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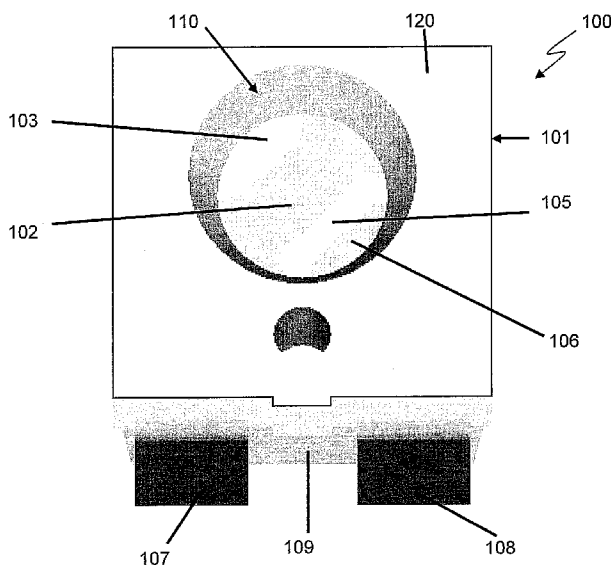
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(57) Abstract: The present embodiments provide surface mount devices and/or systems. In some embodiments, the surface mount devices comprise a casing with a recess in a second surface; a first lead element partially encased by the casing comprising a coupling portion extending interior to the casing generally in a first direction and a chipset portion extending from the first coupling portion at a first acute angle and through an area exposed by the recess; a second lead element partially encased by the casing comprising a second coupling portion extending interior to the casing in a second direction substantially parallel to the first direction and a head portion extending from the second coupling portion at a second acute angle and partially terminating interior to the area exposed by the recess; and the chipset portion comprises a first indentation and a second indentation both extending into the area exposed through the recess.

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1. claims: 1-10,17-20

A surface mount device and a method of manufacturing a surface mount device with a lead element having first and second indentations.

2. claims: 11-16

A surface mount device with lead elements having increased thickness exterior to the casing.

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