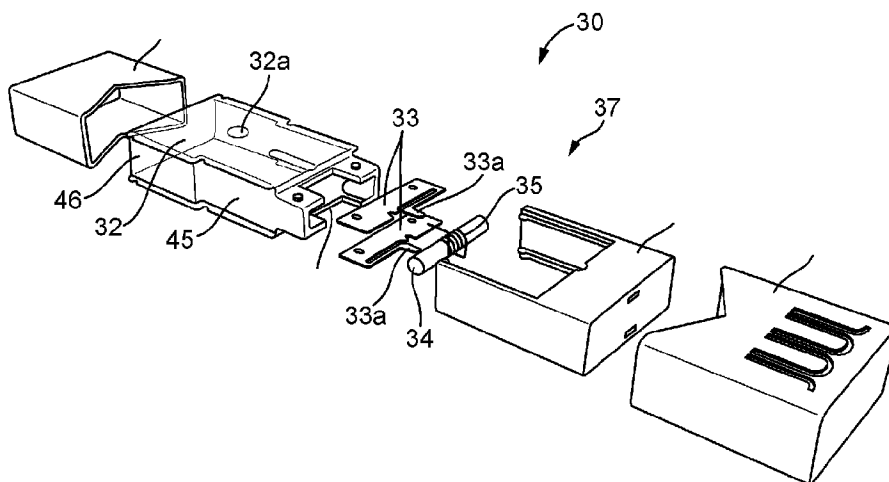




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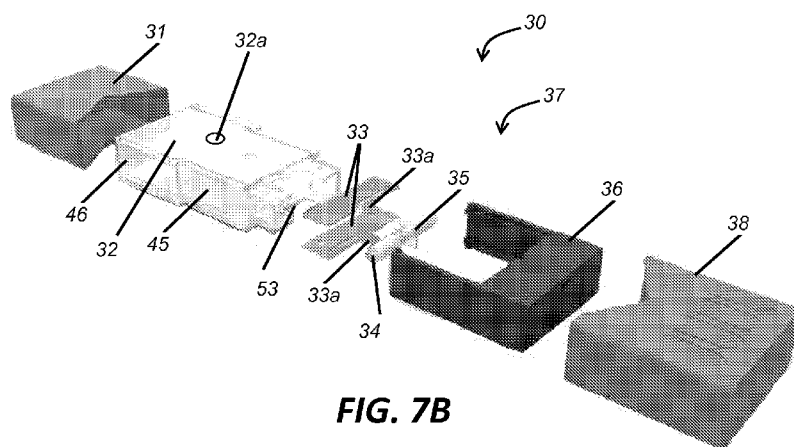
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## **VAPORIZATION DEVICE SYSTEMS AND METHODS**

### **CROSS-REFERENCE**

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/920,225, filed December 23, 2013, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/936,593, filed February 6, 2014, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/937,755, filed February 10, 2014.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[0002] The present invention is directed to improvements in electronic inhalable aerosol devices, or electronic vaping devices, particularly to electronic aerosol devices which utilize a vaporizable material that is vaporized to create an aerosol vapor capable of delivering an active ingredient to a user.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0003] In some aspects of the invention, the device comprises an inhalable aerosol comprising: an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber to generate a vapor; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber to a user.

[0004] In some aspects of the invention the oven is within a body of the device. The device may further comprise a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece comprises at least one of the air inlet, the aeration vent, and the condenser. The mouthpiece may be separable from the oven. The mouthpiece may be integral to a body of the device, wherein the body comprises the oven. The device may further comprise a body that comprises the oven, the condenser, the air inlet, and the aeration vent. The mouthpiece may be separable from the body.

[0005] In some aspects of the invention, the oven chamber may comprise an oven chamber inlet and an oven chamber outlet, and the oven further comprises a first valve at the oven chamber inlet, and a second valve at the oven chamber outlet. The aeration vent may comprise a third valve. The first valve, or said second valve may be chosen from the group of a check valve, a clack valve, a non-return valve, and a one-way valve. The third valve may be chosen from the group of a check valve, a clack valve, a non-return valve, and a one-way valve. The first or second valve may be mechanically actuated. The first or second valve may be electronically

actuated. The first valve or second valve may be manually actuated. The third valve may be mechanically actuated. The third valve may be mechanically actuated. The third valve may be electronically actuated. The third valve may be manually actuated.

[0006] In another aspect of the invention, the device may further comprise a body that comprises at least one of: a power source, a printed circuit board, a switch, and a temperature regulator. The device may further comprise a temperature regulator in communication with a temperature sensor. The temperature sensor may be the heater. The power source may be rechargeable. The power source may be removable. The oven may further comprise an access lid. The vapor forming medium may comprise tobacco. The vapor forming medium may comprise a botanical. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber wherein the vapor forming medium may comprise a humectant to produce the vapor, wherein the vapor comprises a gas phase humectant. The vapor may be mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of about 1 micron. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber, wherein the vapor is mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of less than or equal to 0.9 micron. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber, wherein the vapor is mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of less than or equal to 0.8 micron. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber, wherein the vapor is mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of less than or equal to 0.7 micron. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber, wherein the vapor is mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of less than or equal to 0.6 micron. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber, wherein the vapor is mixed in the condensation chamber with air from the aeration vent to produce the inhalable aerosol comprising particle diameters of average size of less than or equal to 0.5 micron.

[0007] In some aspects of the invention, the humectant may comprise glycerol as a vapor-forming medium. The humectant may comprise vegetable glycerol. The humectant may comprise propylene glycol. The humectant may comprise a ratio of vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 100:0 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 90:10 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 80:20 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 70:30 vegetable glycerol to

propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 60:40 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 50:50 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The humectant may comprise a flavorant. The vapor forming medium may be heated to its pyrolytic temperature. The vapor forming medium may be heated to 200° C at most. The vapor forming medium may be heated to 160° C at most. The inhalable aerosol may be cooled to a temperature of about 50° - 70° C at most, before exiting the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece.

**[0008]** In an aspect of the invention, the method comprises A method for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing an inhalable aerosol generating device wherein the device comprises: an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber to a user.

**[0009]** In some aspects of the invention the oven is within a body of the device. The device may further comprise a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece comprises at least one of the air inlet, the aeration vent, and the condenser. The mouthpiece may be separable from the oven. The mouthpiece may be integral to a body of the device, wherein the body comprises the oven. The method may further comprise a body that comprises the oven, the condenser, the air inlet, and the aeration vent. The mouthpiece may be separable from the body.

**[0010]** In some aspects of the invention, the oven chamber may comprise an oven chamber inlet and an oven chamber outlet, and the oven further comprises a first valve at the oven chamber inlet, and a second valve at the oven chamber outlet.

**[0011]** The vapor forming medium may comprise tobacco. The vapor forming medium may comprise a botanical. The vapor forming medium may be heated in the oven chamber wherein the vapor forming medium may comprise a humectant to produce the vapor, wherein the vapor comprises a gas phase humectant. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 1 micron. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 0.9 micron. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 0.8 micron. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 0.7 micron. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 0.6 micron. The vapor may comprise particle diameters of average mass of about 0.5 micron.

[0012] In some aspects of the invention, the humectant may comprise glycerol as a vapor-forming medium. The humectant may comprise vegetable glycerol. The humectant may comprise propylene glycol. The humectant may comprise a ratio of vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 100:0 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 90:10 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 80:20 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 70:30 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 60:40 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The ratio may be about 50:50 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The humectant may comprise a flavorant. The vapor forming medium may be heated to its pyrolytic temperature. The vapor forming medium may be heated to 200° C at most. The vapor forming medium may be heated to 160° C at most. The inhalable aerosol may be cooled to a temperature of about 50° - 70° C at most, before exiting the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece.

[0013] In an aspect of the invention, the device may be user serviceable. The device may not be user serviceable.

[0014] In an aspect of the invention, a method for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing a vaporization device, wherein said device produces a vapor comprising particle diameters of average mass of about 1 micron or less, wherein said vapor is formed by heating a vapor forming medium in an oven chamber to a first temperature below the pyrolytic temperature of said vapor forming medium, and cooling said vapor in a condensation chamber to a second temperature below the first temperature, before exiting an aerosol outlet of said device.

[0015] In an aspect of the invention, a method of manufacturing a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: providing said device comprising a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device; an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein, a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol, an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber and then the condensation chamber, an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber after the vapor is formed in the oven chamber, wherein the joined first airflow path and second airflow path are configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

[0016] The method may further comprise providing the device comprising a power source or battery, a printed circuit board, a temperature regulator or operational switches.

[0017] In an aspect of the invention a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device and an air inlet that originates a first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

[0018] In another aspect of the invention a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device, an air inlet that originates a first airflow path, and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; and a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol and wherein air from the aeration vent joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

[0019] In another aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment, and a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, and an air inlet passage formed by the channel and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; wherein the channel forms a first side of the air inlet passage, and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

[0020] In another aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment, and a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, and an air inlet passage formed by the channel and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; wherein the channel forms a first side of the air inlet passage, and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

[0021] In some aspects of the invention the channel may comprise at least one of a groove, a trough, a depression, a dent, a furrow, a trench, a crease, and a gutter. The integral channel may comprise walls that are either recessed into the surface or protrude from the surface where it is formed. The internal side walls of the channel may form additional sides of the air inlet passage. The cartridge may further comprise a second air passage in fluid communication with the air inlet passage to the fluid storage compartment, wherein the second air passage is formed through the material of the cartridge. The cartridge may further comprise a heater. The heater may be attached to a first end of the cartridge.

[0022] In an aspect of the invention the heater may comprise a heater chamber, a first pair of heater contacts, a fluid wick, and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, wherein the first pair of heater contacts comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber, and wherein the fluid wick and resistive heating element are suspended therebetween. The first pair of heater contacts may further comprise a formed shape that comprises a tab having a flexible spring value that extends out of the heater to couple to complete a circuit with the device body. The first pair of heater contacts may be a heat sink that absorbs and dissipates excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element. The first pair of heater contacts may contact a heat shield that protects the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element. The first pair of heater contacts may be press-fit to an attachment feature on the exterior wall of the first end of the cartridge. The heater may enclose a first end of the cartridge and a first end of the fluid storage compartment. The heater may comprise a first condensation chamber. The heater may comprise more than one first condensation chamber. The first condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge. The cartridge may further comprise a mouthpiece. The mouthpiece may be attached to a second end of the cartridge. The mouthpiece may comprise a second condensation chamber. The mouthpiece may comprise more than one second condensation chamber. The second condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

[0023] In an aspect of the invention the cartridge may comprise a first condensation chamber and a second condensation chamber. The first condensation chamber and the second condensation chamber may be in fluid communication. The mouthpiece may comprise an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber. The mouthpiece may comprise more than one aerosol outlet in fluid communication with more than one the second condensation chamber. The mouthpiece may enclose a second end of the cartridge and a second end of the fluid storage compartment.



[0024] In an aspect of the invention, the device may comprise an airflow path comprising an air inlet passage, a second air passage, a heater chamber, a first condensation chamber, a second condensation chamber, and an aerosol outlet. The airflow path may comprise more than one air inlet passage, a heater chamber, more than one first condensation chamber, more than one second condensation chamber, more than one second condensation chamber, and more than one aerosol outlet. The heater may be in fluid communication with the fluid storage compartment. The fluid storage compartment may be capable of retaining condensed aerosol fluid. The condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a nicotine formulation. The condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a humectant. The humectant may comprise propylene glycol. The humectant may comprise vegetable glycerin.

[0025] In an aspect of the invention the cartridge may be detachable. In an aspect of the invention the cartridge may be receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling. The separable coupling may comprise a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly. The cartridge may comprise a fluid storage compartment, a heater affixed to a first end with a snap-fit coupling, and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end with a snap-fit coupling.

[0026] In an aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle for receiving a cartridge; wherein an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a first side of an air inlet passage when a cartridge comprising a channel integral to an exterior surface is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

[0027] In an aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle for receiving a cartridge; wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a channel integral to an interior surface and forms a first side of an air inlet passage when a cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, and wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

[0028] In an aspect of the invention, A cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a channel integral to an exterior surface, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage; and wherein an internal surface of a cartridge receptacle in the device forms a second side of the air inlet passage when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

[0029] In an aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a fluid storage compartment, wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a first side of an air inlet channel when inserted into a device body comprising a cartridge

receptacle, and wherein the cartridge receptacle further comprises a channel integral to an interior surface, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

[0030] The cartridge may further comprise a second air passage in fluid communication with the channel, wherein the second air passage is formed through the material of the cartridge from an exterior surface of the cartridge to the fluid storage compartment.

[0031] The cartridge may comprise at least one of: a groove, a trough, a depression, a dent, a furrow, a trench, a crease, and a gutter. The integral channel may comprise walls that are either recessed into the surface or protrude from the surface where it is formed. The internal side walls of the channel may form additional sides of the air inlet passage.

[0032] In another aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a cartridge comprising; a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end comprising; a first heater contact, a resistive heating element affixed to the first heater contact; a device body comprising; a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge; a second heater contact adapted to receive the first heater contact and to complete a circuit; a power source connected to the second heater contact; a printed circuit board (PCB) connected to the power source and the second heater contact; wherein the PCB is configured to detect the absence of fluid based on the measured resistance of the resistive heating element, and turn off the device.

[0033] The printed circuit board (PCB) may comprise a microcontroller; switches; circuitry comprising a reference resistor; and an algorithm comprising logic for control parameters; wherein the microcontroller cycles the switches at fixed intervals to measure the resistance of the resistive heating element relative to the reference resistor, and applies the algorithm control parameters to control the temperature of the resistive heating element.

[0034] The micro-controller may instruct the device to turn itself off when the resistance exceeds the control parameter threshold indicating that the resistive heating element is dry.

[0035] In another aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end comprising: a heater chamber, a first pair of heater contacts, a fluid wick, and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick; wherein the first pair of heater contacts comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber, and wherein the fluid wick and resistive heating element are suspended therebetween.

[0036] The first pair of heater contacts may further comprise: a formed shape that comprises a tab having a flexible spring value that extends out of the heater to complete a circuit with the device body. The heater contacts may be configured to mate with a second pair of heater contacts in a cartridge receptacle of the device body to complete a circuit. The first pair of heater

contacts may also be a heat sink that absorbs and dissipates excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element. The first pair of heater contacts may be a heat shield that protect the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element.

[0037] In another aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a heater comprising; a heater chamber, a pair of thin plate heater contacts therein, a fluid wick positioned between the heater contacts, and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick; wherein the heater contacts each comprise a fixation site wherein the resistive heating element is tensioned therebetween.

[0038] In another aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise a heater, wherein the heater is attached to a first end of the cartridge.

[0039] The heater may enclose a first end of the cartridge and a first end of the fluid storage compartment. The heater may comprise more than one first condensation chamber. The heater may comprise a first condensation chamber. The condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

[0040] In another aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise a fluid storage compartment; and a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece is attached to a second end of the cartridge.

[0041] The mouthpiece may enclose a second end of the cartridge and a second end of the fluid storage compartment. The mouthpiece may comprise a second condensation chamber. The mouthpiece may comprise more than one second condensation chamber. The second condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

[0042] In an aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end; wherein the heater comprises a first condensation chamber and the mouthpiece comprises a second condensation chamber.

[0043] The heater may comprise more than one first condensation chamber and the mouthpiece comprises more than one second condensation chamber. The first condensation chamber and the second condensation chamber may be in fluid communication. The mouthpiece may comprise an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber. The mouthpiece may comprise two to more aerosol outlets. The cartridge may meet ISO recycling standards. The cartridge may meet ISO recycling standards for plastic waste.

[0044] In an aspect of the invention, a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a detachable cartridge; wherein the

cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling, wherein the separable coupling comprises a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly.

[0045] In an aspect of the invention, a method of fabricating a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: providing a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and providing a detachable cartridge; wherein the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling comprising a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly.

[0046] In an aspect of the invention, a method of fabricating a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: providing a fluid storage compartment; affixing a heater to a first end with a snap-fit coupling; and affixing a mouthpiece to a second end with a snap-fit coupling.

[0047] In an aspect of the invention, A cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol with an airflow path comprising: a channel comprising a portion of an air inlet passage; a second air passage in fluid communication with the channel; a heater chamber in fluid communication with the second air passage; a first condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater chamber; a second condensation chamber in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with second condensation chamber.

[0048] In an aspect of the invention, a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol may comprise: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end; wherein said mouthpiece comprises two or more aerosol outlets.

[0049] In an aspect of the invention, a system for providing power to an electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, the system may comprise; a rechargeable power storage device housed within the electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor; two or more pins that are accessible from an exterior surface of the electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, wherein the charging pins are in electrical communication with the rechargeable power storage device; a charging cradle comprising two or more charging contacts configured to provided power to the rechargeable storage device, wherein the device charging pins are reversible such that the device is charged in the charging cradle for charging with a first charging pin on the device in contact a first charging contact on the charging cradle and a second charging pin on the device in contact with second charging contact on the charging cradle and with the first charging pin on the device in contact with second charging contact on the charging cradle and the second charging pin on the device in contact with the first charging contact on the charging cradle.

[0050] The charging pins may be visible on an exterior housing of the device. The user may permanently disable the device by opening the housing. The user may permanently destroy the device by opening the housing.

**[0051]** Additional aspects and advantages of the present disclosure will become readily apparent to those skilled in this art from the following detailed description, wherein only illustrative embodiments of the present disclosure are shown and described. As will be realized, the present disclosure is capable of other and different embodiments, and its several details are capable of modifications in various obvious respects, all without departing from the disclosure. Accordingly, the drawings and description are to be regarded as illustrative in nature, and not as restrictive.

**[0052]** According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided an apparatus for generating an inhalable aerosol, the apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material, a heater chamber, a pair of plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, a pair of tabs extending from the pair of plates and out of the heater chamber, a wick between the pair of plates, a resistive heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece; and a vaporizer body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and a pair of electrical contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the pair of tabs when the cartridge is received within the vaporizer body.

**[0052a]** According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a cartridge for use with a vaporizer body, the cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber; a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a tab extending out of the heater chamber, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the vaporizer body when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body; a wick disposed between the plates; a resistive heating element coupled to each of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece.

