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### (54) REMOTE VEHICLE FUNCTION CONTROL SYSTEM USING DATA BUS ADAPTOR CARTRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

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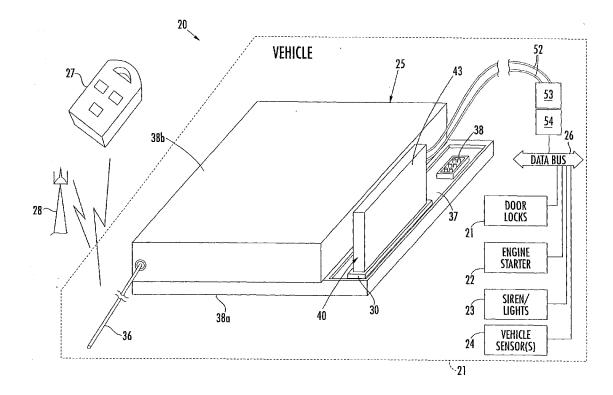
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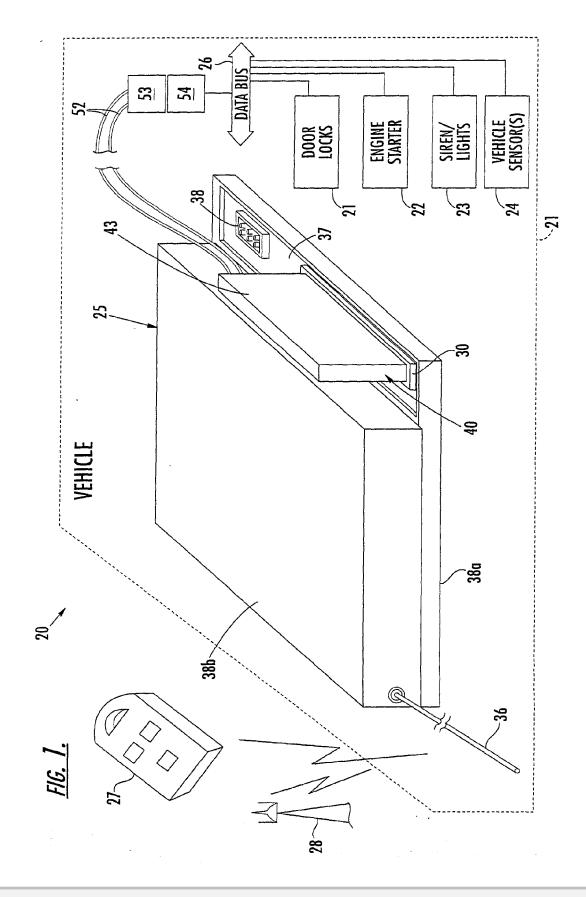
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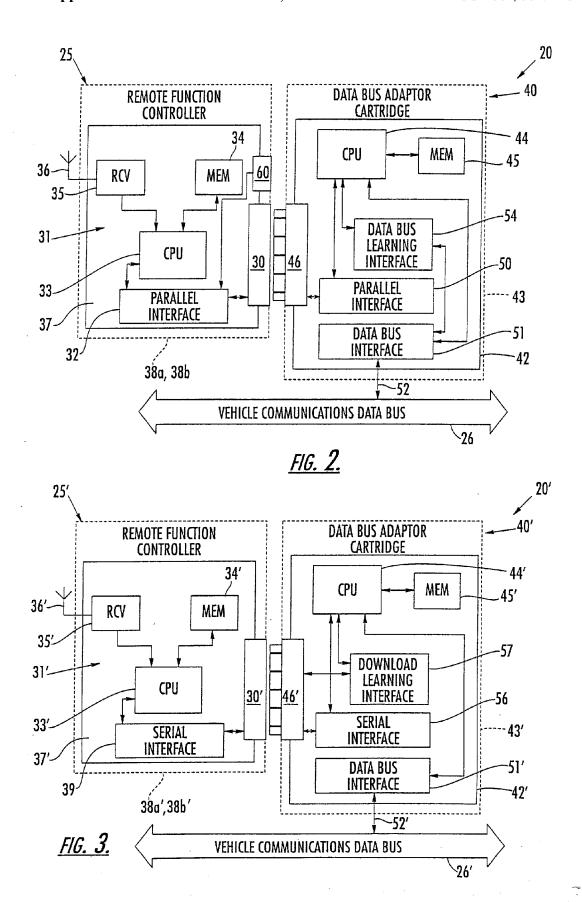
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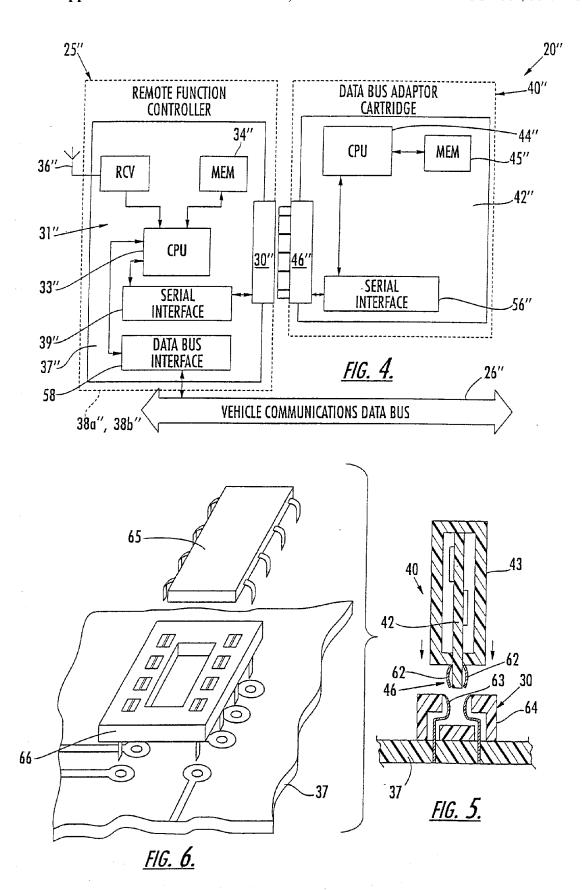
A vehicle system includes a remote function controller, and a data bus adapter cartridge removably coupled to a data bus adapter cartridge connector for permitting communications between control circuitry and at least one vehicle device over the data communications bus. The control circuitry may couple to the data bus adapter cartridge through serial or parallel interfaces. The control circuitry may generate digital command codes, and the data bus adapter cartridge may convert the digital command codes into data communications bus signals according to a desired protocol. The control circuitry may also read digital codes, and the data bus adapter cartridge may convert data communications bus signals into digital codes according to a desired protocol for the control circuitry.

