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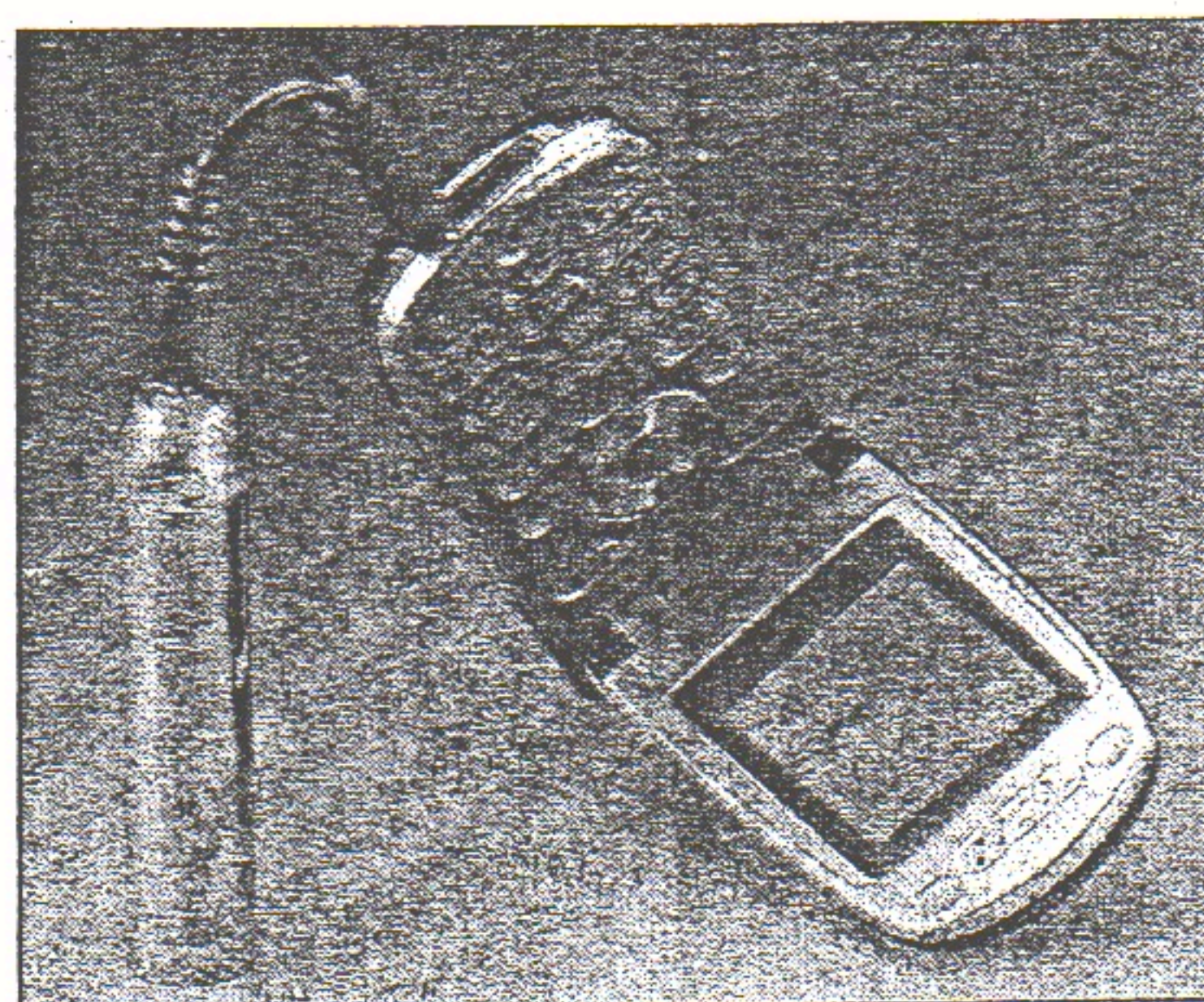
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First look



Turbo Charge your cell phone

There's nothing more annoying than a dead or weak cell phone, especially when you're stranded in a spot with no way to recharge it.

The Turbo Charge is a small brass cylinder three inches tall, containing an AA battery, that connects to a cell phone or PDA to charge it. Contained within the cylinder is a proprietary Dual AlgorChip technology that regulates the energy flow to the cell phone or PDA battery. The Turbo Charge requires only one AA battery, and gives your cell phone or PDA up to two hours of talk time or 40 hours of standby time.

The Turbo Charge is expected to sell for under \$15 starting this month. For more information, go to www.turbocellcharge.com.

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