased by a spring 38 against conductor tracks (discussed below). A male connection strip 39 is provided for each vertical conductor pin 36. It extends between one of the male connection pins 33 and the vertical conductor pin 36. There

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is an electrical connection between the male connection pin 33 and the conductor pin 36 made by the male connection strip 39. For this purpose, the ends of the male connection strip have contact pawls (one pawl can be seen at each end in Figure 6, whereas Figure 13 below shows that there is a pair of pawls at each end). These pawls contact the inner surface of the male connection pin 33 at one end of the male connection strip 39 and contact the inner surface of a cage (shown more clearly in Figure 11) connected to the vertical conductor pin 36 at the other end.

[0048] The connection strips are for example made of spring steel, so that a bias is provided to the pawls to maintain electrical contact.

[0049] This use of the male connection strips 39 avoids the need for any flexible connections such as wiring. The bias provided to the vertical conductor pin 36 is enabled by the spring 38, but the electrical connection to the vertical conductor pin 36 is by the rigid connection strip 39. [0050] Figure 7 shows a view of the male connector unit 30 from beneath the cover 34 (the male connection strips 39 and vertical conductor pins 36 are removed in this view). It shows a set of three columns 37 for supporting the vertical conductor pins 36.

[0051] Figure 8 shows a first view of the female connector unit 40 in more detail. The female connector unit has an end wall 42 from which connector terminals, in particular a set of female connection sleeves 43, extend. These are designed to engage with the pins 17 of the male electrical connector 16. A base 44 extends from the other side of the end wall 32.

[0052] Figure 8 also shows mechanical clips 45 for coupling to an adjacent luminaire housing. The clips 45 are identical to clips 35, and thus comprises a barb which engages with a slot in the end face of the luminaire housing. The clips are again part of a shroud 50.

[0053] Figure 9 shows a second view of the female connector unit 40 in more detail.

[0054] The top of the base 44 carries a printed circuit board 90 which forms a second connecting element in the form a set of arcuate conductor tracks 46 concentric around the rotation axis 11.

[0055] The base has an opening 47 for receiving the bore 52 of the male connector unit 30 so that a rotary coupling is defined between the male and female connector units 30,40 for rotation about the rotation axis 21.

[0056] The female connector unit 40 has a set of female connection strips 48, with one for each track 46. Each female connection strip 48 connects between a female connector terminal, i.e. one of the sleeves 15, and a respective track 46. It is soldered to the track.

[0057] The rotary coupling between the male and female connector units 30,40 implements an electrical connection between the male and female connector units. In particular, the first connecting element (vertical conductor pins 36) and the second connecting element (arcuate tracks 46) are slidably coupled to each other.

[0058] Figure 10 shows the connector piece 20 with

the male and female connector units 30,40 coupled together, in cross section.

[0059] Figure 10 shows a nut 60 and bolt 62 used to connect the male and female connector units 30,40. The bolt extends along the rotation axis 21. The bolt thus defines the rotation axle. The connector piece is assembled by mounting the cover 34 over the base 44 and fixing the nut. This means it is possible to make the connection between luminaires when space is tight, because the male and female connector units 30,40 can be attached to the luminaire housings separately, and then coupled together without requiring any linear movement (along the elongate axis of the luminaire housing) of the luminaires.

[0060] By removing the nut 62, the male and female connector units 30,40 can be disassembled. In particular, the base 40 can be dropped down relative to the cover 34. By doing this at both ends of a luminaire, a luminaire can then be removed from a line without needing space to disconnect the push fit connections between the luminaire and the connector pieces at each end. Thus, one luminaire may be dropped out of a line of luminaires, and a replacement luminaire may be fitted in the same way. [0061] The connector piece 20 enables two luminaire housings of the same design to be connected together, with a rotary electrical and mechanical coupling implemented by the connector piece 20. The rotary coupling makes use of a sliding coupling between connecting elements, i.e., the vertical conductor pins 36 and the arcuate conductor tracks 46. This avoids the need for flexible wire connections, so that the connector piece 20 may be formed with rigid parts.

