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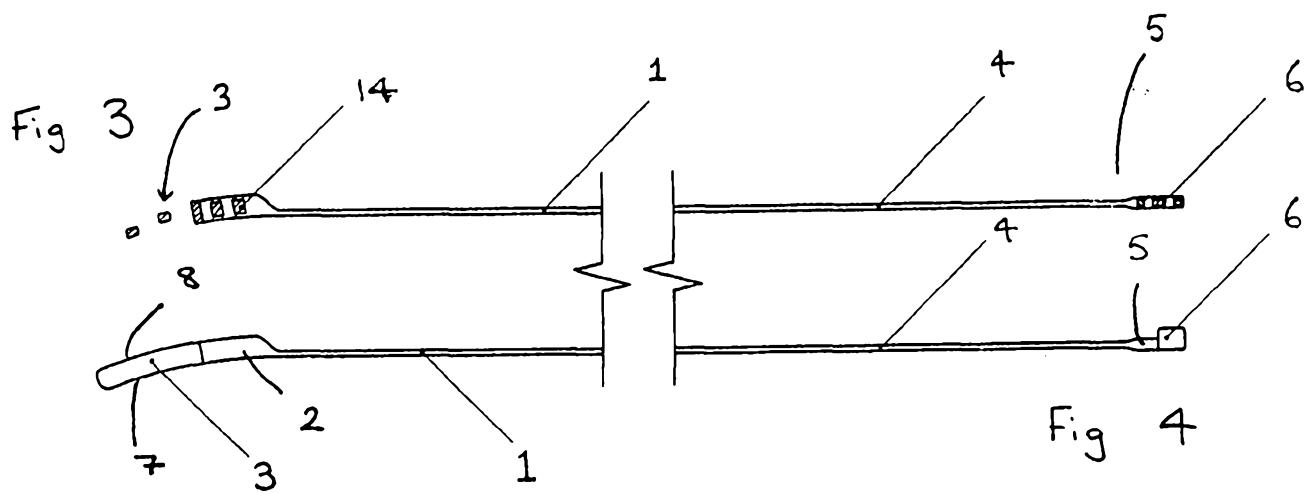
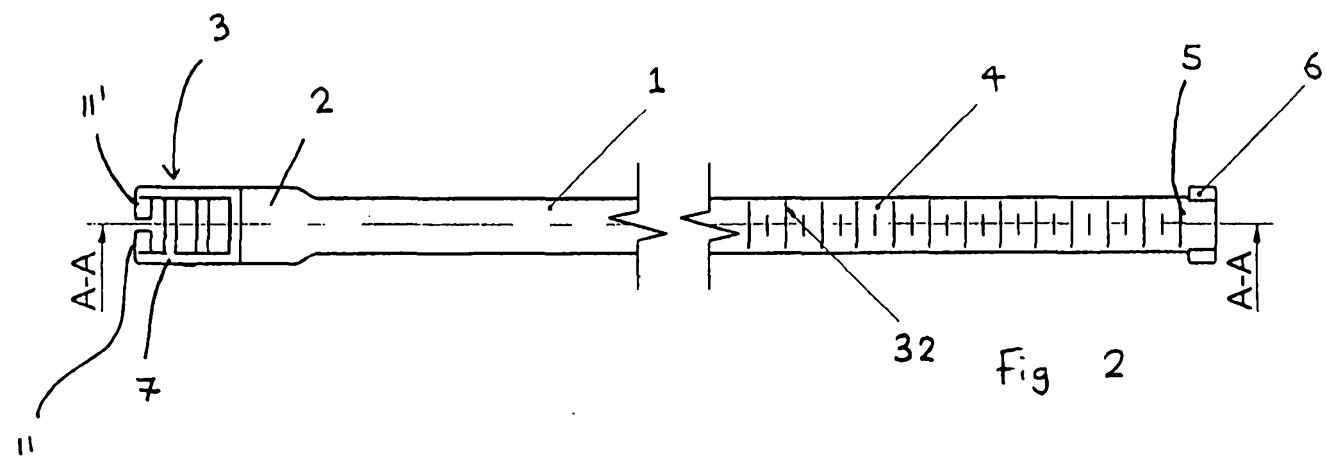
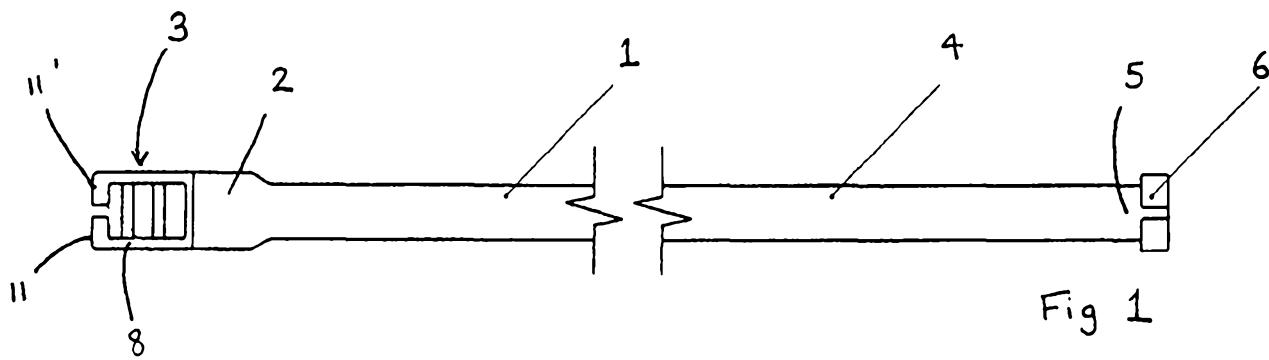
ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a strap for securing a garment/article (e.g. swimming goggles) to a wearer's/user's body. The strap comprises a first 5 portion comprising a tensioner end including a tensioner having an attachment portion. The attachment portion is for attachment to the tensioner end. The strap further comprises a second portion having indicia provided along at least a part of its length. In use, the second portion passes through the tensioner and the tensioner frame defines a window in which at least one of the indicia 10 on the second portion is visible.

