

**REMARKS**

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 9-14, 16-17, 30-42, and 44-56 are currently pending in this application. New claim 54 has been amended to eliminate the term “avoids contact with” and now recites that rotation of the at least one control lever about another of the at least two separate axes “has no influence on said at least one switch.” Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments. The amendment to new claim 54 is supported by at least col. 3, lines 48-54, col. 5, lines 36-38, and Figs. 3-4 of the published patent U.S. 6,698,567.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-14, 16, 17, 3-42, 44-53, 55, and 56 are allowed.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

Claim 54 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and being indefinite. Claim 54 has been amended to eliminate the term “avoids contact with” and now recites that “rotation about another of said at least two separate axes has no influence on said at least one switch.” This amendment is fully supported by the

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published patent U.S. 6,698,567, which states that rotating the control lever 38 about a first axis 42 brings a pin 52 on the control lever 38 into contact with the switch 24, and the pin 52 remains in contact with the switch 24 even when the lever 38 pivots around a second axis 46. In other words, rotation of the control lever 38 about the second axis 46 “has no influence” on the switch 24. (Published Patent, col. 3, lines 40-54).

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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