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**DOOR CLOSER, PARTICULARLY FOR GLASS DOORS****DESCRIPTION****Field of the invention**

5 The present invention is generally applicable in the technical field of the closing hinges, and particularly relates to a door closer, in particular for glass doors.

**Background of the invention**

As known, door closer are generally used to close a door which is supported by a stationary structure, e.g. a door frame.

10 Door closer usually comprise a movable element, fixed to one between the door and the stationary structure, pivoted on a fix element, usually fixed to the other between the door and the stationary structure.

Moreover, closing means acting on the movable element to automatically return the door or the like to the closed position are provided.

15 From the document EP0407150 a door closer is known, which includes a box-like body and an external arm connectable to the door for the automatic returning thereof to the closed position. Such known device has high bulking, since the box-like body has an extremely large size. Therefore, the installation of such a device requires expensive and difficult break-in works of the floor,  
20 which have to be made by qualified operators.

Further, due to the presence of the external arm, the aesthetic appeal of this known door closer is dramatically low.

Moreover, this known device offers an high resistance to closing if pulled. As a consequence, it can be very unsafe for a user, in particular in  
25 case of glass doors.

**Summary of the invention**

Object of the present invention is to overcome at least partly the above drawbacks, by providing a door closer having characteristics of high effectiveness, constructional simplicity and low cost.

30 Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer of extremely



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moderate bulking.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer which is extremely easy to install.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer which ensures the automatic closing of the door from the open position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer which ensures the controlled movement of the door on which it is mounted, upon the opening as well as upon closing of the door.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer which is capable to control the movement of very heavy doors and windows, without changing its behaviour and without need of any adjustment.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer which has a minimum number of constituent parts.

Another object of the invention is to provide a door closer capable to maintain with time the exact closing position.

Another object of the invention is to provide an extremely safe door closer, which does not offer any resistance to closing if pulled.

Such objects, as well as others which will appear more clearly hereinafter, are fulfilled by a door closer comprising a fix element, suitable to be anchored to one between a door and the stationary structure which support the door, and a movable element, suitable to be anchored to the other between the door and the stationary structure.

The movable element is rotatably coupled to the fix one to rotate about a first longitudinal axis, which may be substantially vertical, between an open door position and a closed door position.

The movable element, respectively the fix element, may comprise a box-like body, which may in turn internally include at least one operating chamber. On the other hand the fix element, respectively the movable element, may comprise a pin which defines the above first longitudinal axis.

Suitably, the door closer comprises closing means acting on the

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movable element to automatically return the door to the closed position upon the opening thereof.

Furthermore, the door closer may comprise braking means acting on the closing means for counteracting the action thereof.

- 5 In this manner, it will be possible to control the rotation of the door from the open position to the closed position.

Advantageously, the closing means may comprise a first cam element interacting with a first plunger element movable within the box-like body between a first compressed end position, corresponding to the open door  
10 position and a first extended end position, corresponding to the closed door position.

The first plunger element may move within the box-like body along a first direction, which preferably may be longitudinal and more preferably substantially perpendicular to the first longitudinal axis.

- 15 Appropriately, the braking means may comprise a second cam element interacting with a second plunger element movable within the box-like body between a second compressed end position, corresponding to the closed door position and a second extended end position, corresponding to the open door position.

- 20 The second plunger element may move within the box-like body along a second direction, which preferably may be longitudinal and more preferably substantially perpendicular to the first longitudinal axis.

In a preferred but non-exclusive embodiment, the two moving directions of the first and the second plunger elements may be parallel each other.

- 25 Suitably, the first and second cam elements may be unitary with the pin. In this manner, they may unitary rotate about the first longitudinal axis.

Advantageously, the pin, that is the first and second cam elements, may be interposed between the first and second plunger elements.

- Thanks to such features, the door closer will be very compact and  
30 effective, and will have a strong aesthetic impact.

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Moreover, thanks to such features, the door closer will have a minimum number of constituent parts, with great advantage of the bulkiness of the door closer.

5 In a preferred but non-exclusive embodiment, the first and second plunger elements may be reciprocally opposite with respect to the pin, or equivalently with respect to the first longitudinal axis.

