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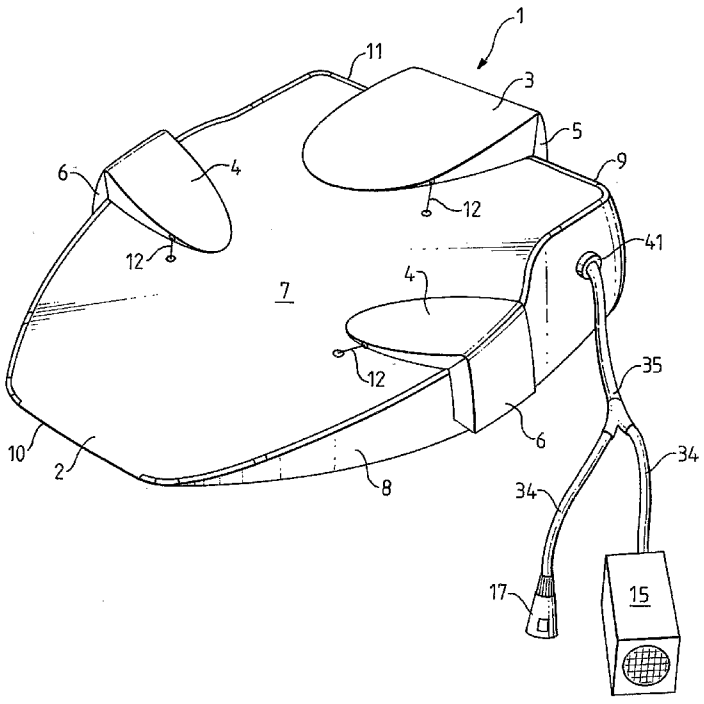
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING TRACTION



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to (with reference to figure 1) apparatus (1) for applying traction to a human body. The apparatus (1) comprises a first body support (2) for supporting a user's upper back and a head rest (3).located on top of the upper surface (7) of the first body support (2) and slidable along the upper surface (7). The apparatus has means for causing the head rest to slide along the upper surface (7) of the first body support. The sliding of the head rest (3) along the upper surface (7) to move the supported head from the torso and thereby applies traction to the human body. Additionally or alternatively a pair of shoulder rests (4) can be provided which when slid across the upper surface (7) provide traction across a user's shoulders. Preferably, the body support (2), the head rest (3) and the shoulder rests (4) all comprise inflatable bladders and the traction is applied to the user's body by inflating the bladders.

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