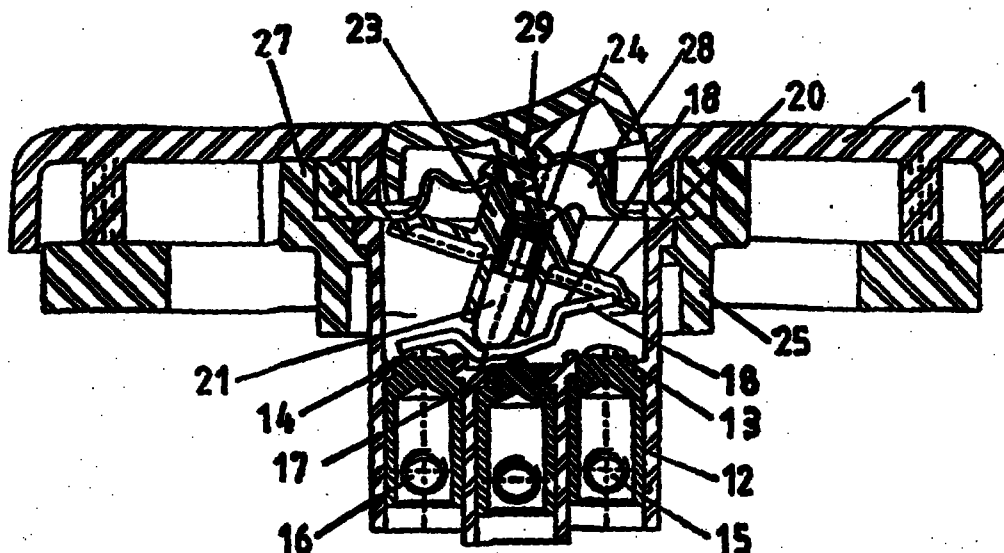




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(57) Abstract

The present invention consists of an electrical switch with a mounting plate in which is pivotally mounted a switch rocker that has a dependent control member co-operatively engaged with an actuator in a switch unit so that operation of the switch rocker will transmit movement to the switch actuator to provide the switching action in the switch unit. This construction has particular advantages where the switch is to be used in conditions requiring waterproofing because a diaphragm can be fitted between the switch unit and the switch rocker with the control member extending through an aperture in the diaphragm while maintaining a sealing fit between the control member and the diaphragm. The diaphragm is preferably shaped and fitted so that it contacts the control member of the switch rocker at or adjacent the pivot line of the switch rocker thus minimising movement of the diaphragm upon operation of the switch rocker. The invention also allows different dimensions of switch rocker to be applied where, for example, a switch may be required to provide a larger operating surface, for example, for handicapped or disabled users.

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