More precisely, the first and second plunger elements may be reciprocally opposite with respect to a plane passing through the first longitudinal axis and perpendicular to the above first and/or second moving  
10 directions of the first and second plunger elements.

Preferably, the closing means and the braking means may be entirely housed in one single operating chamber, internal to the box-like body.

Advantageously, both the first and second plunger elements may be slidably movable along a single second longitudinal axis substantially  
15 perpendicular to the first axis. In other words, the first and second moving directions of the first and second plunger elements may lay on a single longitudinal axis, i.e. said second axis.

Preferably, the first and second plunger elements may be slidably movable in a single operating chamber which defines the second axis. In this  
20 embodiment, the first and second plunger elements may be reciprocally faced.

Due to bulkiness reasons, the working chamber defined by the box-like body may include both the first and second cam elements and the first and second plunger elements.

Suitably, the first plunger element may comprise at least one first  
25 pushing head interacting with at least one substantially first countershaped seat of the first cam element, whereas the second plunger element may include at least one second pushing head interacting with at least one second substantially countershaped seat of the second cam element.

Thanks to this embodiment, the door closer will maintain the exact  
30 closing position with time, by being also greatly safe.

In order to minimize the vertical bulkiness, both the at least one first

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and second pushing heads may have a generally plate-like shape to define respective first and second planes substantially perpendicular to the first axis. Preferably, these first and second planes may be reciprocally parallel.

Advantageously, and independently from the shape of the pushing  
5 heads of the plunger elements, the said operating chamber may comprise a working fluid, usually a oil.

Independently from the shape of the pushing heads of the plunger elements, the first plunger element may comprise a substantially cylindrical first back portion and a first front portion defining the first pushing head,  
10 whereas the second plunger element may comprise a substantially cylindrical second back portion and a second front portion defining the second pushing head.

The first and second back portions may be designed to separate the operating chamber into a first, a second and a third adjacent variable volume  
15 compartments in reciprocal fluidic communication.

Suitably, and independently from the shape of the pushing heads of the plunger elements, the operating chamber may comprise control means for controlling the flow of the working fluid so as to allow the flow thereof from the first compartment to the third compartment through the second compartment  
20 upon the opening of the door and to allow the backflow thereof from the third compartment to the first compartment through the second compartment upon the closing of the door.

Such embodiment will allow to obtain a door closer which ensures the controlled movement of the door upon the opening, thus being greatly safe  
25 and practical.

Moreover, thanks to such features, the door closer according to the invention will allow to hydraulically control the rotation upon the closing of very heavy doors, by also minimizing the bulking.

In fact, the door closer according to the invention will be extremely safe,  
30 because the reciprocal rotating movement of the fix and of the movable element is free upon closing. During the closing phase the control means will adjust the backflow of the working fluid from the third to the first variable

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volume compartment independently from the reciprocal rotation of the fix and of the movable element, so that an user will be free to close the door with any speed without any danger of breaking the door closer and/or the door.

Advantageous embodiments of the invention are defined according to  
5 the dependent claims.

Brief description of the drawings

Further features and advantages of the invention will appear more evident upon reading the detailed description of a few preferred, non-exclusive embodiments of a door closer according to the invention, which is  
10 described as non-limiting examples with the help of the annexed drawings, in which:

**FIG. 1** is an exploded view of a the door closer **1**;

**FIG. 2** is a schematic perspective view of the first and second cam elements **31** and **41**, unitary with the pin **20**, which are interposed between the  
15 first and second plunger elements **32**, **42**;

**FIG.s 3a** and **3b** are respectively perspective and partly sectional views of the box-like body **10**;

**FIG.s 4a** and **4b** are respectively perspective and sectional views of the first plunger element **32**;

**FIG.s 5a**, **5b** and **5c** are respectively perspective, sectional and front  
20 views of the second plunger element **42**;

**FIG.s 6a**, **6b** and **6c** are respectively perspectives and side views of the first and second cam element **31**, **41**, which are unitary with the pin **20**;

**FIG.s 7a** and **7b** are respectively sectional perspective and side views  
25 of the door closer **1** in the open door position, wherein the discharging port **72** and the third passing through hole **32'''** are reciprocally uncoupled (the first and second springs **39**, **47** have not been shown for sake of better intelligibility);

**FIG.s 8a** and **8b** are respectively sectional perspective and side views  
30 of the door closer **1** in a position proximate to the closed door position,

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wherein the discharging port 72 and the third passing through hole 32''' are reciprocally coupled to selectively put into fluidic communication the channel 71 with the first variable volume compartment 51, so as to impart a latch action to the door towards the closed position (the first and second springs 39, 47 have not been shown for sake of better intelligibility);

FIG.s 9a and 9b are respectively sectional perspective and side views of the door closer 1 in the closed door position (the first and second springs 39, 47 have not been shown for sake of better intelligibility).

