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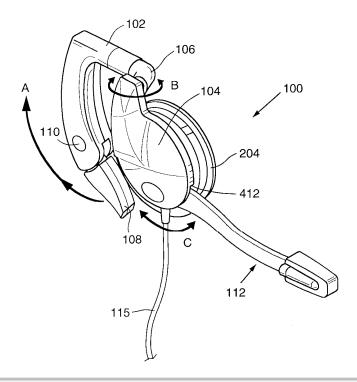
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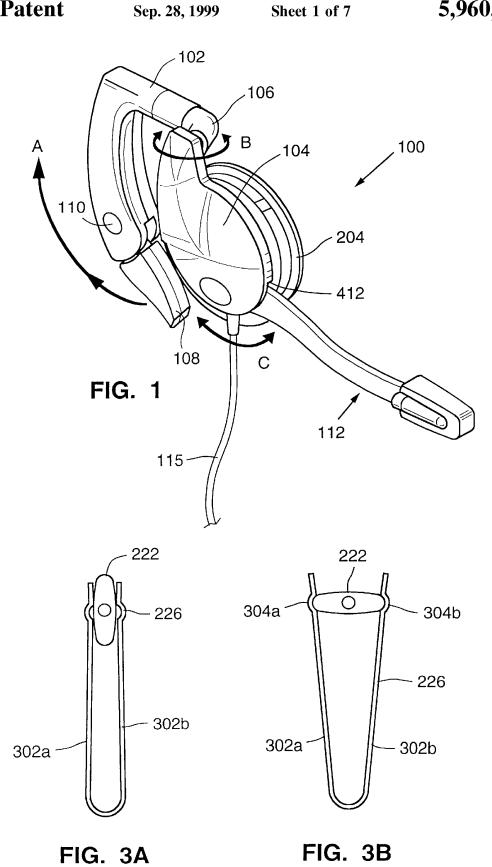
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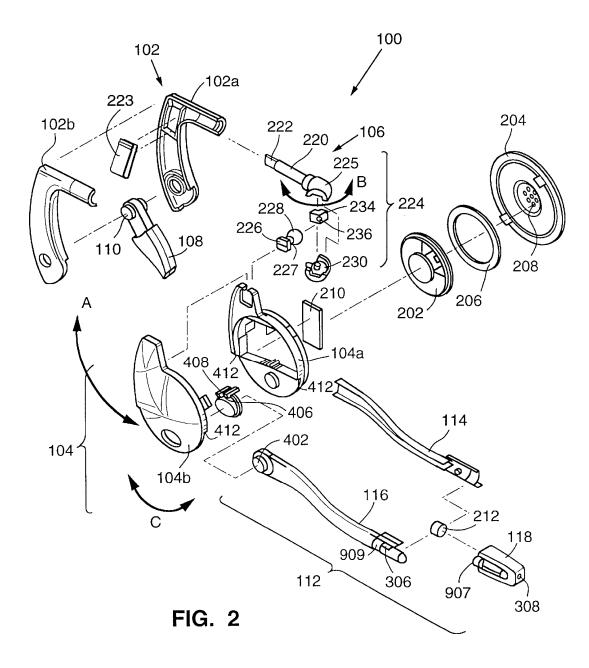
A communications headset has an earpiece housing that rests on top of the ear and which also has a receiver assembly coupled to the earpiece housing. The receiver assembly is rotatable between a position at which the receiver assembly is against the ear and a position at which the receiver assembly is rotated away from the ear, thereby allowing a user of the headset to wear the headset comfortably even at times when the headset is not in use for communication. The receiver assembly is biased toward the ear, thereby acoustically coupling the receiver assembly reliably and snugly to the ear when the receiver assembly is at the position against the ear. When the receiver assembly is at the position rotated away from the ear, the receiver assembly is held securely in that position.

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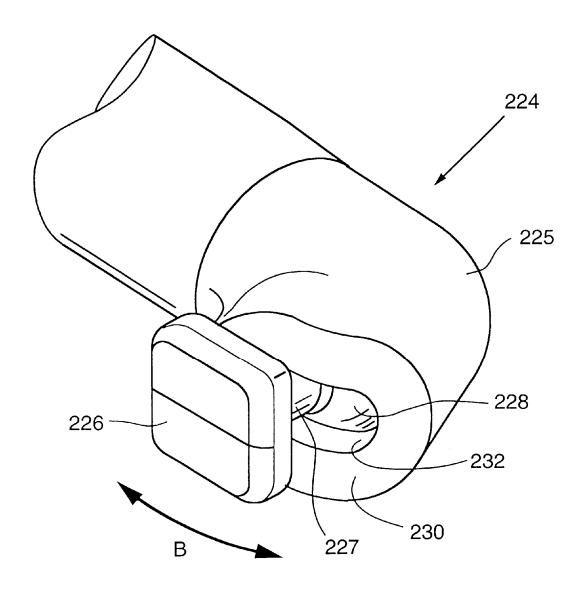
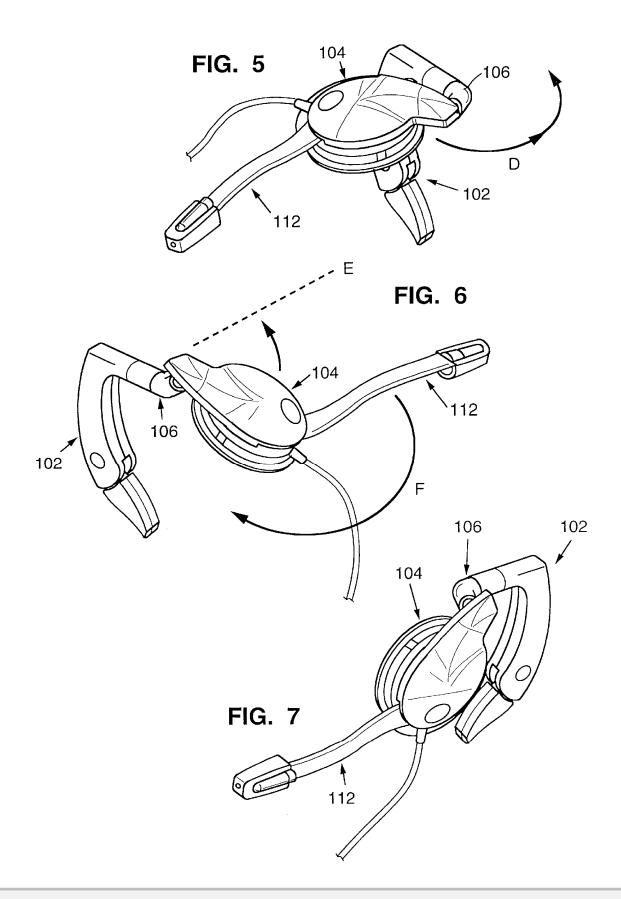


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