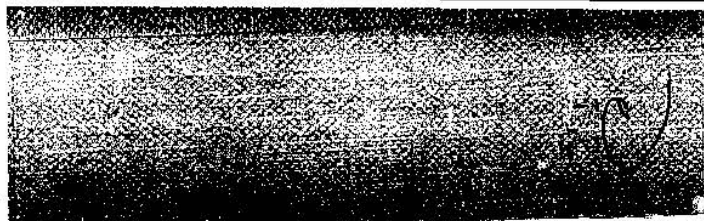


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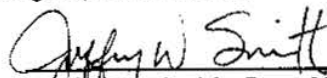
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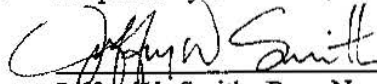
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FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates generally to pedometers having a waist mounted stride-counting device and transmitter, and a wrist-mounted receiver and display. The invention also relates to a distance calculation device that calculates a distance walked or run based on an algorithm that converts a base stride length and a base stride rate to an actual stride length for use in calculating the distance traveled.

10 Pedometers are known which include devices or algorithms for determining the distance a person travels on foot. For example, U.S. Patent 4,371,945 discloses an electronic pedometer that calculates distance by electronically measuring the length of each stride taken by a user. Stride length is measured by ultrasonic waves generated by an ultrasonic module strapped to one leg and an ultrasonic detector worn on the other leg. A program compensates for a variety of measurement errors
15 and the results are displayed on a wrist-mounted display after being transmitted by VHF waves from the leg to the wrist.

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U.S. Patent 4,771,394 discloses a computer shoe with a heel-mounted electronic device with an inertia footstrike counter, a timer, a sound generating device, a battery, and a gate array for counting time and footstrikes to calculate distance and running time as a function of stride time. Although recognizing the important relationship of stride length and foot speed, the shoe in this patent requires data from at least 15 test runs or walks and the data must be user-entered in pairs of footstrikes and elapsed time to cover a pre-determined distance. Further, user adjustments of time must be performed to accommodate start and stop times, and the number of counted footstrikes is increased one percent to overcome inherent errors in the inertia step counter. The shoe-mounted device is subject to damage from impact, dirt, and water, and requires a stay-at-home computer with which to interface. There is no means disclosed to transmit data to a wrist-mounted display device or an "on-board" computing device that provides "real time" data to a runner.

U.S. Patent 4,855,942 discloses a pedometer and calorie measuring device that includes a wrist-mounted step counter and a fixed stride length to calculate distance traveled. Wrist-mounted step counters are known to be inaccurate because they assume a step for every arm movement. Even with error correction, such a device will provide less accurate step counts than a leg or waist-mounted counter. Further, fixed stride lengths do not take into account the fact that stride length varies with rate of movement.

U.S. Patent 5,117,444 discloses a pedometer and calibration method with two calibration modes. First, a user travels a predetermined "half-distance" for the device to count and store the number of strides in that distance. Next, the user travels a second distance with the step counter comparing actual steps to the steps in memory and a current trip memory are incremented by a tenth of a "whole unit" distance. There is no correlation between stride length and stride rate which requires the user to re-calibrate the device when walking as opposed to running.

U.S. Patent 5,475,725 discloses a pulse meter with pedometer function to determine pace and pulse rate of a user. The meter uses pulse wave base data compared to actual pulse wave data rates.

U.S. Patent 5,476,427 discloses a pace display device utilizing a base rate for

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traveling pre-set distances in successive trails. The device calculates step counts and rates, and compares actual step count rates to display data to a user for comparison of present running rates to previous rates.

Thus, there is a need for a simple, but highly accurate, pedometer that displays distance traveled, pace, speed, heart rate, and other important information on an easily read wrist-mounted device.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention overcomes problems and shortcomings in the prior art by providing a device that includes a waist, chest, or leg-mounted stride counting device, a transmitter, and a wrist-mounted receiver/display device that provides highly accurate travel distances and other information. The device includes a computer that stores base stride length and rate data from traveling a pre-determined distance and compares that to actual stride rate data to calculate actual distance traveled, speed, and pace. The invention recognizes the interdependency of stride length and stride rate and uses that relationship to provide superior distance-calculating accuracy.

The invention also provides for improved display of relevant data on a wrist-mounted display that receives digital signals from devices worn on other body parts such as legs, waist, and chest. Transmitters that can send coded signals are desirable because they will not interfere with similar devices worn by other users in the vicinity.

The accuracy of the device is enhanced by the use of an algorithm that adjusts a base stride length based on actual stride rates. The algorithm is defined as: Actual Stride Length = Base Stride Length + Base Stride Length *(((Actual Stride Rate - Base Stride Rate) N)/Base Stride Rate); where N is either an average value or a derived value from a plurality of samples.