Detailed description of a preferred embodiment

Referring to the above mentioned figures, the door closer 1 is advantageously applicable to doors, in particular glass doors, which may be supported by a stationary support structure, for example the floor.

In the figures both the door and the stationary support structure, which are not part of the present invention, have not shown because they are known *per se*.

Preferably, as particularly visible in FIG. 1, the door closer 1 may include a plate 2, which may be anchored to the stationary support structure, e.g. the floor, by suitable fastener 3.

In this manner, it will be possible to install the door closer 1 easily and smoothly, avoiding for instance the expensive and difficult break-in works which are necessary with the known solutions.

Apparently, the door closer 1 may be equivalently anchored to the support frame of the door.

The door closer 1 may be used individually, with a simple hinge on the other end of the door, or in a combination of two or more of door closers 1.

In particular, the door closer 1 will comprise a box-like body 10 rotatably coupled to a pin 20, in such a manner to rotate about a first longitudinal axis X, which may be substantially vertical.

In the embodiment shown in the appended figures, the box-like body 10 is anchored to the door to define the movable element of the door closer 1, whereas the pin 20 is anchored to the floor S through the plate 2 to define the fix element thereof.

It is understood that, equivalently, the pin 20 may be anchored to the

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door to define the movable element and the box-like body 10 may be anchored to the stationary support structure S to define the fix one without departing from the scope of protection of the invention defined by the appended claims.

5 The pin 20, which may have elongated shape to define the axis X, may include a first anchoring portion 21 suitable to the anchoring of the pin 20 to the plate 2 and a second working portion 22, the function of which will be better explained hereinafter. The first and the second portion may be monolithic, as they are both part of the same pin 20.

10 In this manner an user, upon the opening of the door, will cause the reciprocal rotation of the box-like body 3 and of the pin 5 around the axis X.

In order to ensure the automatic closing of the door once opened, closing means may be provided, generally indicated with 30, acting on the movable element of the door closer 1 to automatically return the door to the closed position.

Braking means, generally indicated with 40, acting on the closing means 30 to counteract the action thereof, may be further provided.

As particularly visible in FIG. 2, the closing means 30 may comprise a first cam element 31 interacting with a first plunger element 32, whereas the braking means 40 may include a second cam element 41 interacting with a second plunger element 42.

As used herein, the term "cam" means a mechanical part, having any configuration, suitable to change a circular motion into a rectilinear motion.

Both the first and second cam elements 31, 41 may be unitary with the pin 20, in such a manner to unitary rotate therewith. In particular, the first and second cam elements 31, 41 may define the working portion 22 of the pin 20.

On the other hand, the first and second plunger elements 32, 42 may be movable within the box-like body 10.

In a preferred but non-exclusive embodiment, both the plunger elements 32, 42 may be slidably movable in a single operating chamber 50, which defines a second longitudinal axis Y substantially perpendicular to the first axis X.

Suitably, the operating chamber 50 may house also the first and second cam elements 31, 41. Appropriately, the operating chamber 50 may be

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cylindrical.

In particular, the first plunger element 32 may slidably move along the second axis Y between a first compressed end position, corresponding to the open door position, and a first extended end position, corresponding to the closed door position.

On the other hand, the second plunger element 42 may slidably move along the second axis Y between a second compressed end position, corresponding to the closed door position, and a second extended end position, corresponding to the open door position.

Advantageously, the pin 20, or equivalently the longitudinal axis X, or equivalently the first and second cam elements 31, 41, may be interposed between the first and second plunger elements 32, 42.

Suitably, in the preferred, non-exclusive embodiment shown in the appended figures, the first and second plunger elements 32, 42 may be reciprocally opposite with respect to a plane  $\pi$  passing through the first longitudinal axis X and perpendicular to the second longitudinal axis Y.

