CLAIMS

1. A hairdryer comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body, and the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material and wherein the duct comprises a handle portion of the hairdryer.

2. A hairdryer according to claim 1, wherein a lined portion of the duct is disposed between the fluid inlet and the fan assembly.

3. A hairdryer according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the lined portion of the duct is disposed between the fan assembly and the body.

4. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, wherein the material is a foam or a felt.

5. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, wherein the fan unit is disposed approximately mid way between the inlet and the body.

6. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet.

7. A hairdryer according to claim 6, wherein the primary fluid flow path is nonlinear.

8. A hairdryer comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body, and the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material and wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and the primary fluid flow path is non-linear.

9. A hairdryer according to any of claims 6 to 8, wherein the primary fluid flow path extends at least partially through the body to the fluid outlet.

10. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, wherein the duct has a circular cross-section.

11. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, wherein a heater is provided and the heater is located in the body.

12. A hairdryer according to claim 11, wherein the heater is located in the primary fluid flow path.

13. A hairdryer according to claim 11 or claim 12, wherein the heater is annular in shape.

14. A hairdryer according to any of claims 11 to 13, wherein the heater is tubular in shape.

15. A hairdryer according to any preceding claim, comprising a fluid flow path extending through the body.

16. A hairdryer according to claim 15, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and wherein fluid is drawn through the fluid flow path by fluid emitted from the fluid outlet of the primary fluid flow path.

17. A hairdryer according to claim 15 or claim 16, wherein that the fluid flow path passes linearly through the body.

18. A hairdryer according to any of claims 15 to 17, wherein the fluid flow path is defined by a bore extending through the body.

19. A hairdryer comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material, wherein the fluid flow path is defined by a bore extending through the body.

20. A hairdryer according to claim 18 or claim 19, wherein that the bore is an external wall of the body of the hairdryer.

21. A hairdryer according to any of claims 18 to 20, wherein the bore at least partially defines the fluid outlet.

22. A hairdryer according to any of claims 18 to 21, wherein the bore surrounds the heater.

23. A hand held appliance comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body, and the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material wherein the duct comprises a handle portion of the hairdryer.

24. A hand held appliance comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body, and the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material and wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and the primary fluid flow path is non-linear.

25. A hand held appliance comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the duct which is remote from the body the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet and the body, a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material, wherein the fluid flow path is defined by a bore extending through the body.

CLAIMS

1. A hairdryer comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a handle portion of the hairdryer, an inlet portion, and a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the inlet portion of the duct which is remote from the body, wherein the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet portion and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material and wherein at least a first lined portion of the duct is disposed between the fan unit and the body.

2. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein a second lined portion of the duct is disposed between the fluid inlet and the fan unit.

3. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the material is a foam or a felt.

4. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the material is a sound absorbing material.

5. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the material is a vibration absorbing material.

6. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the material is an insulator.

7. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the material is tuned to resonant frequencies of the hairdryer.

8. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the fan unit is disposed approximately mid way between the inlet and the body.

9. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the fan unit is upstream of the handle portion.

10. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet.

11. The hairdryer of claim 10, wherein the primary fluid flow path is non-linear.

12. The hairdryer of claim 10, wherein the primary fluid flow path extends at least

partially through the body to the fluid outlet.

13. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the duct has a circular cross-section.

14. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein the duct comprises a first handle portion and a second handle portion of the hairdryer, and wherein each handle portion is lined with said material.

15. The hairdryer of claim 14, wherein the fan unit is located within a section of the primary fluid flow path located fluidly between the handle portions of the duct.

16. The hairdryer of claim 1, wherein a heater is provided and the heater is located in the body.

17. The hairdryer of claim 16, wherein the heater is located in the primary fluid flow path.

18. The hairdryer of claim 16, wherein the heater is annular in shape.

19. The hairdryer of claim 16, wherein the heater is tubular in shape.

20. The hairdryer of claim 1, comprising a fluid flow path extending through the body.

21. The hairdryer of claim 20, wherein fluid is drawn through the fluid flow path by fluid emitted from the fluid outlet of the primary fluid flow path.

22. The hairdryer of claim 20, wherein that the fluid flow path passes linearly through the body.

23. The hairdryer of claim 22, wherein the fluid flow path is defined by a bore extending through the body.

24. The hairdryer of claim 23, wherein that the bore is an external wall of the body of the hairdryer.

25. The hairdryer of claim 23, wherein the bore at least partially defines the fluid outlet.

26. The hairdryer of claim 23, wherein the bore surrounds the heater.

27. A hand held appliance comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a handle portion of the hairdryer, an inlet portion, and a-fluid inlet located at or near an end of the inlet portion of the duct which is remote from the body, wherein the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet portion and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material and wherein at least a first lined portion of the duct is disposed between the fan unit and the body.

28. The hairdryer of claim 16, wherein the first fluid flow path is in thermal communication with the heater and the primary fluid flow path passes through the heater.

29. A hairdryer comprising a body, a fan unit and a duct for conveying fluid to the body, wherein the duct comprises a handle portion of the hairdryer, an inlet portion, and a fluid inlet located at or near an end of the inlet portion of the duct which is remote from the body, wherein the fan unit is disposed in the duct between the inlet portion and the body, wherein a portion of the duct is lined with a material.

30. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body and wherein the primary fluid flow path and fluid flow path are isolated within the hairdryer.

31. The hairdryer of claim 29, further comprising a heater, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body and wherein the first fluid flow path is in thermal communication with the heater and the primary fluid flow path passes through the heater.

32. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body, wherein the fluid flow path is defined by a bore extending through the body.

33. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body to a first fluid outlet wherein the first fluid outlet is arranged to emit fluid from the hairdryer.

34. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body, wherein the fluid flow path comprises a first fluid outlet and the first fluid outlet and the fluid outlet are both arranged to emit fluid from the hairdryer.

35. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body wherein the body comprises a first external wall and a second external wall extending about the first external wall, and wherein the first external wall defines a bore extending through the body, and wherein the fluid flow path extends through the bore.

36. The hairdryer of claim 29, wherein a primary fluid flow path extends from the fluid inlet to a fluid outlet and a fluid flow path extends through the body, and the fluid flow path is nested or embedded in the primary fluid flow path.