

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-21, 24-28, and 30-33 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 11 and 16 are independent. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 16, and 25 are amended and claim 29 is canceled. No new subject matter was added by these amendments.

Amendment to the Specification

The amendment to the specification fixes a typographical error, which is clearly supported by Fig. 35 and paragraphs [0026], [0035], and [0241].

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they allegedly do not show every feature specified in the claims, namely the fifth interior wall extent and the sixth interior wall extent, positioned a third distance from the fifth interior wall extent in claims 11 and 25. While Applicant respectfully disagrees that these features are not shown in the drawings, Applicant has removed the “fifth” and “sixth” these elements from the claims. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC § 112(a) and 112(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 11-15, 25 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112(a) as failing to comply with the written description requirement and under 112(b) as being indefinite, in each case with respect to “a fifth interior wall extent” and “a sixth interior wall extent positioned a third distance from the fifth interior wall extent” found in independent claims 11 and 25. While Applicant respectfully disagrees, Applicant has removed these elements from the claims.

Further, Applicant points out that D_{P1} corresponds to the “first distance” and D_{P2} corresponds to the “second distance” of claims 11 and 25. Further, these distances are shown in FIG. 35 and described in paragraphs [0012], [0026], [0035], and [0241]. However, it should be understood that the perpendicular distances discussed in specification paragraphs [00187]-[00188] cannot be the claimed distances because claims 11 and 25 require that the first and second distances are substantially parallel with the

wrist pitch axis 556.6. As such, the disclosure contained in paragraphs [00187]-[00188] is inapplicable to the claims as written.

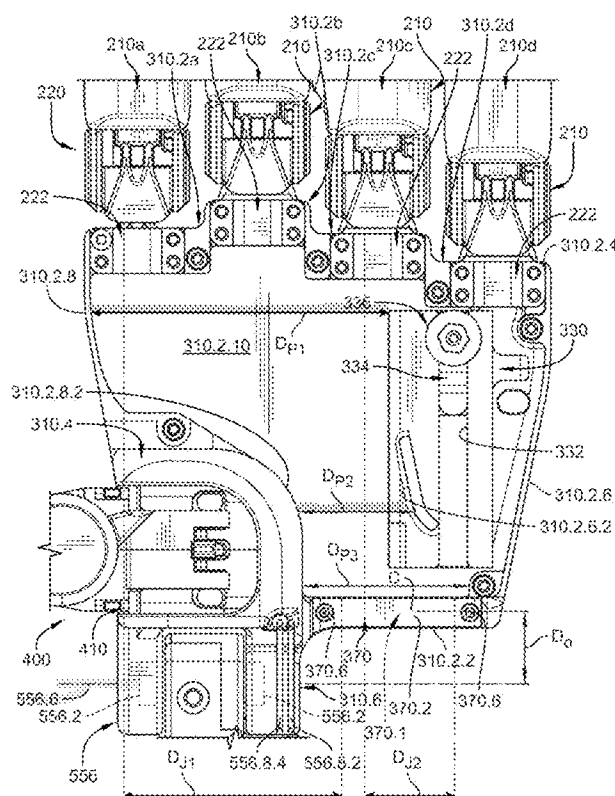


FIG. 35

Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11-15, 25 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. 112(a) and 112(b).

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7, 9-10 and 25-28 under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over combinations of Walters (4,834,761), Ihrke-673 (US 20110071673), and Ihrke-671 (US 2011/0071671) in view of combinations of Ren (2022/0287853), Gazeau (US 2023/0033779), Blackwell (US 2007/0035143), Rosheim (US 4,804,220), Ihrke-595 (US 20110068595). The Examiner also rejected claims 11-21 and 30-33 under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over combinations of Ihrke-671, Blackwell, and Ihrke-673 in view of combinations of Engler (US 5,447,403), Rosheim, Ren, Gazeau, and Ihrke-595. The Examiner also objected to claim 29 as being depending on a rejection base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 29. Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is now allowable, along with dependent claims 3-7, 9-10, and 24-28 that depend from claim 1. Similarly, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of allowable claim 29 into independent claims 11 and 16 as well and submits that these claims are also now allowable, along with dependent claims 10-15, 17-21, and 30-33.

All other amendments to the claims were made in the supplemental response to the non-final office action and were made to overcome the 112 rejection identified above and, therefore, are repeated herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under § 103 and allowance of the claims.

CONCLUSION

The absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be other reasons for patentability of any or all claims that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation.

In light of the Amendments and Remarks herein, Applicant submits that the entire Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 60-6925 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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