**[0052b]** In another aspect, this document discloses a vaporizer apparatus, the apparatus comprising: a cartridge having: a storage compartment configured to hold a liquid vaporizable material, the storage compartment comprising an elongate storage compartment, wherein the liquid vaporizable material is visible through the storage compartment, and wherein the storage

compartment comprises a distal end and a proximal end; a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment; an opening through the mouthpiece and at a proximal end of the mouthpiece; and a heater at the distal end of the storage compartment, wherein the heater comprises a heating chamber, a wick within the heating chamber, and a resistive heating element in thermal contact with the wick; and a vaporizer, the vaporizer having: a body having a distal end, a proximal end, a front side, a back side, and a pair of lateral sides extending between the distal and proximal ends of the body, wherein the body comprises an elongate and opaque body, wherein the body is resistive to rolling when placed on a flat surface because a diameter between the front and back sides is smaller than a diameter between the pair of lateral sides, yielding a relatively flattened body; a cartridge receptacle formed at the proximal end of the body, wherein the cartridge receptacle has a proximal-facing opening into the proximal end of the body, and wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a proximal edge around the proximal-facing opening, and wherein the proximal edge of the cartridge receptacle forms a notch in the front side of the body, the notch extending towards the distal end of the body so that a portion of the storage compartment is visible through the notch when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; a pair of electrical contacts in a distal surface within the cartridge receptacle, the pair of electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical contacts on the cartridge when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; and a detent on each of the pair of lateral sides, wherein the detents project into the cartridge receptacle and engage a mating region on the storage compartment to hold the cartridge within the cartridge receptacle and with the mouthpiece outside of the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052c]** In another aspect, this document discloses a vaporizer apparatus, the apparatus comprising: a cartridge having: a storage compartment configured to hold a liquid vaporizable material, the storage compartment comprising an elongate storage compartment, wherein the liquid vaporizable material is visible through the storage compartment and wherein the storage compartment comprises a distal end and a proximal end; a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment; an opening through the mouthpiece and at a proximal end of the mouthpiece; and a heater at the distal end of the storage compartment, wherein the heater comprises a heating chamber, a wick within the heating chamber, and a resistive heating element in thermal contact with the wick; a cannula within the storage compartment and extending through the liquid vaporizable material from the heater to the proximal end of the storage

compartment so that the liquid vaporizable material at least partially surrounds the cannula when the storage compartment is filled with the liquid vaporizable material, wherein the cannula forms a fluid connection between the heating chamber and the opening through the mouthpiece from which vaporized liquid vaporizable material may be inhaled; and a vaporizer, the vaporizer having: a body having a distal end, a proximal end, a front side, a back side, and opposite lateral sides extending between the distal and proximal ends of the body, wherein the body comprises an elongate and opaque body, wherein the body is resistive to rolling when placed on a flat surface because a diameter between the front and back sides is smaller than a diameter between the opposite lateral sides, yielding a relatively flattened body; a cartridge receptacle formed at the proximal end of the body, wherein the cartridge receptacle has a proximal-facing opening into the proximal end of the body, and wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a proximal edge around the proximal-facing opening, and wherein the proximal edge of the cartridge receptacle forms a notch in the front side of the body, the notch extending towards the distal end of the body so that a portion of the storage compartment and the cannula are visible through the notch when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; a pair of electrical contacts in a distal surface within the cartridge receptacle, the pair of electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical contacts on the cartridge when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; and a detent on each of the opposite lateral sides, wherein the detents project into the cartridge receptacle and engage a mating region on the storage compartment to hold the cartridge within the cartridge receptacle and with the mouthpiece outside of the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052d]** In another aspect, this document discloses A vaporizer apparatus, the apparatus comprising: a cartridge having: a storage compartment holding a liquid vaporizable material that is visible through the storage compartment, the storage compartment comprising an elongate storage compartment, wherein the storage compartment comprises a distal end and a proximal end, wherein the storage compartment further comprises a first side extending between the distal end of the storage compartment and the proximal end of the storage compartment; a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an opaque cover that is secured over the proximal end of the storage compartment, the opaque mouthpiece having a front side adjacent to the first side of the storage compartment, wherein a distal end of the opaque cover terminates in a distal edge that extends around a perimeter of the storage compartment from a position between the distal end and the proximal end of the storage

compartment of the opaque cover; a cartridge notch in the front side of the mouthpiece and extending from the distal edge of the opaque cover towards a proximal end of the mouthpiece, wherein the cartridge notch exposes a region of the storage compartment beneath the mouthpiece; an opening through the mouthpiece and at the proximal end of the mouthpiece; a heater at the distal end of the storage compartment, wherein the heater comprises a heating chamber, a wick within the heating chamber, and a resistive heating element in thermal contact with the wick; and a cannula within the storage compartment and extending through the liquid vaporizable material from the heater to the proximal end of the storage compartment so that the liquid vaporizable material at least partially surrounds the cannula, wherein the cannula forms a fluid connection between the heating chamber and the opening through the mouthpiece from which vaporized liquid vaporizable material may be inhaled, and wherein the cannula is visible through the cartridge notch; and a vaporizer, the vaporizer having: a body having a distal end, a proximal end, a front side, a back side, and opposite lateral sides extending between the distal and proximal ends of the body, wherein the body comprises an elongate and opaque body, wherein the body is resistive to rolling when placed on a flat surface because a diameter between the front and back sides is smaller than a diameter between the opposite lateral sides, yielding a relatively flattened body; a cartridge receptacle formed at the proximal end of the body, wherein the cartridge receptacle has a proximal-facing opening into the proximal end of the body, and wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a proximal edge around the proximal-facing opening, and wherein the proximal edge of the cartridge receptacle forms a receptacle notch in the front side of the body, the receptacle notch extending towards the distal end of the body so that a portion of the storage compartment and the cannula are visible through the receptacle notch when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; a pair of electrical contacts in a distal surface within the cartridge receptacle, the pair of electrical contacts configured to connect to electrical contacts on the cartridge when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle; and a friction capture between the cartridge receptacle and the storage compartment to hold the cartridge within the cartridge receptacle and with the mouthpiece outside of the cartridge receptacle, wherein the cartridge notch aligns with the receptacle notch when the cartridge is housed within the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052e]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, wherein the



vaporizable material is visible through at least one side of the storage compartment; a heater comprising a resistive heating element for generating an aerosol for inhalation, the aerosol comprising the vaporizable material; and a mouthpiece comprising an opening for passage of the aerosol; and a vaporizer body comprising: a proximal end; a distal end opposite the proximal end; and a cartridge receptacle at the proximal end, the cartridge receptacle configured to house the cartridge, wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a notch extending from the proximal end towards the distal end, and wherein a portion of the storage compartment is visible through the notch when the cartridge is housed in the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052f]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a rechargeable battery and a cartridge receptacle having a notched body, wherein the device body further includes a set of heater contacts within the cartridge receptacle; and a separable cartridge configured to be inserted into the cartridge receptacle, wherein the device is configured to leave exposed a channel air inlet when the separable cartridge is inserted into the notched body of the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052g]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device comprising: a cartridge with a mouthpiece, the cartridge containing a fluid and having a heater for heating the fluid to generate an inhalable aerosol; and a device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle configured to receive the cartridge, the cartridge receptacle having a body, wherein the device is configured to leave exposed an channel air inlet when the cartridge is inserted into the body of the cartridge receptacle, wherein the body is a notched body; a battery in the device body; a set of heater contacts within the cartridge receptacle, the set of heater contacts connected with the battery and configured to connect with second heater contacts on the cartridge to power the heater of the cartridge; and a pressure sensor in the device body configured for sensing a user puffing on the mouthpiece of the cartridge.

**[0052h]** In another aspect, this document discloses a vaporizer device for generating an inhalable aerosol from a liquid vaporizable material, the vaporizer device comprising: a device body having a cartridge receptacle at a first end of the device body, the cartridge receptacle having a notched body having a notch, wherein the notch is configured to leave exposed a channel air inlet when a cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, wherein the cartridge comprises a heater affixed to a first end of a fluid storage compartment containing the liquid vaporizable

material, a mouthpiece that encloses a second end of the fluid storage compartment and that is in fluid communication with the heater, and an air inlet passage at the first end of the fluid storage compartment through which air passes from the channel air inlet to reach the heater when a user draws on the mouthpiece to create a suction, wherein the cartridge is insertable in the cartridge receptacle with the first end of the fluid storage compartment received in the cartridge receptacle and the mouthpiece remaining exposed outside of the cartridge receptacle; wherein the device body further comprises a pressure sensor for detecting a user's puffing action, the pressure sensor positioned to sense air passing from the channel air inlet into the air inlet passage of the cartridge.

**[0052i]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a housing and having a cartridge receptacle at one end of the device body, the cartridge receptacle having a notch; and a separable cartridge that is sized and configured for being inserted into and removed from the cartridge receptacle, wherein the notch is configured to leave exposed a channel air inlet when the separable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; wherein an air inlet passage comprising an enclosed channel is formed by insertion of the separable cartridge into the cartridge receptacle, wherein when the separable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle of the device body, the air inlet passage extends from the channel air inlet left exposed by the notch of the cartridge receptacle, wherein the enclosed channel is part of either or both of an exterior surface of the separable cartridge and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052j]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device comprising: a cartridge with a mouthpiece, the cartridge containing a fluid and having a heater for heating the fluid to generate an inhalable aerosol; and a device body for receiving the cartridge, the device body comprising: a housing; a cartridge receptacle formed by the housing, the cartridge receptacle sized and configured to receive the cartridge, the cartridge receptacle having a notch in the housing, the notch being sized and configured to leave exposed a channel air inlet for an airflow path through an air inlet passage formed by insertion of the cartridge into the cartridge receptacle; a battery housed by the housing of the device body; a set of heater contacts within the cartridge receptacle, the set of heater contacts connected with the battery and configured to connect with second heater contacts on the cartridge to power the heater of the cartridge; and a pressure sensor housed by the housing

of the device body, and proximate to the cartridge receptacle, the pressure sensor configured for sensing a user puffing on the mouthpiece of the cartridge to create a suction which pulls air through the air inlet passage when the cartridge is received in the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052k]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for generating an aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a body including a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the body having a first end and a second end opposite the first end, the body comprising a surface between the first end and the second end; a heating element configured to generate the aerosol, the generating of the aerosol comprising heating the vaporizable material; and a mouthpiece secured over the first end, the mouthpiece having a notch extending away from the second end towards the first end, the mouthpiece covering a first portion of the surface, the mouthpiece not covering a second portion of the surface, the second portion of the surface configured for insertion into a cartridge receptacle of a vaporizer device, the mouthpiece not covering a third portion of the surface, the third portion of the surface comprising an area between the notch and the second end, the third portion of the surface being visible when the second portion of the surface is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052l]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus for generating an aerosol, the apparatus comprising: a vaporizer device comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a cartridge comprising: a body including a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the body having a first end and a second end opposite the first end, the body comprising a surface between the first end and the second end; a heating element configured to generate the aerosol, the generating of the aerosol comprising heating the vaporizable material; and a mouthpiece secured over the first end, the mouthpiece covering a first portion of the surface, the mouthpiece not covering a second portion of the surface, the second portion of the surface configured for insertion into the cartridge receptacle, the mouthpiece not covering a third portion of the surface, the third portion of the surface being visible when the second portion of the surface is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052m]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for use with a vaporizer device, the cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a distal end and a proximal end opposite the distal end, the storage compartment having a compartment side extending between the distal end and the proximal end;

a mouthpiece enclosing the proximal end of the storage compartment, the mouthpiece having a mouthpiece side adjacent to the compartment side, a first end of the mouthpiece terminating in an edge disposed adjacent to a location between the distal end and the proximal end of the storage compartment, the mouthpiece having a notch in the mouthpiece side, the notch extending away from the edge of the mouthpiece toward a second end of the mouthpiece that is opposite the first end of the mouthpiece, wherein the notch exposes a region of the compartment side; a wicking material proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the wicking material disposed to contact the vaporizable material; and a heating element proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heating element in contact with the wicking material, the heating element configured to generate an aerosol from the vaporizable material.

**[0052n]** In another aspect, this document discloses An apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a distal end and a proximal end opposite the distal end, the storage compartment having a compartment side extending between the distal end and the proximal end; a mouthpiece enclosing the proximal end of the storage compartment, the mouthpiece having a mouthpiece side adjacent to the compartment side, a first end of the mouthpiece terminating in an edge disposed adjacent to a location between the distal end and the proximal end of the storage compartment, the mouthpiece having a notch in the mouthpiece side, the notch extending away from the edge of the mouthpiece toward a second end of the mouthpiece that is opposite the first end of the mouthpiece, wherein the notch exposes a region of the compartment side; a wicking material proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the wicking material disposed to contact the vaporizable material; and a heating element proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heating element in contact with the wicking material, the heating element configured to generate an aerosol from the vaporizable material; and a vaporizer device body comprising: a receptacle configured to insertably receive the cartridge; and electrical contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the heating element when the cartridge is insertably received within the receptacle.

**[0052o]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a vaporizer device for generating an inhalable aerosol, wherein the cartridge comprises: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end of the fluid storage compartment, the heater comprising a first condensation

chamber; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end of the fluid storage compartment, the mouthpiece enclosing the second end of the fluid storage compartment, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a second condensation chamber.

**[0052p]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol from a liquid vaporizable material, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a detachable cartridge insertable in the cartridge receptacle of the device body, the detachable cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment configured to contain a liquid vaporizable material; a heater affixed to the fluid storage compartment at a first end of the detachable cartridge; and a mouthpiece enclosing the fluid storage compartment at a second end of the detachable cartridge, the second end being opposite the first end of the detachable cartridge, wherein the second end of the detachable cartridge is exposed when the cartridge is inserted in the cartridge receptacle of the device body.

**[0052q]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end of the fluid storage compartment, the heater comprising a first condensation chamber; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end of the fluid storage compartment, the mouthpiece comprising a second condensation chamber.

**[0052r]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a cartridge body having a first side and a second side opposite the first side; a first pair of heater contacts comprising a first plate coupled to the first side and a second plate coupled to the second side; and a heater comprising a wick and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the heater further comprising the first plate and the second plate, wherein the wick and resistive heating element are suspended between the first plate and the second plate; and a device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge; and a second pair of heater contacts positioned to couple with the first pair of heater contacts when the cartridge is inserted into the device body, coupling of the first pair of heater contacts and the second pair of heater contacts completing an electrical circuit for delivering electrical energy to the resistive heating element, the resistive heating element configured to generate an aerosol.

**[0052s]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a cartridge body having a first side and a second side opposite the first side, the first side opposite the second side; a heater

chamber comprising a wick and a heating element in contact with the wick, the wick comprising a fibrous material, the heating element configured to heat the wick to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; and a first pair of heater contacts, the first pair of heater contacts comprising a first plate coupled to the first side of the cartridge body and a second plate coupled to the second side of the cartridge body, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, and a portion of the wick and a portion of the heating element disposed within the volume.

**[0052t]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a cartridge body having a first side and a second side opposite the first side, the first side opposite the second side; a heater chamber comprising a wick and a heating element in contact with the wick, the heating element configured to heat the wick to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path; an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path; and a first pair of heater contacts, the first pair of heater contacts comprising a first plate coupled to the first side of the cartridge body and a second plate coupled to the second side of the cartridge body, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, and a portion of the wick and a portion of the heating element disposed within the volume.

**[0052u]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a top end; a bottom end opposite the top end; a first side substantially perpendicular to the bottom end; a second side substantially perpendicular to the bottom end and opposite the first side; a mouthpiece proximate to the top end; a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a wick assembly proximate the bottom end, the wick assembly comprising a wicking material and a heating element in contact with the wicking material, the wicking material comprising a first wick end and a second wick end opposite the first wick end, the heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; a first plate positioned proximate to the first side, the first plate electrically coupled to the heating element; a second plate positioned proximate to the second side, the second plate electrically coupled to the heating element; and a heater chamber comprising a volume entirely between the first plate and the second plate, the first plate and the second plate proximate to opposing sides of the heater chamber, the wicking material extending: from the first wick end, through the volume, to the second wick end, and substantially parallel to the first plate and the second plate.

**[0052v]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a top end; a bottom end opposite the top end; a first side substantially perpendicular to the bottom end; a second side substantially perpendicular to the bottom end and opposite the first side; a mouthpiece proximate to the top end; a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a wick assembly proximate the bottom end, the wick assembly comprising a wicking material and a heating element in contact with the wicking material, the wicking material comprising a first wick end and a second wick end opposite the first wick end, the heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; a first plate positioned proximate to the first side, the first plate electrically coupled to the heating element; a second plate positioned proximate to the second side, the second plate electrically coupled to the heating element; and a heater chamber comprising a volume between the first plate and the second plate, the first plate and the second plate proximate to opposing sides of the heater chamber, the wicking material extending: from the first wick end, through the volume, to the second wick end, and parallel to the first plate and the second plate; and a vaporizer device comprising: a receptacle configured to insertably receive the cartridge; a first contact configured to electrically couple with the first plate; and a second contact configured to electrically couple with the second plate.

**[0052w]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method of fabricating a cartridge, the method comprising: forming a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a first end and a second end opposite the first end; attaching a mouthpiece to the storage compartment at the second end; and attaching a heater at the first end, the heater comprising: a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; a first plate positioned proximate to a first side of the storage compartment, the first plate coupled to the heating element and attached proximate to the first end; and a second plate positioned proximate to a second side of the storage compartment, the second plate coupled to the heating element and attached proximate to the first end, the first side opposite the second side, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, at least a portion of the heating element disposed within the volume.

**[0052x]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method of manufacturing a cartridge, the method comprising: forming a storage compartment within a cartridge body; coupling a first plate

proximate to a first side of the cartridge body; coupling a second plate proximate to a second side of the cartridge body, the first side opposite the second side, the coupled first plate and the coupled second plate defining a volume therebetween; positioning at least a portion of a heating element within the volume, the heating element configured to heat a vaporizable material from the storage compartment to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; coupling the first plate to the heating element; positioning a first flexible tab having a first contact surface at a third side of the cartridge body, the first flexible tab coupled to the first plate, the third side substantially perpendicular to the first side of the cartridge body and substantially perpendicular to the second side of the cartridge body; coupling the second plate to the heating element; and positioning a second flexible tab having a second contact surface at the third side, the second flexible tab coupled to the second plate.

**[0052y]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge prepared by a process comprising the steps of: forming a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a first end and a second end opposite the first end; attaching a mouthpiece to the storage compartment at the second end; and attaching a heater at the first end, the heater comprising: a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user; a first plate positioned proximate to a first side of the storage compartment, the first plate coupled to the heating element and attached proximate to the first end; and a second plate positioned proximate to a second side of the storage compartment, the second plate coupled to the heating element and attached proximate to the first end, the first side opposite the second side, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, at least a portion of the heating element disposed within the volume.

**[0052z]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment holding a vaporizable material including a humectant, the humectant comprising a glycol; a wick in contact with the vaporizable material; a heating element in contact with the wick, the heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol comprising particles having diameters of an average size of about one micron or less; a first plate positioned proximate to a first side of the cartridge, the first plate coupled to the heating element; and a second plate positioned proximate to a second side of the cartridge, the second plate coupled to the heating



element, the first side opposite the second side, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, and at least a portion of the heating element positioned within the volume.

**[0052aa]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment holding a vaporizable material including a humectant, the humectant comprising a glycol; a wick in contact with the vaporizable material; a heating element in contact with the wick, the heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol comprising particles having diameters of an average size of about one micron or less; a first plate positioned proximate to a first side of the cartridge, the first plate coupled to the heating element; and a second plate positioned proximate to a second side of the cartridge, the second plate coupled to the heating element, the first side opposite the second side, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, and at least a portion of the heating element positioned within the volume; and a vaporizer device comprising: a receptacle configured to insertably receive the cartridge; a first contact configured to electrically couple with the first plate; and a second contact configured to electrically couple with the second plate.

**[0052bb]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a storage compartment holding a vaporizable material that includes a humectant, the humectant comprising a glycol; a wick in contact with the vaporizable material held by the storage compartment; a heating element in contact with the wick, the heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; a first plate positioned proximate to a first side of the apparatus, the first plate coupled to the heating element; and a second plate positioned proximate to a second side of the apparatus opposite the first side, the second plate coupled to the heating element, the first plate and the second plate defining a volume therebetween, at least a portion of the wick positioned within the volume, and at least a portion of the heating element positioned within the volume.

**[0052cc]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge; a body including a receptacle configured to insertably receive and couple to the cartridge; a heater for heating a vaporizable material to generate a vapor; a mouthpiece comprising a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol, the condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater, the mouthpiece further comprising an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber; a first airflow path configured to deliver air towards the heater; and a second airflow

path configured to deliver air towards the heater, wherein the first airflow path and the second airflow path are formed between exterior surfaces of the cartridge and internal surfaces of the receptacle when the cartridge is insertably received in the receptacle.

**[0052dd]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension and perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension; a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment; a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end; a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment; a heater proximate to the distal end, the heater comprising: a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface; a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface; a wick disposed between the first plate contact and the second plate contact, two opposed ends of the wick being disposed within the storage compartment and configured to contact the vaporizable material; and a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the resistive heating element in contact with the first plate contact, the second plate contact, and the wick.

**[0052ee]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal

dimension and perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension, the storage compartment having a rectangular cross section in a plane parallel to the first transverse dimension and the second transverse dimension; a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment; a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end; a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment; a heater proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heater comprising: a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface; a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface; a wick disposed between the first plate contact and the second plate contact, two opposed ends of the wick being disposed within the storage compartment and configured to contact the vaporizable material; and a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the resistive heating element being attached to the first plate contact and the second plate contact and wound around the wick at least one time.

**[0052ff]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension and perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension; a mouthpiece fitted onto and enclosing the proximal end of the storage compartment; a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end; a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal

end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment; a heater proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heater comprising: a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface; a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface; a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the heating element comprising a resistive coil and opposed ends, a first end of the opposed ends attached to the first plate contact and a second end of the opposed ends attached the second plate contact; and a wick positioned at least partially within the resistive coil, the wick having opposed ends that extend into the storage compartment.

**[0052gg]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material, a heater chamber, a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, a wick between the pair of plates, a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece; and a body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body, wherein the heater chamber is affixed to a first end of the storage compartment, and the mouthpiece is affixed to a second end of the storage compartment that is opposite the first end.

**[0052hh]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material, a heater chamber, a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, a wick between the pair of plates, a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece; and a body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the

flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

**[0052ii]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material, a heater chamber, a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, a wick between the pair of plates, a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece; and a body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body, wherein the cartridge further comprises a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage, wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises an interior wall, and wherein the interior wall forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052jj]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber; a pair of heater contacts; a fluid wick disposed between the pair of heater contacts; a resistive heating element suspended between the pair of heater contacts, the resistive heating element in contact with the fluid wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece, wherein the heater chamber is affixed to a first end of the fluid storage compartment, and the mouthpiece is affixed to a second end of the fluid storage compartment that is opposite the first end, and wherein the pair of heater contacts comprise thin plates and a heat shield configured to protect the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element.