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STRAP

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 This invention relates to a strap. In particular, this invention relates to a strap (or belt) which is useful for securing a garment (e.g. sportswear) or an article (e.g. a sporting article such as hand paddles or kick fins) to a wearer's/user's body. Particularly preferred embodiments relate to a head strap for eyewear such as eyewear for safety and/or sporting purposes.

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BACKGROUND

It is often desirable to secure eyewear to a wearer's head to avoid loss or movement of the eyewear. For eyewear (e.g. a goggle or mask) which is worn in sporting activities such as swimming or skiing, it is especially 15 important to secure the eyewear to the wearer's face and elastic head straps are typically used for this purpose.

Ideally these head straps need to be adjustable to cater for a range of head sizes and to allow the wearer to select their desired strap tension. One way of 20 achieving this adjustability has been to provide a buckle through which the strap passes, the free end of the strap being pulled to tighten the head strap once the eyewear is in place.

Once the strap is tightened, it can be difficult to readjust the tension in the 25 strap for several reasons. Firstly, it is more difficult to loosen the head strap

than it is to tighten it and it may be necessary to remove the eyewear in order to loosen the head strap. Secondly, if the wearer is participating in competitive sporting activities, it may only become apparent that the head strap is incorrectly adjusted once the competitive activity has commenced by 5 which time it will be too late to make any further adjustments. For this reason, it is desirable to provide some means for allowing a reliable and accurate measurement of tension within the head strap so that the wearer can ensure that the head strap is correctly adjusted.

10 Another problem with the known buckle adjustment arrangements is that the free end can cause a discomfort and distraction by flapping around when the eyewear is in place.

Furthermore, the buckle can protrude significantly from the back of the head 15 when the eyewear is being worn. This can cause discomfort especially if a tight fitting hat or cap is worn over the top of the strap. Furthermore, in the case of swimming goggles, the protrusion of the buckle can create frictional drag (whether or not the buckle is covered by a swimming cap) and this is undesirable.

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SUMMARY

In a first aspect, the present invention provides a strap for reproducibly fitting swimming goggles or a mask to a wearer's/user's head, wherein the strap comprises a tensioner and a portion having indicia provided along at least a 25 part of its length, wherein, in use, the portion having indicia passes through

the tensioner, the tensioner comprising a frame defining a window in which at least one of said indicia on the strap portion is visible, the indicia providing the wearer/user with a measure of the tension within the strap such that a desired tension is reproducible.

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By providing indicia on a portion of the strap, it is possible to reliably reproduce a desired tension in the strap. For example, the wearer can fit the strap to the desired tension and then can observe the indicium framed by the tensioner window at the desired tension. The wearer then knows that, in 10 order to recreate the desired tension, they can set the strap so that the same indicium is framed by the tensioner window.

The indicia may be visible and or tactile indicia. The indicia may be numerical indicia.

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Preferably, the strap includes an indicator which helps to accurately position the desired indicium in the tensioner window. The indicator may be provided on the tensioner. It may be raised from, recessed into or printed onto the surface of the tensioner. By providing an indicator, the wearer can more 20 accurately determine the required location of the desired indicium in the tensioner window.

The indicator may be a linear or arrow-shaped element. This increases the accuracy of the determination of the required location of the desired indicium 25 even further since the linear element or apex of the arrow-shaped element can be used to indicate a precise location for reading the desired indicium at

the desired strap tension and also provides a precise location for positioning the desired indicium to re-create the desired strap tension.

Also disclosed is a strap for securing a garment/article (e.g. a sporting garment/article) to a wearer's/user's body, the strap comprising a first portion 5 comprising a tensioner end including a tensioner having an attachment portion, the attachment portion being for attachment to said tensioner end, and a second portion having indicia provided along at least a part of its length, wherein, in use, the second portion passes through the tensioner, the 10 tensioner comprising a frame defining a window in which at least one of said indicia on the second portion is visible.

By providing indicia on the second portion, it is possible to reliably reproduce a desired tension in the strap. For example, the wearer can fit the strap to the 15 desired tension and then can observe the indicium framed by the tensioner window at the desired tension. The wearer then knows that, in order to recreate the desired tension, they can set the strap so that the same indicium is framed by the tensioner window.

20 The indicia may be visible and or tactile indicia. The indicia may be numerical indicia.

Preferably, the strap includes an indicator which helps to accurately position the desired indicium in the tensioner window. The indicator may be provided 25 on the tensioner (e.g. the tensioner side arms and/or the tensioner attachment

portion) or on the first portion of the strap adjacent the tensioner. It may be raised from, recessed into or printed onto the surface of the tensioner and/or first portion. By providing an indicator, the wearer can more accurately determine the required location of the desired indicium in the tensioner 5 window.

The indicator may be a linear or arrow-shaped element. This increases the accuracy of the determination of the required location of the desired indicium even further since the linear element or apex of the arrow-shaped element

10 can be used to indicate a precise location for reading the desired indicium at the desired strap tension and also provides a precise location for positioning the desired indicium to re-create the desired strap tension.

15 The window is preferably defined by the side arms, the teeth and the attachment portion.

In preferred embodiments, the tensioner comprises two arms extending from the attachment portion and the ends of the arms distal the attachment portion each comprise a tooth. The teeth define an opening distal the attachment 20 portion. In these embodiments, the frame defining the window comprises the attachment portion, the arms and the teeth.

25 Preferably, the tensioner comprises a lower surface which, in use, faces the wearer's body, and an opposing upper surface, the teeth being closer to the upper surface of the tensioner than the lower surface. The tensioner further

comprises two cross bars extending between the arms and the cross bar which is distal the attachment portion is closer to the lower surface of the tensioner than the upper surface.