The invention also includes a method for calculating an actual stride length including steps of: timing a first user run of a predetermined distance; counting the total number of strides in the user first run; dividing the first run distance by the stride count to obtain a base stride length; dividing the stride count by the first run time to obtain a base stride rate; counting strides during a user's second run to obtain an actual stride rate; calculating the actual stride length using the formula: Actual Stride

Length = Base Stride Length + Base Stride Length
*(((Actual Stride Rate - Base Stride Rate)N)/Base Stride Rate); wherein N is an
average value or a derived value.

The average value method can be refined by comparing Base Stride Rate to
Actual Stride Rate to determine a percentage difference; and using N=1 when the
Actual Stride Rate \leq Base Stride Rate * 1.02 and using N=3 when Actual Stride Rate
> Base Stride Rate * 1.02. A preferred embodiment uses a plurality of sample runs
over known distances to derive an accurate N value for each individual.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a schematic diagram of a pedometer in accordance with the present
invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the present invention is directed to an improved
pedometer 20 including: a waist, chest, or leg mounted stride counter 24, and a wrist
or waist mounted display unit 26. An optional chest-mounted heart monitor 28 can
be included. All of the device components are mounted in suitable housings. The
pedometer 20 includes a data processor 30 that is mounted in the same housing as
either the step counter 24 or the display unit 26.

The step counter 24 is an inertia device that counts the number of steps a user
takes. The number of steps is transmitted to a data archive 32 either directly or via a
transmitter 34. The data archive 32 is mounted in the housing with the step counter
24 or the display 26.

The transmitter 34 is mounted in the step counter housing and is preferably an
Rf telemetric signal transmitter with a 30 inches to 36 inches transmission range.
Alternately, the transmitter is a wireless or wired digital transmitter with a coding
function to limit or eliminate interference with other similar devices. The wireless
transmission range is set between 30 inches and 36 inches to provide adequate range
to transmit signals from a user's waist to wrist, but not so far as to cause interference
with other Rf or digital devices in the vicinity.

The transmitter 34 transmits either raw data or calculated distances, pace, etc.
to a wrist-mounted display unit receiver 40. The receiver 40 relays a raw data signal

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to the data processor 30 or a calculated data signal directly to the display panel 42, such as an LCD or LED.

Similarly, the heart rate monitor 28 includes a transmitter 44 that transmits heart rate data to the display unit 26. The heart monitor transmitter 44 can transmit at the same or a different frequency as the stride counter 24, and to the same or a different receiver in the display unit 26. The heart rate transmitter 44 is preferably Rf, but can be digital for the reasons stated above. The range of the heart rate transmitter 44 should also be between 30 inches and 36 inches to ensure effective communication with the receiver while limiting outside interference.

The data processor 30 can also include a programmable logic controller, a personal computer, a programmable read-only memory, or other suitable processor. The data processor 30 includes a data archive 32 to store historic data on stride length and pace to be used in an algorithm for calculating actual distances, speed, and rate for real-time conversion of data to useful information for a user.

The data processor 30 can also include closed loop or fuzzy logic programming to continually or periodically replace the base stride rate and length with recently calculated stride rates and lengths so that long term conditioning trends are accommodated in the base stride archive. Incorporating trend capabilities may further enhance accuracy of the distance and pace calculations.

The display unit 26 also includes an operator interface 46 such as a key pad, button, knob, etc. that enables the user to start and stop a clock 48 (or stop watch) and activate various use modes within the pedometer, such as a sampling mode and operation mode.

One option for using the pedometer 20, requires the user to operate a "sampling mode" and begin walking or running a pre-determined distance such as a mile or 1600 meters, preferably on a running track of a known size. Upon completion of the distance, a stop button on the operator interface 46 is pushed. The data processor 30 is programmed to then divide the distance by the number of strides counted to calculate an average stride length. This value is stored in the data archive 32 as the "Base Stride Length."

Also, the data processor 30 is programmed to divide the number of strides by

the time of the run or walk as measured by the clock 48 to arrive at a "Base Stride Rate."

The data processor 30 preferably includes programming that queries the user about the distance to be run during the sampling mode. By providing options or enabling the use of any distance during the sampling mode, the pedometer 20 provides maximum flexibility for use by people of various physical conditions, or having access to courses of different known distances. Thus, a user may be queried to input a distance to be used in the sampling mode and then be given a list of options such as 400 meters, 440 yards, 1600 meters, or one mile, or be asked to simply input any distance known to the user that will be traveled during the sampling mode.

The present invention makes full use of the relationship between a faster rate of travel and longer stride lengths. In other words, the faster a user is moving, the longer will be the stride length. Over the course of the run or walk, the user's step rate and, therefore, stride length will change and the user will cover more ground when moving fast and less ground when moving slow.