**[0052kk]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device comprising: a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber at a first end of the cartridge; a pair of heater contacts; a wick disposed between the pair of heater contacts; a resistive heating element suspended between the pair of heater contacts, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid

vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece; and a vaporizer body comprising a cartridge receptacle comprising one or more interior surfaces and a pair of second heater contacts within the cartridge receptacle, the pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the pair of heater contacts of the cartridge when the first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, wherein the cartridge receptacle and the cartridge are configured to form a separable coupling when the first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052ii]** In another aspect, this document discloses a vaporizer apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber at a first end of the cartridge; a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and further comprising a formed shape comprising a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber; a wick disposed between the plates; a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece; and a vaporizer body comprising a cartridge receptacle and a pair of second heater contacts; the pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the pair of heater contacts of the cartridge when first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, wherein the cartridge is configured to be held in place when the first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle by a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly, a snap-lock assembly or a magnetic assembly.

**[0052mm]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end of the cartridge, the heater comprising: a heater chamber, a first pair of heater contacts, a fluid wick, and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick; wherein the first pair of heater contacts comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber, and wherein the fluid wick and resistive heating element are suspended therebetween.

**[0052nn]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge having a substantially rectangular cross section and comprising: a fluid storage compartment storing a liquid vaporizable material; and a heater comprising: a heater

chamber, a pair of heater contacts comprising a pair of thin plates that are affixed to sides of the heater chamber, a wick suspended between the pair of thin plates, a resistive heating element attached to the pair of heater contacts and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece fitted onto the fluid storage compartment, wherein the pair of heater contacts also comprise flexible tabs that extend out of the heater to complete a circuit with the device when the cartridge is inserted into the device.

**[0052oo]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a heater chamber proximate to the storage compartment, the heater chamber comprising a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the heating of the vaporizable material generating an aerosol; and an outlet for the aerosol; and a body comprising: a receptacle configured to insertably receive and couple to the cartridge; and a first electrical contact and a second electrical contact configured to complete an electrical circuit with the heating element when the cartridge is insertably received within the receptacle, wherein the cartridge and the body are configured to define an airflow path comprising: an air inlet passage having a first side formed by an exterior surface of the cartridge and a second side formed by an internal surface of the receptacle, the air inlet passage configured to deliver air towards the heater chamber, the heater chamber in fluid communication with the outlet.

**[0052pp]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a heater chamber proximate the storage compartment, the heater chamber comprising a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and an air outlet in fluid communication with the heater chamber for outputting the aerosol; and a body comprising: a receptacle configured to receive and couple to the cartridge; a first electrical contact; and a second electrical contact, the first electrical contact and the second electrical contact being configured to complete an electrical circuit with the heating element when the cartridge is received and coupled within the receptacle, the cartridge and the body defining an air inlet passage, a first side of the air inlet passage being formed by an exterior surface of the cartridge and a second side of the air inlet passage being formed by an internal surface of the receptacle, the air inlet passage being configured to deliver air towards the heater chamber for mixing with the aerosol.

**[0052qq]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising a mouthpiece, a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, and a heater chamber comprising a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, wherein the heating of the vaporizable material generates an aerosol comprising the vaporizable material and air passing along an airflow path; and a body comprising a receptacle configured to insertably receive and couple to the cartridge, wherein the heater chamber is disposed within the receptacle when the receptacle insertably receives and couples to the cartridge, wherein the airflow path comprises: an air inlet passage having a first side formed by an exterior surface of the cartridge and a second side formed by an internal surface of the receptacle when the receptacle insertably receives and couples to the cartridge, wherein the air inlet passage is configured to deliver the air to the heater chamber; and a fluid connection in the cartridge, the fluid connection connecting the heater chamber and the mouthpiece.

**[0052rr]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge comprising a mouthpiece, a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, and a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, wherein the heating of the vaporizable material generates an aerosol comprising the vaporizable material and air passing along an airflow path; and a body comprising a receptacle configured to insertably receive and couple to the cartridge, wherein the resistive heating element is disposed within the receptacle when the receptacle insertably receives and couples to the cartridge, wherein the airflow path comprises: an air inlet passage having a first side formed by an exterior surface of the cartridge and a second side formed by an internal surface of the receptacle when the receptacle insertably receives and couples to the cartridge, wherein the air inlet passage is configured to deliver the air towards the resistive heating element; and a fluid connection in the cartridge, the fluid connection connecting the resistive heating element and the mouthpiece.

**[0052ss]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge configured to hold a vaporizable material; a body including a receptacle configured to insertably receive the cartridge; a heater configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate a vapor; a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol; a first airflow path formed between an exterior surface of the cartridge and an internal surface of the receptacle when the cartridge is insertably



received in the receptacle, wherein the first airflow path is configured to deliver air towards the heater; and a second airflow path configured to deliver air towards the heater, the second airflow path configured to join the first airflow path, thereby forming a joined path, wherein the cartridge has a distal end configured to be insertably received in the receptacle and a proximal end opposite the distal end, wherein the cartridge further comprises a mouthpiece disposed at the proximal end, and wherein the heater is disposed proximate to the distal end, and wherein the mouthpiece comprises the condensation chamber, wherein the mouthpiece further comprises a first aerosol outlet and a second aerosol outlet, and wherein each of the first aerosol outlet and the second aerosol outlet are in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

**[0052tt]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge configured to be insertably received into and couple with a body to form a first airflow path and a second airflow path, the first airflow path formed between an exterior surface of the cartridge and an internal surface of a receptacle when the cartridge is insertably received in the receptacle, wherein the first airflow path is configured to deliver air towards a heater, and wherein the second airflow path is configured to deliver air towards the heater and is configured to join the first airflow path thereby forming a joined path, the cartridge comprising: a heater disposed within the cartridge for heating a vaporizable material to generate a vapor; and a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol, wherein the cartridge has a proximal end and a distal end opposite the proximal end, wherein the cartridge further comprises a mouthpiece disposed at the proximal end, and wherein the heater is disposed proximate to the distal end, and wherein the mouthpiece comprises the condensation chamber, wherein the mouthpiece further comprises a first aerosol outlet and a second aerosol outlet, and wherein each of the first aerosol outlet and the second aerosol outlet are in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

**[0052uu]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge configured to be insertably received into and couple with a body to form a first airflow path and a second air flow airflow path, the first airflow path formed between an exterior surface of the cartridge and an internal surface of a receptacle when the cartridge is insertably received in the receptacle, wherein the first airflow path is configured to deliver air towards a heater, and wherein the second airflow path is configured to deliver air towards the

heater and is configured to join the first airflow path thereby forming a joined path, the heater disposed within the cartridge for heating a vaporizable material to generate a vapor, the cartridge comprising: a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol; a storage compartment; and a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece is opaque, and wherein a portion of the storage compartment comprises a surface configured so that the vaporizable material is visible through the surface.

**[0052vv]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a cartridge; a body including a receptacle configured to insertably receive and couple to the cartridge; a heater positioned in the receptacle when the cartridge is received in the receptacle for heating a vaporizable material to generate a vapor; a mouthpiece comprising a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol, the condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater, the mouthpiece further comprising a first aerosol outlet and a second aerosol outlet, each of the first aerosol outlet and the second aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber; a first airflow path configured to deliver air towards the heater; and a second airflow path configured to deliver air towards the heater.

**[0052ww]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge configured to be insertably received into and couple with a body to form an air inlet that provides a first airflow path, the first airflow path formed between an exterior surface of the cartridge and an internal surface of a receptacle when the cartridge is insertably received in the receptacle, wherein the first airflow path is configured to deliver air towards a heater and a second airflow path configured to deliver air towards the heater, the cartridge comprising: the heater disposed within the cartridge and configured to be positioned within the receptacle for heating a vaporizable material to generate a vapor; a mouthpiece comprising a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol, the condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater, the mouthpiece further comprising a first aerosol outlet and a second aerosol outlet, each of the first aerosol outlet and the second aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

**[0052xx]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber; a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with a vaporizer body, when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body; a wick disposed between the plates; a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece, wherein the heater chamber is affixed to a first end of the storage compartment, and the mouthpiece is affixed to a second end of the storage compartment that is opposite the first end.

**[0052yy]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; a heater chamber; a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with a vaporizer body, when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body; a wick disposed between the plates; a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

**[0052zz]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol from a liquid vaporizable material, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle having an open end; and a separable cartridge configured to be inserted into the cartridge receptacle, wherein the separable cartridge comprises a heater, heater contacts, a fluid storage compartment, at least one condensation chamber, and a mouthpiece, wherein the device comprises an air inlet passage formed by assembly of the device body and the separable cartridge, characterized in that the heater is attached to a first end of the fluid storage compartment, the mouthpiece is attached to a second end of the fluid storage compartment, and the air inlet passage formed when the separable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle comprises either: a

channel integral to an exterior surface of the separable cartridge forming a first side of the air inlet passage and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle forming a second side of the air inlet passage, or a channel integral to the internal surface of the cartridge receptacle forming the first side of the air inlet passage and the exterior surface of the cartridge forming the second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052aaa]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge configured to be inserted into an open end of a cartridge receptacle of a device body for generating an inhalable aerosol with an airflow path comprising: a fluid storage compartment, a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge and configured to form a first side of an air inlet passage when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; a second air passage in fluid communication with the channel; a heater comprising a heater chamber in fluid communication with the second air passage, the heater attached to a first end of the fluid storage compartment; a first condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater chamber; a second condensation chamber in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber, characterized in that the cartridge comprises a mouthpiece attached to a second end of the fluid storage compartment.

**[0052bbb]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol from a liquid vaporizable material, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a separable cartridge comprising a heater, at least one condensation chamber and a mouthpiece, characterized in that the device comprises an air inlet passage formed by the device body and the separable cartridge, wherein the air inlet passage is formed by a channel integral to an exterior surface of the separable cartridge and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle when the separable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052ccc]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol from a liquid vaporizable material, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a separable cartridge comprising a heater, at least one condensation chamber and a mouthpiece, characterized in that the device comprises an air inlet passage formed by the device body and the separable cartridge, wherein the air inlet passage is formed by a channel integral to an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle and an external surface of the separable cartridge when the separable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052ddd]** In another aspect, this document discloses a separable cartridge for use with a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the separable cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater comprising a heater chamber, a pair of heater contacts, a fluid wick and a resistive heating element in contact with the fluid wick, the heater affixed at a first end of the separable cartridge and of the fluid storage compartment; a first condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater chamber; an air passage in fluid communication with the heater chamber, the air passage being formed through material of the separable cartridge; a second condensation chamber in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber, wherein the mouthpiece encloses a second end of the separable cartridge and a second end of the fluid storage compartment, wherein an air inlet passage in fluid communication with the air passage that is in fluid communication with the heater chamber is formed by assembly of a device body and the separable cartridge.

**[0052eee]** In another aspect, this document discloses a separable cartridge for use with a device body for generating an inhalable aerosol, the separable cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater comprising a heater chamber and a resistive heating element, the heater and the fluid storage compartment enclosed at a first end of the separable cartridge; a first condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater chamber; a second air passage in fluid communication with the heater chamber; a second condensation chamber in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted on to and encloses the fluid storage compartment at a second end of the separable cartridge that is exposed when the separable cartridge is inserted in the device body, wherein an air inlet passage connecting to the second air passage to the heater chamber is formed by assembly of the device body and the separable cartridge, and wherein the air inlet passage comprises an enclosed channel formed by assembly of the device body and the separable cartridge.

**[0052fff]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge having a longitudinal dimension along a first axis passing from a top end of the cartridge to a bottom end of the cartridge, the top end of the cartridge opposite the bottom end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge

having a second transverse dimension perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the second transverse dimension shorter than the first transverse dimension, the cartridge having second degree rotational symmetry about the first axis such that the cartridge is symmetrical about a 180° rotation around the first axis, the cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a heating chamber disposed proximate to the bottom end of the cartridge, the heating chamber comprising a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; a first electrical contact exposed proximate to the bottom end of the cartridge; and a second electrical contact exposed proximate to the bottom end of the cartridge; and a vaporization device body comprising: a power supply; a receptacle configured to receive and couple to the cartridge such that the bottom end of the cartridge is inserted into a bottom end of the receptacle in a first orientation or a second orientation, the first orientation and the second orientation resulting from the 180° rotation of the cartridge about the first axis, the receiving and coupling comprising the bottom end of the cartridge and the heating chamber being inserted into the receptacle; a third electrical contact disposed within the receptacle; and a fourth electrical contact disposed within the receptacle; wherein the third electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the first electrical contact and the fourth electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the second electrical contact to complete an electrical circuit when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in the first orientation; wherein the third electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the second electrical contact and the fourth electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the first electrical contact to complete the electrical circuit when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in the second orientation; wherein the electrical circuit comprises the heating element, the power supply, the first electrical contact, the second electrical contact, the third electrical contact, and the fourth electrical contact, and wherein the electrical circuit is configured to provide current to the heating element when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in either the first orientation or the second orientation.

**[0052ggg]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge configured to be received by and coupled to a receptacle of a vaporization device body in a first orientation or a second orientation such that a bottom end of the cartridge is inserted into a bottom end of the receptacle, the cartridge having a longitudinal dimension along a first axis passing between a top end of the cartridge to the bottom end of the cartridge, the top end of the cartridge opposite the bottom end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal

dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the second transverse dimension shorter than the first transverse dimension, the cartridge having second degree rotational symmetry about the first axis such that the cartridge is symmetrical about a 180° rotation around the first axis, the cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a heating chamber disposed proximate the bottom end of the cartridge such that the heating chamber is within the receptacle when the cartridge is inserted within the receptacle, the heating chamber comprising a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; a first electrical contact exposed proximate to the bottom end of the cartridge; and a second electrical contact exposed proximate to the bottom end of the cartridge; wherein the first electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to a third electrical contact within the receptacle and the second electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to a fourth electrical contact within the receptacle to complete an electrical circuit when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in the first orientation; wherein the first electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the fourth electrical contact and the second electrical contact is configured to electrically couple to the third electrical contact to complete the electrical circuit when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in the second orientation; wherein the first orientation and the second orientation result from the 180° rotation of the cartridge about the first axis; wherein the electrical circuit comprises the heating element, a power supply within the vaporization device body, the first electrical contact, the second electrical contact, the third electrical contact, and the fourth electrical contact; and wherein the electrical circuit is configured to provide current to the heating element when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in either the first orientation or the second orientation.

**[0052hhh]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge having a top end and a bottom end opposite the top end, the cartridge having second degree rotational symmetry about a first axis passing through the top end and the bottom end, such that the cartridge is symmetrical about a 180° rotation around the first axis, the cartridge comprising: a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material; a heating chamber disposed proximate the bottom end of the cartridge, the heating chamber comprising a heating element configured to generate an aerosol; a first electrical contact comprising a first surface exposed proximate to the bottom end, the first electrical contact coupled to the heating element; and a second electrical contact comprising a second surface exposed proximate to the bottom end, the second electrical

contact coupled to the heating element, the first surface and the second surface disposed in a first plane that is substantially parallel to the bottom end; and a vaporization device body comprising: a battery; a receptacle comprising a cavity configured to receive and couple to the cartridge in a first orientation or a second orientation such that the cavity surrounds at least a first portion of cartridge proximate to the bottom end and does not surround a second portion of the cartridge proximate to the top end; a third electrical contact comprising a third surface disposed within the receptacle; and a fourth electrical contact comprising a fourth surface disposed within the receptacle, the third surface and the fourth surface disposed in a second plane that is substantially parallel to the first plane when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in each of either of the first orientation or the second orientation; wherein the third surface is configured to electrically couple to the first surface and the fourth surface configured to electrically couple to the second surface to complete an electrical circuit when the receptacle receives and couples to the cartridge in the first orientation, wherein the third surface is configured to electrically couple to the second surface and the fourth surface configured to electrically couple to the first surface to complete the electrical circuit when the receptacle receives and couples to the cartridge in the second orientation, wherein the first orientation and the second orientation result from the 180° rotation of the cartridge about the first axis; wherein the electrical circuit is configured to provide current to the heating element when the cartridge is coupled to the receptacle in either the first orientation or the second orientation, and wherein the electrical circuit comprises the heating element, the battery, the first electrical contact, the second electrical contact, the third electrical contact, and the fourth electrical contact.

**[0052iii]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a cartridge having a non-cylindrical shape, the cartridge comprising: a heater chamber having a first side and a second side opposite the first side; a first heater contact comprising a first exposed heater contact tab and a first fixation site, the first fixation site disposed proximate to the first side, the first heater contact having a first surface defining at least a portion of the first side; a second heater contact comprising a second exposed heater contact tab and a second fixation site, the second fixation site disposed proximate to the second side, the second heater contact having a second surface defining at least a portion of the second side; a wick; a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element attached to the first fixation site and the second fixation site, the heater chamber comprising at least a portion of the resistive heating element and at least a portion of the wick,



wherein the resistive heating element is suspended between the first fixation site and the second fixation site, and wherein the resistive heating element is configured to generate an aerosol from a vaporizable material within the heater chamber; and a plastic enclosure further defining the heater chamber, the plastic enclosure configured to receive the first surface and the second surface; and a device body having a non-cylindrical shape, the device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle configured to insertably receive the cartridge, the heater chamber disposed within the cartridge receptacle when the cartridge is insertably received within the cartridge receptacle; a first receptacle contact positioned to electrically couple with either of the first exposed heater contact tab or the second exposed heater contact tab when the cartridge is insertably received within the cartridge receptacle; and a second receptacle contact positioned to electrically couple with either of the first exposed heater contact tab or the second exposed heater contact tab when the cartridge is insertably received within the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052jjj]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for insertion into a receptacle of a vaporizer device body, the cartridge having a non-cylindrical shape, the cartridge comprising: a heater chamber having a first side and a second side opposite the first side, the heater chamber configured to be disposed within the receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the receptacle; a first heater contact comprising a first exposed heater contact tab and a first fixation site, the first fixation site disposed proximate to the first side, the first heater contact having a first surface defining at least a portion of the first side, the first exposed heater contact tab positioned and configured to electrically couple with either of a first receptacle contact within the receptacle or a second receptacle contact within the receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the receptacle; a second heater contact comprising a second exposed heater contact tab and a second fixation site, the second fixation site disposed proximate to the second side, the second heater contact having a second surface defining at least a portion of the second side, the second exposed heater contact tab positioned and configured to electrically couple with either of the first receptacle contact or the second receptacle contact when the cartridge is inserted into the receptacle; a wick; a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element attached to the first fixation site and the second fixation site, the heater chamber comprising at least a portion of the resistive heating element and at least a portion of the wick, wherein the resistive heating element is suspended between the first fixation site and the second fixation site, and wherein the resistive heating element is configured to generate an aerosol from a vaporizable material within the heater

chamber; and a plastic enclosure further defining the heater chamber, the plastic enclosure configured to receive the first surface and the second surface.

**[0052kkk]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for use with a vaporizer body, the cartridge having a top end and a bottom end opposite the top end, the cartridge comprising: a mouthpiece proximate to the top end; a transparent storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material; and a heater assembly configured to attach to the transparent storage compartment at the bottom end, the heater assembly comprising: a heater chamber formed at least in part from two metal walls; a pair of electrical contacts, each contact of the pair of electrical contacts comprising an electrically conductive surface disposed at the bottom end, the pair of electrical contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the vaporizer body when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body; a wick, at least a portion of the wick disposed between the two metal walls; and a resistive heating element coupled to each contact of the pair of electrical contacts, the resistive heating element in contact with the portion of the wick disposed between the two metal walls, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol, the two metal walls configured to provide a heat shield between the resistive heating element and the transparent storage compartment.

**[0052lll]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a detachable cartridge comprising a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, a resistive heating element configured to cause vaporization of the vaporizable material when supplied with a flow of current, and a mouthpiece configured for passage of an aerosol formed from the vaporization; a device body comprising: a power source configured to supply the flow of current; a cartridge receptacle configured to form a separable coupling with the detachable cartridge when the detachable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; electrical circuitry comprising a reference resistor having a reference resistance, a first switch operable to interrupt the flow of current from the power source through the resistive heating element, a second switch operable to provide the reference resistor in series with the resistive heating element when the flow of current from the power source through the resistive heating element is interrupted by operation of the first switch, and a voltage divider configured to determine a voltage between the resistive heating element and the reference resistor; and a microcontroller configured to perform operations comprising: operating the first switch to interrupt the flow of current from the power source

through the resistive heating element and concurrently operating the second switch to add the reference resistor in series with the resistive heating element; determining a resistance of the resistive heating element based on the voltage measured by the voltage divider when the microcontroller concurrently operates the first switch and the second switch; and controlling a temperature of the resistive heating element in response to the determined resistance, the controlling comprising applying one or more parameters of a control algorithm.