Advantageously, the first and second plunger elements 32, 42 may be reciprocally faced in the operating chamber 50.

Appropriately, the box-like body 10 may have an elongated shape along the axis Y. In other words, the box-like body 10 may develop mainly in length along the axis Y, with the length dimension higher than the other two dimensions.

In a preferred but non-exclusive embodiment of the invention, the first plunger element 32 may comprise a couple of first pushing heads 33, 33' interacting with a corresponding couple of substantially first countershaped seats 34, 34' of the first cam element 31, whereas the second plunger element 42 may include a second pushing head 43 interacting with a second substantially countershaped seat 44 of the second cam element 41.

Advantageously, both the first pushing heads 33, 33' and the second one 43 may have a generally plate-like shape to define respective first planes  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$  and a second plane  $\pi'''$ .

Thanks to the above features, the bulk of the body, in particular the vertical one, will be extremely minimized, and the aesthetic appeal greatly increased.

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Suitably, the second plane  $\pi'''$  defined by the second pushing head 43 may lay between the first planes  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$  defined by the first pushing heads 33, 33'.

5 As particularly shown in FIG. 3, the pushing heads 33, 33' and 43 may include respective couples of substantially flat upper and lower walls, respectively indicated with 35 and 35'; 36 and 36', 45 and 45'.

On the other hand, the countershaped seats 34, 34' and 44 may comprise respective couples of substantially flat upper and lower walls, respectively indicated with 37 and 37'; 38 and 38', 46 and 46'.

10 The upper and lower walls 35 and 35'; 36 and 36' of the pushing heads 33, 33' may respectively face the corresponding upper and lower walls 37 and 37'; 38 and 38' of the countershaped seats 34, 34', whereas the upper and lower walls 45 and 45' of the pushing head 43 may face the corresponding upper and lower walls 46 and 46' of the countershaped seat 44.

15 In a preferred but-non exclusive embodiment of the invention, all the planes  $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$  and  $\pi'''$  may be substantially perpendicular to the first axis X and preferably reciprocally parallel.

Suitably, the upper and lower walls 35 and 35'; 36 and 36', 45 and 45', 37 and 37'; 38 and 38', 46 and 46' may be all substantially parallel to the  
20 second axis Y.

It is however understood that the pushing heads 33, 33' and 43 may have any shape, as long as substantially plate-like, without departing from the scope of protection of the invention defined by the appended claims. For instance, the pushing heads 33, 33' and 43 may be substantially wedge-  
25 shaped, with converging upper and lower walls.

Appropriately, the first pushing heads 33, 33' may comprise respective first flat front faces 35'' and 36'', whereas the second pushing head 43 may comprise a second flat front face 45''.

The front faces 35'', 36'' and 45'' may be all substantially parallel each  
30 other and to the first longitudinal axis X.

The first countershaped seats 34, 34' may include respective first substantially flat contact surfaces 37'', 38'', whereas the second countershaped seat 44 may include a second substantially flat contact surface 46''.

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The first contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** may be reciprocally parallel each other, and in particular they may be co-planar, i.e. they may lay on the same plane. On the other hand, the first contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** may be perpendicular to the second countershaped seat **44**.

5 The front faces **35''**, **36''** and **45''** may respectively be in contact engage with the contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** and **46''**.

As already pointed out above, the cam elements **31**, **41** are unitary with the pin **20**, in such a manner that they can rotate therewith about the vertical axis **X**. Therefore, also the contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** and **46''** of the  
10 countershaped seats **34**, **34'** and **44** will rotate about the axis **X** unitary with the pin **20**.

the first front faces **35''**, **36''** and the first contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** will be substantially parallel to each other in the closed door position and substantially perpendicular to each other in the open door position, whereas  
15 the second front face **45''** and the second contact surface **46''** will be substantially perpendicular to each other in the closed door position and substantially parallel to each other in the open door position.

To promote the pushing of the heads **33**, **33'** of the first plunger element **32** against the countershaped seats **34**, **34'** of the first cam element **31**, that is to promote the interaction between the first front faces **35''**, **36''** and the first  
20 contact surfaces **37''**, **38''**, first counteracting elastic means may be provided, which may comprise, respectively consist of, a first spring **39**, acting on the first plunger element **32**.