Clearly, using a fixed average stride length in calculating distance traveled will result in errors using prior pedometers. This is particularly true if a user changes pace, or improves conditioning and speed to the point where the average stride length over a given run increases dramatically. The error compensators in prior devices do not adjust for changes in pace. With the old devices, a user needed to re-calibrate periodically to be close to getting an accurate reading, and could not change pace during a workout without decreasing accuracy.

To make the correction, the user activates a "Use Mode" in which the data processor 30 calculates an Actual Stride Rate based on data from the stride counter 24 and the clock 48. For example, an Actual Stride Rate can be calculated every five seconds without the user doing more than activating the "Use Mode" button, while all the calculations are performed by the data processor automatically. The percentage change between the Actual Stride Rate and the Base Stride Rate is then computed by the data processor 30 to determine an Actual Stride Length. Again, if the Actual Stride Rate is greater than the Base Stride Rate, the Actual Stride Length is longer than the Base Stride Length. If the Actual Steps Per Second is lower than

the Base Steps Per Second, the Actual Stride Length is shorter than the Base Stride Length. The algorithm below provides a means for comparing the Actual and Base Stride rates to arrive at an accurate Actual Stride Length.

First, a comparison between the Actual Stride Rate and the Base Stride Rate is made to determine whether Actual Stride Rate is less than or equal to Base Stride Rate multiplied by 1.02. Stride Length is calculated by:

$$\text{Actual Stride Length} = \text{Base Stride Length} + \text{Base Stride Length} * (((\text{Actual Stride Rate} - \text{Base Stride Rate})N) / \text{Base Stride Rate})$$

Where: N=1 when Actual Stride Rate is less than or equal to Base Stride Rate multiplied by 1.02, and N=3 when Actual Stride Rate is greater than Base Stride Rate multiplied by 1.02, although other N values in the range of one to three can be used.

The above algorithm is accurate for heel to toe activities such as walking or jogging, but is less accurate for sprinting (toe only).

A third method of calculating actual stride length uses three separate run or walk samples at three different paces. This is the most accurate option. With this method, the N values are unique for each individual. By deriving an N value for each individual, this value more accurately reflects the actual change in stride length with a change in pace. After a proper warmup, the user completes a sample run or walk on the track at a normal pace. This first sample S1, will establish the Base Stride and the Base Steps Per Second.

S1 SAMPLE:

$$\text{S1 Stride} = \text{Base Stride} = \text{Distance} / \text{Number of Steps}$$

$$\text{S1 Steps Per Second or S1 Steps Per Second} = \text{Base Steps Per Second} = \text{Number of Steps Per Second}$$

Following completion of the first run or walk at normal pace, the user runs or walks the same course and the same distance at a faster run or walking pace, but not a sprinting pace. The user should not run on his toes, but maintain the normal heel to toe jogging style. This is the S2 sample. The purpose of the S2 sample is to calculate an N2 value for each individual which reflects the effect an increase in Steps Per Second has on this individual's stride length. Some individual's steps will lengthen

more than others as Steps Per Second increases, and by finding the value for N2, this relative increase can be quantified for a more accurate and customized algorithm for each individual.

S2 SAMPLE:

To find the N2 value, which will be used by the algorithm when Actual Steps Per Second > Base Steps Per Second

$$N2 = ((S2 \text{ Stride} * S1 \text{ Steps Per Second}) - (S1 \text{ Stride} * S1 \text{ Steps Per Second})) / (S1 \text{ Stride} (S2 \text{ Steps Per Second} - S1 \text{ Steps Per Second}))$$

This value can be calculated since the distance is known, and both a Fast Stride Length (S2 Stride) and a Fast Steps Per Second (S2 Steps Per Second) can be calculated from the second sample.

Following completion of the fast run or walk, the user runs the same course and the same distance at a slower than normal run or walking pace. This pace cannot exceed the first sample pace. This is the S3 sample. The purpose of the S3 sample is to calculate an N3 value for each individual which reflects the effect a decrease in Steps Per Second has on this individual's stride length. Some individual's steps will shorten more than others as Steps Per Second decreases, and by finding the value for N3, this relative decrease can be quantified for a more accurate and customized algorithm for each individual.

S3 SAMPLE:

To find the N3 value, which will be used by the algorithm when Actual Steps Per Second < Base Steps Per Second.

$$N3 = ((S3 \text{ Stride} * S1 \text{ Steps Per Second}) - (S1 \text{ Stride} * S1 \text{ Steps Per Second})) / (S1 \text{ Stride} (S2 \text{ Steps Per Second} - S1 \text{ Steps Per Second}))$$

This value can be calculated since the distance is known and both a "Slow" Stride Length (S3 Stride) and a "Slow" Steps Per Second (S3 Steps Per Second) can be calculated from the third sample.

Once these three samples are completed and the information automatically calculated and stored in the data processor 30, then the following formula can be used for the most accurate measurements of speed and distance.