**[0052mmm]** In another aspect, this document discloses an apparatus comprising: a detachable cartridge comprising a fluid storage compartment that holds a vaporizable material, a wick, a resistive heating element, and a condensation chamber; a device body comprising a power source, the device body and the detachable cartridge configured to form a separable coupling when connected, wherein the apparatus further comprises: electrical circuitry comprising a reference resistor having a reference resistance, a first switch operable to interrupt a flow of current from the power source through the resistive heating element configured when the detachable cartridge is coupled with the device body to cause vaporization of the vaporizable material when supplied with the flow of current, a second switch operable to provide the reference resistor in series with the resistive heating element when the flow of current from the power source through the resistive heating element is interrupted by operation of the first switch, and a voltage divider configured to determine a voltage between the resistive heating element and the reference resistor; and a microcontroller configured to perform operations comprising: operating the first switch to interrupt the flow of current from the power source through the resistive heating element and concurrently operating the second switch to add the reference resistor in series with the resistive heating element; determining a resistance of the resistive heating element based on the voltage measured by the voltage divider when the microcontroller concurrently operates the first switch and the second switch; and controlling a temperature of the resistive heating element in response to the determined resistance, the controlling comprising applying one or more parameters of a control algorithm.

**[0052nnn]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment, and a heater affixed to a first end of the fluid storage compartment, the heater comprising a first heater contact and a resistive heating element affixed to the first heater contact; a device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for

receiving the cartridge, a second heater contact adapted to receive the first heater contact and to complete a circuit when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, a power source connected to the second heater contact, and a printed circuit board connected to the power source and the second heater contact, wherein the printed circuit board is configured to detect the absence of fluid based on the measured resistance of the resistive heating element, and turn off the device, and wherein the printed circuit board comprises: switches; circuitry comprising a reference resistor; and a microcontroller configured to cycle the switches at fixed intervals to measure the resistance of the resistive heating element relative to a reference resistor, and apply algorithm control parameters to control the temperature of the resistive heating element.

**[0052ooo]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system comprising: an electronic device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the electronic device comprising: a body having an exterior surface, a first end, and a second end opposite the first end; a mouthpiece configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol, the mouthpiece disposed at the second end; a rechargeable power storage device within the body; and two device contacts in electrical communication with the rechargeable power storage device, the two device contacts comprising a first device contact and a second device contact, the two device contacts being accessible from the exterior surface of the body; and a charging unit comprising: a cradle configured for receiving the exterior surface at the first end of the body comprising: two charging contacts configured to provide power to the rechargeable power storage device to charge the rechargeable power storage device, the two charging contacts comprising a first charging contact and a second charging contact, wherein power is provided to the rechargeable power storage device when the exterior surface at the first end of the body of the electronic device is received at the cradle in each of a first orientation, in which the first device contact contacts the first charging contact and the second device contact contacts the second charging contact, and a second orientation, in which the first device contact contacts the second charging contact and the second device contact contacts the first charging contact.

**[0052ppp]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system comprising: an electronic device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the electronic device comprising: a body having an exterior surface, a first end, and a second end opposite the first end; a power storage device within the body; and two device contacts in electrical communication with the power storage device, the two device contacts comprising a first device contact and a second device contact, wherein both the

first device contact and the second device contact are accessible from the exterior surface of the body; and a charging unit comprising: a cradle configured for receiving the body of the electronic device, the cradle comprising two charging contacts including a first charging contact and a second charging contact, the two charging contacts configured to provide an electrical charge to the power storage device, wherein the electrical charge is provided to the power storage device when the body of the electronic device is received at the cradle in each of a first orientation, in which the first device contact contacts the first charging contact and the second device contact contacts the second charging contact, and a second orientation, in which the first device contact contacts the second charging contact and the second device contact contacts the first charging contact.

**[0052qqq]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system comprising: an electronic device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising a body, the body having a first end comprising a first device contact and a second device contact; and a charging unit for providing an electrical charge to a power storage device within the body, the charging unit comprising a cradle comprising a first charging contact and a second charging contact, the charging unit configured for receiving the first end of the body in either a first orientation or a second orientation, the first orientation coupling the first device contact with the first charging contact and coupling the second device contact with the second charging contact, and the second orientation coupling the first device contact with the second charging contact and coupling the second device contact with the first charging contact.

**[0052rrr]** In another aspect, this document discloses an electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, comprising a rechargeable power storage device housed within the electronic device for generating the inhalable vapor; a circuit for charging the rechargeable power storage device; and two device contacts that are accessible from an exterior surface of the electronic device for generating the inhalable vapor, wherein the two device contacts are in electrical communication with the rechargeable power storage device through the circuit, characterized in that the rechargeable power storage device is configured to be charged by the circuit, when the electronic device is placed in a charging cradle, wherein the two device contacts are reversible such that the electronic device is charged in the charging cradle for charging with a first contact on the electronic device in contact with a first charging contact on the charging cradle and a second contact on the electronic device in contact with a second charging contact on the charging cradle and with the

first contact on the electronic device in contact with the second charging contact on the charging cradle and the second contact on the electronic device in contact with the first charging contact on the charging cradle.

**[0052sss]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system comprising: an electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, the electronic device comprising: a rechargeable power storage device housed within the electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor; and two device charging pins that are accessible from an exterior surface of the electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, wherein the device charging pins are in electrical communication with the rechargeable power storage device, the two device charging pins comprising a first device charging pin and a second device charging pin; and a charging cradle comprising two charging contacts configured to provide power to the rechargeable power storage device, the two charging contacts comprising a first charging contact and a second charging contact, wherein the rechargeable power storage device is configured to be charged, when the electronic device is placed in the charging cradle in each of a first orientation, in which the first device charging pin contacts the first charging contact and the second device charging pin contacts the second charging contact, and a second orientation, in which the first device charging pin contacts the second charging contact and the second device charging pin contacts the first charging contact.

**[0052ttt]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system comprising: an electronic vaporizer device comprising a device body housing an energy storage device, with the device body having charging pins at one end thereof; and a charging unit for the electronic vaporizer device, the charging unit comprising: a charging cradle configured to couple with charging pins on the electronic vaporizer device to provide charge to the energy storage device in the device body of the electronic vaporization device from a power source, the charging cradle comprising a recess coupled to receive the end of the device body comprising the charging pins; a magnet or magnetic contact to securely hold the device body in place during charging; and a connection configured to connect to the power source, the connection comprising a USB connector rigidly connected to the charging cradle and configured to maintain the charging cradle in a fixed orientation when the USB connector is attached to a USB socket.

**[0052uuu]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor

forming medium in the oven chamber to generate a vapor; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which at least a fraction of the vapor condenses to form the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber to a user.

**[0052vvv]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing an inhalable aerosol generating device wherein the device comprises: an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber to a user.

**[0052www]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing a vaporization device, wherein said device produces a vapor comprising particle diameters of average mass of about 1 micron or less, wherein said vapor is formed by heating a vapor forming medium in an oven chamber to a first temperature below the pyrolytic temperature of said vapor forming medium, and cooling said vapor in a condensation chamber to a second temperature below the first temperature, before exiting an aerosol outlet of said device.

**[0052xxx]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method of manufacturing a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, said method comprising: providing said device comprising: a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device; an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber

and then the condensation chamber; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber after the vapor is formed in the oven chamber, wherein the joined first airflow path and second airflow path are configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

**[0052yyy]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device and an air inlet that originates a first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

**[0052zzz]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device, an air inlet that originates a first airflow path, and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; and a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol and wherein air from the aeration vent joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

**[0052aaaa]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment, and a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, and an air inlet passage formed by the channel and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle; wherein the channel forms a first side of the air



inlet passage, and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052bbbb]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle comprising (i) a channel integral to an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle and (ii) a fluid storage compartment, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage and wherein an external surface of the cartridge forms a second side of the air inlet passage; and the air inlet passage formed by the channel and an external surface of the cartridge when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052cccc]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle for receiving a cartridge, wherein an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a first side of an air inlet passage when a cartridge comprising a channel integral to an exterior surface is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052dddd]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle for receiving a cartridge; wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises a channel integral to an interior surface and forms a first side of an air inlet passage when a cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, and wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052eeee]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; and a channel integral to an exterior surface, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage, and wherein an internal surface of a cartridge receptacle in the device forms a second side of the air inlet passage when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[0052ffff]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising a fluid storage compartment, wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a first side of an air inlet channel when inserted into a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle, and wherein the cartridge receptacle further comprises a channel integral to an interior surface, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

**[0052gggg]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; and a heater affixed to a first end comprising: a first heater contact; and a resistive heating element affixed to the first heater contact; a device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge; a second heater contact adapted to receive the first heater contact and to complete a circuit; a power source connected to the second heater contact; a printed circuit board (PCB) connected to the power source and the second heater contact, wherein the PCB is configured to detect the absence of fluid based on the measured resistance of the resistive heating element, and turn off the device.

**[00052hhhh]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end comprising: a heater chamber, a first pair of heater contacts, a fluid wick, and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, wherein the first pair of heater contacts comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber, and wherein the fluid wick and resistive heating element are suspended therebetween.

**[0052iiii]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a heater comprising: a heater chamber; a pair of thin plate heater contacts therein; a fluid wick positioned between the heater contacts; and a resistive heating element in contact with the wick, wherein the heater contacts each comprise a fixation site wherein the resistive heating element is tensioned therebetween.

**[0052jjjj]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising a heater, wherein the heater is attached to a first end of the cartridge.

**[0052kkkk]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; and a mouthpiece, wherein the mouthpiece is attached to a second end of the cartridge.

**[0052llll]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end, wherein the heater comprises a first condensation chamber and the mouthpiece comprises a second condensation chamber.

**[0052mmmm]** In another aspect, this document discloses a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and a detachable cartridge, wherein the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling, wherein the separable coupling comprises a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly.

**[0052nnnn]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method of fabricating a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: providing a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and providing a detachable cartridge, wherein the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling comprising a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly.

**[0052oooo]** In another aspect, this document discloses a method of fabricating a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing a fluid storage compartment; affixing a heater to a first end with a snap-fit coupling; and affixing a mouthpiece to a second end with a snap-fit coupling.

**[0052pppp]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol with an airflow path, the cartridge comprising: a channel comprising a portion of an air inlet passage; a second air passage in fluid communication with the channel; a heater chamber in fluid communication with the second air passage; a first condensation chamber in fluid communication with the heater chamber; a second condensation chamber in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with second condensation chamber.

**[0052qqqq]** In another aspect, this document discloses a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end; and a mouthpiece affixed to a second end; wherein said mouthpiece comprises two or more aerosol outlets.

**[0052rrrr]** In another aspect, this document discloses a system for providing power to an electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor, the system comprising: a rechargeable power storage device housed within the electronic device for generating an inhalable vapor; two or more pins that are accessible from an exterior surface of the electronic device for generating an inhalable

vapor, wherein the charging pins are in electrical communication with the rechargeable power storage device; and a charging cradle comprising two or more charging contacts configured to provided power to the rechargeable storage device, wherein the device charging pins are reversible such that the device is charged in the charging cradle for charging with a first charging pin on the device in contact a first charging contact on the charging cradle and a second charging pin on the device in contact with second charging contact on the charging cradle and with the first charging pin on the device in contact with second charging contact on the charging cradle and the second charging pin on the device in contact with the first charging contact on the charging cradle.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

**[0053]** The novel features of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. A better understanding of the features and advantages of the present invention will be obtained by reference to the following detailed description that sets forth illustrative embodiments, in which the principles of the invention are utilized, and the accompanying drawings of which:

**[0054] FIG. 1** is an illustrative cross-sectional view of an exemplary vaporization device.

**[0055] FIG. 2** is an illustrative cross-sectional view of an exemplary vaporization device with various electronic features and valves.

**[0056] FIG. 3** is an illustrative sectional view of another exemplary vaporization device comprising a condensation chamber, air inlet and aeration vent in the mouthpiece.

**[0057] FIGs 4A - 4C** is an illustrative example of an oven section of another exemplary vaporization device configuration with an access lid, comprising an oven having an air inlet, air outlet, and an additional aeration vent in the airflow pathway, after the oven.

**[0058] FIG. 5** is an illustrative isometric view of an assembled inhalable aerosol device.

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**[0059] FIGs 6A - 6D** are illustrative arrangements and section views of the device body and sub-components.

**[0060] FIG. 7 A** is an illustrative isometric view of an assembled cartridge.

**[0061] FIG. 7B** is an illustrative exploded isometric view of a cartridge assembly.

**[0062] FIG. 7C** is a side section view of Figure 3A illustrating the inlet channel, inlet hole and relative placement of the wick, resistive heating element, and heater contacts, and the heater chamber inside of the heater.

**[0063] FIG. 8A** is an illustrative end section view of an exemplary cartridge inside the heater.

[0064] **FIG. 8B** is an illustrative side view of the cartridge with the cap removed and heater shown in shadow / outline.

[0065] **FIG. 9** is an illustrative sequence of the assembly method for the cartridge.

[0066] **FIGs 10A – 10C** are illustrative sequences showing the airflow / vapor path for the cartridge.

[0067] **FIGs 11 – 13** represent an illustrative assembly sequence for assembling the main components of the device.

[0068] **FIG. 14** illustrates front, side and section views of the assembled inhalable aerosol device.

[0069] **FIG. 15** is an illustrative view of an activated, assembled inhalable aerosol device.

[0070] **FIG. 16A – 16C** are representative illustrations of a charging device for the aerosol device and the application of the charger with the device.

[0071] **FIG. 17A – 17B** are representative illustrations of a proportional-integral-derivative controller (PID) block diagram and circuit diagram representing the essential components in a device to control coil temperature.

[0072] **FIG. 18** is a device with charging contacts visible from an exterior housing of the device.

[0073] **FIG. 19** is an exploded view of a charging assembly of a device.

[0074] **FIG. 20** is a detailed view of a charging assembly of a device.

[0075] **FIG. 21** is a detailed view of charging pins in a charging assembly of a device.

[0076] **FIG. 22** is a device in a charging cradle.

[0077] **FIG. 23** is a circuit provided on a PCB configured to permit a device to comprise reversible charging contacts.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

[0078] Provided herein are systems and methods for generating a vapor from a material. The vapor may be delivered for inhalation by a user. The material may be a solid, liquid, powder, solution, paste, gel, or any a material with any other physical consistency. The vapor may be delivered to the user for inhalation by a vaporization device. The vaporization device may be a handheld vaporization device. The vaporization device may be held in one hand by the user.

[0079] The vaporization device may comprise one or more heating elements the heating element may be a resistive heating element. The heating element may heat the material such that the temperature of the material increases. Vapor may be generated as a result of heating the material. Energy may be required to operate the heating element, the energy may be derived from a battery in electrical communication with the heating element. Alternatively a chemical reaction (e.g., combustion or other exothermic reaction) may provide energy to the heating element.

[0080] One or more aspects of the vaporization device may be designed and/or controlled in order to deliver a vapor with one or more specified properties to the user. For example, aspects of the vaporization device that may be designed and/or controlled to deliver the vapor with specified properties may comprise the heating temperature, heating mechanism, device air inlets, internal volume of the device, and/or composition of the material.

[0081] In some cases, a vaporization device may have an “atomizer” or “cartomizer” configured to heat an aerosol forming solution (e.g., vaporizable material). The aerosol forming solution may comprise glycerin and/or propylene glycol. The vaporizable material may be heated to a sufficient temperature such that it may vaporize.

[0082] An atomizer may be a device or system configured to generate an aerosol. The atomizer may comprise a small heating element configured to heat and/or vaporize at least a portion of the vaporizable material and a wicking material that may draw a liquid vaporizable material in to the atomizer. The wicking material may comprise silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, stainless steel mesh, and/or rope cables. The wicking material may be configured to draw the liquid vaporizable material in to the atomizer without a pump or other mechanical moving part. A resistance wire may be wrapped around the wicking material and then connected to a positive and negative pole of a current source (e.g., energy source). The resistance wire may be a coil. When the resistance wire is activated the resistance wire (or coil) may have a temperature increase as a result of the current flowing through the resistive wire to generate heat. The heat may be transferred to at least a portion of the vaporizable material through conductive, convective, and/or radiative heat transfer such that at least a portion of the vaporizable material vaporizes.

[0083] Alternatively or in addition to the atomizer, the vaporization device may comprise a “cartomizer” to generate an aerosol from the vaporizable material for inhalation by the user. The cartomizer may comprise a cartridge and an atomizer. The cartomizer may comprise a heating element surrounded by a liquid-soaked poly-foam that acts as holder for the vaporizable material (e.g., the liquid). The cartomizer may be reusable, rebuildable, refillable, and/or disposable. The cartomizer may be used with a tank for extra storage of a vaporizable material.

[0084] Air may be drawn into the vaporization device to carry the vaporized aerosol away from the heating element, where it then cools and condenses to form liquid particles suspended in air, which may then be drawn out of the mouthpiece by the user.

[0085] The vaporization of at least a portion of the vaporizable material may occur at a lower temperatures in the vaporization device compared to temperatures required to generate an inhalable vapor in a cigarette. A cigarette may be a device in which a smokable material is

burned to generate an inhalable vapor. The lower temperature of the vaporization device may result in less decomposition and/or reaction of the vaporized material, and therefore produce an aerosol with many fewer chemical components compared to a cigarette. In some cases, the vaporization device may generate an aerosol with fewer chemical components that may be harmful to human health compared to a cigarette. Additionally, the vaporization device aerosol particles may undergo nearly complete evaporation in the heating process, the nearly complete evaporation may yield an average particle size (e.g., diameter) value that may be smaller than the average particle size in tobacco or botanical based effluent.

[0086] A vaporization device may be a device configured to extract for inhalation one or more active ingredients of plant material, tobacco, and/or a botanical, or other herbs or blends. A vaporization device may be used with pure chemicals and/or humectants that may or may not be mixed with plant material. Vaporization may be alternative to burning (smoking) that may avoid the inhalation of many irritating and/or toxic carcinogenic by-products which may result from the pyrolytic process of burning tobacco or botanical products above 300° C. The vaporization device may operate at a temperature at or below 300° C.

[0087] A vaporizer (e.g., vaporization device) may not have an atomizer or cartomizer. Instead the device may comprise an oven. The oven may be at least partially closed. The oven may have a closable opening. The oven may be wrapped with a heating element, alternatively the heating element may be in thermal communication with the oven through another mechanism. A vaporizable material may be placed directly in the oven or in a cartridge fitted in the oven. The heating element in thermal communication with the oven may heat a vaporizable material mass in order to create a gas phase vapor. The heating element may heat the vaporizable material through conductive, convective, and/or radiative heat transfer. The vapor may be released to a vaporization chamber where the gas phase vapor may condense, forming an aerosol cloud having typical liquid vapor particles with particles having a diameter of average mass of approximately 1 micron or greater. In some cases the diameter of average mass may be approximately 0.1-1 micron.

[0088] As used herein, the term “vapor” may generally refer to a substance in the gas phase at a temperature lower than its critical point. The vapor may be condensed to a liquid or to a solid by increasing its pressure without reducing the temperature.

[0089] As used herein, the term “aerosol” may generally refer to a colloid of fine solid particles or liquid droplets in air or another gas. Examples of aerosols may include clouds, haze, and smoke, including the smoke from tobacco or botanical products. The liquid or solid particles in an aerosol may have varying diameters of average mass that may range from monodisperse



aerosols, producible in the laboratory, and containing particles of uniform size; to polydisperse colloidal systems, exhibiting a range of particle sizes. As the sizes of these particles become larger, they have a greater settling speed which causes them to settle out of the aerosol faster, making the appearance of the aerosol less dense and to shorten the time in which the aerosol will linger in air. Interestingly, an aerosol with smaller particles will appear thicker or denser because it has more particles. Particle number has a much bigger impact on light scattering than particle size (at least for the considered ranges of particle size), thus allowing for a vapor cloud with many more smaller particles to appear denser than a cloud having fewer, but larger particle sizes. [0090] As used herein the term “humectant” may generally refer to as a substance that is used to keep things moist. A humectant may attract and retain moisture in the air by absorption, allowing the water to be used by other substances. Humectants are also commonly used in many tobaccos or botanicals and electronic vaporization products to keep products moist and as vapor-forming medium. Examples include propylene glycol, sugar polyols such as glycerol, glycerin, and honey.

#### **Rapid Aeration**

[0091] In some cases, the vaporization device may be configured to deliver an aerosol with a high particle density. The particle density of the aerosol may refer to the number of the aerosol droplets relative to the volume of air (or other dry gas) between the aerosol droplets. A dense aerosol may easily be visible to a user. In some cases the user may inhale the aerosol and at least a fraction of the aerosol particles may impinge on the lungs and/or mouth of the user. The user may exhale residual aerosol after inhaling the aerosol. When the aerosol is dense the residual aerosol may have sufficient particle density such that the exhaled aerosol is visible to the user. In some cases, a user may prefer the visual effect and/or mouth feel of a dense aerosol.