- 5 This arrangement is provided to help minimise the profile of the tensioner (e.g. when the strap is a head strap to reduce discomfort when a tight-fitting hat/cap is worn and to reduce frictional resistance). In use, the second portion of the strap rests as a double layer against the teeth and the cross bar distal the attachment portion (whereas the second portion loops around the cross bar proximal the attachment portion so that only a single layer rests on each side of the proximal cross bar). The off-setting of the distal cross bar and the teeth helps to reduce any protrusion of the double layered second portion beyond the surfaces of the tensioner. The double layer of the second portion passes over the distal cross bar so positioning of the distal cross bar away
- 10 from the upper surface helps to provide space in which the double layer can sit without protruding above the upper surface. The double layer of the second portion passes under the teeth so positioning of the teeth away from the lower surface (e.g. flush with the upper surface) helps to provide space in which the double layer can sit without protruding below the lower surface.
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The cross bar proximal the attachment portion can be located midway between the upper and lower surfaces of the tensioner but preferably is off-set slightly towards the upper surface. This helps to facilitate insertion of the second portion into the tensioner.

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Preferably, the strap is a head strap for eyewear, the tensioner having a lower surface which, in use, faces the wearer's head.

In preferred embodiments, the upper and lower surfaces of the tensioner are 5 curved into convex surfaces. Preferably they are curved into convex cylindrical surfaces. The radius of curvature is preferably 65-90mm. More preferably, the radius of curvature is between 75-90mm and most preferably between 84-88mm. The radius of curvature is preferably selected so that it matches the curve of the rear of the average male 95th percentile head. In 10 this case, the radius of curvature is about 86mm.

By providing curved convex upper and lower tensioner surfaces (which equates to providing a curved tensioner), it is possible to fit the tensioner to the wearer's body. Fitting a head strap tensioner to a wearer's head 15 minimises discomfort should the wearer chose to wear a tight fitting hat or cap over the head strap. The curved tensioner also helps to reduce water resistance when used on swimming goggles because the tensioner does not protrude from the wearer's head.

20 Preferably the tensioner is formed of plastics material such as polycarbonate.

In preferred embodiments, the tensioner attachment portion comprises a tab having at least one rib extending across the width of the tab, the at least one rib having a greater width and/or depth than the tab. Preferably, the

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attachment portion comprises at least two ribs. More preferably, said tab further comprises at least one aperture.

5 The tab, rib(s) and apertures are provided to assist in attachment of the tensioner to the tensioner end of the strap. Preferably, the strap is formed of plastic material e.g. silicone which is molded (e.g. injection molded or compression molded) around the attachment portion. By providing the rib(s) and optionally, the aperture(s), it is possible to ensure a firm bond between the molded plastic material and the attachment portion.

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In some preferred embodiments, the second portion comprises a clip end, the clip end including and terminating at a clip. In use, the second portion passes through the tensioner and the clip is releasably securable onto the second portion.

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By providing a strap having two ends which terminate at a tensioner and a clip, the clip being releaseably securable to the second portion after the second portion has passed through the tensioner, any free ends which could flap around and cause discomfort and distraction are eliminated.

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Preferably, the clip is releaseably securable onto and moveable (e.g. by sliding) along the second portion. This allows any slack in the second portion between the tensioner and the clip end to be eliminated, again decreasing the possibility of discomfort and distraction.

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Preferably, the clip comprise a pair of jaws defining a channel and an opening, the second portion of the strap being insertable into said channel through said opening to releasably secure the clip onto the second portion. The channel preferably has a cross section (e.g. a rectangular cross section) with a major dimension and a minor dimension, the major dimension of the cross-section substantially matching the width of the second section. This ensures a snug fit of the second portion in the channel which prevents inadvertent movement of the clip along the second portion.

10 Preferably, the minor side of the clip defining the minor dimension is small enough such that the minor side of the clip can pass through the tensioner between the side arms and between the two cross bars. Conversely, the major side of the clip defining the major dimension (which must at least match the width of the second portion of the strap) is, typically, larger than the

15 distance between the tensioner side arms and cross bars so that the clip cannot pass through when the major side of the clip is presented. This arrangement allows the width of the tensioner (in the direction of the cross bars) to be reduced (which helps to reduce frictional drag and increase comfort for the wearer). The tensioner need only have a width sufficient to

20 allow passage of the minor side of the clip and not the major side.

Preferably, the clip is formed of plastics material such as polycarbonate.

In preferred embodiments, the clip comprises a clip attachment portion having

25 a tab with at least one rib extending across the width of the tab, the at least

one rib having a greater width than the tab. More preferably, said tab further comprises at least one aperture.

The tab, rib and apertures are provided to assist in attachment of the clip to 5 the clip end of the strap. Preferably, the strap is formed of plastic material e.g. silicone which is molded (e.g. injection molded or compression molded) around the clip attachment portion. By providing the rib and optionally, the aperture(s), it is possible to ensure a firm bond between the molded plastic material and the clip attachment portion.

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Preferably, the strap is a head strap for eyewear and the first portion of the head strap has a first eyewear connection end opposite the tensioner end and the second portion of the head strap has a second eyewear connection end opposite the clip end. Most preferably, the first and second eyewear 15 connection ends are connected to each other via a connection portion which, in use, passes round the rear of the wearer's head such that, in use, the first portion, second portion and connection portions form a double loop around the rear of the wearer's head. In this case, embodiments of the present invention may provide a one-piece double loop strap with integral tensioner 20 and clip.

Preferably, the strap is a head strap is for sports eye wear such as a mask (e.g. for diving or skiing) or goggles (e.g. for swimming). Double loop straps (as described above) are especially desirable especially for sports eyewear 25 used in competitive events such as swimming goggles.

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying figures in which:

5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a top view of a first embodiment;

Figure 2 shows a bottom view of the first embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 3 shows a longitudinal cross section along line A-A shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4 shows a side view of the first embodiment;

10 Figures 5a and 5b show top and bottom elevational views respectively of a tensioner;

Figures 6a and 6b show a top and bottom elevational view respectively of the tensioner end of the first embodiment;

15 Figures 7a and 7b show top and bottom elevational views respectively of a clip;

Figures 8a and 8b show a top and bottom elevational view respectively of the clip end of the first embodiment;

Figure 9 shows the first embodiment assembled with goggle head strap supports; and

20 Figure 10 shows a cross section through tensioner of the first embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 show a top, bottom, longitudinal cross section and side view of a head strap for swimming goggles. The head strap comprises a first

25 portion 1 having a tensioner end 2. The tensioner end 2 includes and

terminates at a tensioner 3 which is shown in more detail in Figures 5a, 5b, 6a and 6b. The head strap further comprises a second portion 4 which comprises a clip end 5. The clip end includes and terminates at a clip 6 which is shown in more detail in Figures 7a, 7b, 8a and 8b. The first and second portions 1, 4 are joined to one another via a connection portion (not shown).
5 In use, the second portion 4 passes through the tensioner 3, and the clip 6 is releasably securable onto the second portion 4 as described below.

