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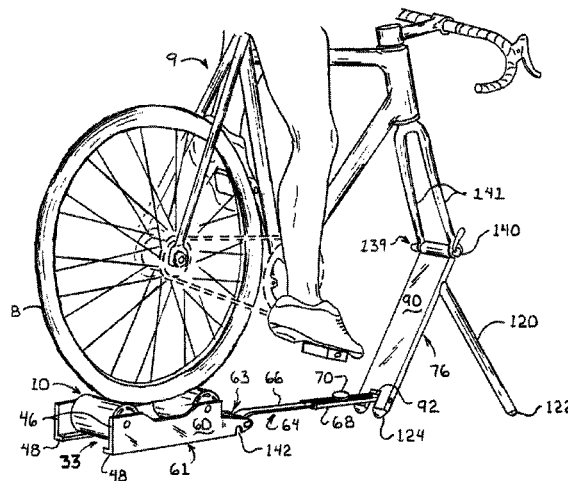
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A collapsible folding training device is provided having a rear frame portion that contains a resistance device. The resistance device uses eddy currents and has a pivoting magnet internally that creates progressively increasing resistance as speed increases. An arm is attached to the rear frame portion that can pivot from a stored position to an in-use position. At the opposite end of the arm, a front frame is attached where it can affix a portion of a driving mechanism, such as a bicycle. The front frame supports and stabilizes the driving mechanism. The arm sets the distance between the front frame and the resistance device.

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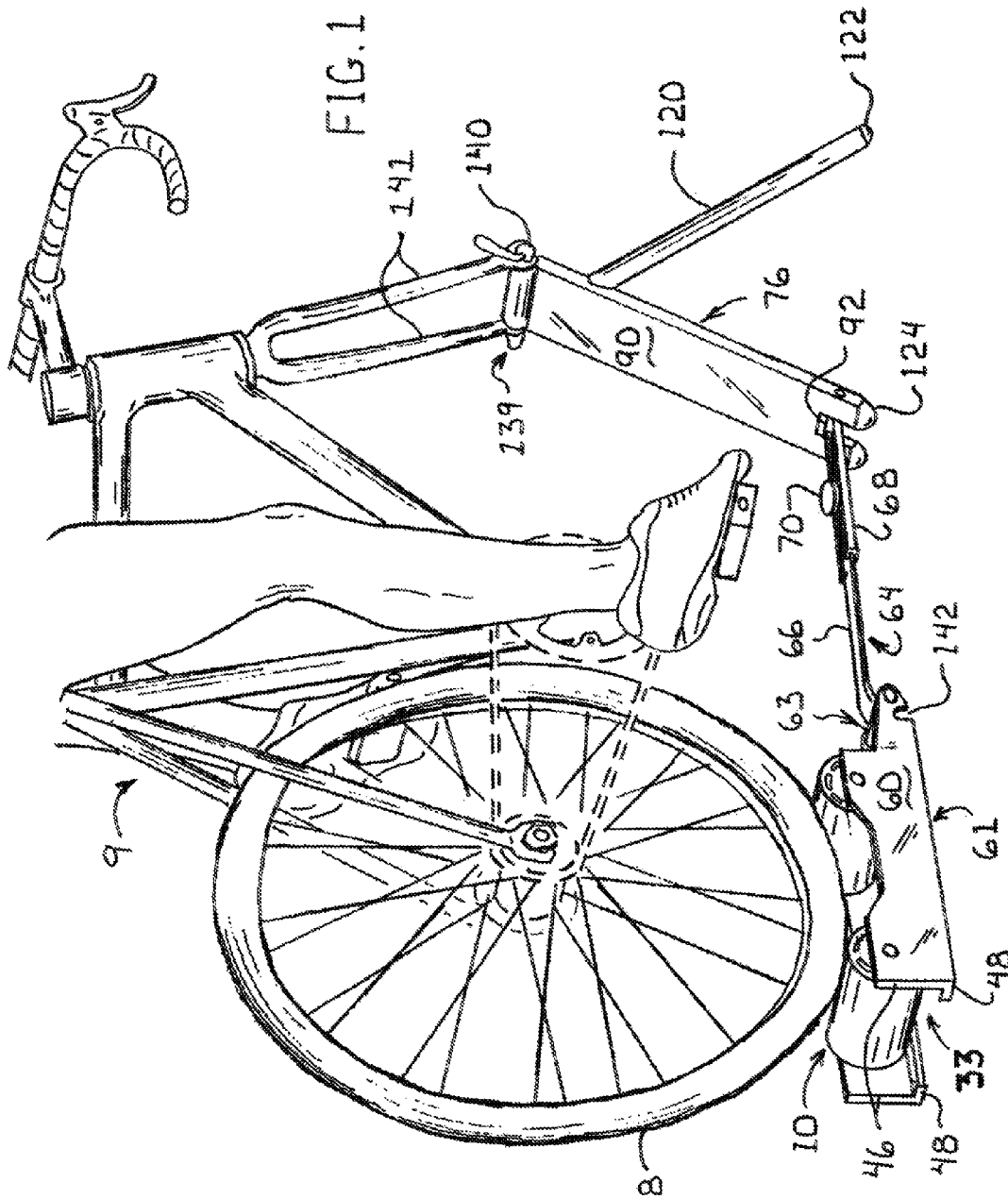
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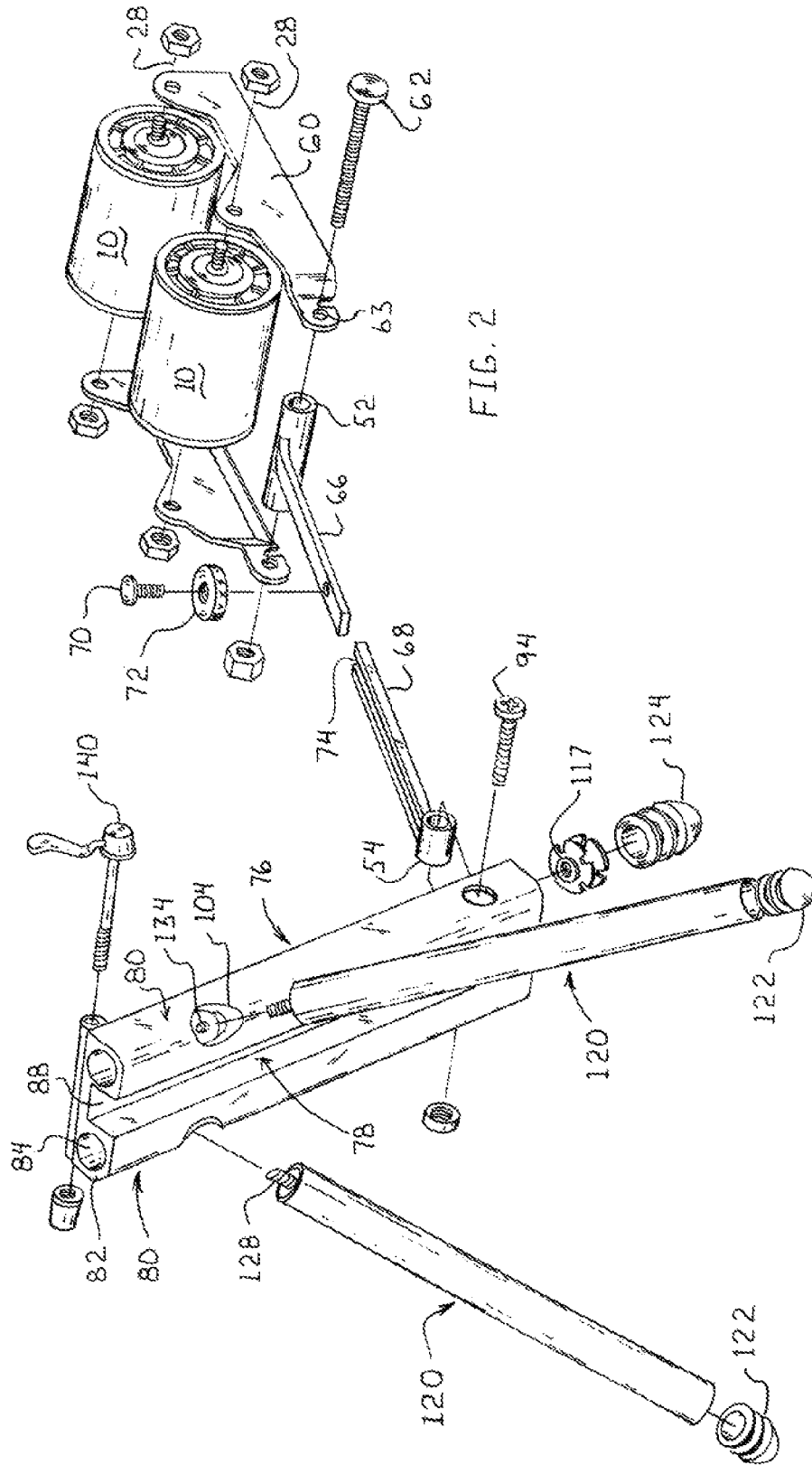