[0092] A vaporization device may comprise a vaporizable material. The vaporizable material may be contained in a cartridge or the vaporizable material may be loosely placed in one or more cavities the vaporization device. A heating element may be provided in the device to elevate the temperature of the vaporizable material such that at least a portion of the vaporizable material forms a vapor. The heating element may heat the vaporizable material by convective heat transfer, conductive heat transfer, and/or radiative heat transfer. The heating element may heat the cartridge and/or the cavity in which the vaporizable material is stored.

[0093] Vapor formed upon heating the vaporizable material may be delivered to the user. The vapor may be transported through the device from a first position in the device to a second position in the device. In some cases, the first position may be a location where at least a portion of the vapor was generated, for example, the cartridge or cavity or an area adjacent to the

cartridge or cavity. The second position may be a mouthpiece. The user may suck on the mouthpiece to inhale the vapor.

[0094] At least a fraction of the vapor may condense after the vapor is generated and before the vapor is inhaled by the user. The vapor may condense in a condensation chamber. The condensation chamber may be a portion of the device that the vapor passes through before delivery to the user. In some cases, the device may include at least one aeration vent, placed in the condensation chamber of the vaporization device. The aeration vent may be configured to introduce ambient air (or other gas) into the vaporization chamber. The air introduced into the vaporization chamber may have a temperature lower than the temperature of a gas and/or gas/vapor mixture in the condensation chamber. Introduction of the relatively lower temperature gas into the vaporization chamber may provide rapid cooling of the heated gas vapor mixture that was generated by heating the vaporizable material. Rapid cooling of the gas vapor mixture may generate a dense aerosol comprising a high concentration of liquid droplets having a smaller diameter and/or smaller average mass compared to an aerosol that is not rapidly cooled prior to inhalation by the user.

[0095] An aerosol with a high concentration of liquid droplets having a smaller diameter and/or smaller average mass compared to an aerosol that is not rapidly cooled prior to inhalation by the user may be formed in a two-step process. The first step may occur in the oven chamber where the vaporizable material (e.g., tobacco and/or botanical and humectant blend) may be heated to an elevated temperature. At the elevated temperature, evaporation may happen faster than at room temperature and the oven chamber may fill with the vapor phase of the humectants. The humectant may continue to evaporate until the partial pressure of the humectant is equal to the saturation pressure. At this point, the gas is said to have a saturation ratio of 1 ( $S = P_{\text{partial}}/P_{\text{sat}}$ ).

[0096] In the second step, the gas (e.g., vapor and air) may exit the oven and enter a condenser or condensation chamber and begin to cool. As the gas phase vapor cools, the saturation pressure may decrease. As the saturation pressure decreases, the saturation ratio may increase and the vapor may begin to condense, forming droplets. In some devices, with the absence of added cooling aeration, the cooling may be relatively slower such that high saturation pressures may not be reached, and the droplets that form in the devices without added cooling aeration may be relatively larger and fewer in numbers. When cooler air is introduced, a temperature gradient may be formed between the cooler air and the relatively warmer gas in the device. Mixing between the cooler air and the relatively warmer gas in a confined space inside of the vaporization device may lead to rapid cooling. The rapid cooling may generate high saturation

ratios, small particles, and high concentrations of smaller particles, forming a thicker, denser vapor cloud compared to particles generated in a device without the aeration vents.

[0097] For the purpose of this disclosure, when referring to ratios of humectants such as vegetable glycerol or propylene glycol, “about” means a variation of 5%, 10%, 20% or 25% depending on the embodiment.

[0098] For the purpose of this disclosure, when referring to a diameter of average mass in particle sizes, “about” means a variation of 5%, 10%, 20% or 25% depending on the embodiment.

[0099] A vaporization device configured to rapidly cool a vapor may comprise: a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device; an oven comprising an oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein; a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol; an air inlet that originates a first airflow path that includes the oven chamber and then the condensation chamber, an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber after the vapor is formed in the oven chamber, wherein the joined first airflow path and second airflow path are configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

[00100] In some embodiments, the oven is within a body of the device. The oven chamber may comprise an oven chamber inlet and an oven chamber outlet. The oven may further comprise a first valve at the oven chamber inlet, and a second valve at the oven chamber outlet.

[00101] The oven may be contained within a device housing. In some cases the body of the device may comprise the aeration vent and/or the condenser. The body of the device may comprise one or more air inlets. The body of the device may comprise a housing that holds and/or at least partially contains one or more elements of the device.

[00102] The mouthpiece may be connected to the body. The mouthpiece may be connected to the oven. The mouthpiece may be connected to a housing that at least partially encloses the oven. In some cases, the mouthpiece may be separable from the oven, the body, and/or the housing that at least partially encloses the oven. The mouthpiece may comprise at least one of the air inlet, the aeration vent, and the condenser. The mouthpiece may be integral to the body of the device. The body of the device may comprise the oven.

[00103] In some cases, the one or more aeration vents may comprise a valve. The valve may regulate a flow rate of air entering the device through the aeration vent. The valve may be controlled through a mechanical and/or electrical control system.

[00104] A vaporization device configured to rapidly cool a vapor may comprise: a body, a mouthpiece, an aerosol outlet, a condenser with a condensation chamber, a heater, an oven with an oven chamber, a primary airflow inlet, and at least one aeration vent provided in the body, downstream of the oven, and upstream of the mouthpiece.

[00105] **FIG. 1** shows an example of a vaporization device configured to rapidly cool a vapor. The device **100**, may comprise a body **101**. The body may house and/or integrate with one or more components of the device. The body may house and/or integrate with a mouthpiece **102**. The mouthpiece **102** may have an aerosol outlet **122**. A user may inhale the generated aerosol through the aerosol outlet **122** on the mouthpiece **102**. The body may house and/or integrate with an oven region **104**. The oven region **104** may comprise an oven chamber where vapor forming medium **106** may be placed. The vapor forming medium may include tobacco and/or botanicals, with or without a secondary humectant. In some cases the vapor forming medium may be contained in a removable and/or refillable cartridge.

[00106] Air may be drawn into the device through a primary air inlet **121**. The primary air inlet **121** may be on an end of the device **100** opposite the mouthpiece **102**. Alternatively, the primary air inlet **121** may be adjacent to the mouthpiece **102**. In some cases, a pressure drop sufficient to pull air into the device through the primary air inlet **121** may be due to a user puffing on the mouthpiece **102**.

[00107] The vapor forming medium (e.g., vaporizable material) may be heated in the oven chamber by a heater **105**, to generate elevated temperature gas phases (vapor) of the tobacco or botanical and humectant / vapor forming components. The heater **105** may transfer heat to the vapor forming medium through conductive, convective, and/or radiative heat transfer. The generated vapor may be drawn out of the oven region and into the condensation chamber **103a**, of the condenser **103** where the vapors may begin to cool and condense into micro-particles or droplets suspended in air, thus creating the initial formation of an aerosol, before being drawn out of the mouthpiece through the aerosol outlet **122**.

[00108] In some cases, relatively cooler air may be introduced into the condensation chamber **103a**, through an aeration vent **107** such that the vapor condenses more rapidly compared to a vapor in a device without the aeration vent **107**. Rapidly cooling the vapor may create a denser aerosol cloud having particles with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 1 micron, and depending on the mixture ratio of the vapor-forming humectant, particles with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 0.5 micron

[00109] In another aspect, the present invention provides a device for generating an inhalable aerosol said device comprising a body with a mouthpiece at one end, an attached body

at the other end comprising a condensation chamber, a heater, an oven, wherein the oven comprises a first valve in the airflow path at the primary airflow inlet of the oven chamber, and a second valve at the outlet end of the oven chamber, and at least one aeration vent provided in the body, downstream of the oven, and upstream of the mouthpiece.

[00110] **FIG. 2** shows a diagram of an alternative embodiment of the vaporization device **200**. The vaporization device may have a body **201**. The body **201** may integrate with and/or contain one or more components of the device. The body may integrate with or be connected to a mouthpiece **202**

[00111] The body may comprise an oven region **204**, with an oven chamber **204a** having a first constricting valve **208** in the primary air inlet of the oven chamber and a second constricting valve **209** at the oven chamber outlet. The oven chamber **204a** may be sealed with a tobacco or botanical and/or humectant / vapor forming medium **206** therein. The seal may be an air tight and/or liquid tight seal. The heater may be provided to the oven chamber with a heater **205**. The heater **205** may be in thermal communication with the oven, for example the heater may be surrounding the oven chamber during the vaporization process. Heater may contact the oven. The heater may be wrapped around the oven. Before inhalation and before air is drawn in through a primary air inlet **221**, pressure may build in the sealed oven chamber as heat is continually added. The pressure may build due to a phase change of the vaporizable material. Elevated temperature gas phases (vapor) of the tobacco or botanical and humectant / vapor forming components may be achieved by continually adding heat to the oven. This heated pressurization process may generate even higher saturation ratios when the valves **208**, **209** are opened during inhalation. The higher saturation ratios may cause relatively higher particle concentrations of gas phase humectant in the resultant aerosol. When the vapor is drawn out of the oven region and into the condensation chamber **203a** of the condenser **203**, for example by inhalation by the user, the gas phase humectant vapors may be exposed to additional air through an aeration vent **207**, and the vapors may begin to cool and condense into droplets suspended in air. As described previously the aerosol may be drawn through the mouthpiece **222** by the user. This condensation process may be further refined by adding an additional valve **210**, to the aeration vent **207** to further control the air-vapor mixture process.

[00112] **FIG. 2** also illustrates an exemplary embodiment of the additional components which would be found in a vaporizing device, including a power source or battery **211**, a printed circuit board **212**, a temperature regulator **213**, and operational switches (not shown), housed within an internal electronics housing **214**, to isolate them from the damaging effects of the

moisture in the vapor and/or aerosol. The additional components may be found in a vaporizing device that may or may not comprise an aeration vent as described above.

[00113] In some embodiments of the vaporization device, components of the device are user serviceable, such as the power source or battery. These components may be replaceable or rechargeable.

[00114] In yet another aspect, the invention provides a device for generating an inhalable aerosol said device comprising a first body, a mouthpiece having an aerosol outlet, a condensation chamber within a condenser and an airflow inlet and channel, an attached second body, comprising a heater and oven with an oven chamber, wherein said airflow channel is upstream of the oven and the mouthpiece outlet to provide airflow through the device, across the oven, and into the condensation chamber where an auxiliary aeration vent is provided.

[00115] **FIG. 3** shows a section view of a vaporization device **300**. The device **300** may comprise a body **301**. The body may be connected to or integral with a mouthpiece **302** at one end. The mouthpiece may comprise a condensation chamber **303a** within a condenser section **303** and an airflow inlet **321** and air channel **323**. The device body may comprise a proximally located oven **304** comprising an oven chamber **304a**. The oven chamber may be in the body of the device. A vapor forming medium **306** (e.g., vaporizable material) comprising tobacco or botanical and humectant vapor forming medium may be placed in the oven. The vapor forming medium may be in direct contact with an air channel **323** from the mouthpiece. The tobacco or botanical may be heated by heater **305** surrounding the oven chamber, to generate elevated temperature gas phases (vapor) of the tobacco or botanical and humectant / vapor forming components and air drawn in through a primary air inlet **321**, across the oven, and into the condensation chamber **303a** of the condenser region **303** due to a user puffing on the mouthpiece. Once in the condensation chamber where the gas phase humectant vapors begin to cool and condense into droplets suspended in air, additional air is allowed to enter through aeration vent **307**, thus, once again creating a denser aerosol cloud having particles with a diameter of average mass of less than a typical vaporization device without an added aeration vent, before being drawn out of the mouthpiece through the aerosol outlet **322**.

[00116] In some aspects of the invention, the device comprises a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device and an air inlet that originates a first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein, a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol, an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration

vent to join the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol formed in the condensation chamber through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user.

[00117] In some aspects of the invention, the device may comprise a mouthpiece comprising an aerosol outlet at a first end of the device, an air inlet that originates a first airflow path, and an aeration vent that originates a second airflow path that allows air from the aeration vent to join the first airflow path; an oven comprising an oven chamber that is in the first airflow path and includes the oven chamber and a heater for heating a vapor forming medium in the oven chamber and for forming a vapor therein, a condenser comprising a condensation chamber in which the vapor forms the inhalable aerosol and wherein air from the aeration vent joins the first airflow path prior to or within the condensation chamber and downstream from the oven chamber thereby forming a joined path, wherein the joined path is configured to deliver the inhalable aerosol through the aerosol outlet of the mouthpiece to a user, as illustrated in exemplary **FIG. 3**.

[00118] In some aspects of the invention, the device may comprise a body with one or more separable components. For example, the mouthpiece may be separably attached to the body comprising the condensation chamber, a heater, and an oven, as illustrated in exemplary **FIGs. 1 or 2**.

[00119] In some aspects of the invention, the device may comprise a body with one or more separable components. For example, the mouthpiece may be separably attached to the body. The mouthpiece may comprise the condensation chamber, and may be attached to or immediately adjacent to the oven and which is separable from the body comprising a heater, and the oven, as illustrated in exemplary **FIG. 3**.

[00120] In other aspects of the invention, the at least one aeration vent may be located in the condensation chamber of the condenser, as illustrated in exemplary **FIGs. 1, 2, or 3**. The at least one aeration vent may comprise a third valve in the airflow path of the at least one aeration vent, as illustrated in exemplary **FIG. 2**. The first, second and third valve is a check valve, a clack valve, a non-return valve, or a one-way valve. In any of the preceding aspects of the invention, the first, second or third valve may be mechanically actuated, electronically actuated or manually actuated. One skilled in the art will recognize after reading this disclosure that this device may be modified in a way such that any one, or each of these openings or vents could be configured to have a different combination or variation of mechanisms as described to control airflow, pressure and temperature of the vapor created and aerosol being generated by these device configurations, including a manually operated opening or vent with or without a valve.

[00121] In some embodiments of the invention, the device may further comprise at least one of: a power source, a printed circuit board, a switch, and a temperature regulator.

Alternately, one skilled in the art would recognize that each configuration previously described will also accommodate said power source (battery), switch, printed circuit board, or temperature regulator as appropriate, in the body.

[00122] In some embodiments of the invention, the device may be disposable when the supply of pre-packaged aerosol-forming media is exhausted. Alternatively, the device may be rechargeable such that the battery may be rechargeable or replaceable, and /or the aerosol-forming media may be refilled, by the user/operator of the device. Still further, in other embodiments of the invention, the device may be rechargeable such that the battery may be rechargeable or replaceable, and/or the operator may also add or refill a tobacco or botanical component, in addition to a refillable or replaceable aerosol-forming media to the device.

[00123] As illustrated in **FIGs. 1, 2 or 3**, in some embodiments of the invention, the vaporization device comprises tobacco or a botanical heated in said oven chamber, wherein said tobacco or botanical further comprises humectants to produce an aerosol comprising gas phase components of the humectant and tobacco or botanical. In some embodiments of the invention, the gas phase humectant and tobacco or botanical vapor produced by said heated aerosol forming media **106, 206, 306** is further mixed with air from a special aeration vent **107, 207, 307** after exiting the oven area **104, 204, 304** and entering a condensation chamber **103a, 203a, 303a** to cool and condense said gas phase vapors to produce a far denser, thicker aerosol comprising more particles than would have otherwise been produced without the extra cooling air, with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 1 micron.

[00124] In other embodiments of the invention, each aerosol configuration produced by mixing the gas phase vapors with the cool air may comprise a different range of particles, for example; with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 0.9 micron; less than or equal to about 0.8 micron; less than or equal to about 0.7 micron; less than or equal to about 0.6 micron; and even an aerosol comprising particle diameters of average mass of less than or equal to about 0.5 micron.

[00125] The possible variations and ranges of aerosol density are great in that the possible number of combinations of temperature, pressure, tobacco or botanical choices and humectant selections are numerous. However, by excluding the tobacco or botanical choices and limiting the temperatures ranges and the humectant ratios to those described herein, the inventor has demonstrated that this device will produce a far denser, thicker aerosol comprising more particles



than would have otherwise been produced without the extra cooling air, with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 1 micron.

**[00126]** In some embodiments of the invention, the humectant comprises glycerol or vegetable glycerol as a vapor-forming medium.

**[00127]** In still other embodiments of the invention, the humectant comprises propylene glycol as a vapor-forming medium.

**[00128]** In preferred embodiments of the invention, the humectant may comprise a ratio of vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol as a vapor-forming medium. The ranges of said ratio may vary between a ratio of about 100:0 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol and a ratio of about 50:50 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The difference in preferred ratios within the above stated range may vary by as little as 1, for example, said ratio may be about 99:1 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. However, more commonly said ratios would vary in increments of about 5, for example, about 95:5 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol; or about 85:15 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol; or about 55:45 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol.

**[00129]** In a preferred embodiment the ratio for the vapor forming medium will be between the ratios of about 80:20 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol, and about 60:40 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol.

**[00130]** In a most preferred embodiment, the ratio for the vapor forming medium will be about 70:30 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol.

**[00131]** In any of the preferred embodiments, the humectant may further comprise flavoring products. These flavorings may include enhancers comprising cocoa solids, licorice, tobacco or botanical extracts, and various sugars, to name but a few.

**[00132]** In some embodiments of the invention, the tobacco or botanical is heated in the oven up to its pyrolytic temperature, which as noted previously is most commonly measured in the range of 300 - 1000° C.

**[00133]** In preferred embodiments, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 300° C at most. In other preferred embodiments, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 200° C at most. In still other preferred embodiments, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 160° C at most. It should be noted that in these lower temperature ranges (< 300° C), pyrolysis of tobacco or botanical does not typically occur, yet vapor formation of the tobacco or botanical components and flavoring products does occur. In addition, vapor formation of the components of the humectant, mixed at various ratios will also occur, resulting in nearly complete vaporization, depending on the temperature, since propylene glycol has a boiling point of about 180° - 190° C and vegetable glycerin will boil at approximately 280° - 290° C.

[00134] In still other preferred embodiments, the aerosol produced by said heated tobacco or botanical and humectant is mixed with air provided through an aeration vent.

[00135] In still other preferred embodiments, the aerosol produced by said heated tobacco or botanical and humectant mixed with air, is cooled to a temperature of about 50° - 70° C at most, and even as low as 35° C before exiting the mouthpiece, depending on the air temperature being mixed into the condensation chamber. In some embodiments, the temperature is cooled to about 35° - 55° C at most, and may have a fluctuating range of  $\pm$  about 10° C or more within the overall range of about 35° - 70° C.

[00136] In yet another aspect, the invention provides a vaporization device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising a unique oven configuration, wherein said oven comprises an access lid and an auxiliary aeration vent located within the airflow channel immediately downstream of the oven and before the aeration chamber. In this configuration, the user may directly access the oven by removing the access lid, providing the user with the ability to recharge the device with vaporization material.

[00137] In addition, having the added aeration vent in the airflow channel immediately after the oven and ahead of the vaporization chamber provides the user with added control over the amount of air entering the aeration chamber downstream and the cooling rate of the aerosol before it enters the aeration chamber.

[00138] As noted in **FIGs. 4A - 4C**, the device **400** may comprise a body **401**, having an air inlet **421** allowing initial air for the heating process into the oven region **404**. After heating the tobacco or botanical, and humectant (heater not shown), the gas phase humectant vapor generated may travel down the airflow channel **423**, passing the added aeration vent **407** wherein the user may selectively increase airflow into the heated vapor. The user may selectively increase and/or decrease the airflow to the heated vapor by controlling a valve in communication with the aeration vent **407**. In some cases, the device may not have an aeration vent. Airflow into the heated vapor through the aeration vent may decrease the vapor temperature before exiting the airflow channel at the outlet **422**, and increase the condensation rate and vapor density by decreasing the diameter of the vapor particles within the aeration chamber (not shown), thus producing a thicker, denser vapor compared to the vapor generated by a device without the aeration vent.. The user may also access the oven chamber **404a** to recharge or reload the device **400**, through an access lid **430** provided therein, making the device user serviceable. The access lid may be provided on a device with or without an aeration vent.

[00139] Provided herein is a method for generating an inhalable aerosol, the method comprising: providing an vaporization device, wherein said device produces a vapor comprising

particle diameters of average mass of about 1 micron or less, wherein the vapor is formed by heating a vapor forming medium in an oven chamber of the device to a first temperature below the pyrolytic temperature of the vapor forming medium, and cooling the vapor in a condensation chamber to a temperature below the first temperature, before exiting an aerosol outlet of said device.

**[00140]** In some embodiments the vapor may be cooled by mixing relatively cooler air with the vapor in the condensation chamber during the condensation phase, after leaving the oven, where condensation of the gas phase humectants occurs more rapidly due to high saturation ratios being achieved at the moment of aeration, producing a higher concentration of smaller particles, with fewer by-products, in a denser aerosol, than would normally occur in a standard vaporization or aerosol generating device.