Figures 5a/b and 6a/b show a polycarbonate tensioner which is useful in the present invention. It has a lower surface 7 which, in use, faces the wearer's head and an opposing upper surface 8. It also includes an attachment portion 9 for attachment to the tensioner end 2.

The upper and lower surfaces 7, 8 of the tensioner 3 are curved into convex, cylindrical surfaces having a radius of curvature around 86mm. The radius of curvature is selected so that it matches the curve of the rear of the average male 95th percentile head. This curved profile improves the fitting of the tensioner to the wearer's head so that discomfort is minimised should the wearer chose to wear a tight fitting hap or cap over the head strap.

20 The tensioner comprises a frame formed of two arms 10, 10' extending from the attachment portion 9. The ends of the arms distal the attachment portion each comprise a tooth 11, 11'. The teeth define an opening 12 distal the attachment portion 9. The teeth 11, 11' are closer to the upper surface 8 of the tensioner 3 than the lower surface 7. The tensioner further comprises two

cross bars, 13, 14 extending between the arms 10, 10'. The cross bar 13 which is distal the attachment portion 9 is closer to the lower surface 7 of the tensioner 3 than the upper surface 8. The cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion 9 can be located midway between the upper and lower 5 surfaces 7, 8 of the tensioner but preferably is off-set slightly towards the upper surface 8. This arrangement helps minimise the profile of the tensioner when the second portion has been passed through it as described below.

The tensioner attachment portion 9 (shown in Figures 5a and 5b) comprises a 10 tab 15 having two ribs 16 extending across the width of the tab 15. The ribs have a greater width and depth than the tab 15. The tab also comprises two apertures 17. The tab 15, ribs 16 and apertures 17 are provided to assist in attachment of the tensioner 3 to the tensioner end 2 of the head strap. The head strap is formed of plastic material e.g. silicone which is molded (e.g. 15 injection molded or compression molded) around the attachment portion 9 as shown in Figures 6a and 6b. By providing the ribs and apertures, it is possible to ensure a firm bond between the molded plastic material of the tensioner end 2 and the attachment portion 9. Figure 3 shows how the cross bars 13, 14 are embedded within the plastics material forming the tensioner end 2.

20 Figures 7a/b and 8a/b show a polycarbonate clip 6 which is useful in the present invention. The clip 6 comprises a pair of jaws 18, 18' defining a channel 19 and an opening 20. The second portion 4 of the head strap is insertable into the channel 19 through the opening 20 to releasably secure the 25 clip 6 onto the second portion 4. The channel has a rectangular cross section

with a major dimension 21 and a minor dimension 22, the major dimension 21 of the cross-section substantially matching the width of the second section. This ensures a snug fit of the second portion in the channel which prevents inadvertent movement of the clip along the second portion.

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The minor side 23 of the clip 6 defining the minor dimension 22 is small enough such that the minor side of the clip can pass through the tensioner 3 between the side arms 10, 10', between the two cross bars 13, 14 and between the cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion and the attachment

10 portion 9. Conversely, the major side 24 of the clip 6 defining the major dimension 21 (which must at least match the width of the second portion 4 of the head strap) is, typically, larger than the distance between the tensioner side arms 10, 10', cross bars 13, 14 and cross bar 14 and the attachment portion so that the clip 6 cannot pass through when the major side of the clip 15 is presented. This arrangement allows the width of the tensioner (in the direction of the cross bars) to be reduced (which helps to reduce frictional drag and increase comfort for the wearer. The tensioner needs only have a width sufficient to allow passage of the minor side of the clip and not the major side.

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The clip comprises an attachment portion 25 having a tab 26 with a rib 27 extending across the width of the tab, the rib having a greater width than the tab. The tab further comprises an aperture 28 and another aperture 29 is provided on a recessed portion 30 of the clip.

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The tab, rib and apertures are provided to assist in attachment of the clip 6 to the clip end 5 of the head strap. The head strap is formed of plastic material e.g. silicone which is molded (e.g. injection molded or compression molded) around the clip attachment portion 25 and the recessed portion 30 of the clip.

5 By providing the rib and apertures, it is possible to ensure a firm bond between the molded plastic material and the clip 6.

In use, the head strap is initially connected to swimming goggles by passing the clip 6 and the clip end 5 through an aperture provided in a first head strap

10 support 31 followed by an aperture provided in a second head strap support 31'. These apertures are dimensioned to only receive the minor side 23 of the clip 6 in order to minimise dimensional height of the head strap supports, 31, 31'. Passing the clip 6 and clip end 5 through the head strap support apertures results in a loop 32 of strap (the connection portion) extending 15 between the two head strap supports 31, 31' as shown in Figure 9. The tensioner end 2 of the strap remains to one side of the first head strap support 31 and the clip end 5 of the strap to the opposite side of the second head strap support 31'.

20 The following steps are then carried out:

1) The clip 6 and clip end 5 are then passed through the tensioner 3 between the teeth 11, 11' and the cross bar 13 distal from the attachment portion. The clip is passed through from the lower surface 7 towards the upper surface 8 on its side as only the minor side 23 can fit between the teeth 25 and cross bar.

2) The clip 6 and clip end 5 are then passed through the tensioner 3 between the cross bar 13 distal from the attachment portion and the cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion. The clip is passed through from the upper surface 8 towards the lower surface 7 on its side as only the minor side 5 23 can fit between the cross bars.

3) The clip 6 and clip end 5 are then passed through the tensioner 3 between the cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion and the attachment portion 9. The clip is passed through from the lower surface 7 towards the upper surface 8 on its side as only the minor side 23 can fit between the cross 10 bar and the attachment portion.