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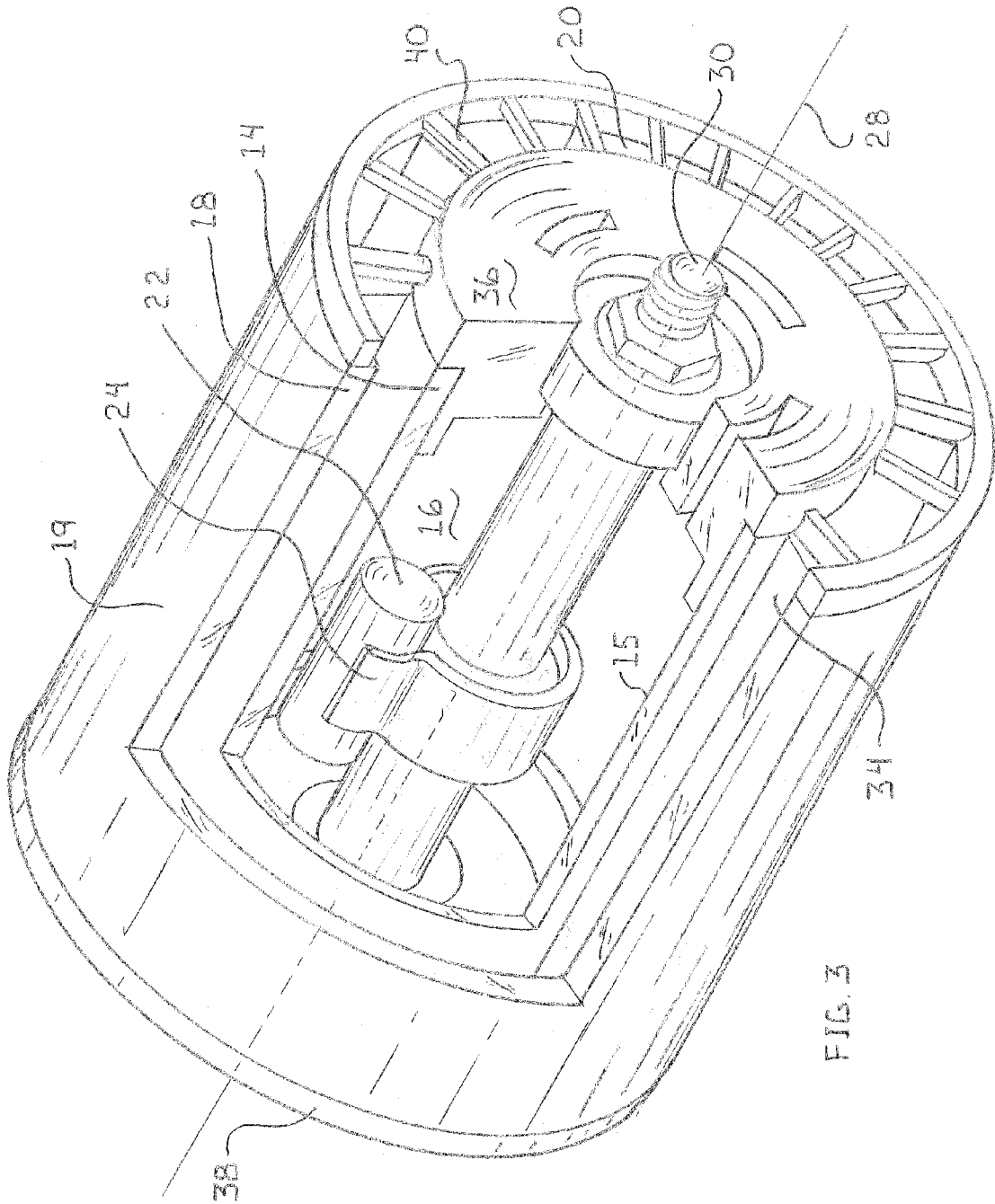


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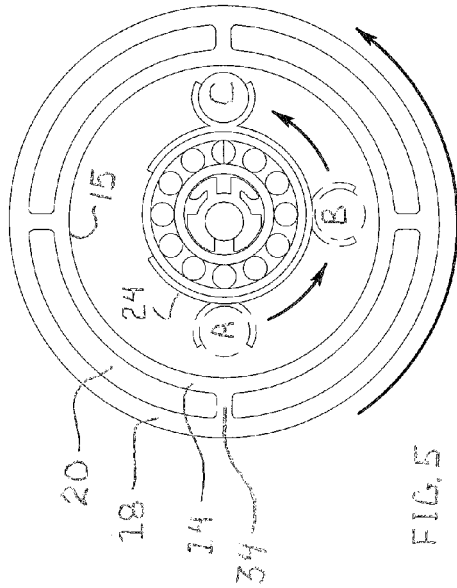


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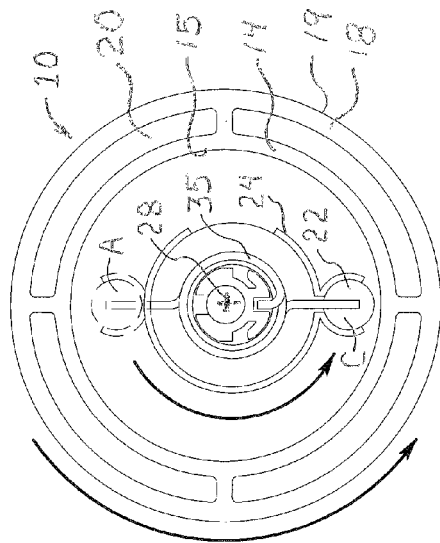


