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| [54] | SWITCHING REGULATOR AND AMPLIFIER |
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| | SYSTEM |

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ABSTRACT [57]

A voltage regulator (200) includes a controller (204) which selectively activates a plurality of switching means (208, 210, 214, and 212) in order to select between a first current loop in which an energy storage device is charged by an input supply and a second loop in which the energy storage device is coupled to the output terminal (242) of the regulator (200). The switching from the second current loop to the first is governed by the controller (204) determining that the loop current in the second loop has reached a predetermined level. A first switching audio amplifier (300) is disclosed which uses the voltage regulator (200) to provide a continuously variable output voltage (318) in order to provide for high quality amplification which is independent of the volume setting. A second audio amplifier (400) includes a converter (436) which provides discrete voltage levels to a full wave bridge in order to provide improved audio output.

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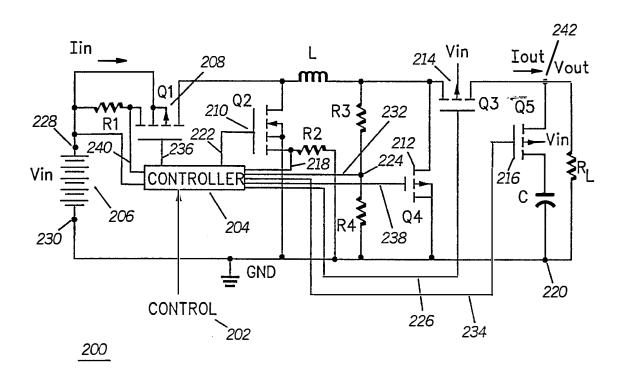




FIG.1

(PRIOR ART)

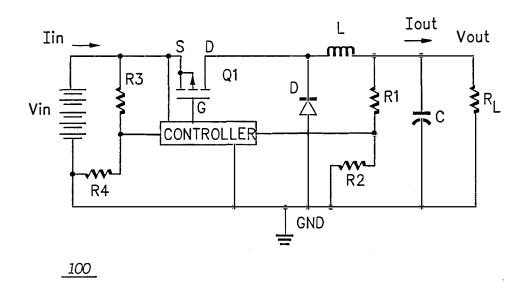


FIG.2

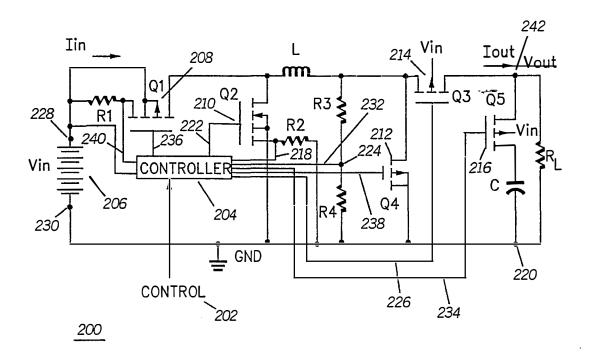
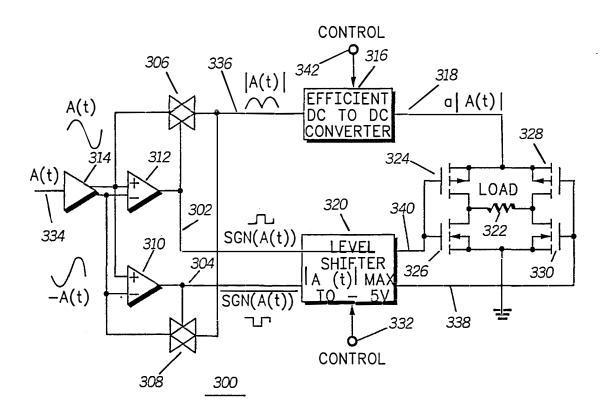
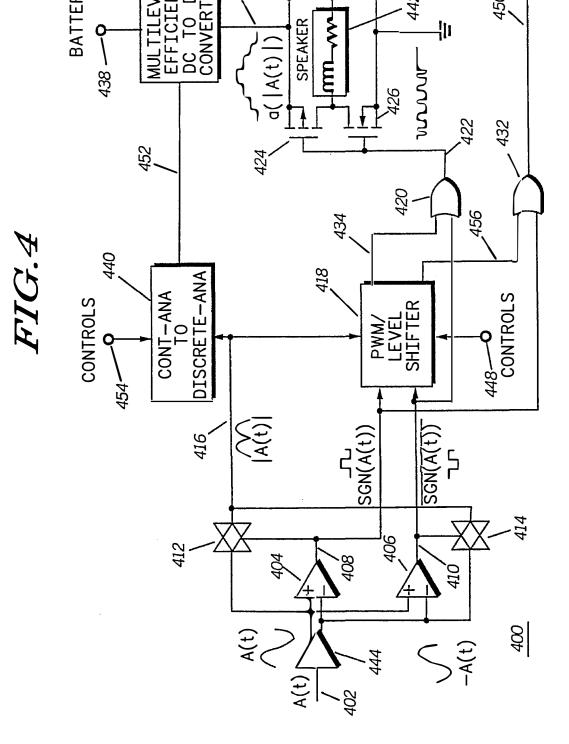
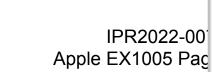
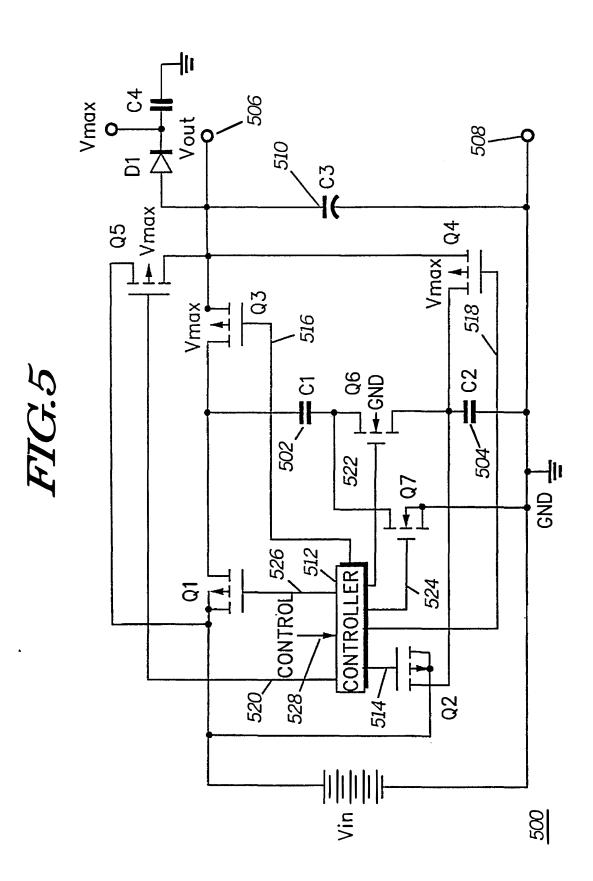


FIG.3











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