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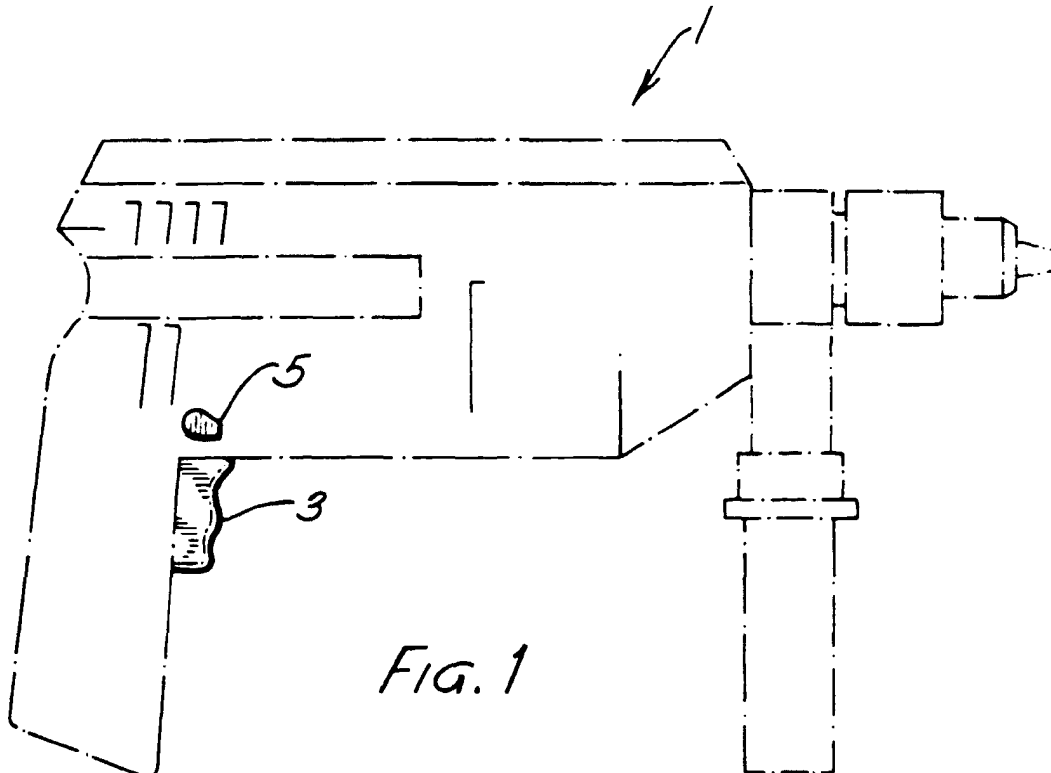
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(54) **A lock-on, lock-off switch**

(57) A lock-on, lock-off switch for a power tool 1, comprising a trigger 3 movable in a first plane for completing and breaking a circuit to actuate and deactivate the tool 1, and a locking device 5 movable in a second plane substantially perpendicular to the first plane be-

tween a first position in which the trigger 3 is prevented from completing the circuit and a second position in which the trigger 3 is held completing the circuit. By providing a switch which may be locked both on and off, a safer switch arrangement is provided.



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