4) The second portion 4 of the strap proximal the clip end 5 is then looped back over the cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion 9 and is inserted through the opening 12 to pass under the teeth 11, 11'. This results in the clip end 5 being looped back onto the second portion 4 of the head strap as 15 shown in Figure 10.

As shown in Figure 10 the arrangement of the tensioner teeth 11, 11' and the cross bars 13, 14 helps to minimise the profile of the tensioner (which reduces discomfort when a tight-fitting hat/cap is worn and reduces frictional 20 resistance). It can be seen that the second portion 4 of the head strap rests as a double layer against the teeth 11, 11' and the cross bar 13 distal the attachment portion whereas the second portion 4 loops around the cross bar 14 proximal the attachment portion 9 so that only a single layer rests on each side of the proximal cross bar 14. The off-setting of the distal cross bar 13 25 and the teeth 11, 11' helps to reduce any protrusion of the double layered

second portion 4 beyond the surfaces 7, 8 of the tensioner 3. The double layer of the second portion 4 passes over the distal cross bar 13 so positioning of the distal cross bar 13 away from the upper surface 8 helps to provide space in which the double layer can sit without protruding above the 5 upper surface 8. The double layer of the second portion 4 passes under the teeth 11, 11' so positioning of the teeth away from the lower surface 7 helps to provide space in which the double layer can sit without protruding below the lower surface 7.

10 As can be seen in Figure 9, the clip is secured onto the second portion 4 remote from the clip end by inserting the second portion 4 into the channel 19 through the opening 20.

15 By providing a head strap having two ends which terminate at a tensioner 3 and a clip 6, the clip 6 being releaseably securable to the second portion 4 after the second portion has passed through the tensioner 3, any free ends which could flap around and cause discomfort and distraction are eliminated.

20 The clip 6 is releaseably securable onto and moveable by sliding along the second portion 4. This allows any slack in the second portion 4 between the tensioner 3 and the clip end 5 to be eliminated, again decreasing the possibility of discomfort and distraction. This movement is also desirable to help adjustment of the tension of the head strap as explained below.

The second portion 4 has visible indicia 32 provided along at least a part of its length on the underside. The tensioner 3 includes a window 33 in which at least one of said indicia 32 on the second portion 4 is visible when the head strap is in use. The window is defined by the side arms 10, 10', the teeth 11, 5 11' and the attachment portion 9. By providing indicia 32 on second portion, it is possible to reliably reproduce a desired tension in the head strap. The wearer can fit the head strap to the desired tension and then can observe the indicium 32' framed by the tensioner window at the desired tension. The wearer then knows that, in order to recreate the desired tension, they can set 10 the head strap so that the same indicium 32' is framed by the tensioner window 33.

The tensioner includes an indicator 34 which helps to accurately position the desired indicium 32' in the tensioner window 33. The indicator is an arrow-shaped element. It is raised from the upper surface 8 of the tensioner. By 15 providing an indicator 34, the wearer can more accurately determine the required location of the desired indicium 32' in the tensioner window 33.

It is to be understood that, if any prior art publication is referred to herein, such reference does not constitute an admission that the publication forms a part of the common general knowledge in the art, in Australia or any other country.

- 5 In the claims which follow and in the preceding description of the invention, except where the context requires otherwise due to express language or necessary implication, the word "comprise" or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising" is used in an inclusive sense, i.e. to specify the presence of the stated features but not to preclude the presence or addition of further
- 10 features in various embodiments of the invention.

CLAIMS

1. A strap for reproducibly fitting swimming goggles or a mask to a wearer's/user's head, wherein the strap comprises a tensioner and a portion having indicia provided along at least a part of its length, wherein, in use, the portion having indicia passes through the tensioner, the tensioner comprising a frame defining a window in which at least one of said indicia on the strap portion is visible, the indicia providing the wearer/user with a measure of the tension within the strap such that a desired tension is reproducible.

10 2. A strap according to claim 1 wherein the indicia are visible and/or tactile indicia.

3. A strap according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the indicia may be numerical indicia.

15 4. A strap according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the strap includes an indicator for indicating a position for a desired indicium in the tensioner window.

20 5. A strap according to claim 4 wherein the indicator is provided on the tensioner.

6. A strap according to claim 4 or 5 wherein the indicator is a linear or arrow-shaped element.

7. A strap according to any one of claims 4 to 6 wherein the indicator is raised from, recessed into or printed onto the surface of the tensioner and/or a first portion of the strap adjacent the tensioner.

5 8. A strap according to any one of the preceding claims, the strap comprising a first portion comprising a tensioner end, the tensioner having an attachment portion for attachment to said tensioner end, and a second portion having indicia provided along at least a part of its length, wherein, in use, the second portion passes through the tensioner, the tensioner comprising a
10 frame defining a window in which at least one of said indicia on the second portion is visible.

9. A strap according to claim 8 wherein the tensioner comprises two arms extending from the attachment portion, wherein the ends of the arms distal the
15 attachment portion each comprise a tooth, the teeth defining an opening distal the attachment portion, and wherein the frame defining the window comprises the attachment portion, the arms and the teeth.

10. A strap according to claim 9 wherein the tensioner comprises a lower
20 surface which, in use, faces the wearer's body, and an opposing upper surface.

11. A strap according to claim 10 wherein the teeth are closer to the upper surface of the tensioner than the lower surface, wherein the tensioner further
25 comprises two cross bars extending between the arms and wherein the cross

bar which is distal the attachment portion is closer to the lower surface of the tensioner than the upper surface.

12. A strap according to claim 10 or 11 wherein the upper and lower

5 surfaces of the tensioner are convex surfaces.

13. A strap according to claim 12 wherein the upper and lower surfaces

have a radius of curvature matching the radius of curvature of the rear of the male 95th percentile head.

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14. A strap according to claim 12 wherein the upper and lower surfaces

have a radius of curvature of 65mm-90mm.

15. A strap according to claim 13 or 14 wherein the upper and lower

15 surfaces have a radius of curvature of around 86mm.

16. A strap according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the strap

is a head strap for eyewear.

20 17. A head strap according to claim 16 wherein the first portion has a first

eyewear connection end opposite to said tensioner end and the second

portion had a second eyewear connection end and wherein the first and

second eyewear connection ends are joined by a connection portion which, in

use, passes around the rear of the wearer's head.