On the other hand, to promote the pushing of the head **43** of the second plunger element **42** against the countershaped seat **44** of the second cam  
25 element **41**, that is to promote the interaction between the second front face **45''** and the second contact surfaces **46''**, second counteracting elastic means may be provided, which may comprise, respectively consist of, a second spring **47**, acting on the first second element **42**.

30 Advantageously, the first contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** of the first cam element **31** may be designed according to the teachings of the International Patent Application n° WO2007125524, in the name of the same Applicant.

In particular, the first contact surfaces **37''**, **38''** of the first cam element **31** may be offset with respect to the axis **X** of a predetermined distance, such

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as the first front faces **35''**, **36''** of the first plunger element **32** in its extended end position is positioned beyond said axis **X**.

Suitably, the surfaces **37''**, **38''** may have a distance from the axis **X** which may be comprised between 1 mm and 6 mm, preferably comprised  
5 between 1 and 3 mm and even more preferably close to 2 mm.

Thanks to such feature, the closing movement of the door closer will be completely automatic. In other words, the plunger element **32** will start to work after few rotation degrees, starting from the open position.

In a preferred, not-exclusive embodiment of the invention, the operating  
10 chamber **50** may be filled with a predetermined quantity of a working fluid, usually oil.

The first plunger element **32** may comprise a substantially cylindrical first back portion **32'** and a first front portion **32''** which include the first pushing heads **33**, **33'**, whereas the second plunger element **42** may comprise  
15 a substantially cylindrical second back portion **42'** and a second front portion **42''** including the second pushing head **43**.

Appropriately, the first and second back portions **32'**, **42'** may be designed to separate the operating chamber **50** into a first, a second and a third adjacent variable volume compartments in reciprocal fluidic  
20 communication, respectively indicated **51**, **52** and **53**.

The three compartments **51**, **52** and **53** may be designed in such a manner that the second compartment **52** is interposed between the first and third compartments **51**, **53**. In this manner, the fluidic communication between the first and third compartments **51**, **53** will necessarily involves the passage  
25 of the working fluid trough the second compartment **52**.

Appropriately, the first variable volume compartment **51** houses the first counteracting elastic means **39**, the third variable volume compartment **53** houses the second counteracting elastic means **47** and the second variable volume compartment **52** houses both the first and second cam elements **31**,  
30 **41**.

Suitably, the first and third compartments **51**, **53** may be designed to have in correspondence of the closed door position respectively the maximum and minimum volume, whereas in correspondence of the open door position respectively the minimum and maximum volume.

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In a preferred but non-exclusive embodiment of the invention, the operating chamber 50 comprises control means, generally indicated with 60, to control the flow of the working fluid, in such a manner to allow the flow thereof from the first compartment 51 to the third compartment 53 through the second compartment 52 upon the opening of the door and to allow the backflow thereof from the third compartment 53 to the first compartment 51 through the second compartment 52 upon the closing of the door D.

Advantageously, the control means 60 may comprise a first hole 61 passing through the first plunger element 32, preferably in correspondence of the first front portion 32'' thereof, so as to put into fluidic communication the first compartment 51 and the second compartment 52, and a second hole 62 passing through the second plunger element 42, preferably in correspondence of the first front portion 42'' thereof, so as to put into fluidic communication the third compartment 53 and the second compartment 52.

Furthermore, the control means 60 may comprise a first check valve 63 interacting with the first passing through hole 61 and a second check valve 64 interacting with the second passing through hole 62.

The first and second check valves 63, 64 reciprocally cooperates so as to allow the flow of the working fluid from the first compartment 51 to the second compartment 52 through the first passing through hole 61 and from the second compartment 52 to the third compartment 53 through the second passing through hole 62 upon the opening of the door D, and to prevent the backflow thereof upon the closing of the same door D.

With this purpose the check valves 63, 64 interacting with the passing through holes 61, 62 may be of the butterfly type, with the butterflies 65, 65' housed in the compartments 66, 66' in correspondence with the inlet of the passing through holes 61, 62.

