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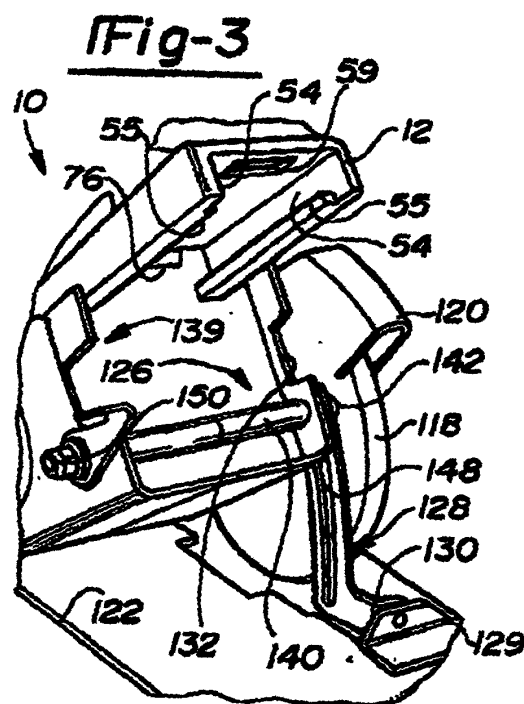
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(54) **Battery powered portable circular saw with depth of cut control**

(57) A battery powered circular saw (10) includes a rechargeable battery (16) removably attached to the housing (12) and an adjustable shoe (122) pivotally attached to a guard assembly for controlling a depth of cut. A locking mechanism (126) for preventing relative movement between the adjustable shoe (122) and the housing (12) includes a depth of cut strap (128) disposed adjacent a first sidewall (132) of the housing (12). A lever (134) is disposed adjacent a second sidewall (136) of the housing (12). A tightening element interconnects the depth of cut strap (128) and the lever (134). The battery powered circular saw (10) additionally includes a handle (110) extending from the housing (12). The handle (110) is disposed substantially parallel to a direction of cut and oriented horizontally above the housing (12). The rechargeable battery (16) includes a pair of laterally spaced apart guide rails (52) which cooperate with the pair of longitudinally extending grooves (54) to permit sliding movement of the rechargeable battery (16) in a direction parallel to the direction of cut.



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1. Claims: 1-6

Battery powered circular saw with adjustable shoe for controlling a depth of cut.

2. Claims: 7-14

Battery powered circular saw with a rechargeable battery pack slideable in a direction perpendicular to the saw blade axis.

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