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## [54] AUTOMATIC LIGHT SYSTEM FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OF ALL KINDS AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A LIGHT SYSTEM

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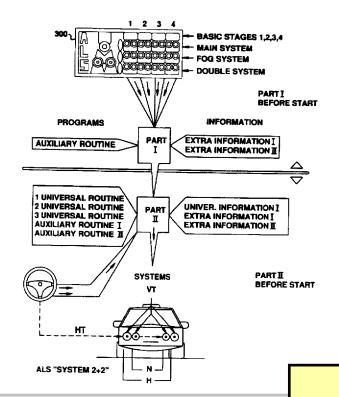
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[57] ABSTRACT

The invention relates to an automatic light system (ALS) for motor vehicles of all types. According to the invention the headlamp system is operated in such a manner that at every instant of the journey the minimum beam range does not drop below the instantaneous stopping distance (=braking distance+reaction distance) of the vehicle and the particular light intensity required is determined and set. This can be done for example by vertical pivoting of the headlamps or reflectors. Furthermore, the beam direction is adapted to the instantaneous steering angle.

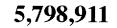
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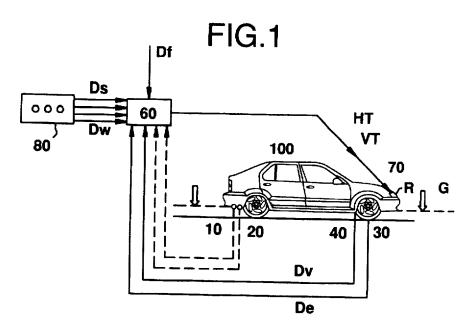
## **AUTOMATIC LIGHT SYSTEM ALS**



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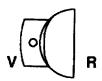


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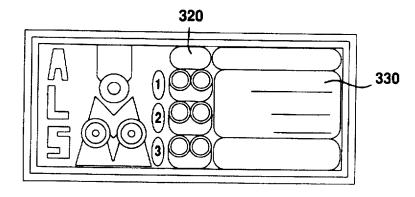
FIG.2A



FIG.2B



**FIG.13** 



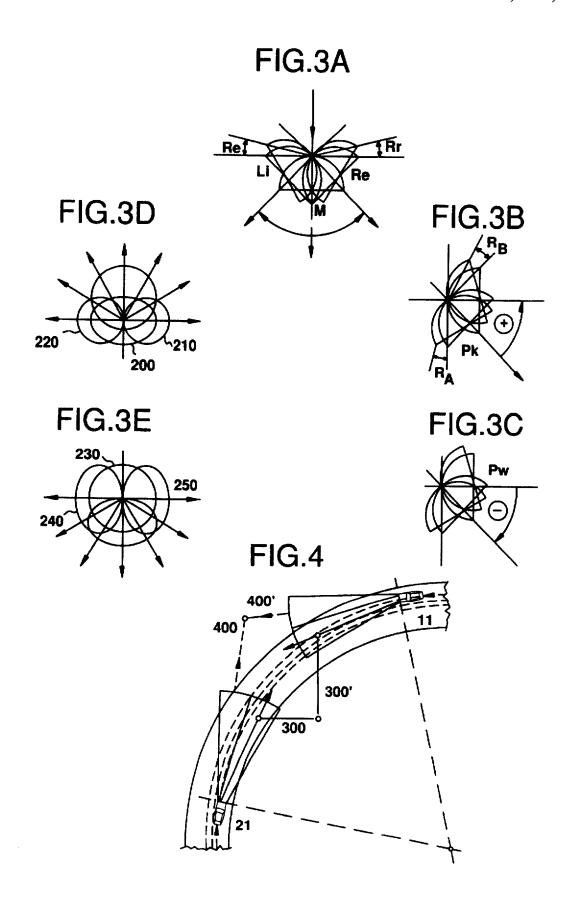




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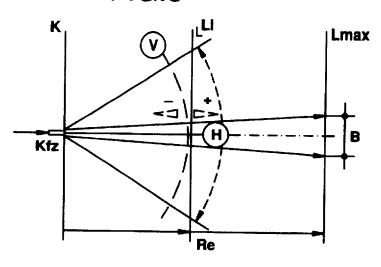


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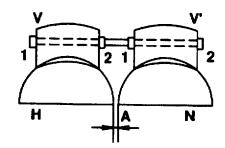


FIG.7

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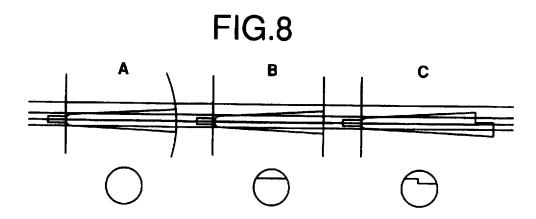


FIG.9A

FIG.9B



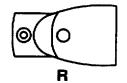
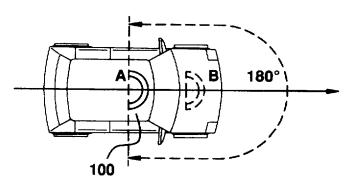


FIG.10



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