Claims

1. A cable retaining apparatus for retaining at least one cable, the apparatus comprising:-

at least one first cable retaining member adapted to engage a portion of at least one cable;

at least one second cable retaining member adapted to engage another portion of said at least one cable or a portion of at least one further cable, wherein said first and second retaining members are hingedly connected to each other by pivot means; and

clamping means for pulling said first and second retaining members into clamping engagement with the or each cable;

said first member further comprising hinging axis variation means for varying the position of an axis about which said first and second retaining members pivot on the first cable retaining member,

said hinging axis variation means comprising:-

at least one hinge body having at least one slotted aperture extending therethrough for receiving at least one pivot axle, defining said axis, attached to said second retaining member said pivot axle adapted to move in said slot in a direction perpendicular to said axis; and

at least one limiter for limiting the movement of said axle within said slotted aperture

wherein said limiter comprises at least one threaded member adapted to engage a receiving threaded portion of said hinge body, said threaded member limiting the movement of the pivot axle within said slotted aperture.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means comprises at least one nut and bolt.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising an insert portion adapted to be attached to said first and/or second retaining member between a surface of said retaining portion that engages said cable and a surface of the cable.

4. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said insert portion comprises a body for reducing the space between the first and second retaining portions.

5. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said insert portion comprises a liner for locating between said first and second retaining members and the cable.

6. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said apparatus is adapted to engage three cables arranged in a triangle.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said first retaining portion is adapted to engage a single cable and said second retaining member is adapted to engage two other cables.

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at least one second cable retaining member adapted to engage another portion of said at least one cable or a portion of at least one further cable, wherein said first and second retaining members are hingedly connected to each other by pivot means;

clamping means for pulling said first and second retaining members into clamping engagement with the or each cable;

said first member further comprising hinging axis variation means for varying the position of an axis about which said first and second retaining members pivot on the first cable retaining member.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said hinging point variation means comprises:-

at least one hinge body having at least one slotted aperture extending therethrough for receiving at least one pivot axle, defining said axis, attached to said second retaining member said pivot axle adapted to move in said slot in a direction perpendicular to said axis; and

at least one limiter for limiting the movement of said axle within said slotted aperture.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said limiter comprises at least one threaded member adapted to engage a receiving threaded portion of said hinge body, an end of said hinge body limiting the movement of the pivot axle within said slotted aperture.

4. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said clamping means comprises at least one nut and bolt.

5. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising insert portion adapted to be attached to said first and/or second retaining member between a surface of said retaining portion that engages said cable and a surface of the cable.

6. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said insert portion comprises a body for reducing the space between the first and second retaining portions.

7. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said insert portion comprises a liner for locating between said first and second retaining members and the cable.

8. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said apparatus is adapted to engage three cables arranged in a triangle.

9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said first retaining portion is adapted to engage a single cable and said second retaining member is adapted to engage two other cables.

10. A cable retaining apparatus for retaining at least one cable substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.