**[00141]** In some embodiments, formation of an inhalable aerosol is a two step process. The first step occurs in the oven where the tobacco or botanical and humectant blend is heated to an elevated temperature. At the elevated temperature, evaporation happens faster than at room temperature and the oven chamber fills with the vapor phase of the humectants. The humectant will continue to evaporate until the partial pressure of the humectant is equal to the saturation pressure. At this point, the gas is said to have a saturation ratio of 1 ( $S = P_{\text{partial}}/P_{\text{sat}}$ ).

**[00142]** In the second step, the gas leaves the oven chamber, passes to a condensation chamber in a condenser and begins to cool. As the gas phase vapor cools, the saturation pressure also goes down, causing the saturation ratio to rise, and the vapor to condensate, forming droplets. When cooling air is introduced, the large temperature gradient between the two fluids mixing in a confined space leads to very rapid cooling, causing high saturation ratios, small particles, and higher concentrations of smaller particles, forming a thicker, denser vapor cloud.

**[00143]** Provided herein is a method for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a vaporization device having a body with a mouthpiece at one end, and an attached body at the other end comprising; a condenser with a condensation chamber, a heater, an oven with an oven chamber, and at least one aeration vent provided in the body, downstream of the oven, and upstream of the mouthpiece, wherein tobacco or botanical comprising a humectant is heated in said oven chamber to produce a vapor comprising gas phase humectants.

**[00144]** As previously described, a vaporization device having an auxiliary aeration vent located in the condensation chamber capable of supplying cool air (relative to the heated gas components) to the gas phase vapors and tobacco or botanical components exiting the oven region, may be utilized to provide a method for generating a far denser, thicker aerosol

comprising more particles than would have otherwise been produced without the extra cooling air, with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 1 micron.

[00145] In another aspect, provided herein is a method for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a vaporization device, having a body with a mouthpiece at one end, and an attached body at the other end comprising: a condenser with a condensation chamber, a heater, an oven with an oven chamber, wherein said oven chamber further comprises a first valve in the airflow path at the inlet end of the oven chamber, and a second valve at the outlet end of the oven chamber; and at least one aeration vent provided in said body, downstream of the oven, and upstream of the mouthpiece wherein tobacco or botanical comprising a humectant is heated in said oven chamber to produce a vapor comprising gas phase humectants.

[00146] As illustrated in exemplary **FIG. 2**, by sealing the oven chamber **204a** with a tobacco or botanical and humectant vapor forming medium **206** therein, and applying heat with the heater **205** during the vaporization process, before inhalation and air is drawn in through a primary air inlet **221**, the pressure will build in the oven chamber as heat is continually added with an electronic heating circuit generated through the combination of the battery **211**, printed circuit board **212**, temperature regulator **213**, and operator controlled switches (not shown), to generate even greater elevated temperature gas phase humectants (vapor) of the tobacco or botanical and humectant vapor forming components. This heated pressurization process generates even higher saturation ratios when the valves **208, 209** are opened during inhalation, which cause higher particle concentrations in the resultant aerosol, when the vapor is drawn out of the oven region and into the condensation chamber **203a**, where they are again exposed to additional air through an aeration vent **207**, and the vapors begin to cool and condense into droplets suspended in air, as described previously before the aerosol is withdrawn through the mouthpiece **222**. The inventor also notes that this condensation process may be further refined by adding an additional valve **210**, to the aeration vent **207** to further control the air-vapor mixture process.

[00147] In some embodiments of any one of the inventive methods, the first, second and/or third valve is a one-way valve, a check valve, a clack valve, or a non-return valve. The first, second and/or third valve may be mechanically actuated. The first, second and/or third valve may be electronically actuated. The first, second and/or third valve may be automatically actuated. The first, second and/or third valve may be manually actuated either directly by a user or indirectly in response to an input command from a user to a control system that actuates the first, second and/or third valve.

[00148] In other aspects of the inventive methods, said device further comprises at least one of: a power source, a printed circuit board, or a temperature regulator.

[00149] In any of the preceding aspects of the inventive method, one skilled in the art will recognize after reading this disclosure that this method may be modified in a way such that any one, or each of these openings or vents could be configured to have a different combination or variation of mechanisms or electronics as described to control airflow, pressure and temperature of the vapor created and aerosol being generated by these device configurations, including a manually operated opening or vent with or without a valve.

[00150] The possible variations and ranges of aerosol density are great in that the possible number of temperature, pressure, tobacco or botanical choices and humectant selections and combinations are numerous. However, by excluding the tobacco or botanical choices and limiting the temperatures to within the ranges and the humectant ratios described herein, the inventor has demonstrated a method for generating a far denser, thicker aerosol comprising more particles than would have otherwise been produced without the extra cooling air, with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to 1 micron.

[00151] In some embodiments of the inventive methods, the humectant comprises a ratio of vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol as a vapor-forming medium. The ranges of said ratio will vary between a ratio of about 100:0 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol and a ratio of about 50:50 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. The difference in preferred ratios within the above stated range may vary by as little as 1, for example, said ratio may be about 99:1 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. However, more commonly said ratios would vary in increments of 5, for example, about 95:5 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol; or about 85:15 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol; or about 55:45 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol.

[00152] Because vegetable glycerol is less volatile than propylene glycol, it will recondense in greater proportions. A humectant with higher concentrations of glycerol will generate a thicker aerosol. The addition of propylene glycol will lead to an aerosol with a reduced concentration of condensed phase particles and an increased concentration of vapor phase effluent. This vapor phase effluent is often perceived as a tickle or harshness in the throat when the aerosol is inhaled. To some consumers, varying degrees of this sensation may be desirable. The ratio of vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol may be manipulated to balance aerosol thickness with the right amount of "throat tickle."

[00153] In a preferred embodiment of the method, the ratio for the vapor forming medium will be between the ratios of about 80:20 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol, and about 60:40 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol.

[00154] In a most preferred embodiment of the method, the ratio for the vapor forming medium will be about 70:30 vegetable glycerol to propylene glycol. One will envision that there will be blends with varying ratios for consumers with varying preferences.

[00155] In any of the preferred embodiments of the method, the humectant further comprises flavoring products. These flavorings include enhancers such as cocoa solids, licorice, tobacco or botanical extracts, and various sugars, to name a few.

[00156] In some embodiments of the method, the tobacco or botanical is heated to its pyrolytic temperature.

[00157] In preferred embodiments of the method, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 300° C at most.

[00158] In other preferred embodiments of the method, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 200° C at most. In still other embodiments of the method, the tobacco or botanical is heated to about 160° C at most.

[00159] As noted previously, at these lower temperatures, (< 300° C), pyrolysis of tobacco or botanical does not typically occur, yet vapor formation of the tobacco or botanical components and flavoring products does occur. As may be inferred from the data supplied by Baker et al., an aerosol produced at these temperatures is also substantially free from Hoffman analytes or at least 70% less Hoffman analytes than a common tobacco or botanical cigarette and scores significantly better on the Ames test than a substance generated by burning a common cigarette. In addition, vapor formation of the components of the humectant, mixed at various ratios will also occur, resulting in nearly complete vaporization, depending on the temperature, since propylene glycol has a boiling point of about 180° - 190° C and vegetable glycerin will boil at approximately 280° - 290° C.

[00160] In any one of the preceding methods, said inhalable aerosol produced by tobacco or a botanical comprising a humectant and heated in said oven produces an aerosol comprising gas phase humectants is further mixed with air provided through an aeration vent.

[00161] In any one of the preceding methods, said aerosol produced by said heated tobacco or botanical and humectant mixed with air, is cooled to a temperature of about 50° - 70° C, and even as low as 35° C, before exiting the mouthpiece. In some embodiments, the temperature is cooled to about 35° - 55° C at most, and may have a fluctuating range of  $\pm$  about 10° C or more within the overall range of about 35° - 70° C.

[00162] In some embodiments of the method, the vapor comprising gas phase humectant may be mixed with air to produce an aerosol comprising particle diameters of average mass of less than or equal to about 1 micron.

[00163] In other embodiments of the method, each aerosol configuration produced by mixing the gas phase vapors with the cool air may comprise a different range of particles, for example; with a diameter of average mass of less than or equal to about 0.9 micron; less than or equal to about 0.8 micron; less than or equal to about 0.7 micron; less than or equal to about 0.6 micron; and even an aerosol comprising particle diameters of average mass of less than or equal to about 0.5 micron.

#### **Cartridge Design and Vapor Generation from Material in Cartridge**

[00164] In some cases, a vaporization device may be configured to generate an inhalable aerosol. A device may be a self-contained vaporization device. The device may comprise an elongated body which functions to complement aspects of a separable and recyclable cartridge with air inlet channels, air passages, multiple condensation chambers, flexible heater contacts, and multiple aerosol outlets. Additionally, the cartridge may be configured for ease of manufacture and assembly.

[00165] Provided herein is a vaporization device for generating an inhalable aerosol. The device may comprise a device body, a separable cartridge assembly further comprising a heater, at least one condensation chamber, and a mouthpiece. The device provides for compact assembly and disassembly of components with detachable couplings; overheat shut-off protection for the resistive heating element; an air inlet passage (an enclosed channel) formed by the assembly of the device body and a separable cartridge; at least one condensation chamber within the separable cartridge assembly; heater contacts; and one or more refillable, reusable, and/or recyclable components.

[00166] Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; a cartridge comprising: a storage compartment, and a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, and an air inlet passage formed by the channel and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle. The cartridge may be formed from a metal, plastic, ceramic, and/or composite material. The storage compartment may hold a vaporizable material. **FIG. 7A** shows an example of a cartridge **30** for use in the device. The vaporizable material may be a liquid at or near room temperature. In some cases the vaporizable material may be a liquid below room temperature. The channel may form a first side of the air inlet passage, and an internal surface of the cartridge receptacle may form a second side of the air inlet passage, as illustrated in various non-limiting aspects of **FIGS. 5 – 6D, 7C, 8A, 8B, and 10A**

[00167] Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol. The device may comprise a body that houses, contains, and or integrates with one or more components of the

device. The device body may comprise a cartridge receptacle. The cartridge receptacle may comprise a channel integral to an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle; and an air inlet passage formed by the channel and an external surface of the cartridge when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle. A cartridge may be fitted and/or inserted into the cartridge receptacle. The cartridge may have a fluid storage compartment. The channel may form a first side of the air inlet passage, and an external surface of the cartridge forms a second side of the air inlet passage. The channel may comprise at least one of: a groove; a trough; a track; a depression; a dent; a furrow; a trench; a crease; and a gutter. The integral channel may comprise walls that are either recessed into the surface or protrude from the surface where it is formed. The internal side walls of the channel may form additional sides of the air inlet passage. The channel may have a round, oval, square, rectangular, or other shaped cross section. The channel may have a closed cross section. The channel may be about 0.1 cm, 0.5 cm, 1 cm, 2 cm, or 5 cm wide. The channel may be about 0.1 mm, 0.5 mm, 1 mm, 2 mm, or 5 mm deep. The channel may be about 0.1 cm, 0.5 cm, 1 cm, 2 cm, or 5 cm long. There may be at least 1 channel.

**[00168]** In some embodiments, the cartridge may further comprise a second air passage in fluid communication with the air inlet passage to the fluid storage compartment, wherein the second air passage is formed through the material of the cartridge.

**[00169]** **FIGs. 5 – 7C** show various views of a compact electronic device assembly **10** for generating an inhalable aerosol. The compact electronic device **10** may comprise a device body **20** with a cartridge receptacle **21** for receiving a cartridge **30**. The device body may have a square or rectangular cross section. Alternatively, the cross section of the body may be any other regular or irregular shape. The cartridge receptacle may be shaped to receive an opened cartridge **30a** or “pod”. The cartridge may be opened when a protective cap is removed from a surface of the cartridge. In some cases, the cartridge may be opened when a hole or opening is formed on a surface of the cartridge. The pod **30a** may be inserted into an open end of the cartridge receptacle **21** so that an exposed first heater contact tips **33a** on the heater contacts **33** of the pod make contact with the second heater contacts **22** of the device body, thus forming the device assembly **10**.

**[00170]** Referring to **FIG. 14**, it is apparent in the plan view that when the pod **30a** is inserted into the notched body of the cartridge receptacle **21**, the channel air inlet **50** is left exposed. The size of the channel air inlet **50** may be varied by altering the configuration of the notch in the cartridge receptacle **21**.

**[00171]** The device body may further comprise a rechargeable battery, a printed circuit board (PCB) **24** containing a microcontroller with the operating logic and software instructions



for the device, a pressure switch **27** for sensing the user's puffing action to activate the heater circuit, an indicator light **26**, charging contacts (not shown), and an optional charging magnet or magnetic contact (not shown). The cartridge may further comprise a heater **36**. The heater may be powered by the rechargeable battery. The temperature of the heater may be controlled by the microcontroller. The heater may be attached to a first end of the cartridge.

**[00172]** In some embodiments, the heater may comprise a heater chamber **37**, a first pair of heater contacts **33, 33'**, a fluid wick **34**, and a resistive heating element **35** in contact with the wick. The first pair of heater contacts may comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber. The fluid wick and resistive heating element may be suspended between the heater contacts.

**[00173]** In some embodiments, there may be two or more resistive heating elements **35, 35'** and two or more wicks **34, 34'**. In some of the embodiments, the heater contact **33** may comprise: a flat plate; a male contact; a female receptacle, or both; a flexible contact and/or copper alloy or another electrically conductive material. The first pair of heater contacts may further comprise a formed shape that may comprise a tab (e.g., flange) having a flexible spring value that extends out of the heater to complete a circuit with the device body. The first pair of heater contact may be a heat sink that absorb and dissipate excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element. Alternatively, the first pair of heater contacts may be a heat shield that protects the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element. The first pair of heater contacts may be press-fit to an attachment feature on the exterior wall of the first end of the cartridge. The heater may enclose a first end of the cartridge and a first end of the fluid storage compartment.

**[00174]** As illustrated in the exploded assembly of **FIG. 7B**, a heater enclosure may comprises two or more heater contacts **33**, each comprising a flat plate which may be machined or stamped from a copper alloy or similar electrically conductive material. The flexibility of the tip is provided by the cut-away clearance feature **33b** created below the male contact point tip **33a** which capitalizes on the inherent spring capacity of the metal sheet or plate material. Another advantage and improvement of this type of contact is the reduced space requirement, simplified construction of a spring contact point (versus a pogo pin) and the easy of assembly. The heater may comprise a first condensation chamber. The heater may comprise more one or more additional condensation chambers in addition to the first condensation chamber. The first condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

**[00175]** In some cases, the cartridge (e.g., pod) is configured for ease of manufacturing and assembly. The cartridge may comprise an enclosure. The enclosure may be a tank. The tank

may comprise an interior fluid storage compartment **32**. The interior fluid storage compartment **32** which is open at one or both ends and comprises raised rails on the side edges **45b** and **46b**. The cartridge may be formed from plastic, metal, composite, and/or a ceramic material. The cartridge may be rigid or flexible.

[00176] The tank may further comprise a set of first heater contact plates **33** formed from copper alloy or another electrically conductive material, having a thin cut-out **33b** below the contact tips **33a** (to create a flexible tab) which are affixed to the sides of the first end of the tank and straddle the open-sided end **53** of the tank. The plates may affix to pins, or posts as shown in **FIGs. 7B** or **5**, or may be attached by other common means such as compression beneath the enclosure **36**. A fluid wick **34** having a resistive heating element **35** wrapped around it, is placed between the first heater contact plates **33**, and attached thereto. A heater **36**, comprising raised internal edges on the internal end (not shown), a thin mixing zone (not shown), and primary condensation channel covers **45a** that slide over the rails **45b** on the sides of the tank on the first half of the tank, creating a primary condensation channel / chamber **45**. In addition, a small male snap feature **39b** located at the end of the channel cover is configured fall into a female snap feature **39a**, located mid-body on the side of the tank, creating a snap-fit assembly.

[00177] As will be further clarified below, the combination of the open-sided end **53**, the protruding tips **33a** of the contact plates **33**, the fluid wick **34** having a resistive heating element **35**, enclosed in the open end of the fluid storage tank, under the heater **36**, with a thin mixing zone therein, creates a efficient heater system. In addition, the primary condensation channel covers **45a** which slide over the rails **45b** on the sides of the tank create an integrated, easily assembled, primary condensation chamber **45**, all within the heater at the first end of the cartridge **30** or pod **30a**.

[00178] In some embodiments of the device, as illustrated in **FIG. 9**, the heater may encloses at least a first end of the cartridge. The enclosed first end of the cartridge may include the heater and the interior fluid storage compartment. In some embodiments, the heater further comprises at least one first condensation chamber **45**.

[00179] **FIG. 9** shows diagramed steps that mat be performed to assemble a cartomizer and/or mouthpiece. In **A-B** the fluid storage compartment **32a** may be oriented such that the heater inlet **53** faces upward. The heater contacts **33** may be inserted into the fluid storage compartment. Flexible tabs **33a** may be inserted into the heater contacts **33**. In a step **D** the resistive heating element **35** may be wound on to the wick **34**. In step **E** the wick **34** and heater **35** may be placed on the fluid storage compartment. One or more free ends of the heater may sit outside the heater contacts. The one or more free ends may be soldered in place, rested in a

groove, or snapped into a fitted location. At least a fraction of the one or more free ends may be in communication with the heater contacts **33**. In a step **F** the heater enclosure **36** may be snapped in place. The heater enclosure **36** may be fitted on the fluid storage compartment. Step **G** shows the heater enclosure **36** is in place on the fluid storage compartment. In step **H** the fluid storage compartment can be flipped over. In step **I** the mouthpiece **31** can be fitted on the fluid storage compartment. Step **J** shows the mouthpiece **31** in place on the fluid storage compartment. In step **K** an end **49** can be fitted on the fluid storage compartment opposite the mouthpiece. Step **L** shows a fully assembled cartridge **30**. **FIG. 7B** shows an exploded view of the assembled cartridge **30**.

[00180] Depending on the size of the heater and/or heater chamber, the heater may have more than one wick **34** and resistive heating element **35**.

[00181] In some embodiments, the first pair of heater contacts **33** further comprises a formed shape that comprises a tab **33a** having a flexible spring value that extends out of the heater. In some embodiments, the cartridge **30** comprises heater contacts **33** which are inserted into the cartridge receptacle **21** of the device body **20** wherein, the flexible tabs **33a** insert into a second pair of heater contacts **22** to complete a circuit with the device body. The first pair of heater contacts **33** may be a heat sink that absorbs and dissipates excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element **35**. The first pair of heater contacts **33** may be a heat shield that protects the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element **35**. The first pair of heater contacts may be press-fit to an attachment feature on the exterior wall of the first end of the cartridge. The heater **36** may enclose a first end of the cartridge and a first end of the fluid storage compartment **32a**. The heater may comprise a first condensation chamber **45**. The heater may comprise at least one additional condensation chamber **45**, **45'**, **45''**, etc. The first condensation chamber may be formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

[00182] In still other embodiments of the device, the cartridge may further comprise a mouthpiece **31**, wherein the mouthpiece comprises at least one aerosol outlet channel / secondary condensation chamber **46**; and at least one aerosol outlet **47**. The mouthpiece may be attached to a second end of the cartridge. The second end of the cartridge with the mouthpiece may be exposed when the cartridge is inserted in the device. The mouthpiece may comprise more than one second condensation chamber **46**, **46'**, **46''**, etc. The second condensation chamber is formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge.

[00183] The mouthpiece **31** may enclose the second end of the cartridge and interior fluid storage compartment. The partially assembled (e.g., mouthpiece removed) unit may be inverted and filled with a vaporizable fluid through the opposite, remaining (second) open end. Once

filled, a snap-on mouthpiece **31** that also closes and seals the second end of the tank is inserted over the end. It also comprises raised internal edges (not shown), and aerosol outlet channel covers **46a** that may slide over the rails **46b** located on the sides of the second half of the tank, creating aerosol outlet channels / secondary condensation chambers **46**. The aerosol outlet channels / secondary condensation chambers **46** slide over the end of primary condensation chamber **45**, at a transition area **57**, to create a junction for the vapor leaving the primary chamber and proceed out through the aerosol outlets **47**, at the end of the aerosol outlet channels **46** and user-end of the mouthpiece **31**.

[00184] The cartridge may comprise a first condensation chamber and a second condensation chamber **45, 46**. The cartridge may comprise more than one first condensation chamber and more than one second condensation chamber **45, 46, 45', 46', etc.**

[00185] In some embodiments of the device, a first condensation chamber **45** may be formed along the outside of the cartridge fluid storage compartment **31**. In some embodiments of the device an aerosol outlet **47** exists at the end of aerosol outlet chamber **46**. In some embodiments of the device, a first and second condensation chamber **45, 46** may be formed along the outside of one side of the cartridge fluid storage compartment **31**. In some embodiments the second condensation chamber may be an aerosol outlet chamber. In some embodiments another pair of first and/or second condensation chambers **45', 46'** is formed along the outside of the cartridge fluid storage compartment **31** on another side of the device. In some embodiments another aerosol outlet **47'** will also exist at the end of the second pair of condensation chambers **45', 46'**.