[0062] Figure 11 shows one vertical conductor pin 36 more clearly. It has a top cage 54 for housing the pawls at the associated end of the male connection strip 39. The spring 38 abuts the top of the pin 36, in particular the top of the top cage 54. The top cage 54 has a slot 55 allowing insertion of the associated end of the male connection strip 39.

40 [0063] Figure 12 shows one male connection pin 33 (i.e. one of the connector terminals of the male connector unit) more clearly. It also has a slot 56. The pawls at the associated end of the male connection strip 39 engage with the sides of this slot 56.

[0064] Figure 13 shows the male connection strip 39 more clearly. It engages with the slot 55 in the cage of the vertical conductor pin 36 at one end and it engages with the slot 56 in the male connection pin 33 at the other end. There are two pawls 39a at each end of the male connection strip 39. Two of these pawls elastically engage with the inner wall of the cage 54 and the other two engage elastically with the slot 56 of the male connection pin 33. There are tabs 39b which function as stoppers, adjacent the pawls 39a, to limit the position of the end of the male connection strip 39 within the cage 54 or within the slot 56 of the male connection pin 33. The tabs 39b also make the positioning of the strip simple during assembly. The male connection strip 39 is horizontal in use.

[0065] The spring 38 biases the vertical conductor pin 36 downwardly, for example pushing down from the top of the cage 54 of the vertical conductor pin 36, and the slot 55 in the cage 54 of the vertical conductor pin 36 can allow the end of the male connection strip 39 to slide within the cage 54 and keep the electrical engagement between the male connection pin 33 and the vertical conductor pin 36. The spring 38 provides a preload to the vertical conductor pin 36. After assembly, no relative movement is needed between the spring 38 and the vertical conductor pin 36 (so the sliding in the slot 55 takes place during assembly).

[0066] Figure 14 shows a contact pin cap 80. Its position in the assembly is shown in Figure 6. The contact pin cap is used to fix the vertical conductor pin 36 and spring 38 in a bore of the main body of the male connector unit 30. The contact pin cap has a set of four clips in this example, which are an interference fit between into the bore, to provide a fixing force to hold the vertical conductor pin 36 and spring 38.

[0067] Figure 15 shows the female connector unit 40 with the printed circuit board and female connection strips removed

[0068] Figure 16 shows female connection strip 48 more clearly. It has a tab 70 at one end for soldering to a track of the printed circuit board and a grip 72 at the other end for gripping the female connection sleeve 43 (i.e. one of the connector terminals of the female connector unit). This grip 72 is in the form of a pair of pawls 72a similar to those of the male connection strip. The female connection strip is for example of spring steel so that a bias is provided to the pawls 72a to maintain a good electrical contact with the female connection sleeve 43, for example contacting the inner bore of the female connection sleeve 43.

[0069] Figure 17 shows the printed circuit board 90 with its three concentric arcuate tracks 46. It may be mounted to the base using a pair of plastic screws or rivets. The printed circuit board has a shape such that there is only one possible rotational position.

[0070] The three electrical tracks are typically live (L), neutral (N) and ground (GND). The arcuate path length is preferably sufficient to cover the range of rotation shown in Figure 1, from -90 degrees to + 90 degrees.

[0071] The electrical connection between the luminaires is a parallel electrical connection, i.e. live to live, neutral to neutral and ground to ground. Thus, any number of luminaires may be connected (within the power capability of the supply).

[0072] A cushion may be mounted between the male and female connector unit 30,40. This may be used to provide damping when the male and female connector units are rotated relative to each other.

[0073] The male and female connector units are for example injection molded parts. The male connection pins 33 and the female connection sleeves 43 are for example fixed directly through the injection process, e.g. by over-molding.