This way, when the door is opened, that is when it passes from the closed door position to the open one, the decreasing of volume of the first compartment 51, i.e. the pressure of the working fluid in the compartment, will causes the butterfly element 65 axially slide in the compartment 66, in such a manner that the working fluid is free to flow through the hole 61 towards the second compartment 52.

At the same time the pressure of the working fluid in the second

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compartment 52 will causes the butterfly element 65' axially slide in the compartment 66', in such a manner that the working fluid is free to flow through the hole 62 towards the third compartment 53.

5 Vice versa, when the door is closed, that is when it passes from the open position to the closed one, the butterfly elements 65, 65' will axially slide in the direction opposite to the opening one and will close, thus preventing the backflow of the working fluid through the holes 61, 62.

10 In order to allow the controlled backflow of the working fluid, the control means 60 may further comprise an hydraulic circuit, generally indicated with 70, internal to the box-like body 10.

Advantageously, the hydraulic circuit 70 may comprise a channel 71 in fluidic communication with the operating chamber 50 to allow the controlled backflow of the working fluid from the third compartment 53 to the first compartment 51 through said second compartment 52 upon the closing of the door D.

Suitably, the channel 71 may comprise an inlet port 72, particularly visible in FIG. 3b, and at least one first outlet port 73. Preferably, the channel 71 may comprise a second outlet port 74, the function of which is better explained below.

20 The inlet port 72 may put into fluidic communication the second compartment 52 and the channel 71, while the first outlet port 73 may put into fluidic communication the channel 71 and the first compartment 51.

Appropriately, the second plunger element 42 may be inserted into the operating chamber 50 with a predetermined clearance, in such a manner that the cylindrical outer surface of the back portion 42' thereof will define a interspace 75, preferably substantially tubular, with the side wall of the operating chamber 50. The interspace 75 may be suitable to put into a mutual fluidic communication the third and second variable volume compartments 53, 52.

30 In this manner, when the door is closed, that is when it passes from the open door position to the closed one, the decreasing of volume of the third compartment 53, i.e. the pressure of the working fluid in the compartment, will causes the flowing of the working fluid through the interspace 75, in such a manner to flow towards the second compartment 52.

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At the same time the pressure of the working fluid in the second compartment 52 will causes the flowing of the working fluid through the inlet port 72, the channel 71 and the first outlet port 73, until the first compartment 51.

5 Thanks to the above features, it will be possible to control the rotation of the door from the open to the closed position and vice versa. More generally, the door closer according to the invention ensures a controlled movement of the door upon the opening as well as upon the closing thereof.

10 In fact, upon the opening, the controlled movement will prevent the door from suddenly opening, so as to protect both the door itself and a possible user who is in the corresponding action area. Further, upon the closing, the controlled movement will allow to prevent the said door from strongly impact with the frame.

Thanks to such features, the door closer according to the invention will  
15 be extremely safe and practical for a user.

The door closer according to the invention will be greatly safe also because the reciprocal rotating movement of the fix and of the movable element is free upon its closing. In fact, upon the closing phase, the oil will flow from the third compartment 53 to the second one 52 and then to the first  
20 one 51 independently from the reciprocal rotation speed of the fix and movable elements.

In this manner, a user will be free to close the door with any speed without any danger to break the door closer or the door.

In order to adjust the rotation speed of the door from the open to the  
25 closed position, the channel 71 may include first suitable adjusting means.

Advantageously, the first adjusting means may comprise a first screw 81 passing through the box-like body 10 and interacting with the first outlet port channel 73 to obstruct the passing section of the working fluid therein.

In this manner, it is possible to adjust the passing section of the first  
30 outlet port 73, i.e. adjusting the volume of working fluid which passes through it, thus adjusting the closing speed of the door.

Suitably, the first back portion 32'' of the first plunger element 32 may comprise a third passing through hole 32''', slidable unitary therewith along the second longitudinal axis Y.

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Advantageously, the second outlet port 74 of the channel 71 and the third passing through hole 32''' are susceptible to be reciprocally uncoupled when the first plunger element 32, during its sliding along the axis Y, is in proximity of the compressed end position and reciprocally coupled when the same first plunger element 32 is in proximity of the extended end position.

In the last position, the coupling between the second outlet port 74 and the third passing through hole 32''' will selectively put into fluidic communication the channel 71 and the first variable volume compartment 51, so as to impart a latch action to the door towards the closed position.

