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(54) WIRELESS BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEM FOR EXISTING HEARING AIDS USING A DYNAMIC BATTERY AND A CHARGING PROCESSOR UNIT

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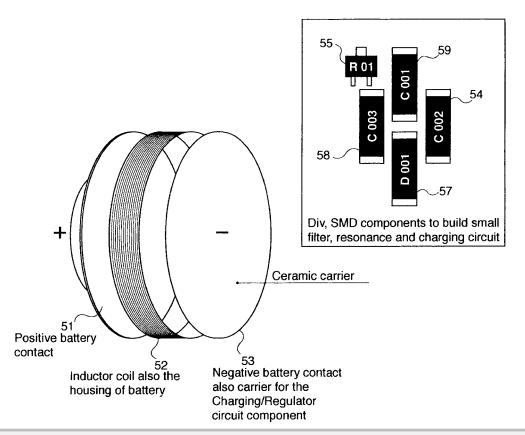
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(57) ABSTRACT

A rechargeable battery which may be used with most presently available hearing aids (or other appliances) with no modification to the existing hearing aid is needed in order to use the described wireless charging system. The battery may be known a "Dynamic battery" as the battery is actively charged by means of an inductor circuit built into the battery housing itself or added onto the battery. The hearing aid may simply be placed within the charger housing (or cradle) to charge the battery. No electrical connection by either wires or electrical contacts is needed to recharge the battery, which is located inside the hearing aid housing. Moreover, the battery need not be removed from the hearing aid (or other appliance).

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Div, SMD components to build small filter, resonance and charging circuit C 005 C 001 T00 a Mounted inside inductor coil on C 003 ceramic carrier Energy inducting component of battery Ceramic carrier Inductor coil

Figure 1

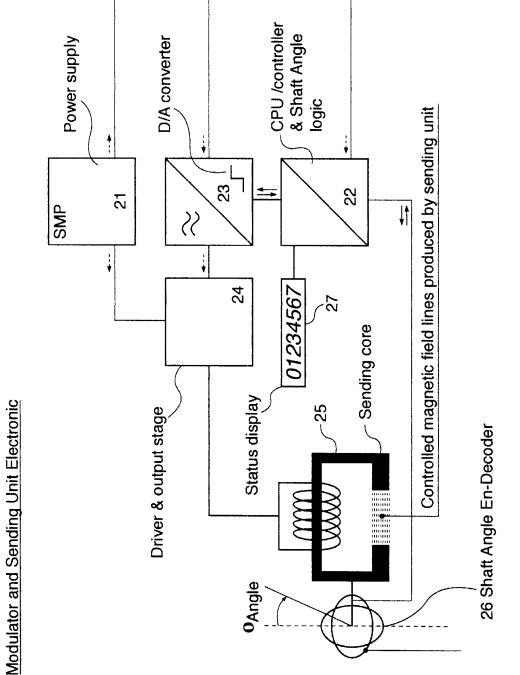


Figure 2

Mounting of battery

At conventional overall size of battery, the inducting circuit takes approx. 25% of the body space

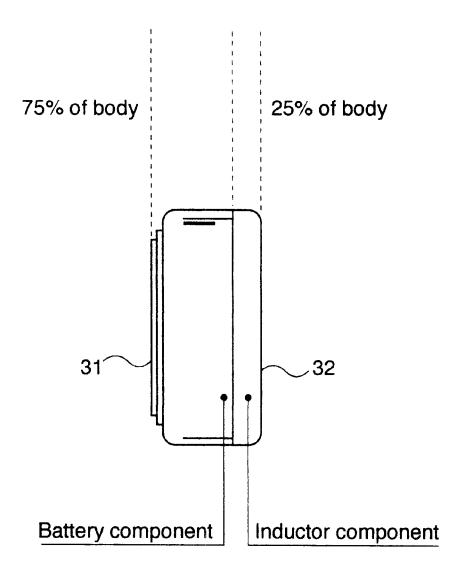
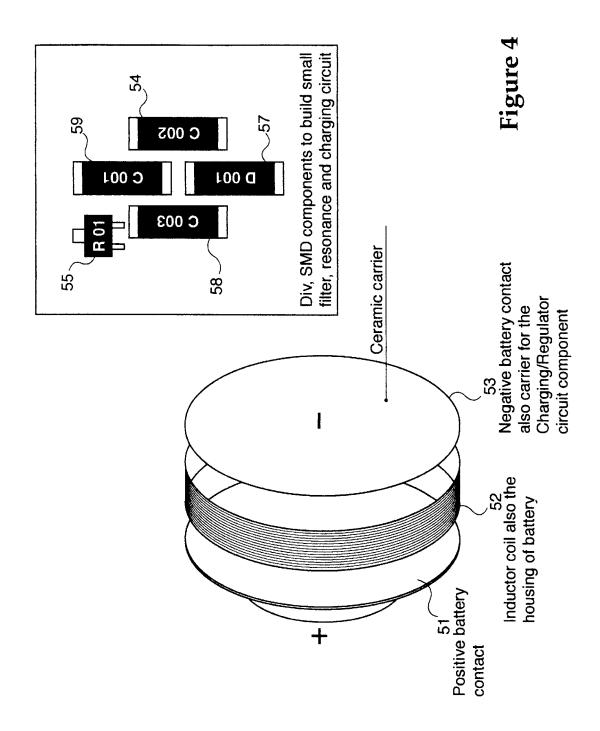


Figure 3





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