If: Actual Steps Per Second is less than or equal to Base Steps Per

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Then:

Stride Length = Base Stride + Base Stride*(((Actual Steps Per Second - Base Steps Per Second)N)/Base Steps Per Second)

And N = N3 (Stored Value)

If: Actual Steps Per Second > Base Steps Per Second

Then:

Stride Length = Base Stride + Base Stride*(((Actual Steps Per Second - Base Steps Per Second)N)/Base Steps Per Second)

And N = N2 (Stored Value)

This third option for calculating stride length, and subsequently distance, speed, and pace, is a far more accurate method than a fixed stride length pedometer. This device and method are also practical, convenient, and has a relatively low manufacturing cost. If an individual's running or walking style is progressing with training and practice (as seen by significantly improved times), then it may be beneficial for them to recalibrate their device by repeating the three samples every 3 to 6 months. If there are no significant improvements in time, then recalibration is not necessary.

It is noted that any single stride length or pace discussed above can in fact be an average of a plurality of stride lengths or rates from test runs to further refine accuracy in the calculations of actual stride data.

Other variations on this device could also incorporate an altimeter which measures changes in elevation. The stride length could then be adjusted (shortened) when elevation is increasing, and lengthened when elevation is decreasing. This adjustment could be done with an average value, as we used in setting option 2, or with a derived value by running or walking over a known distance on a hilly course. This device can use two batteries so that the calibration data is not lost when the batteries are replaced one at a time.

Once the actual stride length is calculated for a given period of time, the value can be multiplied by the number of strides in that period to obtain a total distance for that period to be stored in a data archive file for that particular walk or run and added

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to other actual stride lengths or distances for other periods in which stride length was calculated. When the run or walk is completed, the user engages the operator interface 46 to indicate that a total distance is to be displayed on the display unit. Preferably, there is continual display of the distance traveled.

5 As a result of accurately calculating distance traveled, the pedometer 20 also has the capability of calculating speed in miles per hour, for example or pace in minutes per mile, including average speed and pace over the course of that particular walk or run. Further, the pedometer 20 can include a port for coupling to a separate personal computer or computing device to create larger training histories, trends, etc.

10 Additional features can include stop watches, day, date and time displays, as well as, heart rate displays as discussed above. Also, it will be understood that all distances and time periods used above can be varied in length and units of measure (English, metric, seconds, minutes, hours, etc.).

The foregoing detailed description is provided for clearness of understanding only and no unnecessary limitations therefrom should be read into the following claims.

CLAIMS

1. A pedometer comprising:
a step counter mountable on a user first body portion;
a transmitter in communication with the step counter to generate a signal
6 corresponding to each step and transmit the signal; and
a receiver mountable on a user second body portion to receive the signal
transmitted from the transmitter and calculate a distance measured by
the step counter.
2. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the transmitter and the receiver
10 communicate via wireless transmission.
3. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the transmitter and the receiver
communicate via a wire.
4. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the transmission signal is digitally
coded.

5. The pedometer of claim 1, where in the transmitter transmits the
signal a wireless distance in the range of thirty to thirty-six inches.
6. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the receiver is mountable on a
user's wrist.

7. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the receiver processes the step
20 count signal and displays the distance traveled on a viewing screen.
8. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the step counter is mountable on a
user's leg.
9. The pedometer of claim 1 and further comprising:
a heart rate monitor; and
25 a second transmitter in communication with the heart rate monitor to transmit
a signal corresponding to a heart rate calculated by the heart rate
monitor to the receiver and display the calculated heart rate.
10. The pedometer of claim 9, wherein the heart rate signal is at a
different frequency than the pedometer signal.
- 30 11. The pedometer of claim 9, wherein the heart rate monitor is
mountable to a user's third body portion.

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12. The pedometer of claim 9, wherein the heart rate and the step counter transmitter are mounted in a single chest-mount housing.

13. The pedometer of claim 1, wherein the pedometer includes a data processor programmed to calculate a distance traveled by multiplying the number of strides taken by a stride length that varies according to the rate at which strides are taken.

14. The pedometer of claim 13, wherein the data processor is programmed to calculate an actual stride length of a user by performing the steps of: timing a user first run of a predetermined distance;

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counting the total number of strides in the user first run;

dividing the first run distance by the stride count to obtain a base stride length;

dividing the stride count by the first run time to obtain a base stride rate;

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counting strides in a period of time during a user second run to obtain an actual stride rate;

calculating the actual stride length using the formula:

$$\text{Actual Stride Length} = \text{Base Stride Length} + \text{Base Stride Length} * (((\text{Actual Stride Rate} - \text{Base Stride Rate})N) / \text{Base Stride Rate});$$

where N is in the range of between 1 and 3.