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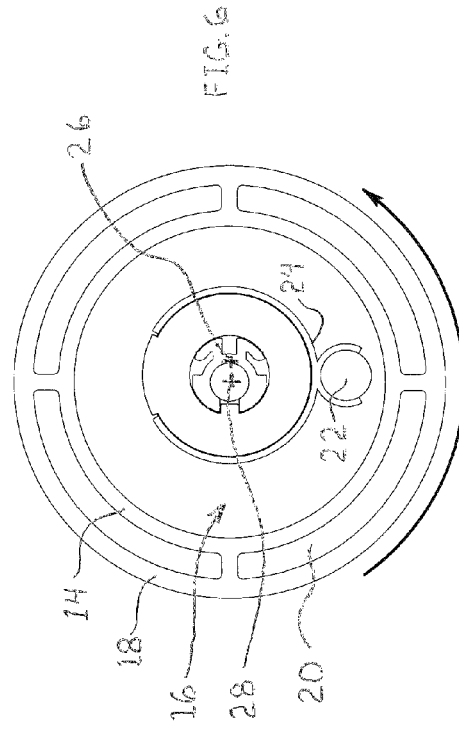
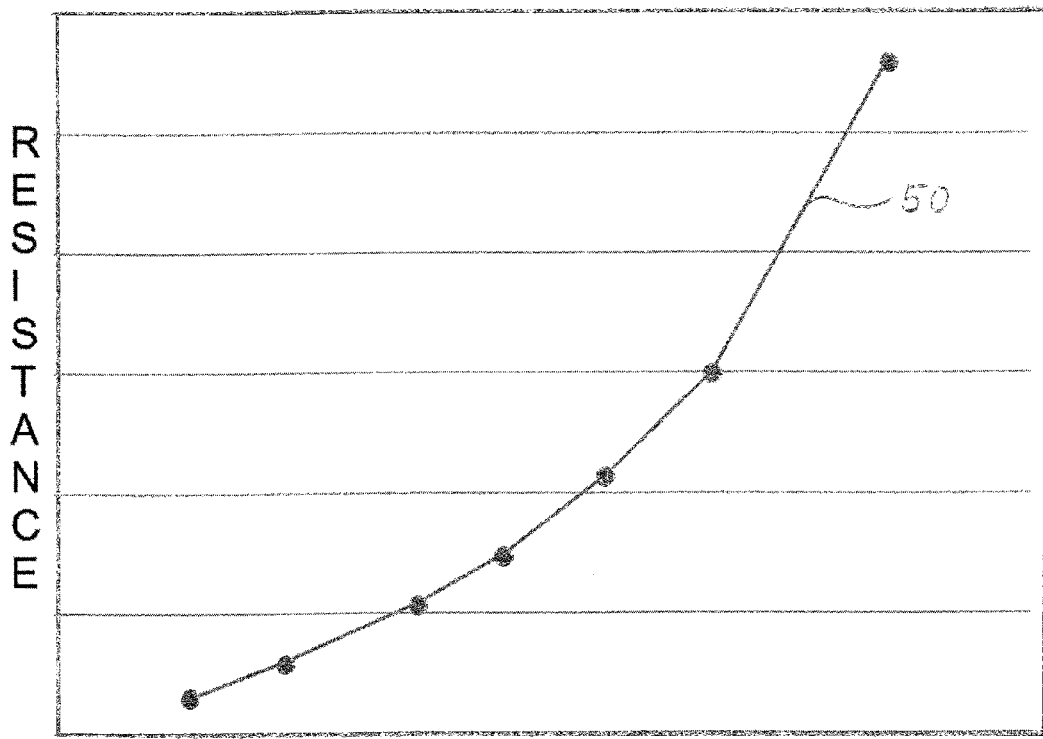


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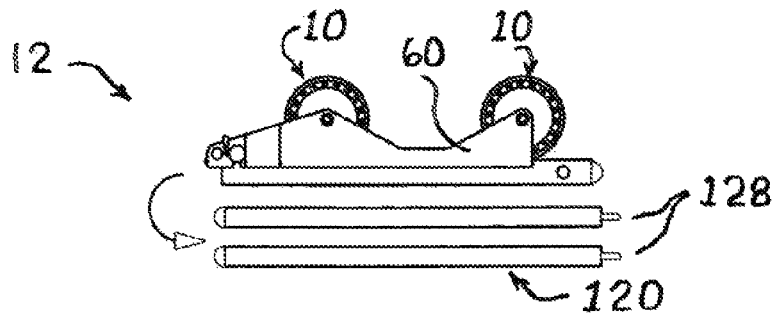


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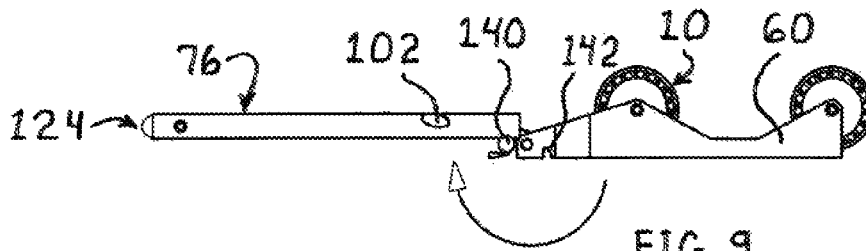


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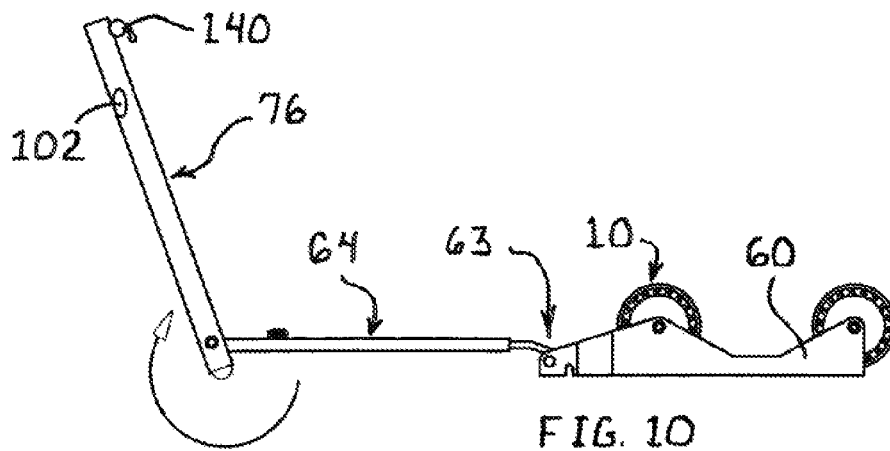
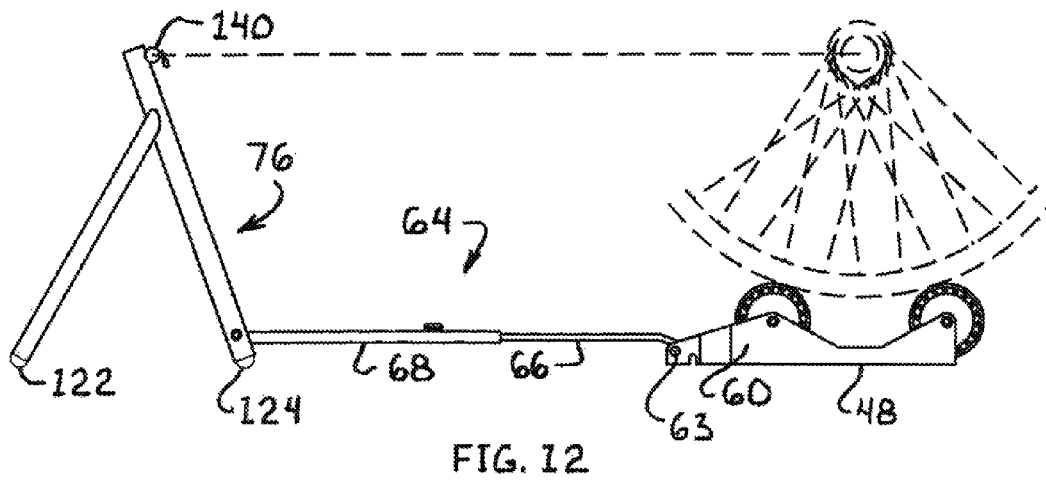
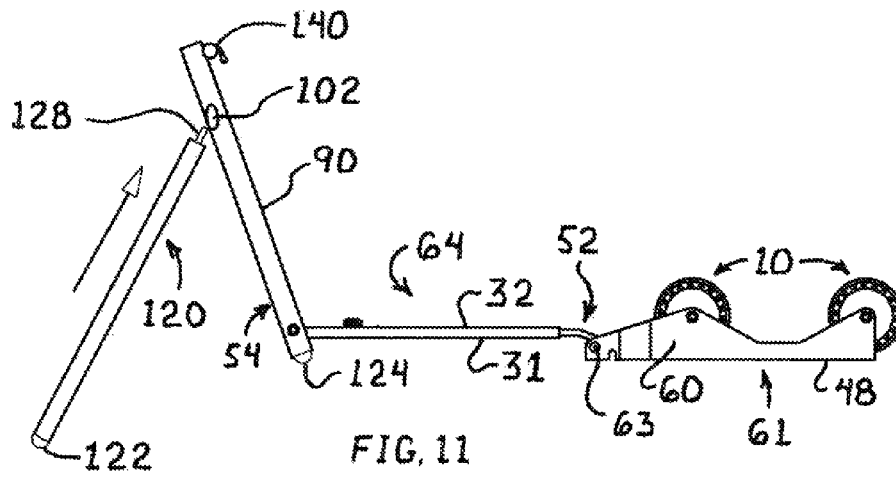


