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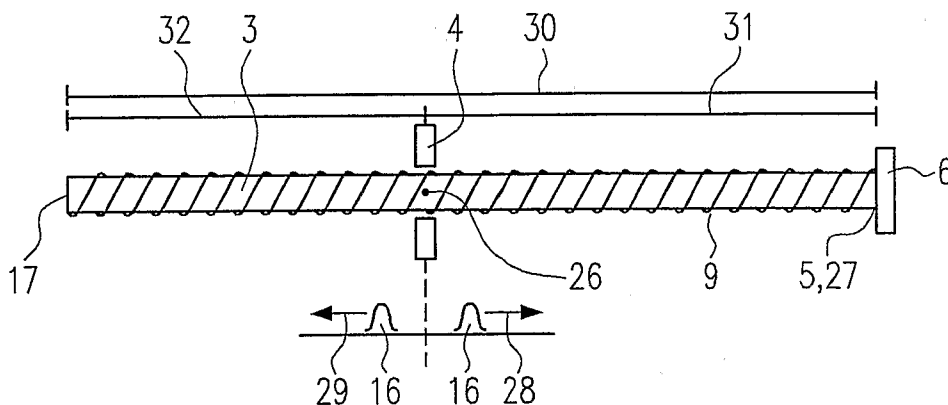
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(57) Abstract: The position determination device for an essentially linear moving body comprises at least one deformation element extending along the range of body movement, a deformation initiation device movable relative to said deformation element, a deformation sensor assigned to a measurement end of the deformation element and an evaluation unit for determining the position from a propagation time required from the deformation of the deformation initiation element to the deformation sensor. To determine the position of corresponding body, first a brief deformation is induced in the deformation element at an initiation point in which the deformation initiation element is located. Then, a propagation time of at least one oscillation caused by the deformation along the deformation element is measured at a measuring point of the deformation element using the deformation sensor. Finally, the distance between the initiation point and the measuring point is calculated from the propagation time for the position determination of two bodies relative to each other.

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