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15. The pedometer of claim 13, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:

comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and

calculating the actual stride length using N=1 when the actual stride rate is

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less than or equal to the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

16. The pedometer of claim 13, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:

comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and

calculating the actual stride length using N=3 when the actual stride rate is

greater than the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

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17. A pedometer comprising:
a step counter;
a transmitter in communication with the step counter to generate a signal corresponding to each step and transmit the signal; and
a receiver mountable on a user body portion to receive the signal transmitted from the transmitter and calculate a distance measured by the step counter; and
a data processor programmed to calculate a distance traveled by multiplying the number of strides taken by a stride length that varies according to

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the rate at which strides are taken.

18. The pedometer of claim ~~N~~⁵, wherein the transmitter and the receiver communicate via wireless transmission.

19. The pedometer of claim ~~N~~⁵, wherein the transmitter and the receiver communicate via a wire.

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20. The pedometer of claim 17, wherein the transmission signal is digitally coded.

21. The pedometer of claim 17, wherein the transmitter transmits the signal a wireless distance in the range of thirty to thirty-six inches.

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~~10~~¹⁰ 22. The pedometer of claim ~~N~~⁵, wherein the receiver is mountable on a user's wrist.

~~11~~¹¹ 23. The pedometer of claim ~~17~~⁵, wherein the receiver processes the step count signal and displays the distance traveled on a viewing screen.

~~12~~¹² 24. The pedometer of claim ~~19~~⁵, wherein the step counter is mountable on a user's leg.

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25. The pedometer of claim 17, and further comprising:
a heart rate monitor; and
a second transmitter in communication with the heart rate monitor to transmit a signal corresponding to a heart rate calculated by the heart rate monitor to the receiver and display the calculated heart rate.

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26. The pedometer of claim 25, wherein the heart rate signal is at a different frequency than the pedometer signal.

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¹⁵ 27. The pedometer of claim ¹³ 25, wherein the heart rate monitor is mountable to a user's third body portion.

Sub 26 28. The pedometer of claim 25, wherein the heart rate and the step counter are mounted in a single chest-mount housing.

5 ¹² 29. The pedometer of claim ⁵ N, wherein the data processor is programmed to calculate an the distance traveled actual stride length of a user by performing the steps of:

- timing a user first run of a predetermined distance;
- counting the total number of strides in the user first run;
- 10 dividing the first run distance by the stride count to obtain a base stride length;
- dividing the stride count by the first run time to obtain a base stride rate;
- counting strides in a period of time during a user second run to obtain an actual stride rate;

15 calculating the actual stride length using the formula:

$$\text{Actual Stride Length} = \text{Base Stride Length} + \text{Base Stride Length} * (((\text{Actual Stride Rate} - \text{Base Stride Rate})N) / \text{Base Stride Rate});$$

¹⁸ where N is in the range of between 1 and 3.

20 ⁵ 30. The pedometer of claim N, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:
comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and
calculating the actual stride length using N=1 when the actual stride rate is

¹⁹ less than or equal to the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

25 ⁵ 31. The pedometer of claim N, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:
comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and
calculating the actual stride length using N=3 when the actual stride rate is greater than the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

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32. A pedometer programmed to calculate an actual stride length of a user by performing the steps of:

- timing a user first run of a predetermined distance;
- counting the total number of strides in the user first run;
- dividing the first run distance by the stride count to obtain a base stride length;
- dividing the stride count by the first run time to obtain a base stride rate;
- counting strides in a period of time during a user second run to obtain an actual stride rate;
- calculating the actual stride length using the formula:

$$\text{Actual Stride Length} = \text{Base Stride Length} + \text{Base Stride Length} * (((\text{Actual Stride Rate} - \text{Base Stride Rate})N) / \text{Base Stride Rate});$$

where N is in the range of between 1 and 3.

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²¹33. The pedometer of claim ²⁰32, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:

- comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and
- calculating the actual stride length using N=1 when the actual stride rate is less than or equal to the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

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²²34. The pedometer of claim ²⁰32, wherein the pedometer is further programmed to perform the steps of:

- comparing the actual stride rate to the base stride rate; and
- calculating the actual stride length using N=3 when the actual stride rate is greater than the base stride rate multiplied by 1.02.

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35. The pedometer of claim 32, wherein the receiver processes the step count signal and displays the distance traveled on a viewing screen.

²⁴36. The pedometer of claim ²⁰32, and further comprising a heart rate monitor mounted in a chest-mount housing.

