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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An audio/video system (A/V system) for motor vehicles includes a ring local area network, a plurality of assorted audio/video appliances (A/V appliances), one or more output units, a control unit, and at least one operating unit. The A/V appliances transmit information about their available audio/video presentations to the control unit via the network. The available A/V presentations are displayed on a display independently of the appliances and divided into classes. The result of this is an appliance-independent user interface on the basis of which the user can select the presentations independently of the appliances. The user chooses a presentation such as a radio station independently of which frequency or which A/V appliance (analog radio receiver or DAB receiver) is used to receive it. The control software is of modular design.

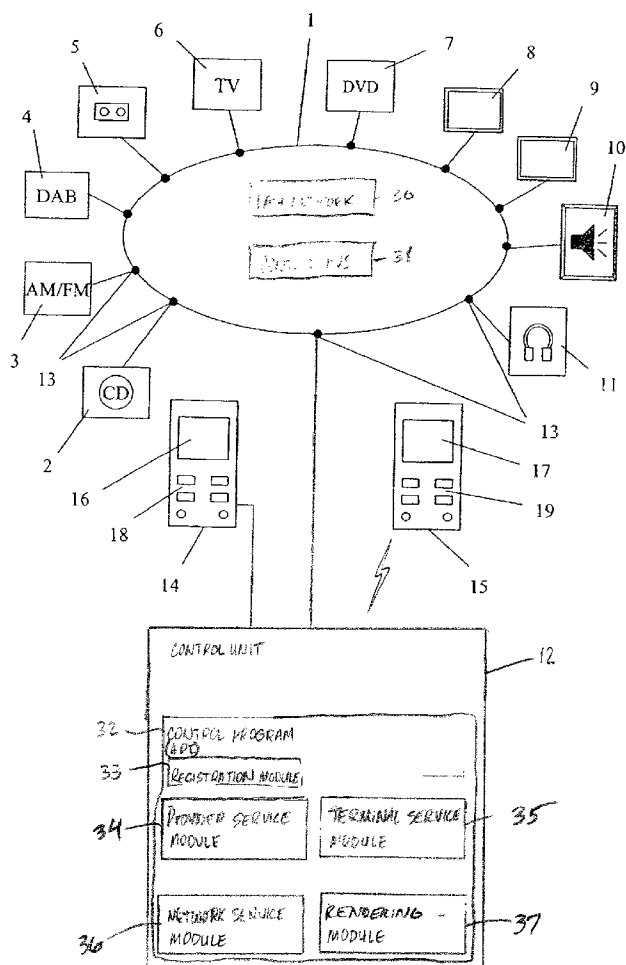
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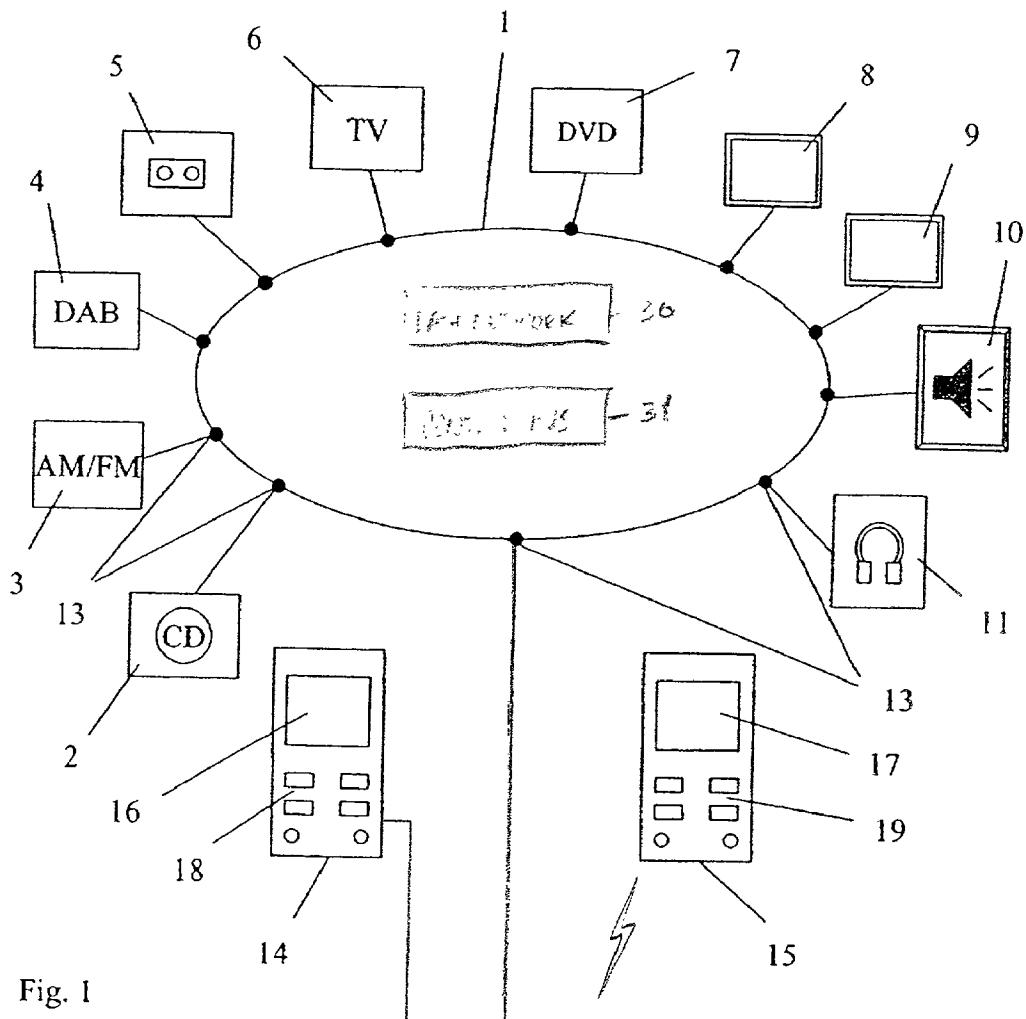
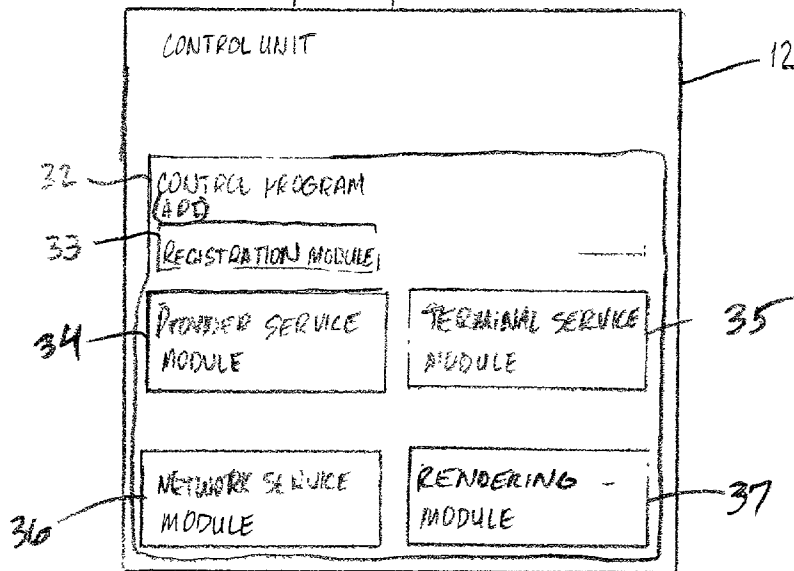