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18. A strap according to any one of claims 8 to 17 wherein the second portion comprises a clip end, the clip end including and terminating at a clip, wherein, in use, the second portion passes through the tensioner and the clip is releasably securable onto the second portion.

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19. A strap according to claim 18 wherein the clip is releasably securable onto and moveable along the second portion.

20. A strap according to claim 18 or 19 wherein the clip comprises a pair of jaws defining a channel and an opening, the second portion of the strap being insertable into said channel through said opening to releasably secure the clip onto the second portion.

21. A strap according to any one of claims 8 to 20 wherein the attachment portion comprises a tab having at least one rib extending across the width of the tab, the at least one rib having a greater width and/or depth than the tab.

22. A strap according to claim 21 wherein the attachment portion comprises at least two ribs.

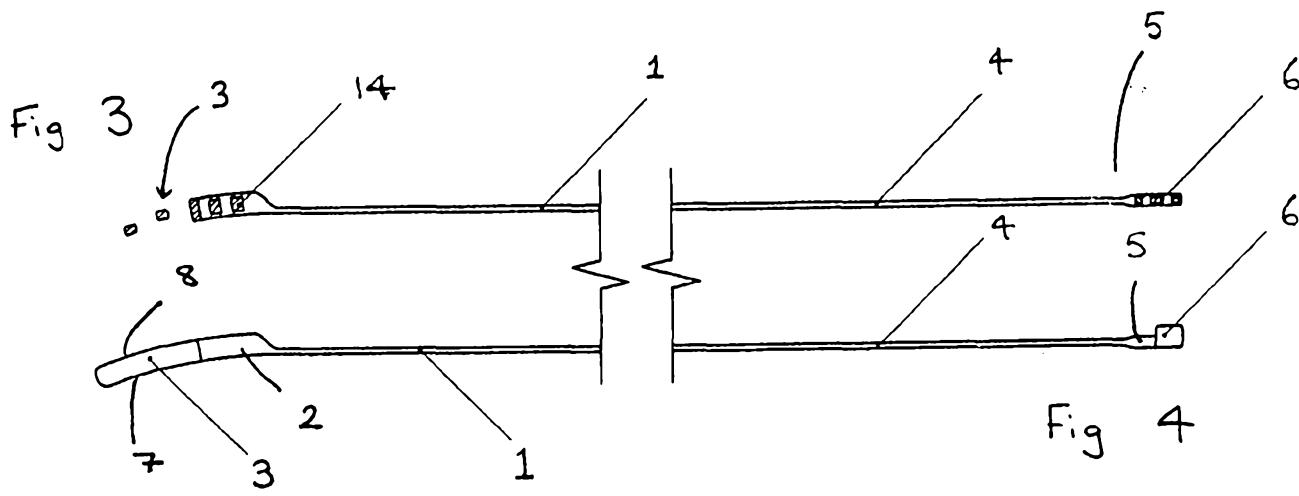
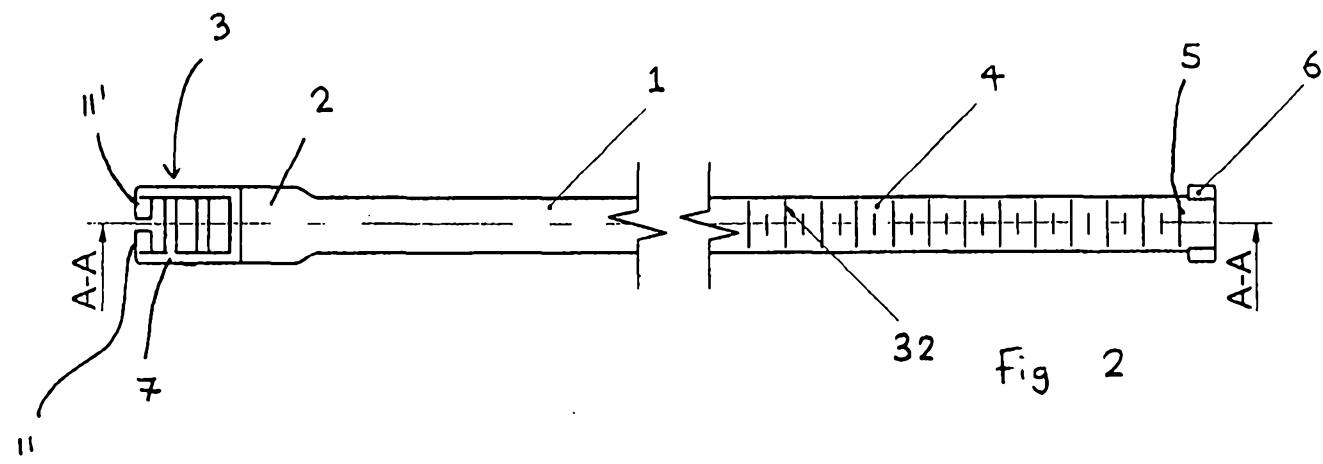
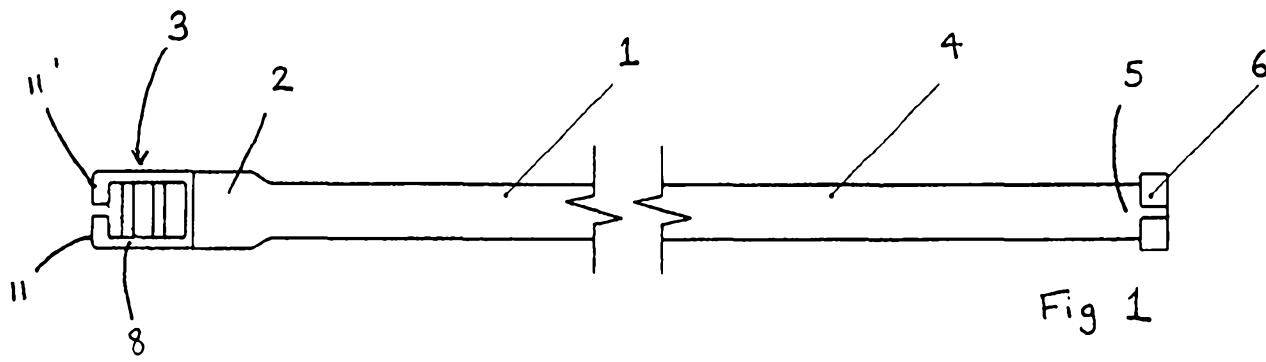
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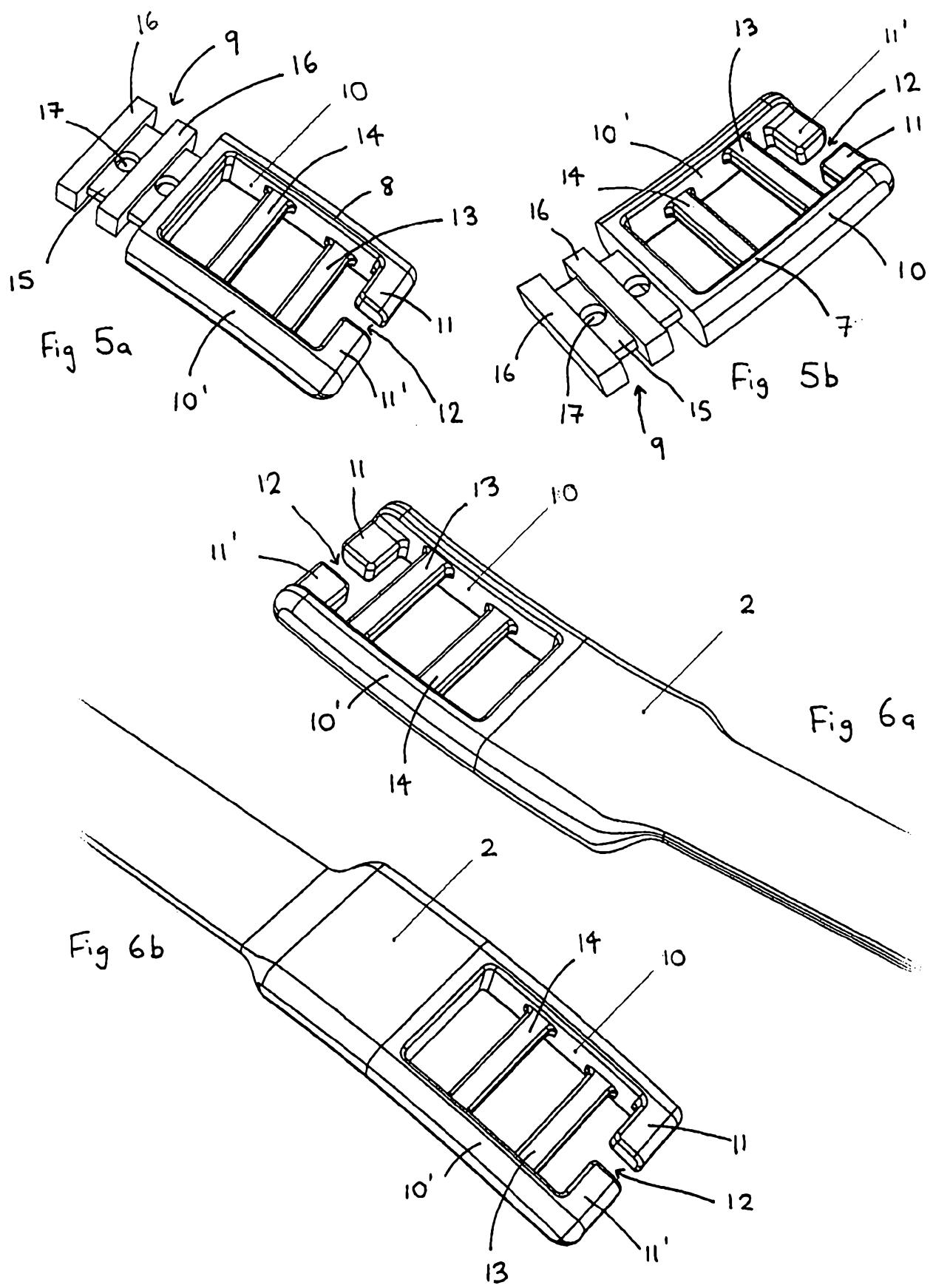
23. A strap according to claim 21 or 22 wherein said tab further comprises at least one aperture.