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37. A pedometer programmed to calculate an actual stride length of a user by performing the steps of:

- timing a user first run of a predetermined distance;
- counting the total number of strides in the user first run;
- dividing the first run distance by the stride count to obtain a first run base stride length;
- dividing the first run stride count by the first run time to obtain a first run base stride rate;
- timing a user second run of a predetermined distance;
- counting the total number of strides in the user second run;
- dividing the second run distance by the second run stride count to obtain a second base stride length;
- dividing the second run stride count by the second run time to obtain a second base stride rate;
- timing a user third run of a predetermined distance;
- counting the total number of strides in the user third run;
- dividing the third run distance by the third run stride count to obtain a third base stride length;
- dividing the third run stride count by the third run time to obtain a third run base stride rate;
- counting strides in a period of time during a user fourth run to obtain an actual stride rate;
- calculating the actual stride length using the formula:

Actual Stride Length = Base Stride Length + Base Stride Length
*(((Actual Stride Rate - Base Stride Rate)N)/Base Stride Rate);
where N is calculated by the formula ((Second Run Stride Length
multiplied by First Run Stride Rate) - (First Run Stride Length
multiplied by First Run Stride Rate)) / (First Run Stride Length
multiplied by (Second Run Stride Rate - First Run Stride Rate)) when
the Actual Stride Rate is greater than the First Run Stride Rate, and
where N is calculated by the formula ((Third Run Stride Length

multiplied by First Run Stride Rate) - (First Run Stride Length multiplied by First Run Stride Rate)) / (First Run Stride Length multiplied by (Third Run Stride Rate - First Run Stride Rate)) when the Actual Stride Rate is less than or equal to the First Run Stride

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~~38~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, wherein:

the first run base stride length is an average stride length calculated from a plurality of test runs; and

the first run base stride rate is an average base stride rate calculated from the plurality of test runs.

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~~39~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, wherein:

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the second run base stride length is an average stride length calculated from a plurality of test runs; and

the second run base stride rate is an average base stride rate calculated from the plurality of test runs.

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~~40~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, wherein:

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the third run base stride length is an average stride length calculated from a plurality of test runs; and

the third run base stride rate is an average base stride rate calculated from the plurality of test runs.

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~~41~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, wherein the second run is at a faster pace

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than the first walk or run and the third run is at a slower pace than the first walk or run.

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~~42~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, and further comprising:

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a data processor mountable on a user body portion to calculate the actual stride length; and

a run data display device in communication with the data processor and mountable on a user body portion.

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~~43~~. The pedometer of claim ~~37~~, and further comprising a heart rate

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30 monitor mounted in a chest-mount housing.

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44. A method for calculating an actual stride length comprising the steps
timing a first user run of a predetermined distance;
counting a total number of strides in the user first run;
dividing the first run time by the stride count to obtain a Base Stride Length;
dividing the stride count by the first run time to obtain a Base Stride Rate;
counting strides in a pre-determined period during a user second run to
obtain an Actual Stride Rate;
calculating the actual stride length using the formula:

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$$\text{Actual Stride Length} = \text{Base Stride Length} + \text{Base Stride Length} \\ *(((\text{Actual Stride Rate} - \text{Base Stride Rate})N)/\text{Base Stride Rate});$$

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wherein N is between one and three.

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~~45.~~ The method of claim ~~44~~ and further comprising the steps of
comparing Base Stride Rate to Actual Stride Rate to determine a percentage
difference; and using $N=1$ when the difference is less than two percent and using $N=3$
when the difference is greater than or equal to two percent.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The pedometer having improved accuracy by calculating actual stride lengths of a user based on relative stride rates. The pedometer includes a waist or leg mounted stride counter, a transmitter for transmitting data to a wrist-mounted display unit, and a data processor for calculating necessary base units and actual stride rates and lengths. The pedometer can also interact with a heart monitoring device.

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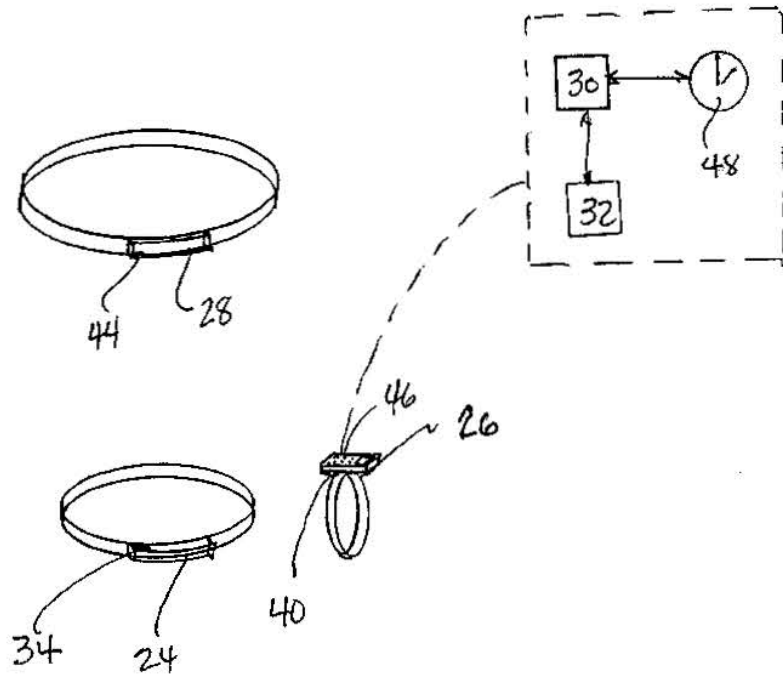