Fig. 1



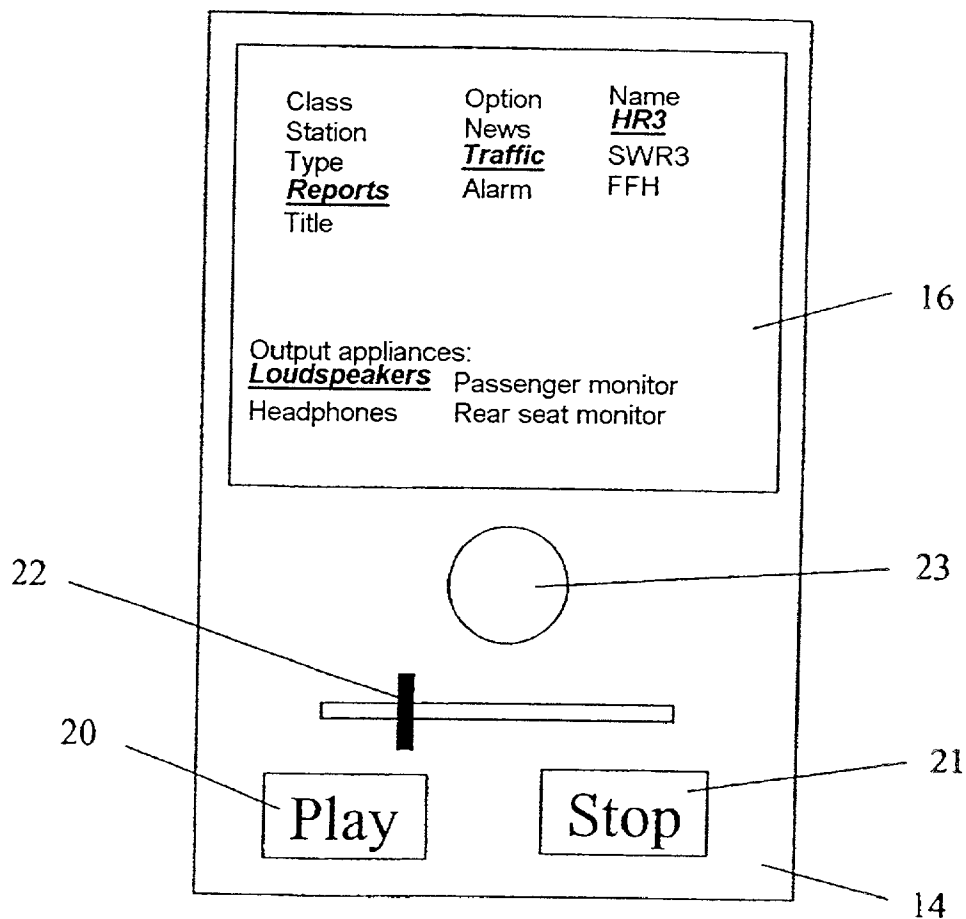


Fig. 2

Class	Option	Name
<u>Station</u>	<u>Radio</u>	FFH
Type	TV	HR1
Reports		<u>HR2</u>
Title		HR3
		SWR3

Output appliances:

Loudspeakers	Passenger monitor
<u>Headphones</u>	Rear seat monitor

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Fig 3

Class	Option	Name
Station	PTY1	<u>SWR1</u>
<u>Type</u>	<u>PTY2</u>	
Reports	PTY3	
Title	PTY4	

Output appliances:

Loudspeaker	Passenger monitor
Headphones 1	Rear seat monitor
<u>Headphones 2</u>	

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Fig 4

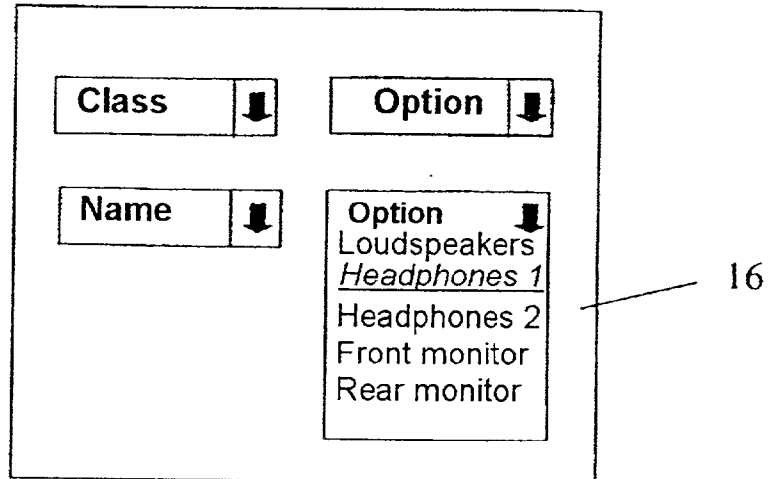


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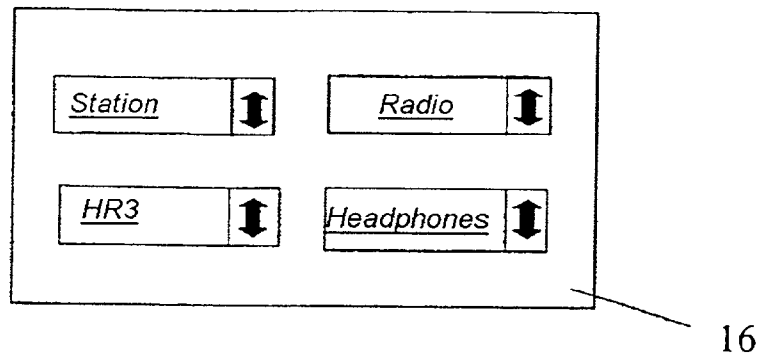


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