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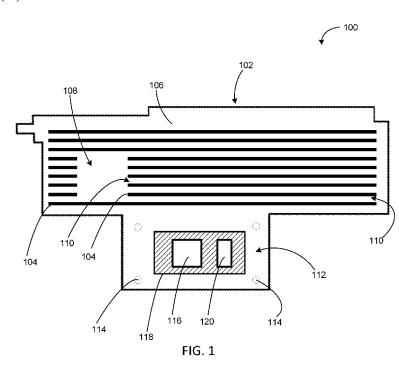
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(54) Title: HEAT DISSIPATION IN ELECTRONICS



(57) Abstract: Heat dissipation configurations and methods are described herein. A heat dissipation apparatus may include an individual piece of metal having a thermally conductive metal surface. The metal surface includes a plurality of ridges or protrusions extending from a base of the metal surface, wherein an air flow channel is provided between each two adjacent protrusions, therein providing a plurality of air flow channels. The apparatus is configured to dissipate heat for an electronic device having an active cooling source directing air through the plurality of air flow channels. In some examples, the heat dissipation apparatus is a vapor chamber, and the surface includes a section having a trough and a raised area or platform surrounded by the trough, wherein the raised area is configured to contact a microprocessor die in communication with the vapor chamber.



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A vapour chamber with protrusions on both an upper metal surface and a lower metal surface and a method of manufacturing it.

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