[00186] In any one of the embodiments, the first condensation chamber and the second condensation chamber may be in fluid communication as illustrated in **FIG. 10C**.

[00187] In some embodiments, the mouthpiece may comprise an aerosol outlet **47** in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber **46**. The mouthpiece may comprise more than one aerosol outlet **47, 47'** in fluid communication with more than one the second condensation chamber **46, 46'**. The mouthpiece may enclose a second end of the cartridge and a second end of the fluid storage compartment.

[00188] In each of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge may comprise an airflow path comprising: an air inlet passage; a heater; at least a first condensation chamber; an aerosol outlet chamber, and an outlet port. In some of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge comprises an airflow path comprising: an air inlet passage; a heater; a first condensation chamber; a secondary condensation chamber; and an outlet port.

[00189] In still other embodiments described herein the cartridge may comprise an airflow path comprising at least one air inlet passage; a heater; at least one first condensation chamber; at least one secondary condensation chamber; and at least one outlet port.

[00190] As illustrated in **FIGs. 10A – 10C**, an airflow path is created when the user draws on the mouthpiece **31** to create a suction (e.g., a puff), which essentially pulls air through the channel air inlet opening **50**, through the air inlet passage **51**, and into the heater chamber **37** through the second air passage (tank air inlet hole) **41** at the tank air inlet **52**, then into the heater inlet **53**. At this point, the pressure sensor has sensed the user's puff, and activated the circuit to the resistive heating element **35**, which in turn, begins to generate vapor from the vapor fluid (e-juice). As air enters the heater inlet **53**, it begins to mix and circulate in a narrow chamber above and around the wick **34** and between the heater contacts **33**, generating heat, and dense, concentrated vapor as it mixes in the flow path **54** created by the sealing structure obstacles **44**. **FIG. 8A** shows a detailed view of the sealing structure obstacles **44**. Ultimately the vapor may be drawn, out of the heater along an airpath **55** near the shoulder of the heater and into the primary condensation chamber **45** where the vapor expands and begins to cool. As the expanding vapor moves along the airflow path, it makes a transition from the primary condensation chamber **45** through a transition area **57**, creating a junction for the vapor leaving the primary chamber, and entering the second vapor chamber **46**, and proceeds out through the aerosol outlets **47**, at the end of the mouthpiece **31** to the user.

[00191] As illustrated in **FIGs. 10A – 10C**, the device may have a dual set of air inlet passages **50-53**, dual first condensation chambers **55/45**, dual second condensation chambers and aeration channels **57/46**, and/or dual aerosol outlet vents **47**.

[00192] Alternatively, the device may have an airflow path comprising: an air inlet passage **50, 51**; a second air passage **41**; a heater chamber **37**; a first condensation chamber **45**; a second condensation chamber **46**; and/or an aerosol outlet **47**.

[00193] In some cases, the device may have an airflow path comprising: more than one air inlet passage; more than one second air passage; a heater chamber; more than one first condensation chamber; more than one second condensation chamber; and more than one aerosol outlet as clearly illustrated in **FIGs. 10A – 10C**.

[00194] In any one of the embodiments described herein, the heater **36** may be in fluid communication with the internal fluid storage compartment **32a**.

[00195] In each of the embodiments described herein, the fluid storage compartment **32** is in fluid communication with the heater chamber **37**, wherein the fluid storage compartment is capable of retaining condensed aerosol fluid, as illustrated in **FIGs. 10A, 10C** and **14**.

[00196] In some embodiments of the device, the condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a nicotine formulation. In some embodiments, the condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a humectant. In some embodiments, the humectant may comprise propylene glycol. In some embodiments, the humectant may comprise vegetable glycerin.

[00197] In some cases, the cartridge may be detachable from the device body. In some embodiments, the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge may form a separable coupling. In some embodiments the separable coupling may comprise a friction assembly. As illustrated in **FIGs. 11 – 14**, the device may have a press-fit (friction) assembly between the cartridge pod **30a** and the device receptacle. Additionally, a dent / friction capture such as **43** may be utilized to capture the pod **30a** to the device receptacle or to hold a protective cap **38** on the pod, as further illustrated in **FIG. 8B**.

[00198] In other embodiments, the separable coupling may comprise a snap-fit or snap-lock assembly. In still other embodiments the separable coupling may comprise a magnetic assembly.

[00199] In any one of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge components may comprise a snap-fit or snap-lock assembly, as illustrated in **FIG. 5**. In any one of the embodiments, the cartridge components may be reusable, refillable, and/or recyclable. The design of these cartridge components lend themselves to the use of such recyclable plastic materials as polypropylene, for the majority of components.

[00200] In some embodiments of the device **10**, the cartridge **30** may comprise: a fluid storage compartment **32**; a heater **36** affixed to a first end with a snap-fit coupling **39a, 39b**; and a mouthpiece **31** affixed to a second end with a snap-fit coupling **39c, 39d** (not shown – but similar to 39a and 39b). The heater **36** may be in fluid communication with the fluid storage compartment **32**. The fluid storage compartment may be capable of retaining condensed aerosol fluid. The condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a nicotine formulation. The condensed aerosol fluid may comprise a humectant. The humectant may comprise propylene glycol and / or vegetable glycerin.

[00201] Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a device body **20** comprising a cartridge receptacle **21** for receiving a cartridge **30**; wherein an interior surface of the cartridge receptacle forms a first side of an air inlet passage **51** when a cartridge comprising a channel integral **40** to an exterior surface is inserted into the cartridge receptacle **21**, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage **51**.

[00202] Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a device body **20** comprising a cartridge receptacle **21** for receiving a cartridge **30**; wherein the

cartridge receptacle comprises a channel integral to an interior surface and forms a first side of an air inlet passage when a cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle, and wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a second side of the air inlet passage **51**.

**[00203]** Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising: a fluid storage compartment **32**; a channel integral **40** to an exterior surface, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage **51**; and wherein an internal surface of a cartridge receptacle **21** in the device forms a second side of the air inlet passage **51** when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

**[00204]** Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising a fluid storage compartment **32**, wherein an exterior surface of the cartridge forms a first side of an air inlet channel **51** when inserted into a device body **10** comprising a cartridge receptacle **21**, and wherein the cartridge receptacle further comprises a channel integral to an interior surface, and wherein the channel forms a second side of the air inlet passage **51**.

**[00205]** In some embodiments, the cartridge further comprises a second air passage **41** in fluid communication with the channel **40**, wherein the second air passage **41** is formed through the material of the cartridge **32** from an exterior surface of the cartridge to the internal fluid storage compartment **32a**.

**[00206]** In some embodiments of the device body cartridge receptacle **21** or the cartridge **30**, the integral channel **40** comprises at least one of: a groove; a trough; a depression; a dent; a furrow; a trench; a crease; and a gutter.

**[00207]** In some embodiments of the device body cartridge receptacle **21** or the cartridge **30**, the integral channel **40** comprises walls that are either recessed into the surface or protrude from the surface where it is formed.

**[00208]** In some embodiments of the device body cartridge receptacle **21** or the cartridge **30**, the internal side walls of the channel **40** form additional sides of the air inlet passage **51**.

**[00209]** Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a cartridge comprising: a fluid storage compartment; a heater affixed to a first end comprising: a first heater contact, a resistive heating element affixed to the first heater contact; a device body comprising: a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge; a second heater contact adapted to receive the first heater contact and to complete a circuit; a power source connected to the second heater contact; a printed circuit board (PCB) connected to the power source and the second heater contact; wherein the PCB is configured to detect the absence of fluid based on the measured resistance of the resistive heating element, and turn off the device.

[00210] Referring now to **FIGs. 13, 14, and 15**, in some embodiments, the device body further comprises at least one: second heater contact **22** (best shown in Fig. 6C detail); a battery **23**; a printed circuit board **24**; a pressure sensor **27**; and an indicator light **26**.

[00211] In some embodiments, the printed circuit board (PCB) further comprises: a microcontroller; switches; circuitry comprising a reference resistor; and an algorithm comprising logic for control parameters; wherein the microcontroller cycles the switches at fixed intervals to measure the resistance of the resistive heating element relative to the reference resistor, and applies the algorithm control parameters to control the temperature of the resistive heating element.

[00212] As illustrated in the basic block diagram of **FIG. 17A**, the device utilizes a proportional-integral-derivative controller or PID control law. A PID controller calculates an "error" value as the difference between a measured process variable and a desired setpoint. When PID control is enabled, power to the coil is monitored to determine whether or not acceptable vaporization is occurring. With a given airflow over the coil, more power will be required to hold the coil at a given temperature if the device is producing vapor (heat is removed from the coil to form vapor). If power required to keep the coil at the set temperature drops below a threshold, the device indicates that it cannot currently produce vapor. Under normal operating conditions, this indicates that there is not enough liquid in the wick for normal vaporization to occur.

[00213] In some embodiments, the micro-controller instructs the device to turn itself off when the resistance exceeds the control parameter threshold indicating that the resistive heating element is dry.

[00214] In still other embodiments, the printed circuit board further comprises logic capable of detecting the presence of condensed aerosol fluid in the fluid storage compartment and is capable of turning off power to the heating contact(s) when the condensed aerosol fluid is not detected. When the microcontroller is running the PID temperature control algorithm **70**, the difference between a set point and the coil temperature (error) is used to control power to the coil so that the coil quickly reaches the set point temperature, [between 200°C and 400°C]. When the over-temperature algorithm is used, power is constant until the coil reaches an over-temperature threshold, [between 200°C and 400°C]; (**FIG. 17 A** applies: set point temperature is over-temperature threshold; constant power until error reaches 0).

[00215] The essential components of the device used to control the resistive heating element coil temperature are further illustrated in the circuit diagram of **FIG. 17B**. Wherein, BATT **23** is the battery; MCU **72** is the microcontroller; Q1 (**76**) and Q2 (**77**) are P-channel



MOSFETs (switches); R\_COIL 74 is the resistance of the coil. R\_REF 75 is a fixed reference resistor used to measure R\_COIL 74 through a voltage divider 73.

[00216] The battery powers the microcontroller. The microcontroller turns on Q2 for 1ms every 100ms so that the voltage between R\_REF and R\_COIL (a voltage divider) may be measured by the MCU at V\_MEAS. When Q2 is off, the control law controls Q1 with PWM (pulse width modulation) to power the coil (battery discharges through Q1 and R\_COIL when Q1 is on).

[00217] In some embodiments of the device, the device body further comprises at least one: second heater contact; a power switch; a pressure sensor; and an indicator light.

[00218] In some embodiments of the device body, the second heater contact 22 may comprise: a female receptacle; or a male contact, or both, a flexible contact; or copper alloy or another electrically conductive material.

[00219] In some embodiments of the device body, the battery supplies power to the second heater contact, pressure sensor, indicator light and the printed circuit board. In some embodiments, the battery is rechargeable. In some embodiments, the indicator light 26 indicates the status of the device and / or the battery or both.

[00220] In some embodiments of the device, the first heater contact and the second heater contact complete a circuit that allows current to flow through the heating contacts when the device body and detachable cartridge are assembled, which may be controlled by an on / off switch. Alternatively, the device can be turned on an off by a puff sensor. The puff sensor may comprise a capacitive membrane. The capacitive membrane may be similar to a capacitive membrane used in a microphone.

[00221] In some embodiments of the device, there is also an auxiliary charging unit for recharging the battery 23 in the device body. As illustrated in **FIGs. 16A – 16C**, the charging unit 60, may comprise a USB device with a plug for a power source 63 and protective cap 64, with a cradle 61 for capturing the device body 20 (with or without the cartridge installed). The cradle may further comprise either a magnet or a magnetic contact 62 to securely hold the device body in place during charging. As illustrated in **FIG. 6B**, the device body further comprises a mating charging contact 28 and a magnet or magnetic contact 29 for the auxiliary charging unit. **FIG. 16C** is an illustrative example of the device 20 being charged in a power source 65 (laptop computer or tablet).

[00222] In some cases the microcontroller on the PCB may be configured to monitor the temperature of the heater such that the vaporizable material is heated to a prescribed temperature. The prescribed temperature may be an input provided by the user. A temperature sensor may be

in communication with the microcontroller to provide an input temperature to the microcontroller for temperature regulation. A temperature sensor may be a thermistor, thermocouple, thermometer, or any other temperature sensors. In some cases, the heating element may simultaneously perform as both a heater and a temperature sensor. The heating element may differ from a thermistor by having a resistance with a relatively lower dependence on temperature. The heating element may comprise a resistance temperature detector.

**[00223]** The resistance of the heating element may be an input to the microcontroller. In some cases, the resistance may be determined by the microcontroller based on a measurement from a circuit with a resistor with at least one known resistance, for example, a Wheatstone bridge. Alternatively, the resistance of the heating element may be measured with a resistive voltage divider in contact with the heating element and a resistor with a known and substantially constant resistance. The measurement of the resistance of the heating element may be amplified by an amplifier. The amplifier may be a standard op amp or instrumentation amplifier. The amplified signal may be substantially free of noise. In some cases, a charge time for a voltage divider between the heating element and a capacitor may be determined to calculate the resistance of the heating element. In some cases, the microcontroller must deactivate the heating element during resistance measurements. The resistance of the heating element may be directly proportional to the temperature of the heating element such that the temperature may be directly determine from the resistance measurement. Determining the temperature directly from the heating element resistance measurement rather than from an additional temperature sensor may generate a more accurate measurement because unknown contact thermal resistance between the temperature sensor and the heating element is eliminated. Additionally, the temperature measurement may be determined directly and therefore faster and without a time lag associated with attaining equilibrium between the heating element and a temperature sensor in contact with the heating element.

**[00224]** Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a cartridge comprising a first heater contact; a device body comprising; a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge; a second heater contact adapted to receive the first heater contact and to complete a circuit; a power source connected to the second heater contact; a printed circuit board (PCB) connected to the power source and the second heater contact; and a single button interface; wherein the PCB is configured with circuitry and an algorithm comprising logic for a child safety feature.

[00225] In some embodiments, the algorithm requires a code provided by the user to activate the device. In some embodiments; the code is entered by the user with the single button interface. In still further embodiments the single button interface is the also the power switch.

[00226] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device **10** for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: a fluid storage compartment **32**; a heater **36** affixed to a first end comprising: a heater chamber **37**, a first pair of heater contacts **33**, a fluid wick **34**, and a resistive heating element **35** in contact with the wick; wherein the first pair of heater contacts **33** comprise thin plates affixed about the sides of the heater chamber **37**, and wherein the fluid wick **34** and resistive heating element **35** are suspended therebetween.

[00227] Depending on the size of the heater or heater chamber, the heater may have more than one wick **34**, **34'** and resistive heating element **35**, **35'**.

[00228] In some embodiments, the first pair of heater contacts further comprise a formed shape that comprises a tab **33a** having a flexible spring value that extends out of the heater **36** to complete a circuit with the device body **20**.

[00229] In some embodiments, the heater contacts **33** are configured to mate with a second pair of heater contacts **22** in a cartridge receptacle **21** of the device body **20** to complete a circuit.

[00230] In some embodiments, the first pair of heater contacts is also a heat sink that absorbs and dissipates excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element.

[00231] In some embodiments, the first pair of heater contacts is a heat shield that protects the heater chamber from excessive heat produced by the resistive heating element.

[00232] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising: a heater **36** comprising: a heater chamber **37**, a pair of thin plate heater contacts **33** therein, a fluid wick **34** positioned between the heater contacts **33**, and a resistive heating element **35** in contact with the wick; wherein the heater contacts **33** each comprise a fixation site wherein the resistive heating element **35** is tensioned therebetween.

[00233] As will be obvious to one skilled in the art after reviewing the assembly method illustrated in **FIG. 9**, the heater contacts **33** simply snap or rest on locator pins on either side of the air inlet **53** on the first end of the cartridge interior fluid storage compartment, creating a spacious vaporization chamber containing the at least one wick **34** and at least one heating element **35**.

[00234] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising a heater **36** attached to a first end of the cartridge.

[00235] In some embodiments, the heater encloses a first end of the cartridge and a first end of the fluid storage compartment **32**, **32a**.

[00236] In some embodiments, the heater comprises a first condensation chamber **45**.

[00237] In some embodiments, the heater comprises more than one first condensation chamber **45**, **45'**.

[00238] In some embodiments, the condensation chamber is formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge **45b**.

[00239] As noted previously, and described in **FIGs. 10A, 10B and 10C**, the airflow path through the heater and heater chamber generates vapor within the heater circulating airpath **54**, which then exits through the heater exits **55** into a first (primary) condensation chamber **45**, which is formed by components of the tank body comprising the primary condensation channel/chamber rails **45b**, the primary condensation channel cover **45a**, (the outer side wall of the heater enclosure).

[00240] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising a fluid storage compartment **32** and a mouthpiece **31**, wherein the mouthpiece is attached to a second end of the cartridge and further comprises at least one aerosol outlet **47**.

[00241] In some embodiments, the mouthpiece **31** encloses a second end of the cartridge **30** and a second end of the fluid storage compartment **32**, **32a**.

[00242] Additionally, as clearly illustrated in **FIG. 10C** in some embodiments the mouthpiece also contains a second condensation chamber **46** prior to the aerosol outlet **47**, which is formed by components of the tank body **32** comprising the secondary condensation channel/chamber rails **46b**, the second condensation channel cover **46a**, (the outer side wall of the mouthpiece). Still further, the mouthpiece may contain yet another aerosol outlet **47'** and another (second) condensation chamber **46'** prior to the aerosol outlet, on another side of the cartridge.

[00243] In other embodiments, the mouthpiece comprises more than one second condensation chamber **46**, **46'**.

[00244] In some preferred embodiments, the second condensation chamber is formed along an exterior wall of the cartridge **46b**.

[00245] In each of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge **30** comprises an airflow path comprising: an air inlet channel and passage **40, 41, 42**; a heater chamber **37**; at least a first condensation chamber **45**; and an outlet port **47**. In some of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge **30** comprises an airflow path comprising: an air inlet channel and passage **40, 41, 42**; a heater chamber **37**; a first condensation chamber **45**; a second condensation chamber **46**; and an outlet port **47**.

[00246] In still other embodiments described herein the cartridge **30** may comprise an airflow path comprising at least one air inlet channel and passage **40, 41, 42**; a heater chamber **37**; at least one first condensation chamber **45**; at least one second condensation chamber **46**; and at least one outlet port **47**.

[00247] In each of the embodiments described herein, the fluid storage compartment **32** is in fluid communication with the heater **36**, wherein the fluid storage compartment is capable of retaining condensed aerosol fluid.

[00248] In some embodiments of the device, the condensed aerosol fluid comprises a nicotine formulation. In some embodiments, the condensed aerosol fluid comprises a humectant. In some embodiments, the humectant comprises propylene glycol. In some embodiments, the humectant comprises vegetable glycerin.

[00249] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising: a fluid storage compartment **32**; a heater **36** affixed to a first end; and a mouthpiece **31** affixed to a second end; wherein the heater comprises a first condensation chamber **45** and the mouthpiece comprises a second condensation chamber **46**.

[00250] In some embodiments, the heater comprises more than one first condensation chamber **45, 45'** and the mouthpiece comprises more than one second condensation chamber **46, 46'**.

[00251] In some embodiments, the first condensation chamber and the second condensation chamber are in fluid communication. As illustrated in **FIG. 10C**, the first and second condensation chambers have a common transition area **57, 57'**, for fluid communication.

[00252] In some embodiments, the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet **47** in fluid communication with the second condensation chamber **46**.

[00253] In some embodiments, the mouthpiece comprises two or more aerosol outlets **47, 47'**.

[00254] In some embodiments, the mouthpiece comprises two or more aerosol outlets **47, 47'** in fluid communication with the two or more second condensation chambers **46, 46'**.

[00255] In any one of the embodiments, the cartridge meets ISO recycling standards.

[00256] In any one of the embodiments, the cartridge meets ISO recycling standards for plastic waste.

[00257] And in still other embodiments, the plastic components of the cartridge are composed of polylactic acid (PLA), wherein the PLA components are compostable and or degradable.

[00258] Provided herein is a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** comprising a device body **20** comprising a cartridge receptacle **21**; and a detachable cartridge **30**; wherein the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling, and wherein the separable coupling comprises a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly.

[00259] In other embodiments of the device, the cartridge is a detachable assembly. In any one of the embodiments described herein, the cartridge components may comprise a snap-lock assembly such as illustrated by snap features **39a** and **39b**. In any one of the embodiments, the cartridge components are recyclable.