[0074] The examples shown is only one possible detailed design. Of course, all male and female parts may be interchanged. For example, the male connector unit may have the tracks and the female connector unit may have the pins. Different internal connections between the external connections of the connector piece (pins 33 and sleeves 43) and the internal connecting elements (vertical conductor pins 36 and arcuate tracks 46) may be provided.

[0075] Variations to the disclosed embodiments can be understood and effected by those skilled in the art in practicing the claimed invention, from a study of the drawings, the disclosure and the appended claims. In the claims, the word "comprising" does not exclude other elements or steps, and the indefinite article "a" or "an" does not exclude a plurality.

[0076] The mere fact that certain measures are recited in mutually different dependent claims does not indicate that a combination of these measures cannot be used to advantage.

[0077] If the term "adapted to" is used in the claims or description, it is noted the term "adapted to" is intended to be equivalent to the term "configured to".

[0078] Any reference signs in the claims should not be construed as limiting the scope.

Claims

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1. A luminaire system comprising:

a luminaire (10), comprising:

an elongate housing (12);

a male electrical connector (16) at a first end of the housing; and

a female electrical connector (14) at a second end of the housing; and

a connector piece (20) for coupling one end of the housing to an opposite gender end of an adjacent housing, wherein the connector piece comprises:

a male connector unit (30) suitable for connection to the female electrical connector (14) and comprising a first connecting element (36);

a female connector unit (40) suitable for connection to the male electrical connector (16) and comprising a second connecting element (46); and

a rotary coupling between the male and female connector units for rotation about a rotation axis (21) perpendicular to the elongate axis of the elongate housing, wherein the rotary coupling implements an electrical connection between the male and female

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connector units (30,40),

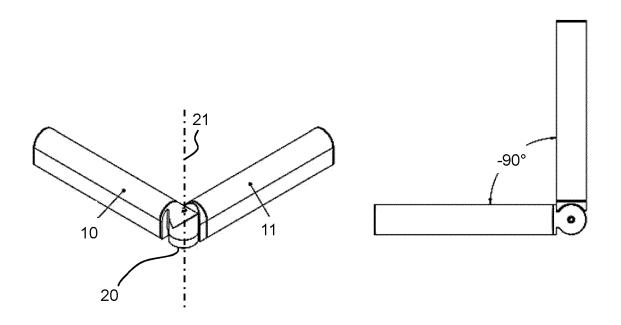
wherein the first and second connecting elements (36,46) are slidably coupled to each other.

- 2. A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the luminaire comprises a light output face lying in plane, and the rotation axis (21) is perpendicular to the plane.
- 3. A system as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein one of the male and female connector units comprises a first end wall (42) with connector terminals (43) and a base (44) projecting from the first end wall, and the other of the male and female connector units comprises a second end wall (32) with connector terminals (33) and a cover (34) projecting from the second end wall, wherein the cover (34) is mounted over the base (44).
- 4. A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first connecting element comprises a set of conductor pins (36) and the second connecting element comprises a set of arcuate conductor tracks (46).
- **5.** A system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the arcuate conductor tracks (46) are concentric around the rotation axis (21).
- **6.** A system as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the arcuate conductor tracks (46) are provided on a printed circuit board (90).
- **7.** A system as claimed in claim 4, 5 or 6, comprising a spring (38) for each conductor pin (36), for elastically biasing the conductor pin.
- 8. A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the male connector unit (30) comprises the set of conductor pins (36), and further comprises a male connection strip (39) for each conductor pin (36) extending between a male connector terminal (33) and an associated conductor pin (36).
- 9. A system as claimed in claim 7 or 8, wherein the female connector unit (40) comprises the set of arcuate conductor tracks (46) and further comprises a female connection strip (48) for each track, the female connection strip (48) connecting between a female connector terminal (43) and a track where it is soldered to the track.
- **10.** A system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, comprising a nut (62) and bolt (60) connecting the male and female connector units, the bolt extending along the rotation axis.
- 11. A system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10,

wherein the male connector unit (30) and the female connector unit (40) each comprise a mechanical clip (35,45) for coupling to an adjacent luminaire housing.

