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(54) **Mattress for massage beds**

(57) The invention relates to a massage mattress (13) comprising a plurality of modular portions (15) independent of each other in motion. The modular portions (15) are disposed parallelly of each other and consecutively in side by side relationship along the longitudinal extension of the mattress itself. Such a mattress (13) is used on a massage bed (1) comprising one series

of support elements (6) placed between a base framework (2) of the bed (1) and the mattress. Each support element (6) supports the respective modular portion (15) of the mattress submitting the modular portion (15) to the action of at least one fluid-operated actuator (10) present between the base framework (2) and the respective support element (6).

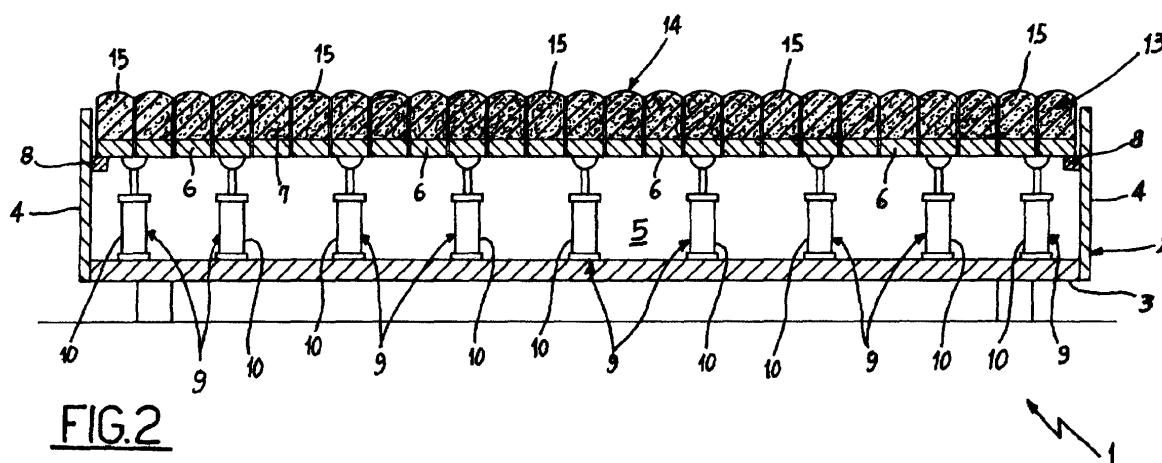


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