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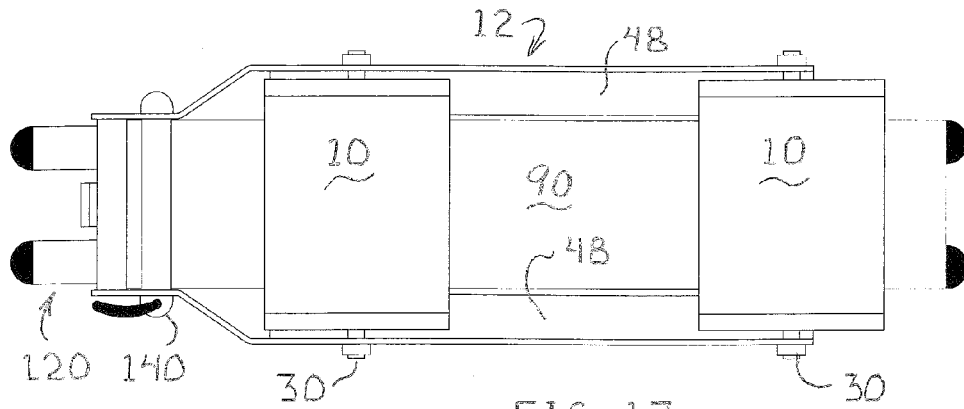


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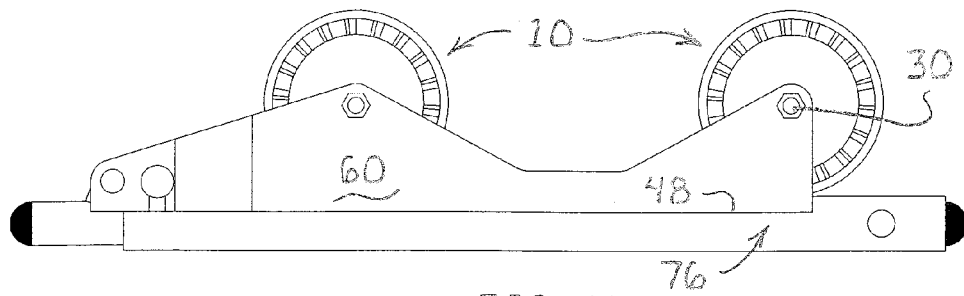


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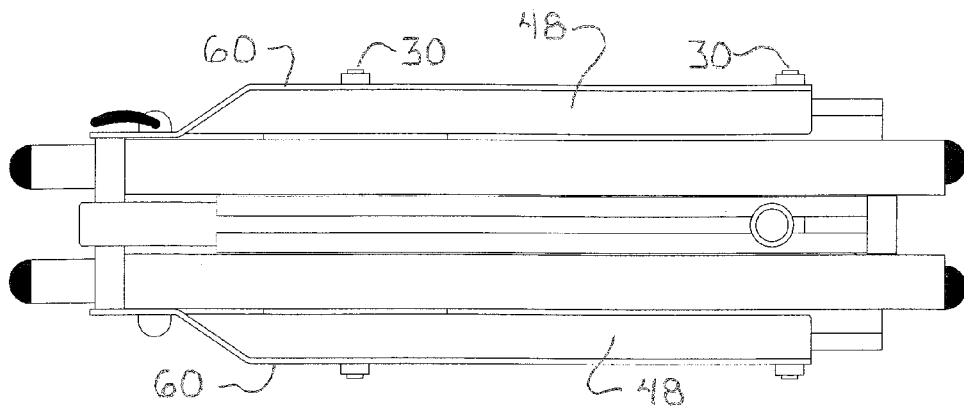


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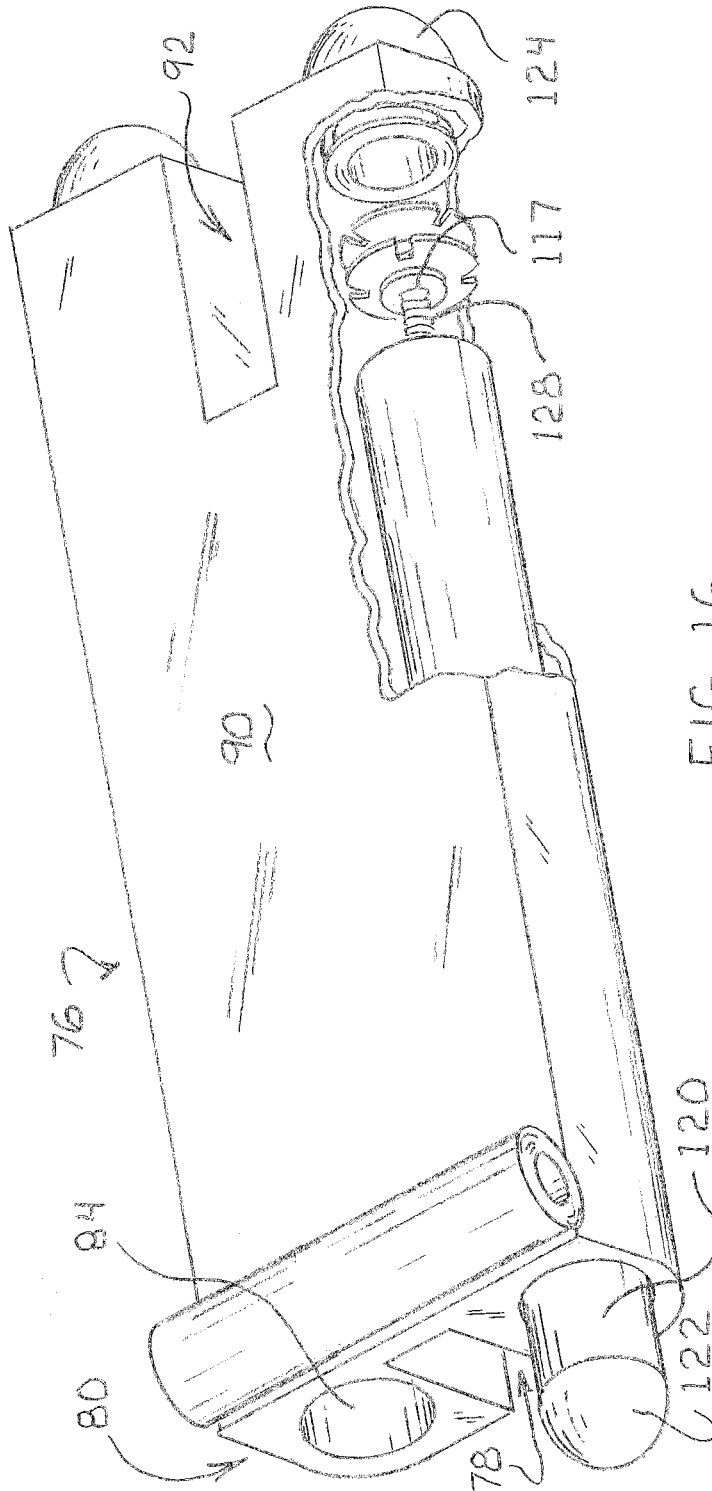