- **12.** A system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, further comprising a second luminaire (11) having a second elongate luminaire housing, wherein the housing of the luminaire and the second housing, of the second luminaire, are connected by the connector piece (20).
- 13. A connector piece (20) for use in a luminaire system as claimed in any preceding claim, the connector piece being for coupling an end of one luminaire housing with a male electrical connector to an end of another luminaire housing with a female electrical connector, wherein the connector piece comprises:
 - a male connector unit (30) suitable for connection to the female electrical connector and comprising a first connecting element (36); a female connector unit (40) suitable for connection to the male electrical connector and comprising a second connecting element (46); and a rotary coupling between the male and female connector units for rotation about a rotation axis (21) perpendicular to the elongate axis of the elongate housing, wherein the rotary coupling implements an electrical connection between the male and female connector units, wherein the first and second connecting elements (36,46) are slidably coupled to each other
- **14.** A connector piece as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first connecting element comprises a set of conductor pins (33) and the second connecting element comprises a set of arcuate conductor tracks (46).
- **15.** A connector piece as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

the male connector unit (30) comprises the set of conductor pins (36), and further comprises a male connection strip (39) for each conductor pin extending between a male connector terminal of the male connector unit and an associated conductor pin (36); and the female connector unit (40) comprises the set of arcuate conductor tracks and further comprises a female connection strip (48) for each track, the female connection strip extending between a female connector terminal of the female connector unit and a track where it is soldered to the track.



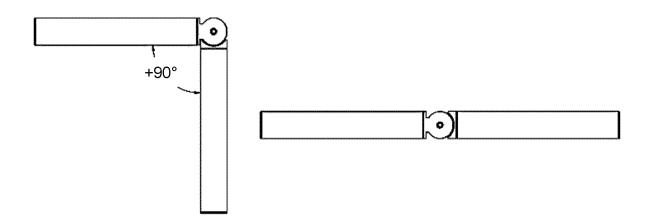
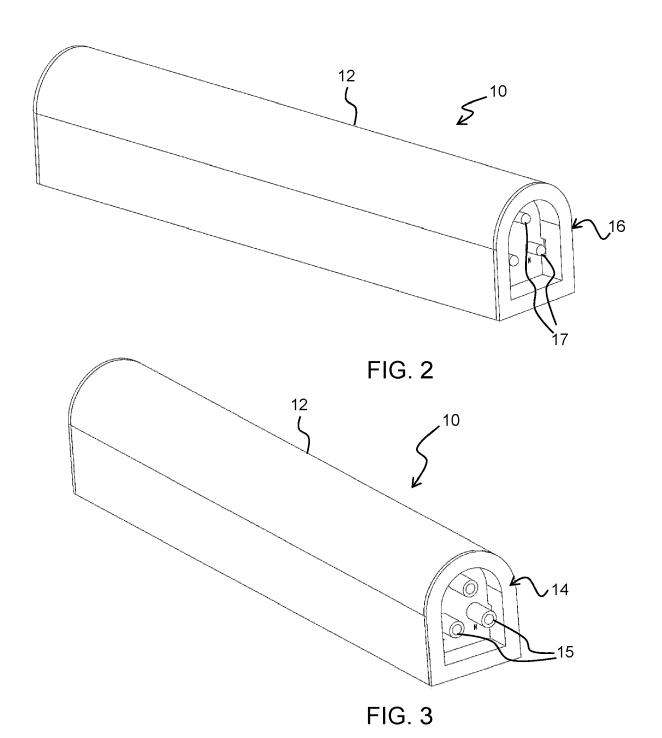
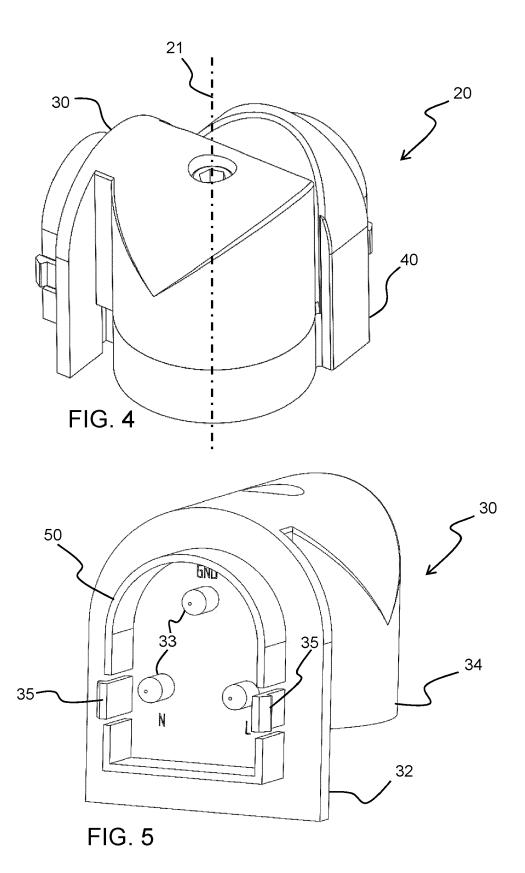