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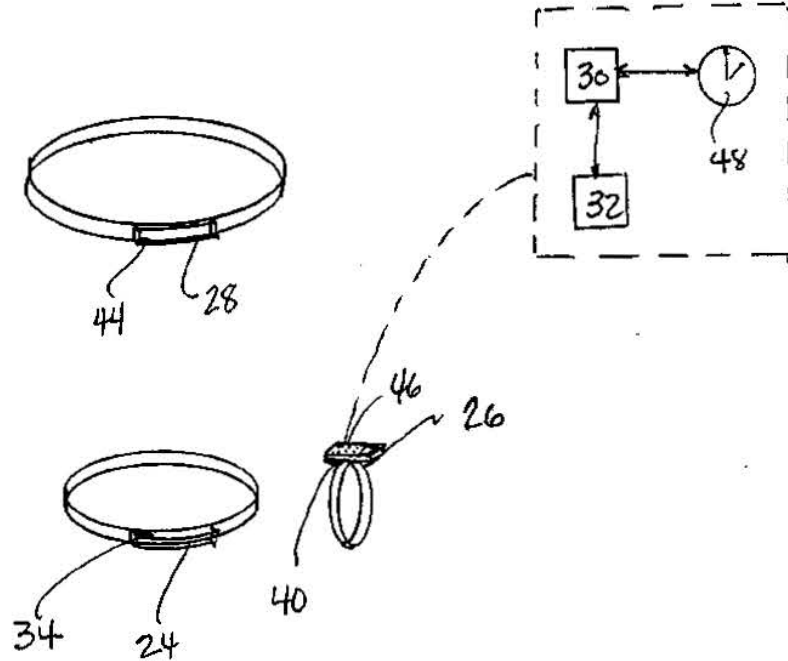


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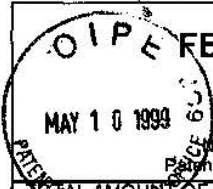
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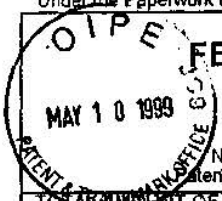
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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

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112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	360	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	\$435.00
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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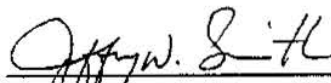
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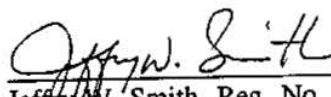
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, as a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: PEDOMETER, the specification of which

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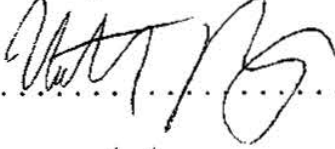
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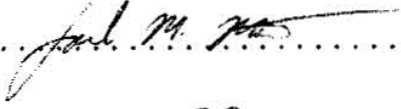
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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: <u>Nathan Pyles</u> Application or Patent No.: <u>09/181,738</u> Filed or Issued: <u>October 28, 1998</u> Title: <u>Pedometer</u>	
I hereby state that I am <input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the small business concern identified below: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below: NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN <u>Epix, Inc.</u>	
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN <u>621 D East Lake Street, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551</u>	
I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.	
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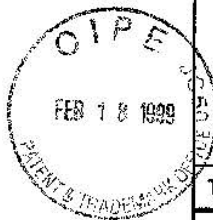
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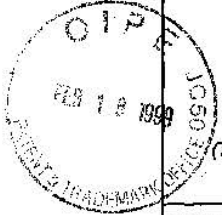
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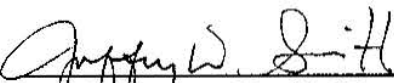
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4,334,190	06-08-1982	Sochaczewski
4,337,529	06-29-1982	Morokawa
4,371,945	02-01-1983	Karr et al.
4,510,704	04-16-1985	Johnson
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4,741,001	04-26-1988	Ma
4,771,394	09-13-1988	Cavanagh
4,855,942	08-08-1989	Bianco
5,117,444	05-26-1992	Sutton et al.
5,475,725	12-12-1995	Nakamura
5,476,427	12-19-1995	Fujima
5,490,816	02-13-1996	Sakumoto
5,516,334	05-14-1996	Easton
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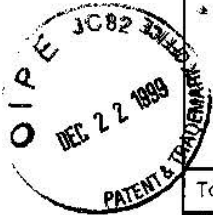
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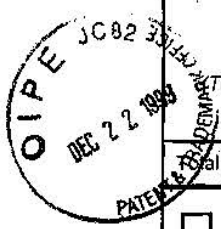
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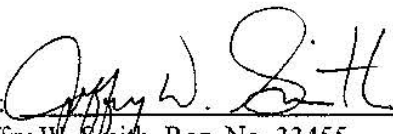
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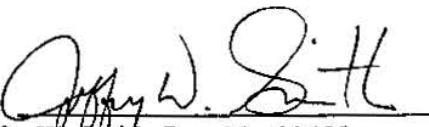
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Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
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Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
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- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 - received.
 - received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *Certified copies not received: _____
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are replete with terms which lack a clear antecedent basis. Numerous instances of this problem will be specifically pointed out; however, applicant is required to proofread and correct all instances.