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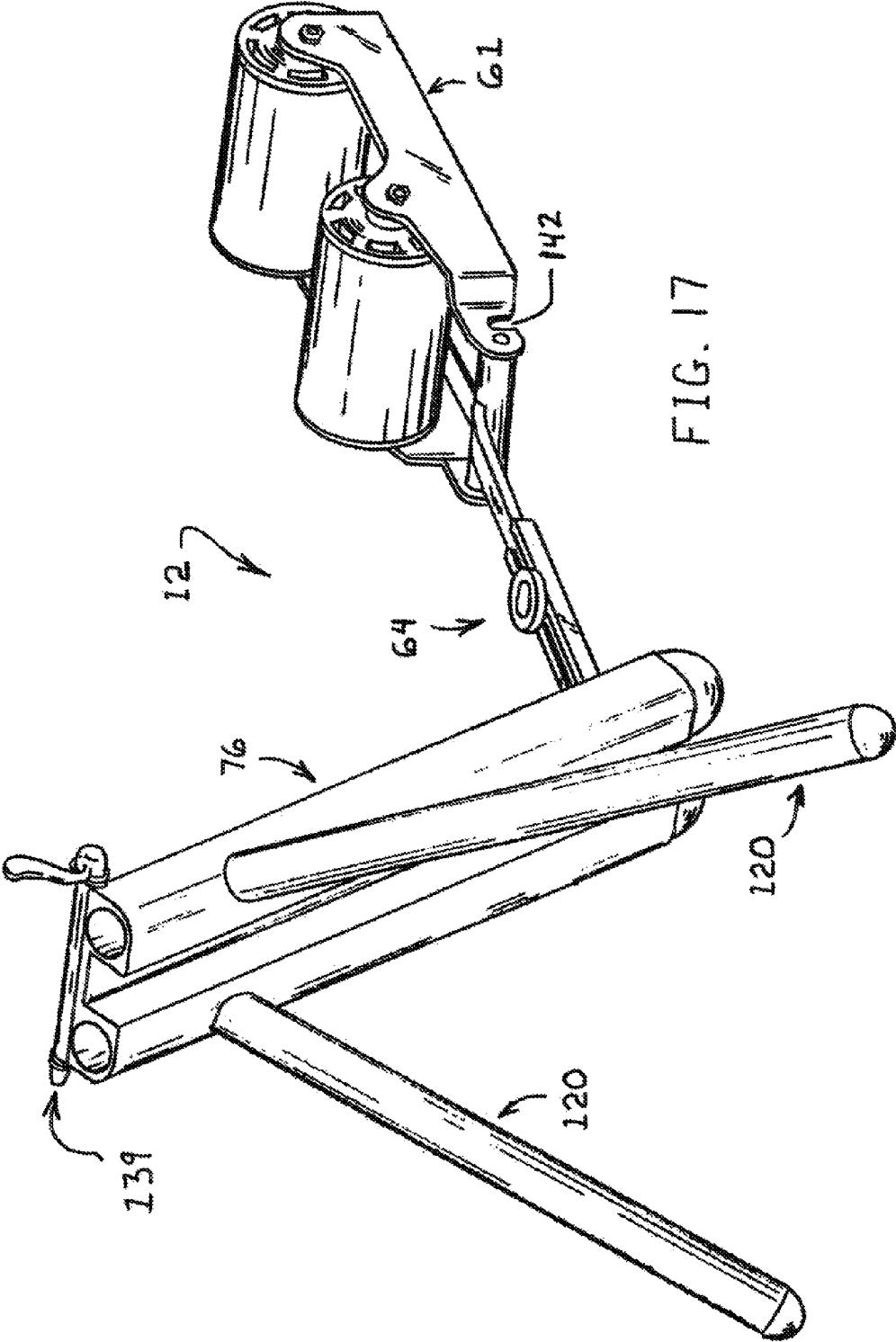


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PORTABLE PROGRESSIVE RESISTANCE EXERCISE DEVICE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/935,583, filed Feb. 4, 2014, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Bicycle rollers have been in use since the early 1900's. A bicycle roller is a dynamometer for bicycles that is powered by the bicycle rider. A portable bicycle roller is traditionally comprised of one or more rotatable cylinders positioned so that the rear wheel of the bicycle rides on at least one cylinder, and one of the axles of the bicycle is fixed for stability. In the typical application, the front wheel is removed and the front fork of the bicycle is fixed to prevent the rider from tipping over.

In the prior art, the amount of power, or wattage, that the bicyclist is required to exert to ride at a given speed on a bicycle roller was determined by the amount of rolling resistance resulting from tire distress as the tire rolls over each of the cylinders plus the wattage required to drive any external devices which exert resistance on one or more of the cylinders. Rolling resistance is predominantly a function of the cylinder diameter, tire pressure, and bicyclist weight. Relying on these factors alone provides a linear relationship of resistance versus speed. Simple devices that add a predictable amount of resistance such as the magnetic eddy-current device of U.S. Pat. No. 6,857,992 (incorporated herein by reference) can be added externally to the cylinders, but these are undesirable since they provide a linear speed-to-resistance relationship.

Prior art bicycle rollers have a linear relationship of speed versus resistance. This solution is unsatisfactory; when beginning to pedal the bike from rest on rollers, low resistance is desired to allow the wheels to accelerate quickly enough to enable sufficient steering dynamics to keep the bicycle stable on the rollers. However, to obtain a meaningful training session, a high amount of resistance is desired when pedaling at a rate suitable to achieve cardiovascular exercise benefit.

To achieve both objectives it is desired to have a progressive resistance relationship with speed. In other words, a non-linear relationship between speed and resistance where the slope of resistance versus speed increases with increasing speed. This relationship is preferred because it more effectively simulates the non-linear effect of combined rolling resistance and wind resistance experienced when riding a bicycle in traditional fashion.