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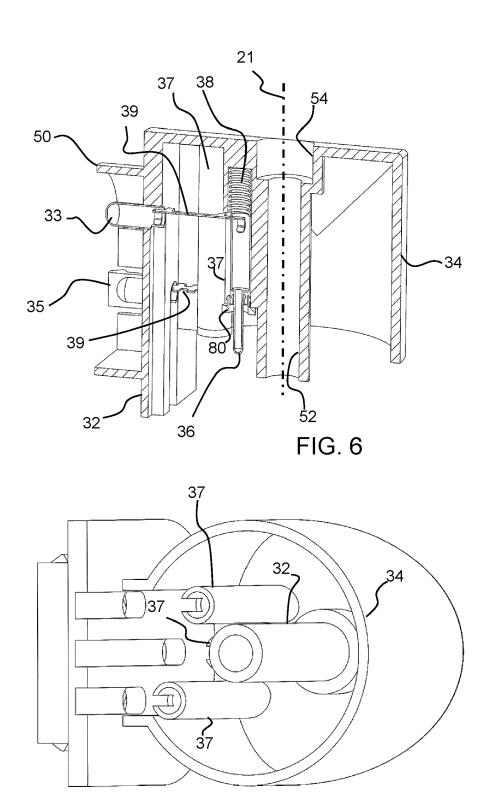
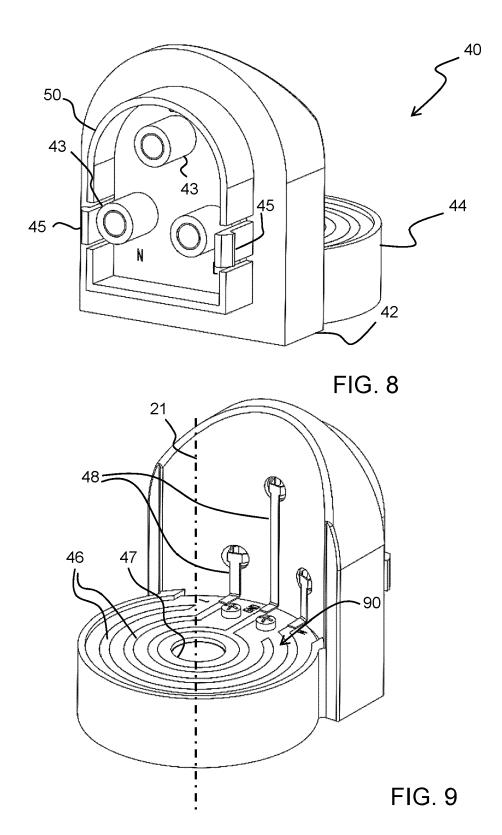


