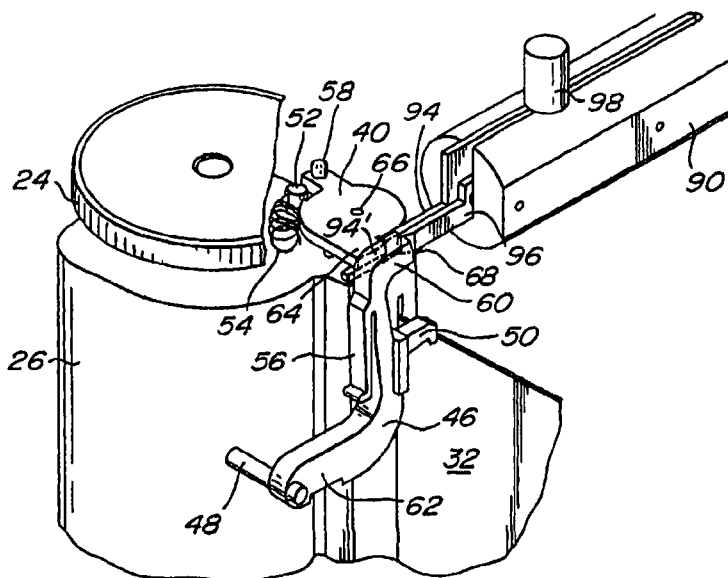


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(57) Abstract

An APS single use camera (10) has a cover (14) with an aperture (22) that provides access to the film sensor (46) and the light lock door driver (40) via a tool (90) adapted to be received into the aperture (22). The tool (90) is used to open the light lock door (42) and push the film sensor (46) out of the film path so as to enable film from the APS film cassette (18) to be scrolled into the film path (36). The structure permits pre-loading of film outside of a darkroom, and such a method is disclosed. The camera also employs a brake (65) that prevents the film sensor (46) from sensing for the presence or absence of film (32) except during a brief sensing interval that occurs during a film advance operation.



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