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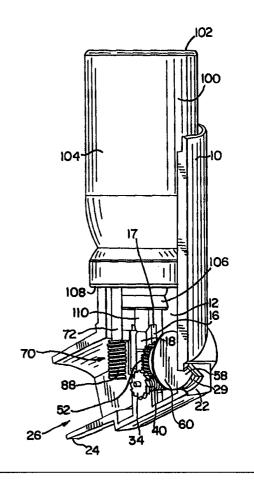
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(57) Abstract

An indicating device for use with a dispensing device that dispenses metered dosages of a medicament from a container (100) having a valve (110) moveable between an open and closed position. In a preferred embodiment, the container (100) is reciprocally moveable within the housing (10) along a longitudinal axis. The housing (10) preferably has a well (18) adapted to receive a valve stem (110) and an exhaust port (26). The well (18) communicates with the port (26) such that the metered dosage of medicament is dispensed through the port (26) when the valve (110) is moved to the open position. An indicator assembly comprises an indicator member (50) that includes dosage indicia (66) visible to a user. In a preferred embodiment, the indicator assembly is provided in an indicator module (120). A method for dispensing measured dosages is also provided, along with a kit capable of being assembled as an inhalation device. A delivery system having a key member (300) and a key entry passageway is also provided.



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