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Title: Modular transport system for coverings for architectural openings

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004.

Please amend the claims to the following:

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1-112 (cancelled)

113.(previously presented) A transport mechanism for a covering for architectural openings, comprising:

a brake, including an input shaft; an output shaft; a brake shoe; and a brake drum, wherein said input shaft and said output shaft rotate together, and, when said input and output shafts rotate in one direction, they drive said brake drum, while, when they rotate in an opposite direction, said shafts freewheel relative to said brake drum; and a brake housing enclosing said brake, wherein said brake drum has internal teeth tapering in a first direction; and further comprising a mating toothed drive member driven by said input shaft.

114.(original) A transport mechanism as recited in claim 113, and further comprising an intermediate cogged drive member driven by said input shaft and engaging said mating toothed member, wherein, when said input shaft is rotated in one direction, it causes said intermediate cogged drive member to press said mating toothed member against the internal teeth of said brake drum, and, when said input shaft is rotated in the opposite direction, it rotates said intermediate cogged drive member in the opposite direction, relieving pressure from said mating toothed member, and permitting said input shaft to rotate freely relative to said brake drum.

115.(original) A transport mechanism as recited in claim 114, and further comprising an adjustment screw, which, when rotated in one direction, increases the friction between the brake drum and the brake shoe, and, when rotated in an opposite direction, decreases the friction between the brake drum and the brake shoe.

116.(original) A transport mechanism as recited in claim 115, and further comprising a worm gear, driven by said input shaft and a gear train driven by said worm gear, wherein said gear train drives said adjustment screw.

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117-125 (cancelled)

126.(currently amended) A system for covering an architectural opening, comprising:

- a covering movable between an extended position for covering the opening and a retracted position for uncovering the opening;
- a spring motor including a coil spring and a power spool, wherein said coil spring wraps onto and off of said power spool;
- a rotating output operatively connected to the power spool of the spring motor;
- a lift cord operatively connected to the rotating output and to the covering;
- said rotating output being rotatable in clockwise and counterclockwise directions to move the covering between its extended and retracted positions; and
- a one-way friction brake operatively connected to said rotating output, said one-way friction brake providing a braking force opposing that stops the rotation of the rotating output in one of the directions while permitting the rotating output to rotate freely in the other of said directions.

127.(currently amended) A system for covering an architectural opening ~~as recited in claim 126,~~ comprising:

- a covering movable between an extended position for covering the opening and a retracted position for uncovering the opening;
- a spring motor;
- a rotating output operatively connected to the spring motor;
- a lift cord operatively connected to the rotating output and to the covering;
- said rotating output being rotatable in clockwise and counterclockwise directions to move the covering between its extended and retracted positions; and

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