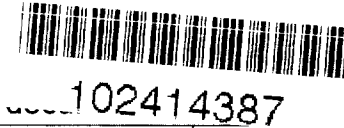


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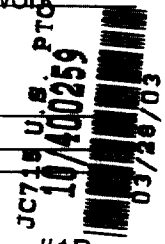
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U.S. Patent No. 6,150,650 issued in 2000 to J. Bowen, et al. describes a night vision device which utilizes an image intensifier tube, wherein the image intensifier tube has a given life expectancy, the image intensifier tube being subjected to factory calibration for providing an optimum output during operation.

The life expectancy of the image intensifier is optimized by maintaining it at a constant level.

U.S. Patent No. 5,918,304 issued in 1999 to Karl Gartz describes an apparatus for monitoring the firing stress of a weapon barrel by counting the accumulated number of shots or rounds produced from the weapon.

However, none of the aforementioned references as well as any other existing devices or systems known to the applicant discloses, as claimed in independent Claim 1 with dependent Claims 2-17, a night-vision optical device having controlled life expectancy evaluated by the accumulated time of active work of the device and, in case of the use of the device as a night scope for a fire arm, by the accumulated time of active work in combination with the total number of shots in general and the number of shots produced from the firearm with the night-vision optical device in a switched-on condition. Furthermore, none of the known prior art methods discloses, as Claimed in independent Claim 18 with dependent Claims 24, a method in which the life expectancy of the night-vision optical device is evaluated by measuring the accumulated time of active work of the optical device and, in case of the use of the optical device as a night-vision aiming device, by measuring the accumulated time of active work in combination with the total number of shots in general and the number of shots produced from the firearm with the night-vision optical device in a switched-on condition.

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