

TAP LOCKING DEVICE

ABSTRACT

A tap locking device (10) to be attached to the shaft (18) of a tap (25) comprises a hand grip (16) having mounted therein a locking barrel (12) to be activated by a key (11). Upon turning of key (11) and barrel (12), a cam (15) forces ball bearings (17) through apertures (19) in a locking sleeve (13) into respective recesses (20) in an engagement cylinder (14) attached to shaft (18). The ball bearings effectively rotationally lock engagement sleeve (14) to locking sleeve (13) to enable activation of the tap by rotation of hand grip (16). In the unlocked configuration, with ball bearings (17) disengaged from respective recesses (20), the hand grip (16) will rotate freely disabling operation of the tap (25).

Figs. 1 and 2

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