24. Swimming goggles or mask having a strap according to any one of the preceding claims.

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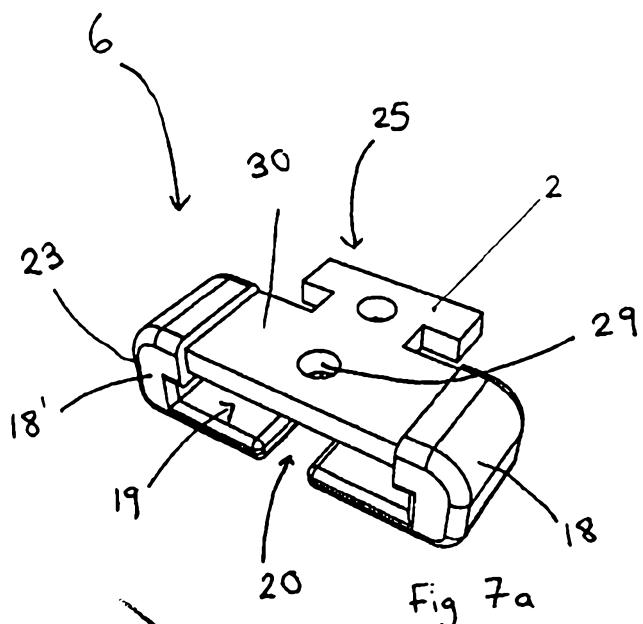


