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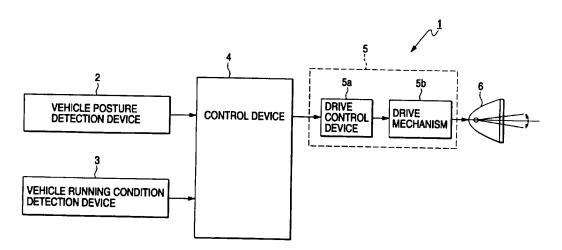
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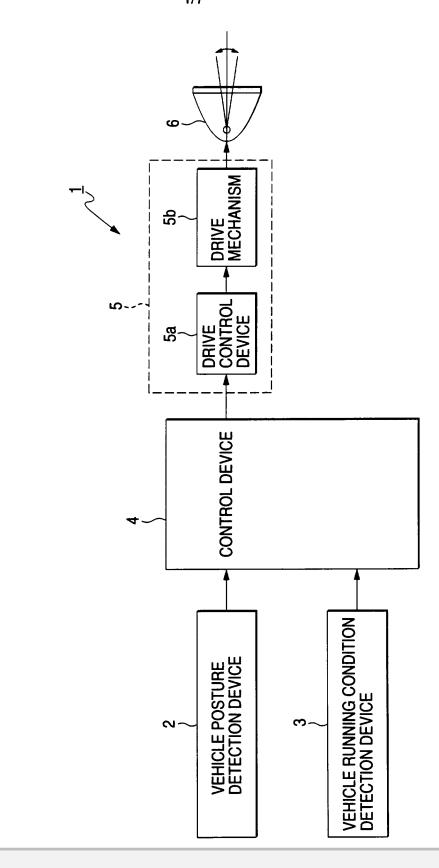
(54) Controlling direction of vehicle lights

(57) The illumination direction of lights in a vehicle is controlled by detecting vehicle posture (eg height and/or inclination) and whether the vehicle is stationary and/or has passed through a change of road gradient, and directing the illumination of the lights to a desired direction in accordance with signals received from the posture detection device. Control means effect the direction change only when the vehicle is stationary and/or has passed through a change of gradient. Reference values related to time may be used to prevent unwanted light movements due to rough road surfaces and sudden stops or starts.

FIG. 1

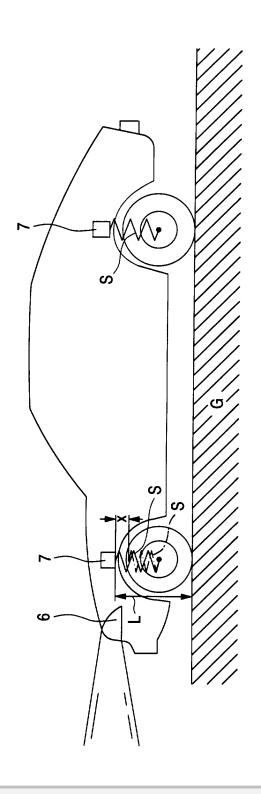








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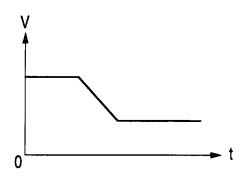


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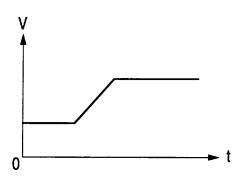


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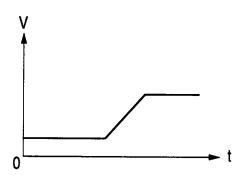


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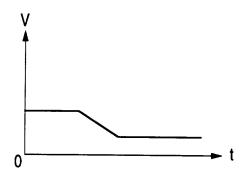
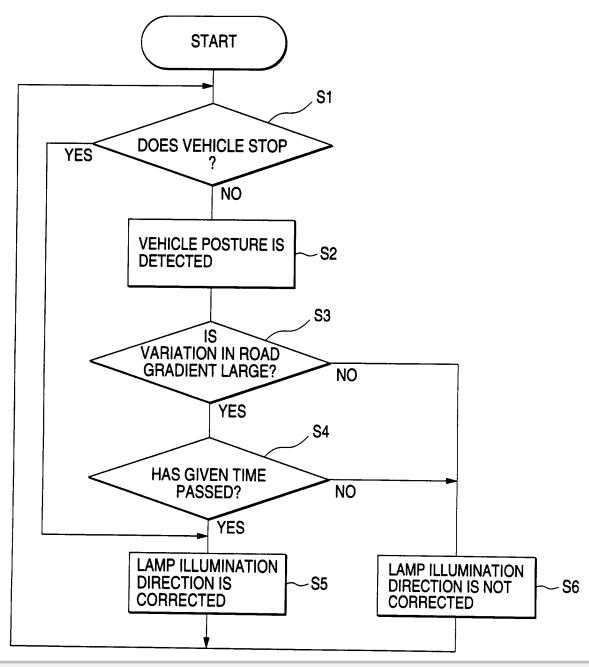




FIG. 7



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