Eddy current devices use magnetism to generate electrical current in conductive materials when a magnetic field is placed in relative close proximity to the conductive material and relative motion of the magnet to the conductive material is present. The motion creates small electrical currents in the conductive material. The current creates a non-contacting friction between the two, along with generating heat in the conductive material. This heat must be dissipated in some fashion. Prior art resistance trainers utilize a large surface area on the roller(s) to dissipate the heat that is generated during use. For portable devices, parts must be made smaller to facilitate transportation and storage. This leads to a heat management issue. Prior art used a cylinder that contacted the rider's tire on the exterior and had the eddy current friction mechanism on the interior. With a large surface area, along

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with a good thermal conductor, it was possible to share the two uses with a single-walled cylinder. Reducing the size of the cylinder, while still maintaining the load capacity of the cylinder, it was necessary to add some additional form of thermal management. An improved eddy current device is needed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present disclosure describes an improved eddy current resistance device that fits into a smaller physical envelope, while still being able to provide the resistance of a much larger resistance device. By creating a cavity between the outer wall that carries the mechanical load of the rider's tire and the inner wall that generates the heat, it is possible to reduce overall size without compromising overall capacity. To dissipate the heat generated by the interior wall, fins directing air flow in the cavity between the outer and inner cylinder can be incorporated on the sides of the cylinder. The inner and outer cylinder can be connected through support members between the outside diameter of the inner cylinder and the inside diameter of the outer cylinder. These support members can be incorporated as part of an extrusion that makes the cylinders and support members one piece. The inner and outer cylinders can also be connected through the bearing support structure that allows the cylinders to rotate about the central axis. As such, a workable portable bicycle roller is desired.

Further, the progressive resistance device described herein is applicable to other stationary trainers, such as those sold for use with bicycles, handcycles and tricycles (see U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,011,607, 7,585,258, 6,964,633, and 6,042,517, each incorporated herein by reference). The progressive resistance device described herein is distinguishable from the magnetic resistance system for rollers (U.S. Pat. No. 6,857,992, incorporated herein by reference) in that the progressive resistance device automatically adjusts resistance level relative to speed, rather than being manually adjustable.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A preferred embodiment of this invention has been chosen wherein:

FIG. 1 is an isometric view of a bicycle attached to the device;

FIG. 2 is an exploded isometric view of the device;

FIG. 3 is an isometric view of the resistance device;

FIG. 4 is a cross section of the device showing the magnet position vs cylinder speed;

FIG. 5 is a cross section of the device showing the mechanical stop;

FIG. 6 is a cross section of the device showing the return spring;

FIG. 7 is a graph showing resistance vs speed;

FIG. 8 is a side view of the device in the folded position;

FIG. 9 is a side view of the device in the first step of unfolding;

FIG. 10 is a side view of the device in the second step of unfolding;

FIG. 11 is a side view of the device in the third step of unfolding;

FIG. 12 is a side view of the device in the unfolded position;

FIG. 13 is a top view of the device;

FIG. 14 is a side view of the device;

FIG. 15 is a bottom view of the device; and

FIG. 16 is a partial section view of a support as stored in the front frame.

FIG. 17 is an assembled view of the device as shown in FIG. 2.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

This disclosure describes an improved portable progressive resistance device 10 suitable for integration with a bicycle roller training device 12. The resistance device is shown with a driving mechanism, such as a bicycle 9 in FIG. 1 and the device as mounted on a training device 12 is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2. The progressive resistance device 10 is a conductive inner cylinder 14 (FIG. 3), having an inner surface 15 defining an internal chamber 16. The inner cylinder 14 also has an outer wall 18 with an external surface 19 that circumscribes the first, defining an annular area 20 between the two. One or more magnets 22 is carried on a pivotal magnet carrier 24 in proximity to inner surface 15 and housed within the internal chamber 16. Eddy currents produced in the inner cylinder 14 create a non-contacting frictional drag as the inner cylinder 14 spins relative to the magnet(s) 22. This drag causes a force that attempts to pull the magnet 22 from a resting position A (as shown in FIGS. 4-6) along with the rotation of the inner cylinder 14. The magnet 22 is mounted on a magnet carrier 24 that pivots on an axis 26 (FIG. 6) that is eccentrically offset from the rotational axis 28 of the cylinder. This rotation alters the magnet's proximity to the inner surface 15 by pulling the magnet carrier 24 to move in an eccentric orientation as relates to the rotational axis 28 of the cylinder. A torsional spring 35 (FIG. 4) opposes the force created by the eddy current and causes the system to achieve a state of equilibrium force balance. The pivotal position of the magnet carrier 24 to the inner cylinder 14 is closer as shown in position B and closer yet as shown in position C (FIG. 5) as cylinder 14 speed increases.

With the cylinder oriented such that rotation allows the magnet carrier to move against the torsional spring 35 (FIG. 4), the result is a non-linear progressive relationship between speed and resistance 50 as is shown in FIG. 7.

Another benefit of the progressive resistance device described herein is that when a linear relationship between speed and resistance is desired, a rotational stop may be implemented on the pivotal magnet carrier so that pivotal angle is limited, preventing the magnet(s) 22 from getting closer to the inner cylinder 14 when the rotational direction of the cylinder is reversed. The inner cylinder 14 can rotate in an opposite direction described above—allowing the same progressive resistance device 10 to provide either linear or proportional training depending on the direction of rotation of the inner cylinder 14. With the progressive resistance device reversed, the result will be a linear relationship of speed and resistance. Therefore, the progressive resistance device 10 described herein is unique in that it allows the user to select progressive resistance or linear resistance, as desired. The ability to make this selection is important because users training on rollers on any given day may prefer progressive resistance in one session and linear resistance in another session. In practice, the progressive resistance device is removable from the roller frame 61 (FIG. 1) and is reversible, to allow the user to select linear or progressive resistance.

For most bicycle riders, the use of a trainer having a single progressive resistance device described herein may be adequate. However, because a bicycle roller can comprise more than one device 10, the use of one or two progressive resistance devices described herein may be used in the place of the roller's cylinders to achieve differing levels of resis-

tance. In other applications, a second roller is simply an idler and provides little to no rolling resistance.

By adjusting the spring rate, spring preload, number of magnets 22, and other variables it is possible to adjust the progressive relationship between resistance and speed 50 to suit the needs of the designer or the user.

Because of the heat generated by the eddy currents in the inner cylinder 14 during use, the second wall 18 and annular space 20 (FIG. 3) between the two cylinders may be necessary to prevent excessive heat from reaching the surface where the external surface 19 meets the tire 8. The annular space 20 between the cylinders 14, 18 can provide a thermal barrier between the cylinders and allow a cooling medium (typically air) through which it can pass to expel excessive heat. The inner 14 and outer 18 cylinders are mechanically connected, either by support structure 34 (FIG. 3) between the two or through the mounting of the cylinder to the axle through a bearing support 36, 38 (FIG. 3). Improved heat dissipation can be achieved through the implementation of cooling fins 40 on the bearing supports 36, 38 that mount the cylinders to the axle 30. The cooling fins 40 can be arranged on the bearing supports 36, 38 in such a manner to direct the flow of the cooling medium from one end of the cylinder to the other, thereby pulling heat from the assembly as the rider uses the device. One embodiment of the forced air cooling involves cooling fins 40 on the outer diameter of the bearing supports 36, 38 that pull air in on one side and force it out on the other side. Since the cylinder only produces heat while it is in motion, any features that move air during rotation are effective without requiring additional complexity or parts. It is also possible to incorporate features in the support structure 34 between the first and second cylinders 14, 18 such that the same cooling is accomplished as the cylinders 14, 18 are rotated relative to the axle 30. This could be from fan shaped assemblies integrated in bearing supports 36, 38 that are installed on at least one end of the cylinders 14, 18. Blades 40 integrated into the bearing supports pull cooler air in from one end of the cylinder and expel it through the opposite end. Cooling requirements may only dictate that one end of the cylinder incorporates fan shaped features to generate airflow.

