

ABSTRACT (Fig. 1)LAMPHOLDER

A safety lampholder comprises a housing (400) with
5 slots (401) to receive bayonet pins (500) of an inserted
bulb. Resilient bulb engaging contacts (520) supply
electricity to the inserted bulb. The contacts (520) have
ramp formations (522) at their respective free ends. A
rotatable apertured shutter means (480) is also located
10 within the housing (400) for selectively obstructing
access to the contacts (520). The shutter (480) requires
axial and rotational insertion of a bulb to actuate its
displacement, between a first inoperative position in
which it obstructs the contacts and the contacts are
15 offset from the shutter apertures (492), and a second
operative position in which the free ends of the contacts
extend through the apertures (492) in the shutter means to
bear against an inserted bulb. Both axial and rotational
removal of a bulb actuates displacement of the shutter
20 means (480) to drive the contacts (520) inwardly of the
housing (400) and against the bias of the contacts (520)
to the first inoperative position by interengagement of
the shutter means (480) with ramp formations (522) on the
contacts.

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