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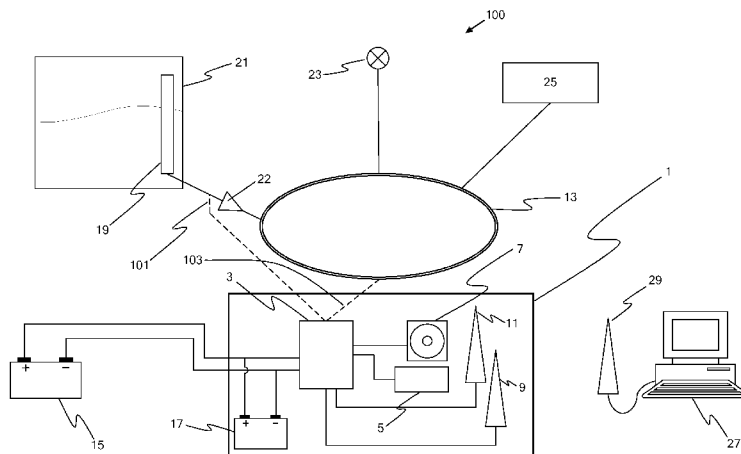


Fig 1

(57) Abstract: A fuel monitoring device for a vehicle having one or more fuel tank sensors, the fuel monitoring device comprising a control module in communication with the or each fuel tank sensor, wherein the control module is operable to receive data from the or each fuel tank sensor and operable to output fuel level related data to a mobile communications system transmitter for transmission to an end user. The fuel monitoring device may be installed covertly within a vehicle and communicate with the vehicle's fuel tank sensor and, optionally, further sensors. The fuel monitoring device facilitates the transmission of information to an end user allowing the end user to identify occurrences of fuel theft from a remote location and/or the fuel monitoring device is operable to generate an alarm condition in or in the proximity of the vehicle. Data may additionally be audited to identify opportunities to improve operating efficiency of a vehicle, or a fleet of vehicles, or to provide early warning of possible vehicle faults and/or to identify fuel theft.

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General fuel monitoring device and vehicle with this device
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2. claims: 21-22, 55-56

Fuel dispensing pump aspects.

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