An additional embodiment of this technology, to achieve a higher level of resistance on a single cylinder, is to include stationary magnets on the outer side of the progressive resistance device placed and oriented when the progressive resistance device is at rest. The poles of the moveable magnets inside the cylinder will oppose the stationary magnets outside the cylinder, thereby reducing the magnetic flux on the conductive cylinder wall and, when the progressive resistance device rotates during its normal operation, the moveable magnets inside the cylinder approach stationary magnets on the outside of the cylinder in such a way that the magnets are attracted by appropriate pole alignment; thereby increasing the magnetic flux on the conductive cylinder wall.

Applications of this technology are not limited to bicycle rollers and bicycle trainers, but are suitable in any application where a resistance mechanism is employed and it is desired that the resistance mechanism have a non-linear relationship to speed, such as a stationary bicycle, hand cycle ergometers, or any similar device. Because the progressive resistance device described herein is contained within a cylindrical drum and requires only that the cylinder be rotated relative to the axle, it can be driven by direct contact with a bicycle tire, or it can employ a chain and sprocket, a drive belt, or can be driven directly by any means to cause rotation of a cylinder on an axle.

A portable roller-type stationary bicycle trainer 12 includes a cycle attachment 139 shown in FIG. 1 using a quick

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release bolt **140** for one axle of the bicycle or attachment portion, shown as a front fork **141** with supports **120** that extend outward to stabilize the rider and a narrow roller that is driven by the driving tire of the bicycle (FIG. 1). Configurations of attaching cylindrical rollers with a roller frame **61** intended to appropriately space the rollers and allow for adjustment of the cylinders for use with various bicycles may be employed.

A roller frame **61** includes oppositely located sides **60** that support the axles **30** of the cylinders. The sides **60** have an upstanding portion **46** and a support portion **48** (FIG. 1). The upstanding portion **46** receives the progressive resistance devices **10** and affixes them using the axle **30**. The opposing support portions **48** create a channel **33** as shown in FIG. 1. The roller frame **61** further includes a bolt **62** (FIG. 2) that extends between sides of the frame to pivotally hold an arm **64** at an arm attaching point **63**. The arm has a first portion **66** and a second portion **68** (FIG. 12) that telescopingly slides over the first portion of the arm. The arm **64** has an upper surface **32** and a lower surface **31** and includes pivot points **52**, **54** at each terminal end (FIG. 11). The pivot point **52** receives bolt **62** where it attaches to the roller frame **61**, specifically sides **60**. Pivot point **52** is offset from the main axis of the arm. The pivot point **54** is located oppositely and receives a bolt **94** (FIG. 2). The first portion **66** of the arm includes a bolt **70** (FIGS. 1 and 2) that is fixed within the first portion. The second portion **68** of the arm **64** includes a slot **74** that the bolt **70** slides within to allow telescoping. The portions **66**, **68** of the arm **64** maybe slidingly adjusted and the nut **72** rotated to clamp them to a fixed and desired length. The arm **66** is pivotally connected to a front frame member **76**. The front frame member **76** is an extrusion having a constant cross section for most of its length. The front frame member **76** includes two elongate tubes **80** that extend the length of the front frame member **76**. Each tube **80** has a wall **82** with an inner surface **84**. The tubes **80** are joined by a web **88** spanning between them on one side to form a flat side **90** (FIG. 1). Opposite the flat side **90** of the front frame member **76** is a groove **78** defined by the tubes **80** and the web **88**. The web extends most of the length of the frame member **76** but is shortly less than the length of the tubes **80** and forms a notch **92** (FIG. 16) that extends between the tubes **80**.

The arm **64** is pivotally connected to the front frame member **76** with a bolt **94** that extends through the tubes **80** that straddle the notch **92**. The ends of the tubes **80** adjacent to the notch **92** receive plugs **124**. The opposite ends of the tubes **80** are open. Intermediate to the ends of the tubes **80** are a pair of transverse holes **102**. The transverse holes **102** have a first aperture **104** that is formed through wall **82** of the tube diagonally opposite where the web **88** joins each tube **80**. The transverse hole has a perimeter that is circular in cross section. Each transverse hole **102** continues into its corresponding tube **80** to the inner surface **84** opposite the first aperture **104** to form a bottom portion of the transverse hole **102**. The bottom portion of the hole **102** extends beyond the inner surface **84** but not through to the flat side **90** of the front frame. Where the web **88** joins each tube **80**, there is optionally a gusset that is integral to the web **88** and corresponding tube **80**. The gusset adds thickness where the web **88** joins each tube **80**. The gusset is useful to provide additional material near the bottom portion of each transverse hole **102**. The bottom portion is a cylindrical depression within the wall **82** having a flat circular bottom and a cylindrical perimeter. Within the flat circular bottom is a centrally located tapped hole **134**. All shown in best detail on exploded FIG. 2.

Legs **120** are made from round tubular aluminum but can be made from other structural materials. One end of the leg

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120 receives a plug **122** that provides a non-slip, non-marring end to the legs **120** that will rest on a floor. The plug **122** is shown as a rounded end rubber plug. The opposite end of the legs **120** are cut squarely to form a second end. From the center, near the second end of each leg **120** is an attaching end, shown as a threaded stud **128** extending therefrom. The threaded stud **128** is designed to be screwed into a threaded hole **134**. When this is done, the transverse hole **102** sets an oblique angle between the legs **120** and the tubes **80** to which the legs **120** extend from. The second end fits within the bottom portion of its corresponding transverse hole **102** and is supported laterally by the perimeter in the inner surface near the bottom portion. The transverse hole **102** supports the leg **120** at a distance spaced from the bottom portion to provide a rigidly supported connection between the leg **120** and the front frame member **76**.

When the legs **120** are not in the transverse holes **102**, they are stored in the tubes **80**. The inner surface **84** forms a cavity slightly larger than the outer diameter of the leg **120**. The leg **120** is inserted into the tube **80**. Each tube **80** includes a threaded hole **117** also referred to as a receiver that receives the stud **128** so that the leg **120** may securely held within a tube **80** when threaded stud **128** is screwed into a corresponding threaded hole **117**.

The groove **78** is capable of receiving the arm **64** within it when the arm **64** is folded onto the front frame member **76**. When the arm **64** is folded into the groove **78**, it rests within the groove **78** and in between the two tubes **80**. The arm **64** may be adjusted so that the length of the arm **64** locates the open ends of the tubes **80** adjacent to the pivot where the arm **64** is joined to the roller frame **61**. From this position, the front frame member **76** may be folded to the sides of the roller frame **61** opposite where the cylinders are mounted. Because the cylinders have their outermost surface spaced from the bottom of the roller frame, the flat portion of the front frame member **76** may rest substantially aligned with the bottom of the roller frame when the front frame member **76** is folded in this position with respect to the roller frame **61**. A quick release bolt **140** (FIG. 2) is located near the open ends of the tubes **80** on the front frame member **76**. The quick release is received into notches **142** (FIG. 2) that are located between the pivot where the arm **64** is attached to the roller frame **61** and the cylinders. Once the quick release bolt **140** is located in the notches **142**, it may be tightened to secure the entire resistance training device into a small portable package. This small folded resistance training device can fit easily into the overhead compartment of a plane for easy travel.

When the progressive resistance device is used, the driven wheel of a bicycle is placed on the two rear cylinders and the front wheel of a bicycle may be removed and the front axle or fork is mounted using the bolt **140** to the front frame **76** that supports the front and stabilizes the bicycle frame. In this application, not requiring the skill of the user to balance, the driven wheel of a bicycle is placed between the two roller cylinders and aligned in such a way that the tire of the bicycle, tricycle, or handcycle remains in contact with the roller cylinders during use. In a manner as is known, the user pedals the bicycle, tricycle or handcycle so as to rotate the driven wheel which in turn rotates the cylinder or cylinders supporting the driven wheel.

