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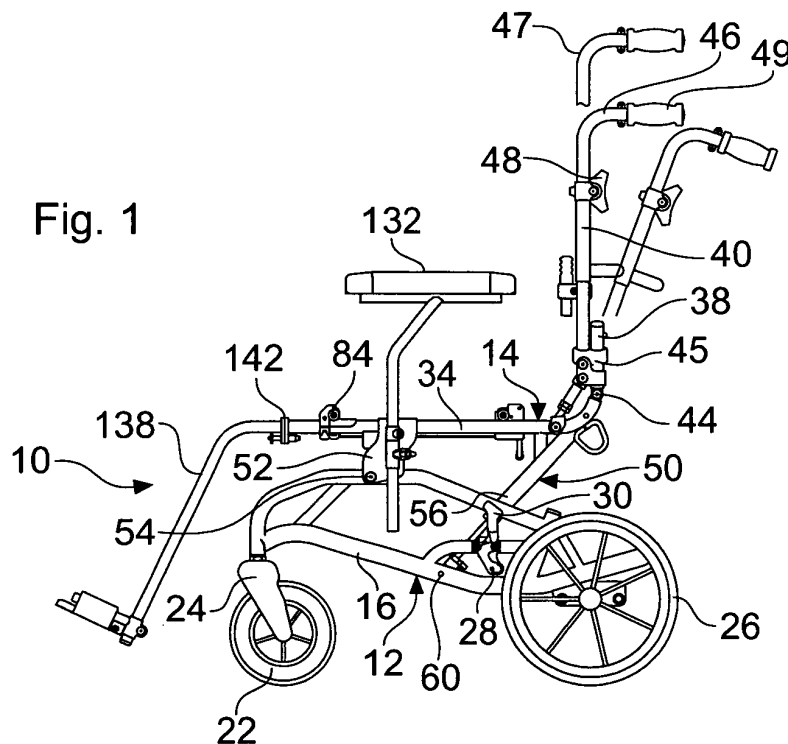
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(54) **Wheelchairs**

(57) A wheelchair chassis with upper and lower base frames 12, 14 pivotally connected towards front ends thereof, and selectively connectable at the rear by either

an adjustable arrangement with gas struts 56, or a fixed arrangement with cranked members 62. A seat arrangement can be selectively mountable on the upper base frame 12.





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1. claims: 1-8, 13, 14

A wheelchair chassis assembly, including a lower base, an upper base and a selectively removable interconnection arrangement between the lower and upper base frames, the arrangement being either rigid or adjustable to permit selective tilting.

2. claims: 9-12

A wheelchair chassis assembly, including a mounting arrangement with first and second receiving part for receiving a first and second formation of a seat arrangement, the second receiving part is arranged to automatically lock, the first formation being prevented to be removed from the first receiving part when the second receiving part is locked.

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