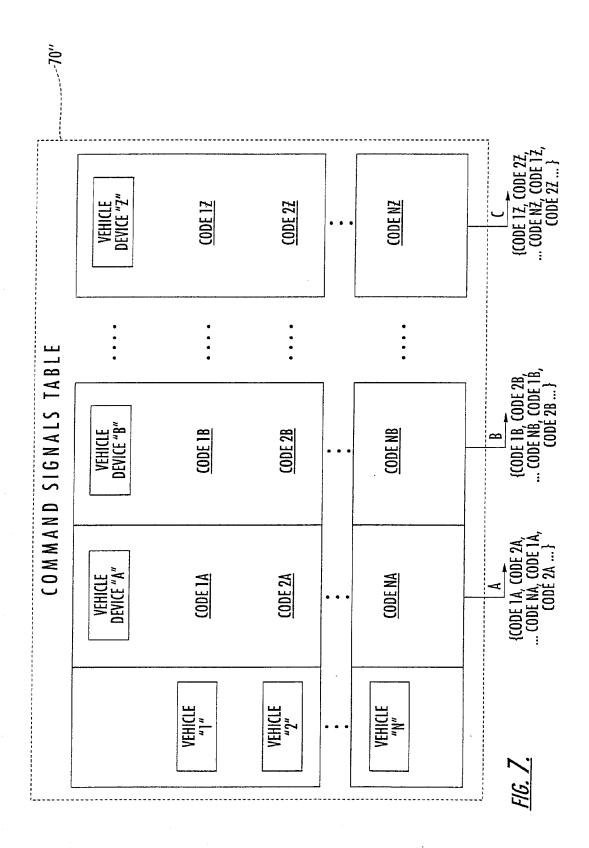












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