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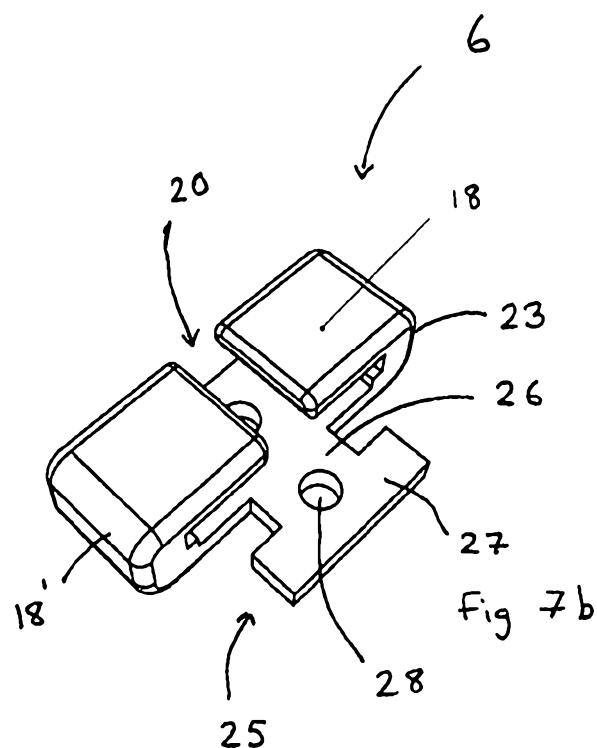


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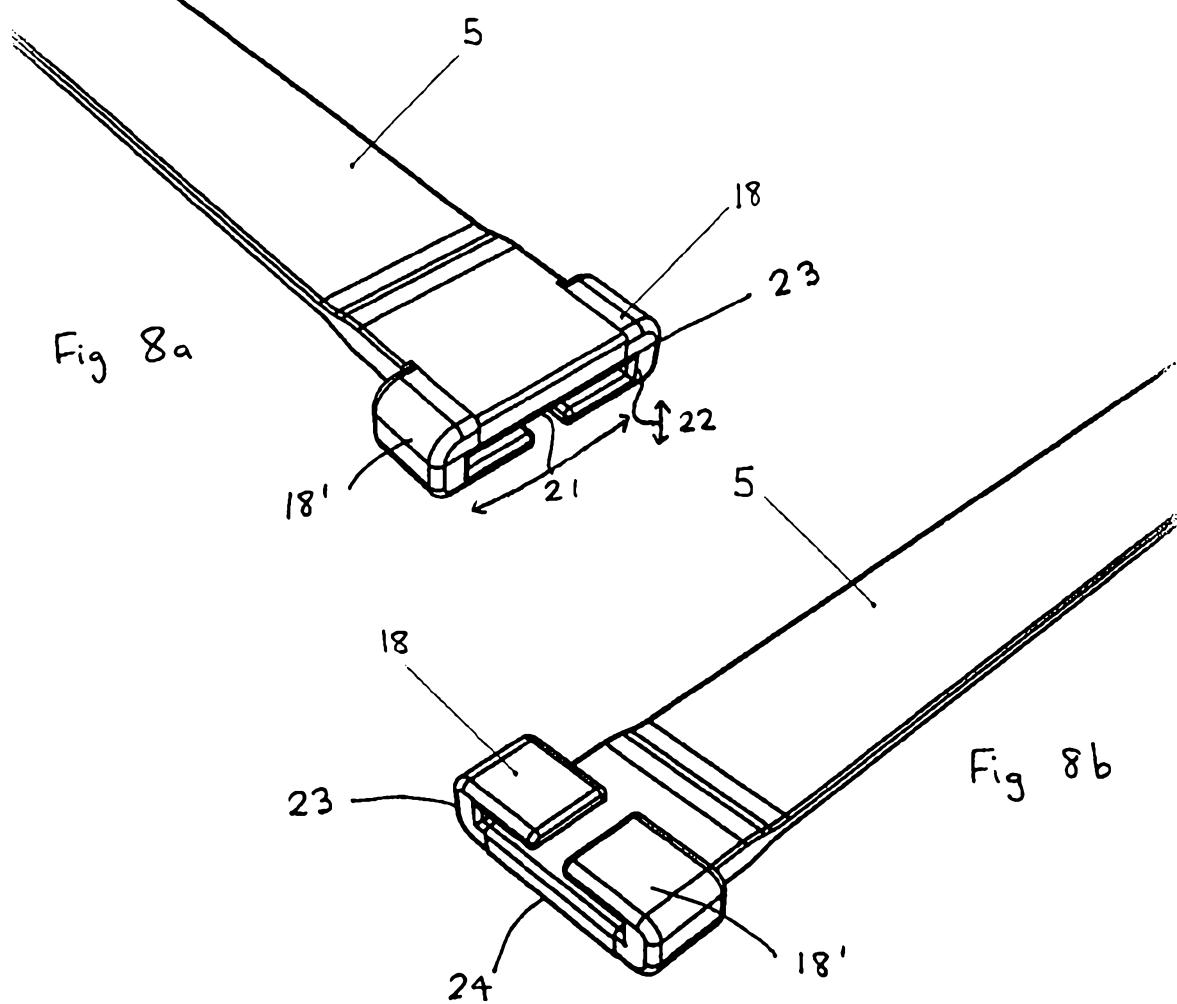


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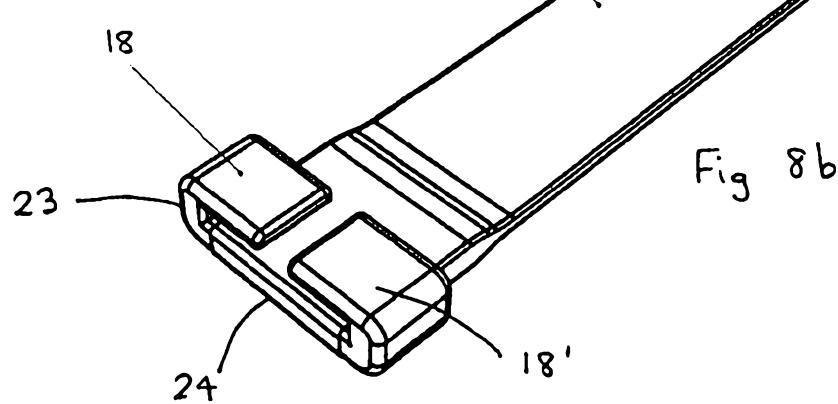


Fig 8b

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