Appropriately, in order to adjust the above latch action, i.e. the force by which the door accelerates towards the closed position, the channel 71 may include second suitable adjusting means.

Advantageously, the second adjusting means may comprise a second screw 82 passing through the box-like body 10 and interacting with the second outlet port 74 to obstruct the passing section of the working fluid therein.

In this manner, it is possible to adjust the passing section of the second outlet port 74, i.e. adjusting the volume of working fluid which passes through it, thus adjusting the latch action of the door towards the closed position.

Suitably, the first outlet port 73 may be located downstream of the second outlet port 74 along the channel 71.

Advantageously, the first outlet port 73 may be located sufficiently far from the second outlet port 74, in such a manner that the back portion 32' of the first plunger element 32 will not obstruct the passage of the working fluid through it during its sliding along the axis Y.

From the above description, it is evident that the door closer according to the invention fulfils the intended objects.

The door closer according to the invention is susceptible to many changes and variants, all falling within the inventive concept expressed in the annexed claims. All particulars may be replaced by other technically equivalent elements, and the materials may be different according to the needs, without departing from the scope of of the invention.

Although the door closer has been particularly described referring to the annexed figures, the reference numbers used in the description and claims

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are used to improve the intelligence of the invention and do not constitute any limit to the claimed scope.

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**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. A door closer for a door, preferably a glass door, which is supportable by a stationary support structure, the door being movable between an open position and a closed position, the door closer comprising:
- 5       - a box-like body (10) anchorable to one between the stationary support structure and the door and a pin (20) defining a first longitudinal axis (X) anchorable to the other between the stationary support structure (S) and the door, said pin (20) and said box-like body (10) being reciprocally rotatably coupled to rotate around said first axis (X) between the open door position
- 10       and the closed door position;
- closing means (30) for the automatic return of the door from the open to the closed position;
- braking means (40) acting on said closing means (30) for counteracting the action thereof;
- 15       - said closing means (30) comprising a first cam element (31) interacting with a first plunger element (32) movable within said box-like body (10) between a first compressed end position corresponding to the open door position and a first extended end position corresponding to the closed door position;
- 20       - said braking means (40) comprising a second cam element (41) interacting with a second plunger element (42) movable within said box-like body (10) between a second compressed end position, corresponding to the closed door position and a second extended end position, corresponding to the open door position;
- 25       wherein both said first and second cam elements (31, 41) are unitary with said pin (20) in such a manner to unitary rotate therewith,
- wherein said first plunger element (32) comprises at least one first pushing head (33, 33') interacting with at least one substantially first countershaped seat (34, 34') of said first cam element (31), said second
- 30       plunger element (42) including at least one second pushing head (43) interacting with at least one second substantially countershaped seat (44) of

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said second cam element (41),

wherein said at least one first and second pushing heads (33, 33', 43) comprise respective at least one first and second flat front faces (35'', 36'', 45'') substantially parallel each other and to said first longitudinal axis (X),  
5 said at least one first and second countershaped seats (34, 34', 44) comprising respective at least one first and second substantially flat contact surfaces (37'', 38'', 46'') perpendicular each other and parallel to said first longitudinal axis (X), said at least one first and second front faces (35'', 36'', 45'') being in contact engage with said at least one first and second contact  
10 surfaces (37'', 38'', 46''),

characterized in that said pin (20) is interposed between said first and second plunger elements (32, 42), and further

characterized in that said first and second plunger elements (32, 42) are both slidably movable in a single operating chamber (50) internal to the  
15 box-like body (10) along a second axis (Y) substantially perpendicular to said first axis (X), both said at least one first and second pushing heads (33, 33', 43) having a generally plate-like shape to define respective at least one first and second planes ( $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ ,  $\pi'''$ ) substantially perpendicular to said first axis (X).

20 2. Door closer according to claim 1, wherein said first and second plunger elements (32, 42) are reciprocally opposite with respect to said pin (20).

3. Door closer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said at least one first and second planes ( $\pi'$ ,  $\pi''$ ,  $\pi'''$ ) are reciprocally parallel.

