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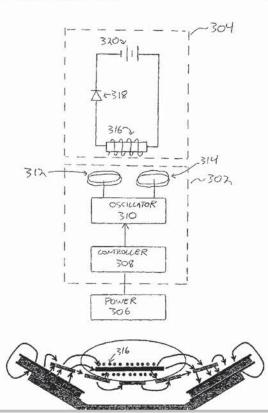
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(57) ABSTRACT

An apparatus for inductive charging a battery. The apparatus includes a housing with a lower surface and a charging surface. A rechargeable device with a rechargeable battery may be placed on the charging surface. The apparatus further includes a controller for driving an oscillator, wherein the controller receives power from a power source. A first charger coil and second charger coil are disposed within the housing and are coupled to the oscillator. The first charger coil and second charger coil create a substantially horizontal magnetic field in the volume of space above the charging surface.

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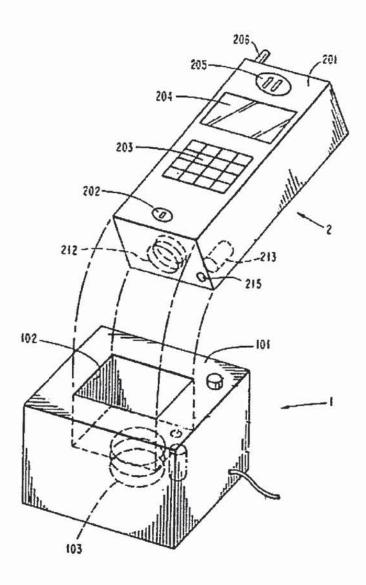
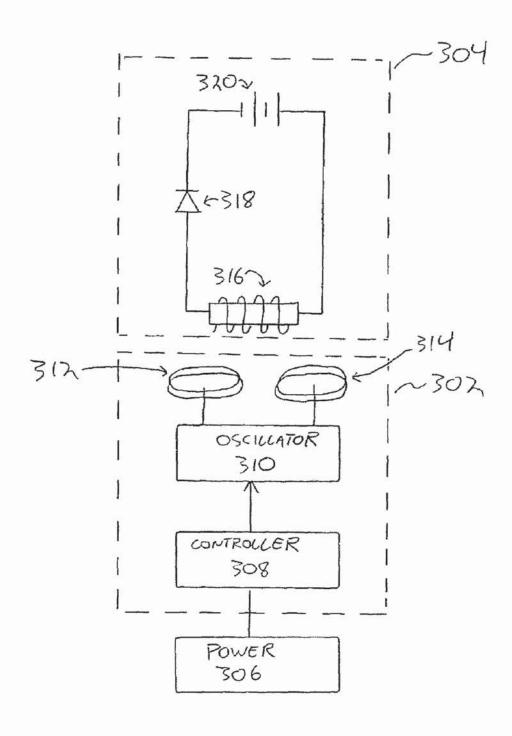


FIGURE I



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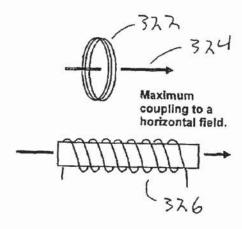


FIGURE 3A

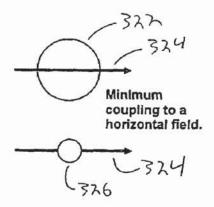


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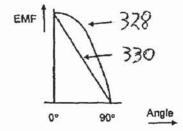
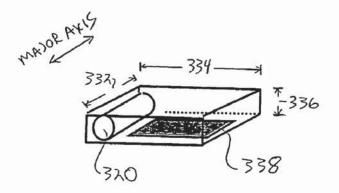


FIGURE 3C





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FIGURE 4A

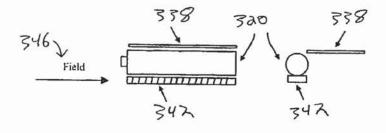


FIGURE 4B

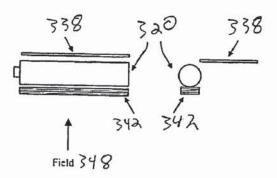


FIGURE 4C



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