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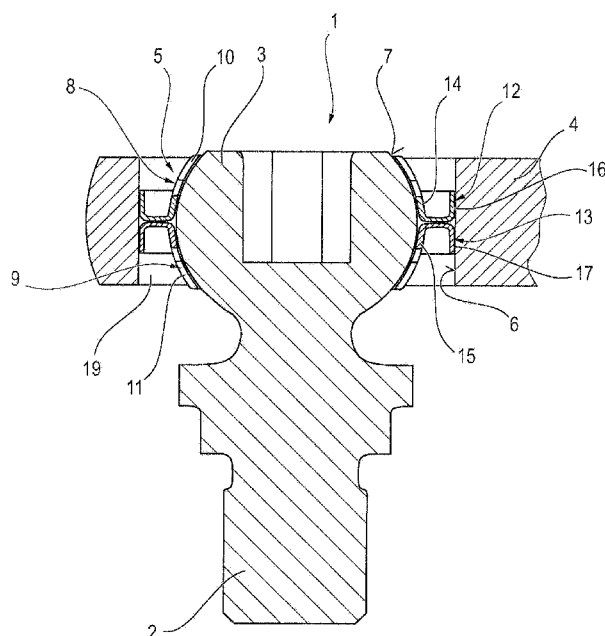


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a coupling rod (1) having a first rod part (2) which has a ball head (3); and having a second rod part (4) which has a joint socket (5) for holding the ball head (3), wherein a guide element (8, 9) is arranged between an inner peripheral surface (6) of the joint socket (5) and an outer peripheral surface (7) of the ball head (3), which guide element (8, 9) has at least one spring tongue (10, 11) which bears against the outer peripheral surface (7) and is connected to a support section (12, 13) which is supported on the inner peripheral surface (6).

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