25 4. Door closer according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said at least one first front face (35'', 36'') and at least one first contact surface (37'', 38'') are substantially parallel to each other in said closed door position and substantially perpendicular to each other in said open door position, said at least one second front face (45'') and at least one second contact surface  
30 (46'') being substantially perpendicular to each other in said closed door position and substantially parallel to each other in said open door position.

5. Door closer according to one or more of the preceding claims,

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wherein said closing means (30) comprise first counteracting elastic means (39) acting on said first plunger element (32) to promote the reciprocal interaction of said at least one first pushing head (33, 33') and said at least one first countershaped seat (34, 34'), said braking means (40) comprising  
5 second counteracting elastic means (47) acting on said second plunger element (41) to promote the reciprocal interaction of said at least one second pushing head (43) and said at least one second countershaped seat (44).

6. Door closer according to one or more of the preceding claims, wherein said operating chamber (50) comprises a working fluid, said first  
10 plunger element (32) comprising a substantially cylindrical first back portion (32') and a first front portion (32'') including said at least one first pushing head (33, 33'), said second plunger element (42) comprising a substantially cylindrical second back portion (42') and a second front portion (42'') which include said at least one second pushing head (43), said first and second  
15 back portions (32', 42') being designed to separate said operating chamber (50) into a first, a second and a third adjacent variable volume compartments (51, 52, 53) in reciprocal fluidic communication.

7. Door closer according to the preceding claim, wherein said first and third variable volume compartments (51, 53) are designed to have in  
20 correspondence of said closed door position respectively the maximum and minimum volume and in correspondence of said open door position respectively the minimum and maximum volume, said first counteracting elastic means (39) being located in said first compartment (51), said second counteracting elastic means (47) being located in said third compartment (53)  
25 and both said first and second cam elements (31, 41) being located in said second compartment (52).

8. Door closer according to claim 6 or 7, wherein said operating chamber (50) comprises control means (60) for controlling the flow of the working fluid designed to allow the flow thereof from said first compartment  
30 (51) to said third compartment (53) through said second compartment (52) upon the opening of the door and to allow the backflow thereof from said third compartment (53) to said first compartment (51) through said second compartment (52) upon the closing of the door .

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9. Door closer according to claim 8, wherein said control means (60) comprise a first hole (61) passing through said first plunger element (32) so as to put into fluidic communication said first compartment (51) and said second compartment (52) and a second hole (62) passing through said second plunger element (42) so as to put into fluidic communication said third compartment (53) and said second compartment (52), said control means (60) further comprising a first check valve (63) interacting with said first passing through hole (61) and a second check valve (64) interacting with said second passing through hole (62), said first and second check valves (63, 64) reciprocally cooperating to selectively open upon the opening of the door , thus allowing the flow of the working fluid from said first compartment (51) to said second compartment (52) through said first passing through hole (61) and from said second compartment (52) to said third compartment (53) through said second passing through hole (62), and to selectively close upon the closing of the door , thus preventing the backflow of the working fluid therethrough.

10. Door closer according to claim 9, wherein said control means (60) further comprise an hydraulic circuit (70) internal to said box-like body (10) to put into fluidic communication said third compartment (53) and said first compartment (51) through said second compartment (52) upon the closing of said first and second check valves (63, 64), thus allowing the backflow of the working fluid upon the closing of the door .

11. Door closer according to claim 10, wherein said hydraulic circuit (70) comprises an interspace (75) between said second plunger element (42) and said operating chamber (50) to put into fluidic communication said third variable volume compartment (53) and said second variable volume compartment (52), said hydraulic circuit (70) further including a channel (71) passing through said box-like body (10) having at least one inlet port (72) in fluidic communication with said second variable volume compartment (52) and at least one outlet port (73) in fluidic communication with said first variable volume compartment (51).

12. Door closer according to claim 11, wherein said channel (71) comprises a second outlet port (74), said first back portion (32'') of said first

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- plunger element (32) comprising a third passing through hole (32''') slidable unitary therewith along said second longitudinal axis (Y), said second outlet port (74) and said third passing through hole (32''') being susceptible to be reciprocally uncoupled when said first plunger element (32) is in proximity of
- 5 the compressed end position and reciprocally coupled when said first plunger element (32) is in proximity of the extended end position to selectively put into fluidic communication said channel (71) with said first variable volume compartment (51), so as to impart a latch action to the door towards the closed position.

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