As is depicted in FIGS. 8-12, the device **12** can be converted between a stored configuration and a use configuration. The stored configuration is shown in FIGS. 13-15. The first step to convert the device **12** to the use configuration consists of freeing the legs **120**. This consists of unthreading the stud **128** from the threaded hole **117** and sliding the leg **120** from the tube **80** as shown in FIG. 8. Next, the bolt **140** is

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loosened, freeing it from the notches 142, the release of bolt 140 and pivoting of the arm 64 and front frame 76 are shown in FIG. 9. The next step involves pivoting the front frame 76 from the arm 64. This is shown in FIG. 10. The next step is to secure the supports 120 in the transverse holes 102. This is shown in FIG. 11. The next step is to affix a bicycle or similar device to the bolt 140 and lock it down to secure it. In FIG. 1, the front fork of a bicycle is attached. Lastly, the arm 64 is adjusted by sliding the first portion 66 relative to second portion 68 in order to properly position the driving wheel of the bicycle or other device on the progressive resistance device 10 and the bolt 70 and nut 72 are used to fix the length of the arm 64. Proper positioning is shown in FIGS. 1 and 12. In use, the training device 12 contacts the floor on plugs 122 and 124 and support portion 48 of the roller frame 61.

In order to make the folded position of the training device 12 as compact as possible, the front frame 76 partially fits inside the channel that is created between the support portions 48 of the roller frame 61. The training device 12 can be fixed in the folded position by locking the bolt 140 in the notches 142. As shown in the folded and stored position in FIG. 13, the front frame is visible, specifically flat side 90. It is possible for the flat side 90 to directly contact the external surface 19 (FIG. 3) of the progressive resistance device 10.

It is understood that while certain aspects of the disclosed subject matter have been shown and described, the disclosed subject matter is not limited thereto and encompasses various other embodiments and aspects. No specific limitation with respect to the specific embodiments disclosed herein is intended or should be inferred. Modifications may be made to the disclosed subject matter as set forth in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable training device adapted to be used with a driving mechanism having a driving wheel and a mounting portion, said training device having:

a roller frame having an upstanding portion and a support portion, said support portion having a channel, said roller frame having an arm attaching point and a notch adapted to receive a portion of a front frame;

a resistance device rotatably affixed to said roller frame on an axle, said resistance device rotatable about a central axis and adapted to resist rotation with respect to said central axis;

a telescoping arm being an elongate member telescopingly fixable between a collapsed position and an extended position, said telescoping arm having an upper surface and a lower surface to define a thickness, said telescoping arm pivotably affixed at a first pivot point located at a first terminal end to said arm attaching point, said telescoping arm pivotably affixed at a second terminal end to a first distal end of said front frame, said first pivot point biased toward said lower surface;

said front frame being an elongate member having a second distal end located opposite said first distal end, said second distal end having a cycle attachment adapted to affix said mounting portion of said driving mechanism to said training device, said front frame including an aperture located between said first and second distal end, said aperture adapted to receive a support and obliquely angled with respect to said front frame, said front frame having a groove adapted to receive said telescoping arm; said support being an elongate member having an attaching end adapted to be received by said aperture and affixed to said front frame;

said telescoping arm pivotable between a first position outwardly extending from said roller frame and a second

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position inverted with respect to said first position and overlaying said channel, said front frame is pivotable between a first position where said second distal end is located at a relatively far position from said roller frame, and a second position where said cycle attachment is located in said notch.

2. The portable training device of claim 1, a portion of said front frame is located in said channel when said front frame is in said second position.

3. The portable training device of claim 2, a portion of said telescoping arm is located in said groove when said front frame is in said second position.

4. The portable training device of claim 3, said groove in said front frame having a depth greater than said thickness of said telescoping arm.

5. The portable training device of claim 1, said resistance device having an inner cylinder having a wall defining a first inner chamber and said central axis, said resistance device having an outer cylinder having a wall, said outer cylinder being affixed to said inner cylinder and being rotatable about said central axis, said outer cylinder circumscribing said inner cylinder to define an annular space between said wall of said inner cylinder and said wall of said outer cylinder, said inner and outer cylinders being concentric, said axle extending through said central axis of said inner cylinder about which said inner and outer cylinders are rotatable, a pivotal magnet carrier pivotally mounted to said axle within said inner cylinder, a magnet affixed to said pivotal magnet carrier and spaced adjacent to said wall of said inner cylinder, within said inner cylinder sufficiently near to said inner cylinder to generate eddy currents when said inner cylinder is rotated with respect to said magnet, a spring, providing torsional resistive force to pivoting of said pivotal magnet carrier from eddy currents when said inner cylinder is rotated with respect to said axle.

6. The portable training device of claim 5, said pivotal magnet carrier has a first position wherein said magnet is spaced inwardly within said inner cylinder a distance relatively farthest from said inner cylinder and pivotable to a second position, locating said magnet relatively nearer to said inner cylinder than in said first position.

7. A portable training device having:

a roller frame having an upstanding portion, a support portion, and a channel, said roller frame having an arm attaching point and a notch;

a resistance device rotatably affixed to said upstanding portion on an axle, said resistance device rotatable about a central axis and adapted to resist rotation with respect to said axle;

an arm being an elongate member having an upper surface and a lower surface to define a thickness, said arm pivotably affixed at a first pivot point located at a first terminal end to said arm attaching point, said arm pivotably affixed at a second terminal end to a first distal end of a front frame;

said front frame being an elongate member having a second distal end located opposite said first distal end, said second distal end having a cycle attachment adapted to affix a portion of a cycle to said training device;

said arm moveable between a first position outwardly extending from said roller frame and a second position inverted with respect to said first position and partially located in said channel, said front frame is moveable between a first position where said second distal end is located at a relatively far position from said roller frame, and a second position where said second distal end is adjacent to said roller frame; and

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a portion of said front frame is located in said channel when said front frame is in said second position, said front frame having a groove spanning said first and second distal ends, a portion of said arm is located in said groove when said front frame is in said second position.

8. The portable training device of claim 7, said resistance device having a first cylinder having a wall defining a first inner chamber and said central axis, said resistance device having a second cylinder, affixed to said first cylinder, having a wall and rotatable about said central axis, said second cylinder circumscribing said first cylinder to define an annular space between said wall of said first cylinder and said wall of said second cylinder, said first and second cylinders being concentric, said axle extending through said central axis of said first cylinder about which said first and second cylinders are rotatable, a pivotal magnet carrier pivotally mounted to said axle within said first cylinder, a magnet affixed to said pivotal magnet carrier and spaced adjacent to said wall of said first cylinder, within said first cylinder sufficiently near to said first cylinder to generate eddy currents when said first cylinder is rotated with respect to said magnet, a spring, providing torsional resistive force to pivoting of said pivotal magnet carrier from eddy currents when said first cylinder is rotated with respect to said axle.

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9. The portable training device of claim 8, said arm being telescopically slidable between an expanded and a compressed position, said arm fixable at a position between said expanded and compressed positions.

10. The portable training device of claim 9, said first pivot point offset from a central axis of said arm.

11. The portable training device of claim 10, said front frame having an aperture adapted to receive a support, said support being an elongate member and supporting a portion of said front frame when said support is received in said aperture.

12. The portable training device of claim 11, said support obliquely angled with respect to said front frame when said support is received in said aperture.

13. The portable training device of claim 7, said front frame member having a tube with an opening at said second distal end, said tube adapted to receive a support, said tube having a receiver adapted to affix said support at an attaching end when said support is located in said tube.

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