Patent claims

1. A hand-held device for electrically assisted skin treatment, comprising:

a skin electrode, which is placeable on the skin region to be treated,

a hand electrode, which is on the outer side of the device and in contact with the hand when the device is held in the hand by the user during use,

an electrical power source in the device, the terminals of which are electrically connected to the electrodes during operation of the device,

characterized

in that an absorbent carrier material, soaked with an active ingredient, is located in front of the skin electrode and

in that the carrier material is fixed to a ring that can be clipped onto the device, wherein the carrier material extends over the skin electrode when the ring is in a clipped-on state.

2. The device according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the carrier material consists of a strip having two ends and an intermediate section situated therebetween, the ends of the strip being fixed to the ring and the intermediate section of the strip extending over the skin electrode when the ring is in a clipped-on state.

3. The device according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the ring has at least one inwardly directed latching lug, which engages behind a holding edge on the device.

4. The device according to claim 1, 2 or 3, **characterized**

in that the skin electrode has the form of a cap connected to a base, wherein the cap has a foot region near the base and a head region that is placeable on the skin to be treated,

in that the hand electrode is formed on the outer side of the base which is in contact with the hand when the device is held in the hand by the user during use,

in that the electrical power source is disposed in the base, and

in that the carrier material extends over the head of the cap when the ring is in a clipped-on state.

5. The device according to claim 4, **characterized** in that the ring surrounds the foot region of the cap.

6. The device according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the ring has at least one inwardly directed latching lug, which engages behind the lower edge of the cap.

7. The device according to claim 6, **characterized** in that the cap is clipped onto a shoulder on the base, in that a gap extends between the lower edge

of the cap and a step on the base, the latching lug engaging in the gap.

8. The device according to claim 3, 6 or 7, **characterized** in that the ring has a transverse groove on its inner side, the latching lug being formed on the bottom of the groove.

9. The device according to any one of claims 3 and 6 to 8, **characterized** in that provision is made of at least two latching lugs, which are located opposite one another.

10. The device according to any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the carrier material has the form of a strip and in that the skin electrode has a half-cylindrical upper end, the strip extending thereover.

11. The device according to either of claims 2 and 10, **characterized** in that the ring consists of an oval with two longitudinal sections, which are interconnected by way of arches, wherein the strip is fixed to the longitudinal sections.

12. The device according to any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the carrier material is an absorbent fabric, a sponge or a felt.

13. An additional part for a hand-held device for electrically assisted skin treatment, **characterized** in that the additional part comprises a ring which can to be clipped onto the device, an absorbent carrier material, soaked with an active ingredient, being fixed to the ring.

14. The additional part according to claim 13, **characterized** in that the ring has an oval shape

with two longitudinal sections, which are interconnected by way of arches, and in that the carrier material consists of a strip, which extends from one longitudinal section to the other.

15. The additional part according to claim 14, **characterized** in that the ring in each case has at least one latching lug on the inner side of the longitudinal sections, the latching lug protruding over the inner lateral surface of the ring.

16. The additional part according to claim 15, **characterized** in that the latching lugs are each arranged in a transverse groove on the ring.

17. The additional part according to any one of claims 13 to 16, **characterized** in that it is stored in hermetically sealed packaging.

18. A blister pack with an additional part according to any one of the preceding claims 13 to 17, **characterized** in that the blister pack consists of a shell with a film cover, wherein a circumferential depression for containing the ring is located in the shell and wherein the strip faces the bottom of the shell and the central part of the strip extends in an arch through the ring.