FIG. 7



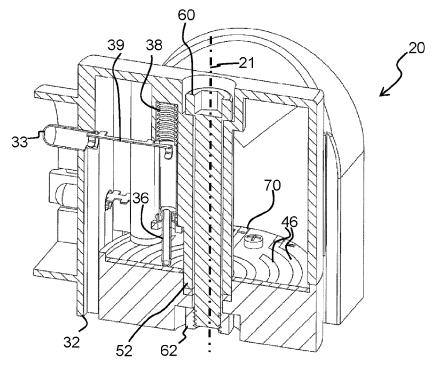


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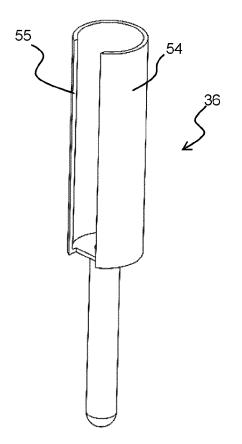


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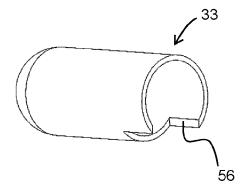


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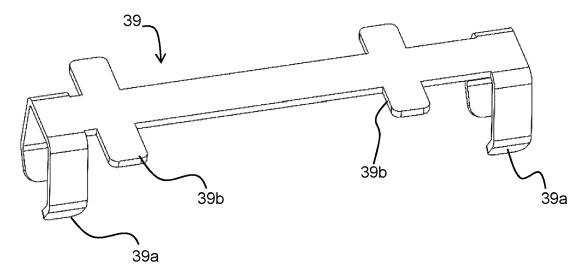


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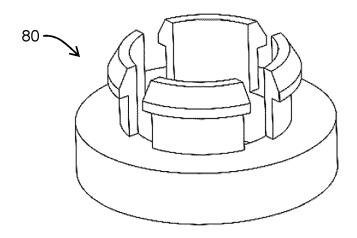
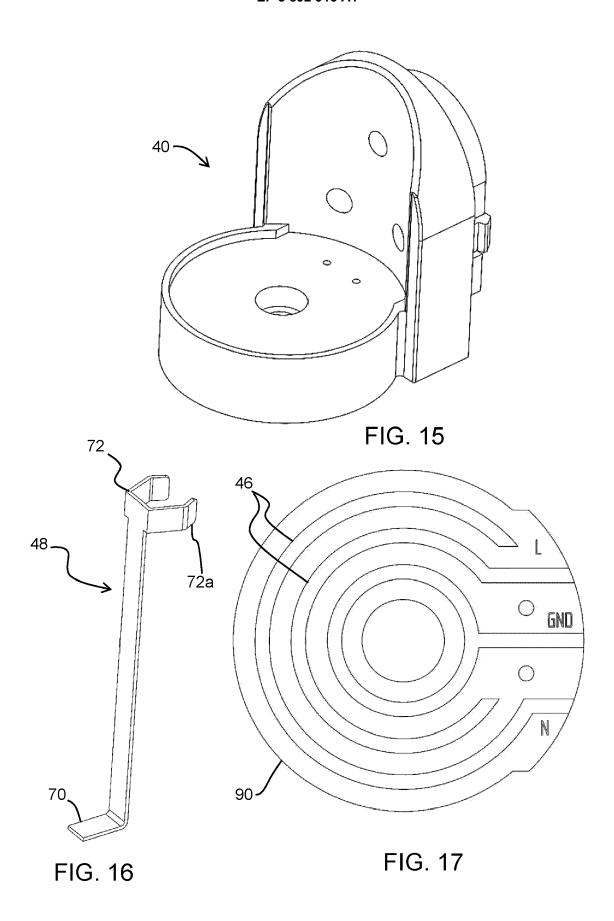


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