

Ski or trekking-racket equipped with magnetic-inductive energy harvester

Abstract

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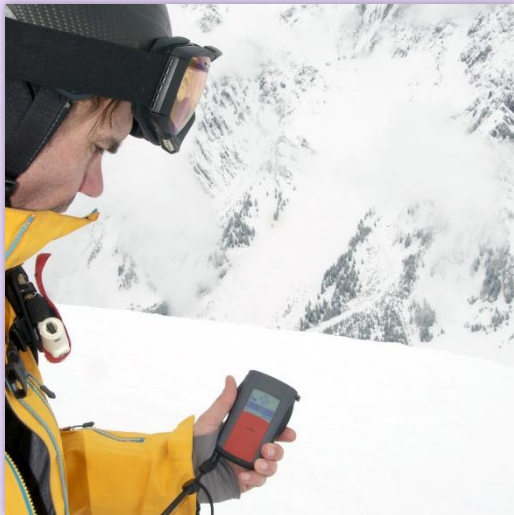
supply batteries

ski pole

wireless transmission

avalanche search

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Description

The presented invention relates to a ski or a hiking pole equipped with a radio beacon transmitter that is self-supplied by a magnetic-inductive energy harvester. The proposed device comprises a stem, a handle, a shoe, a fixed magnet and a movable one which is placed inside the sliding guide within the tubular cavity, two symmetrical windings made of copper wire, an electronic card that is needed to rectify the current produced, a capacitor and a battery.



Applications

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Advantages

When subjected to vibration, the proposed device exploits the force of gravity and the vertical position of the pole to generate an electric tension inside the windings and therefore recharge a battery. The asymmetric suspension and a longer stroke of the magnetic element that moves within the sliding guide provide to the invention efficacy and input-to-output ratio of higher generation with respect to the remaining solutions which are currently available on the market.