In claims 4, 20 "the transmission signal", in claim 7, 23 "the step count signal", in claims 10, 26, "the heart rate signal" and "the pedometer signal", in claims 12, 28, "the heart rate" and "the step counter", in claim 17, "the number of strides" and "the rate", claim 32, "the total number of strides", "the stride count" and "the first run time", claim 35, "the receiver", "the step count signal" and "the distance", claim 37, "the total number of strides", "the first run distance", "the stride count" "the first run stride count", "the first run time" and "the First Run Stride Rate" (all of the problems of claim 37 are repeated with regard to the second - fourth run), and claim 44, "the user first run", "the first run time" and "the stride count" lack a clear antecedent basis.

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Also in claim 12, applicant's intended meaning cannot be discerned from the references of "the heart rate" which is located in a housing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Sham et al..

Sham teaches a pedometer including a step counter (32), a transmitter (the wiring between 32 and 34) which transmits a digitally coded step signal and a receiver (30), referring to Figure 3. It is inherent that the receiver is "mountable" to a second body portion insofar as the term itself only means that it is possible to mount the receiver elsewhere. Secondly, the term "body portion" is so broad that the limitation is met merely by having the receiver and transmitter at different locations within the same housing (therefor affixed to different body portions.)

Moreover, Sham discloses a wrist watch arrangement on column 3, lines 43-45 as recited in claim 6. Sham discloses a processor and viewing screen (34 and 18) as recited in claim 7. As recited in claim 9, a heart rate monitor and a second transmitter (10 and 31) are also taught. Insofar as the heart rate signal is a wireless signal and the pedometer signal, assuming applicant

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means the signal from the step counter, is from a wire, these signals would inherently be of different frequencies, as recited in claim 10. The heart rate monitor is mounted to the user's chest and thus, claim 11 is also met.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sham et al.

The difference between Sham and claims 2 and 8 lies in the substitution of a wireless transmitter for a wire and a leg band for an arm or waist band. The first difference is not of patentable merit because the use of wireless transmitters is widespread in the art. Insofar as Sham does in fact employ a wireless transmitter for the heart monitor, and Sham would have the motivation of reducing the weight of box 14 by locating the step counter at a remote location, the motivation exists to employ that a wireless transmitter for the step counter. In terms of the leg band, it is merely commonsensical that anything which could be strapped to an arm or waist could also be strapped to a leg. In fact, Sham clearly wishes to leave the designer the latitude to make

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such decisions because of the statement on column 3, line 44 that the device could be secured "in other ways."

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 5, 12-16, 18-31, 33-36, 38-43 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Claims 17, 32, 37 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Wambach whose telephone number is (703) 308-4875. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 to 5p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Callahan, can be reached on (703) 308-4876. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



Margaret R. Wambach
Primary Examiner

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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 10/29/98 are:

- A. [] approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. [x] objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings. Black ink. Color. Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s)
2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84 (b) 1 full-tone set is required. Fig(s)
3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e) Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s)
4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes: 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)
5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins: Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h) REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.
7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84 (h)(3) Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.
8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(j) Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s)
9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k) Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s)
10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(j) Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s)
11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m) Solid black areas pale. Fig(s)
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16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w) Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated
17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152 Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s)

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INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities--37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application, should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(e). Applicant may delay filing of the new drawings until receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Processing Branch.

2. Timing for Corrections

Applicant is required to submit **acceptable** corrected drawings within the **three-month shortened** statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have **acceptable** corrections resubmitted within the original three-month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and paying the extension fee. Therefore, applicant should file corrected drawings as soon as possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set (or extended) period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO-948

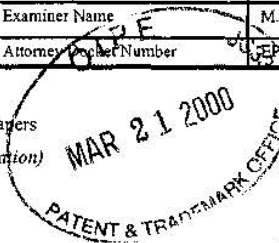
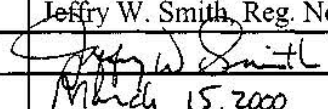
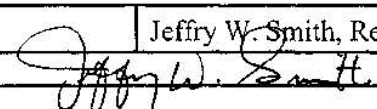
All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

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