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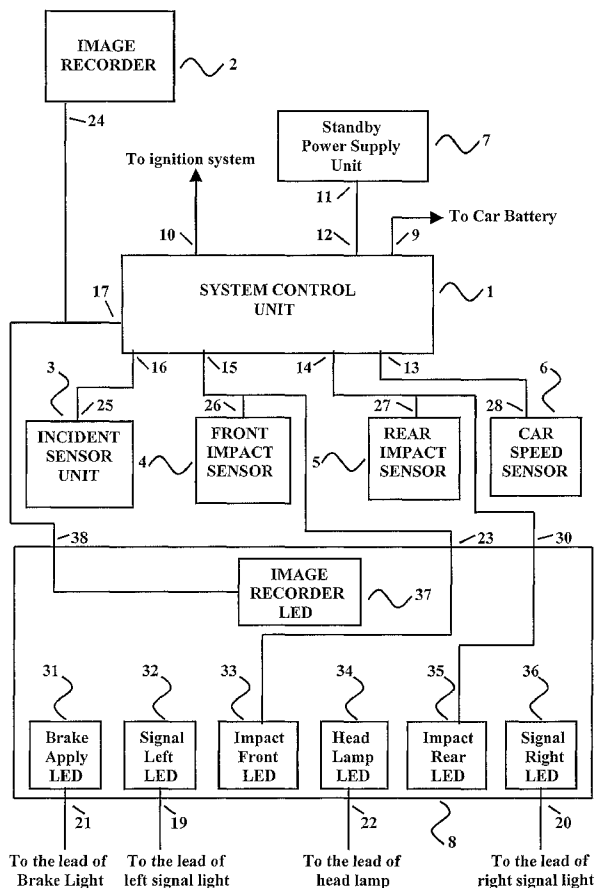
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(57) Abstract: A vehicle accident recording system of the kind having a image recorder unit (2) includes a speed sensor (6) for monitoring the speed of the vehicle, and a mechanism for turning on and off the image recording which depends upon the output of the speed sensor (6). If the speed sensor (6) indicates that the vehicle is moving above a certain velocity, the image recorder device (2) constantly records images, until a sensor (4,5) indicates that an accident has occurred. If the speed sensor indicates that the car is stationary, the image recorder device (2) is triggered upon a jolt occurring to the vehicle and registered by a more sensitive sensor (3). The system further includes an array (8) of lamps (31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37) for generating light at a wavelength invisible to humans, and within the field of view of the image recording device (2). The system turning turns on and off the lamps (31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37) in dependence on information to be recorded, so that the information is encoded in the recorded images.