[00260] Provided herein is a method of fabricating a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: providing a device body comprising a cartridge receptacle; and providing a detachable cartridge; wherein the cartridge receptacle and the detachable cartridge form a separable coupling comprising a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly or a magnetic assembly when the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

[00261] Provided herein is a method of making a device **10** for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: providing a device body **20** with a cartridge receptacle **21** comprising one or more interior coupling surfaces **21a**, **21b**, **21c**...; and further providing a cartridge **30** comprising: one or more exterior coupling surfaces **36a**, **36b**, **36c**..., a second end and a first end; a tank **32** comprising an interior fluid storage compartment **32a**; at least one channel **40** on at least one exterior coupling surface, wherein the at least one channel forms one side of at least one air inlet passage **51**, and wherein at least one interior wall of the cartridge receptacle forms at least one side one side of at least one air inlet passage **51** when the detachable cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle.

[00262] **FIG. 9** provides an illustrative example of a method of assembling such a device.

[00263] In some embodiments of the method, the cartridge **30** is assembled with a [protective] removable end cap **38** to protect the exposed heater contact tabs **33a** protruding from the heater **36**.

[00264] Provided herein is a method of fabricating a cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol comprising: providing a fluid storage compartment; affixing a heater to a first end with a snap-fit coupling; and affixing a mouthpiece to a second end with a snap-fit coupling.

[00265] Provided herein is a cartridge **30** for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol **10** with an airflow path comprising: a channel **50** comprising a portion of an air inlet passage **51**; a second air passage **41** in fluid communication with the channel; a heater chamber **37** in fluid communication with the second air passage; a first condensation chamber **45** in fluid

communication with the heater chamber; a second condensation chamber **46** in fluid communication with the first condensation chamber; and an aerosol outlet **47** in fluid communication with second condensation chamber.

[00266] Provided herein is a device **10** for generating an inhalable aerosol adapted to receive a removable cartridge **30**, wherein the cartridge comprises a fluid storage compartment [or tank] **32**; an air inlet **41**; a heater **36**, a [protective] removable end cap **38**, and a mouthpiece **31**.

### **Charging**

[00267] In some cases, the vaporization device may comprise a power source. The power source may be configured to provide power to a control system, one or more heating elements, one or more sensors, one or more lights, one or more indicators, and/or any other system on the electronic cigarette that requires a power source. The power source may be an energy storage device. The power source may be a battery or a capacitor. In some cases, the power source may be a rechargeable battery.

[00268] The battery may be contained within a housing of the device. In some cases the battery may be removed from the housing for charging. Alternatively, the battery may remain in the housing while the battery is being charged. Two or more charge contact may be provided on an exterior surface of the device housing. The two or more charge contacts may be in electrical communication with the battery such that the battery may be charged by applying a charging source to the two or more charge contacts without removing the battery from the housing.

[00269] **FIG. 18** shows a device **1800** with charge contacts **1801**. The charge contacts **1801** may be accessible from an exterior surface of a device housing **1802**. The charge contacts **1801** may be in electrical communication with an energy storage device (e.g., battery) inside of the device housing **1802**. In some cases, the device housing may not comprise an opening through which the user may access components in the device housing. The user may not be able to remove the battery and/or other energy storage device from the housing. In order to open the device housing a user must destroy or permanently disengage the charge contacts. In some cases, the device may fail to function after a user breaks open the housing.

[00270] **FIG. 19** shows an exploded view of a charging assembly **1900** in an electronic vaporization device. The housing (not shown) has been removed from the exploded view in **FIG. 19**. The charge contact pins **1901** may be visible on the exterior of the housing. The charge contact pins **1901** may be in electrical communication with a power storage device of the electronic vaporization device. When the device is connected to a power source (e.g., during charging of the device) the charging pins may facilitate electrical communication between the

power storage device inside of the electronic vaporization device and the power source outside of the housing of the vaporization device. The charge contact pins **1901** may be held in place by a retaining bezel **1902**. The charge contact pins **1901** may be in electrical communication with a charger flex **1903**. The charging pins may contact the charger flex such that a need for soldering of the charger pins to an electrical connection to be in electrical communication with the power source may be eliminated. The charger flex may be soldered to a printed circuit board (PCB). The charger flex may be in electrical communication with the power storage device through the PCB. The charger flex may be held in place by a bent spring retainer **1904**.

[00271] **FIG. 20** shows the bent spring retainer in an initial position **2001** and a deflected position **2002**. The bent spring retainer may hold the retaining bezel in a fixed location. The bent spring retainer may deflect only in one direction when the charging assembly is enclosed in the housing of the electronic vaporization device.

[00272] **FIG. 21** shows a location of the charger pins **2101** when the electronic vaporization device is fully assembled with the charging pins **2101** contact the charging flex **2102**. When the device is fully assembled at least a portion of the retaining bezel may be fitted in an indentation **2103** on the inside of the housing **2104**. In some cases, disassembling the electronic vaporization device may destroy the bezel such that the device cannot be reassembled after disassembly.

[00273] A user may place the electronic smoking device in a charging cradle. The charging cradle may be a holder with charging contact configured to mate or couple with the charging pins on the electronic smoking device to provide charge to the energy storage device in the electronic vaporization device from a power source (e.g., wall outlet, generator, and/or external power storage device). **FIG. 22** shows a device **2302** in a charging cradle **2301**. The charging cable may be connected to a wall outlet, USB, or any other power source. The charging pins (not shown) on the device **2302** may be connected to charging contacts (not shown) on the charging cradle **2301**. The device may be configured such that when the device is placed in the cradle for charging a first charging pin on the device may contact a first charging contact on the charging cradle and a second charging pin on the device may contact a second charging contact on the charging cradle or the first charging pin on the device may contact a second charging contact on the charging cradle and the second charging pin on the device may contact the first charging contact on the charging cradle. The charging pins on the device and the charging contacts on the cradle may be in contact in any orientation. The charging pins on the device and the charging contacts on the cradle may be agnostic as to whether they are current inlets or



outlets. Each of the charging pins on the device and the charging contacts on the cradle may be negative or positive. The charging pins on the device may be reversible.

[00274] **FIG. 23** shows a circuit **2400** that may permit the charging pins on the device to be reversible. The circuit **2400** may be provided on a PCB in electrical communication with the charging pins. The circuit **2400** may comprise a metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor (MOSFET) H bridge. The MOSFET H bridge may rectify a change in voltage across the charging pins when the charging pins are reversed from a first configuration where in a first configuration the device is placed in the cradle for charging with the first charging pin on the device in contact with the first charging contact on the charging cradle to a second charging pin on the device in contact with the second charging contact on the charging cradle to a second configuration where the first charging pin on the device is in contact with the second charging contact on the charging cradle and the second charging pin on the device is in contact with the first charging contact on the charging cradle. The MOSFET H bridge may rectify the change in voltage with an efficient current path.

[00275] As shown in **FIG. 23** the MOSFET H bridge may comprise two or more n-channel MOSFETs and two or more p-channel MOSFETs. The n-channel and p-channel MOSFETs may be arranged in an H bridge. Sources of p-channels MOSFETs (Q1 and Q3) may be in electrical communication. Similarly, sources of n-channel FETs (Q2 and Q4) may be in electrical communication. Drains of pairs of n and p MOSFETs (Q1 with Q2 and Q3 with Q4) may be in electrical communication. A common drain from one n and p pair may be in electrical communication with one or more gates of the other n and p pair and/or vice versa. Charge contacts (CH1 and CH2) may be in electrical communication to common drains separately. A common source of the n MOSFETs may be in electrical communication to PCB ground (GND). The common source of the p MOSFETs may be in electrical communication with the PCB's charge controller input voltage (CH+). When CH1 voltage is greater than CH2 voltage by the MOSFET gate threshold voltages, Q1 and Q4 may be "on," connecting CH1 to CH+ and CH2 to GND. When CH2 voltage is greater than CH1 voltage by the FET gate threshold voltages, Q2 and Q3 may be "on," connecting CH1 to GND and CH2 to CH+. For example, whether there is 9V or -9V across CH1 to CH2, CH+ will be 9V above GND. Alternatively, a diode bridge could be used, however the MOSFET bridge may be more efficient compared to the diode bridge.

[00276] In some cases the charging cradle may be configured to be a smart charger. The smart charger may put the battery of the device in series with a USB input to charge the device at a higher current compared to a typical charging current. In some cases, the device may charge at

a rate up to about 2 amps (A), 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 10A, or 15A. In some cases, the smart charger may comprise a battery, power from the battery may be used to charge the device battery. When the battery in the smart charger has a charge below a predetermined threshold charge, the smart charger may simultaneously charge the battery in the smart charger and the battery in the device.

[00277] While preferred embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described herein, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that such embodiments are provided by way of example only. Numerous variations, changes, and substitutions will now occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the invention. It should be understood that various alternatives to the embodiments of the invention described herein may be employed in practicing the invention. It is intended that the following claims define the scope of the invention and that methods and structures within the scope of these claims and their equivalents be covered thereby.

CLAIMS:

1. An apparatus for generating an inhalable aerosol, the apparatus comprising:  
a cartridge comprising:  
a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material,  
a heater chamber,  
a pair of plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber,  
a pair of tabs extending from the pair of plates and out of the heater chamber,  
a wick between the pair of plates,  
a resistive heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and  
a mouthpiece; and  
a vaporizer body comprising:  
a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and  
a pair of electrical contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the pair of tabs when the cartridge is received within the vaporizer body.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cartridge receptacle includes the pair of electrical contacts, and wherein the pair of tabs are configured to mate with the pair of electrical contacts to complete the electrical circuit.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the tabs extending out of the heater chamber comprises a flexible tab.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a portion of each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprises a fixation site for suspending the resistive heating element between the pair of plates.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cartridge further comprises:

a condensation chamber through which the aerosol passes before delivery to a user.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the heater chamber is disposed at a first end of the cartridge, and wherein the mouthpiece is attached at a second end of the cartridge that is opposite the first end.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the second end of the cartridge with a snap-fit coupling.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the heater chamber is affixed at the first end of the cartridge with a snap-fit coupling.

9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cartridge further comprises:  
a condensation chamber formed between the mouthpiece and the storage compartment, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wick comprises at least one of silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, and stainless steel.

11. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an air inlet passage formed by assembly of the cartridge and the vaporizer body.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the cartridge further comprises a channel having walls that protrude from a surface of the cartridge, wherein the channel defines at least a portion of the air inlet passage.

13. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a square or rectangular cross section.

14. A cartridge for use with a vaporizer body, the cartridge comprising:  
a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material;  
a heater chamber;  
a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a tab extending out of the heater chamber, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the vaporizer body when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body;  
a wick disposed between the plates;  
a resistive heating element coupled to each of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and  
a mouthpiece.
15. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the tabs of the pair of heater contacts are configured to mate with a pair of electrical contacts in a cartridge receptacle of the vaporizer body to complete the electrical circuit.
16. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein each of the tabs extending out of the heater chamber comprises a flexible tab.
17. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein a portion of each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprises a fixation site for suspending the resistive heating element between the plates.
18. The cartridge of claim 14, further comprising:  
a condensation chamber through which the aerosol passes before delivery to a user.

19. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the heater chamber is disposed at a first end of the cartridge, and wherein the mouthpiece is attached at a second end of the cartridge that is opposite the first end.

20. The cartridge of claim 19, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the second end of the cartridge with a snap-fit coupling.

21. The cartridge of claim 19, wherein the heater chamber is affixed at the first end of the cartridge with a snap-fit coupling.

22. The cartridge of claim 14, further comprising:  
a condensation chamber formed between the mouthpiece and the storage compartment, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

23. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the wick comprises at least one of silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, and stainless steel.

24. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the cartridge further comprises a channel having walls that protrude from a surface of the cartridge, wherein the channel defines at least a portion of an air inlet passage when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body.

25. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the cartridge comprises a square or rectangular cross section.

26. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein no cross section of the cartridge is circular.

27. The cartridge of claim 14, wherein the wick is configured to contact the liquid vaporizable material.

28. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wick is configured to contact the liquid vaporizable material.

29. A method of manufacturing a cartridge, the method comprising:  
forming a storage compartment within a cartridge body;  
coupling a first plate proximate to a first side of the cartridge body;  
coupling a second plate proximate to a second side of the cartridge body, the first side opposite the second side, the coupled first plate and the coupled second plate defining a volume there between;  
positioning at least a portion of a heating element within the volume, the heating element configured to heat a vaporizable material from the storage compartment to generate an aerosol for delivery to a user;  
coupling the first plate to the heating element;  
positioning a first flexible tab having a first contact surface at a third side of the cartridge body, the first flexible tab coupled to the first plate, the third side substantially perpendicular to the first side of the cartridge body and substantially perpendicular to the second side of the cartridge body;  
coupling the second plate to the heating element; and  
positioning a second flexible tab having a second contact surface at the third side, the second flexible tab coupled to the second plate.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the first contact surface and the second contact surface are configured to couple with a pair of contacts in a vaporizer device to complete an electrical circuit to provide power to the heating element, the electrical circuit comprising a battery within the vaporizer device and the heating element.

31. The method of claim 29, further comprising:  
providing a wicking material; and  
positioning the heating element to contact the wicking material, the wicking material configured to contact the vaporizable material and draw the vaporizable material

towards the heating element, at least a portion of the wicking material disposed within the volume.

32. The method of claim 29, further comprising:  
providing a heater chamber, wherein the first plate and the second plate are coupled at opposite sides of the heater chamber.
33. The method of claim 32, wherein the first plate and the first flexible tab define a first formed shape, the first flexible tab extending out of the heater chamber.
34. The method of claim 33, wherein the first contact surface is disposed to couple with a device contact of a vaporizer device body, the vaporizer device body comprising a battery, the coupling of the first contact surface and the device contact completing an electrical circuit comprising the heating element, the first formed shape, the device contact, and the battery.
35. The method of claim 32, further comprising:  
positioning a plastic enclosure to cover the first plate and the second plate, at least a portion of the first plate forming at least a portion of a first wall of the heater chamber, at least a portion of the second plate forming at least a portion of a second wall of the heater chamber, the first wall opposite the second wall.
36. The method of claim 32, wherein the heater chamber comprises the volume, and wherein the heating element is configured to generate the aerosol within the volume.
37. The method of claim 29, wherein the cartridge body has a proximal end and a distal end opposite the proximal end, and wherein the method further comprises:  
coupling a mouthpiece at the proximal end, the first flexible tab and the second flexible tab disposed proximate to the distal end.



38. The method of claim 37, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a condensation chamber, and wherein the mouthpiece further comprises a first aerosol outlet and a second aerosol outlet each in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein the condensation chamber is configured to cool, using ambient air, the aerosol before the aerosol exits the first aerosol outlet and the second aerosol outlet.

40. The method of claim 37, wherein the mouthpiece is opaque and the storage compartment is configured so that the vaporizable material is visible through a surface of the storage compartment.

41. The method of claim 29, further comprising:  
forming a flattened shape comprising the first plate from electrically conductive material.

42. A cartridge comprising:  
a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension and perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension;  
a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment;  
a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end;  
a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed

outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment;

a heater proximate to the distal end, the heater comprising:

a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface;

a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface;

a wick disposed between the first plate contact and the second plate contact, two opposed ends of the wick being disposed within the storage compartment and configured to contact the vaporizable material; and

a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the resistive heating element in contact with the first plate contact, the second plate contact, and the wick.

43. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the storage compartment is transparent.

44. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the first plate contact and the second plate contact are flat.

45. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the resistive heating element is wound around the wick at least one time.

46. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the heater comprises at least one condensation chamber.

47. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto and encloses the proximal end of the storage compartment.

48. The cartridge of claim 47, wherein the mouthpiece is coupled to the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

49. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the storage compartment further comprises a channel integral to an exterior surface of the storage compartment, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage.

50. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the resistive heating element is attached to each of the first plate contact and the second plate contact.

51. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the mouthpiece is positioned at least partially over the storage compartment and has a notch providing a view of the storage compartment.

52. The cartridge of claim 42, further comprising:  
a first flexible tab comprising the first contact surface; and  
a second flexible tab comprising the second contact surface.

53. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the cartridge further comprises the vaporizable material within the storage compartment, and wherein the vaporizable material comprises a nicotine formulation.

54. A cartridge comprising:  
a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension and perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension, the storage compartment having a

rectangular cross section in a plane parallel to the first transverse dimension and the second transverse dimension;

a mouthpiece at the proximal end of the storage compartment;

a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end;

a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment;

a heater proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heater comprising:

a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface;

a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface;

a wick disposed between the first plate contact and the second plate contact, two opposed ends of the wick being disposed within the storage compartment and configured to contact the vaporizable material; and

a resistive heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the resistive heating element being attached to the first plate contact and the second plate contact and wound around the wick at least one time.

55. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the storage compartment is configured to allow the vaporizable material to be visible through at least one surface.

56. The cartridge of claim 55, wherein the storage compartment is transparent.

57. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the first plate contact and the second plate contact are flat.

58. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the heater comprises a condensation chamber.

59. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto and encloses the proximal end of the storage compartment.

60. The cartridge of claim 59, wherein the mouthpiece is coupled to the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

61. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the storage compartment further comprises a channel integral to an exterior surface of the storage compartment, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage.

62. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the mouthpiece is positioned at least partially over the storage compartment and has a notch that allows viewing of the storage compartment through the notch.

63. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the cartridge further comprises the vaporizable material within the storage compartment, and wherein the vaporizable material comprises a nicotine formulation.

64. A cartridge comprising:

a storage compartment configured to hold a vaporizable material, the storage compartment having a longitudinal dimension extending from a proximal end of the cartridge to a distal end of the cartridge, the cartridge having a first transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension, the cartridge having a second transverse dimension that is perpendicular to the longitudinal dimension and

perpendicular to the first transverse dimension, the first transverse dimension being longer than the second transverse dimension;

a mouthpiece fitted onto and enclosing the proximal end of the storage compartment;

a first contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the first contact surface proximate to the distal end, the first contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end;

a second contact surface extending in the first transverse dimension, the second contact surface exposed proximate to the distal end, the second contact surface exposed outside of the storage compartment and accessible from the distal end, the first contact surface and the second contact surface disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment;

a heater proximate to the distal end of the storage compartment, the heater comprising:

a first plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the first plate contact electrically connected to the first contact surface;

a second plate contact extending in the longitudinal dimension away from the distal end, the second plate contact electrically connected to the second contact surface;

a heating element configured to heat the vaporizable material, the heating element comprising a resistive coil and opposed ends, a first end of the opposed ends attached to the first plate contact and a second end of the opposed ends attached the second plate contact; and

a wick positioned at least partially within the resistive coil, the wick having opposed ends that extend into the storage compartment.

65. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the storage compartment has a rectangular cross section in a plane parallel to the first transverse dimension and the second transverse dimension.

66. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the storage compartment is configured to allow the vaporizable material to be visible through at least one surface.

67. The cartridge of claim 66, wherein the storage compartment is transparent.

68. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the first contact surface and the second contact surface are disposed in a same plane proximate the distal end of the storage compartment.

69. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a notch that allows viewing of the storage compartment through the notch.

70. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the cartridge further comprises the vaporizable material within the storage compartment, and wherein the vaporizable material comprises a nicotine formulation.

71. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the first plate contact and the second plate contact are flat.

72. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the storage compartment is 13 millimeters to 14 millimeters long along the first transverse dimension, and wherein the storage compartment is 4.5 millimeters to 5.5 millimeters wide along the second transverse dimension.

73. The cartridge of claim 64, wherein the storage compartment comprises a first side and a second side opposite of the first side, and wherein the first side comprises a spacing detent.

74. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the storage compartment has a rectangular cross section in a plane parallel to the first transverse dimension and the second transverse dimension.

75. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the storage compartment is 13 millimeters to 14 millimeters long along the first transverse dimension, and wherein the storage compartment is 4.5 millimeters to 5.5 millimeters wide along the second transverse dimension.

76. The cartridge of claim 42, wherein the storage compartment comprises a first side and a second side opposite of the first side, and wherein the first side comprises a spacing detent.

77. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the storage compartment is 13 millimeters to 14 millimeters long along the first transverse dimension, and wherein the storage compartment is 4.5 millimeters to 5.5 millimeters wide along the second transverse dimension.

78. The cartridge of claim 54, wherein the storage compartment comprises a first side and a second side opposite of the first side, and wherein the first side comprises a spacing detent.

79. A device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising:  
a cartridge comprising:

- a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material,

- a heater chamber,

- a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber,

- a wick between the pair of plates,

- a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and

- a mouthpiece; and

a body comprising:

- a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and

- a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body,



wherein the heater chamber is affixed to a first end of the storage compartment, and the mouthpiece is affixed to a second end of the storage compartment that is opposite the first end.

80. A device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising:

a cartridge comprising:

a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material,

a heater chamber,

a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber,

a wick between the pair of plates,

a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and a mouthpiece; and

a body comprising:

a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and

a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body,

wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

81. A device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the device comprising:

a cartridge comprising:

a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material,

a heater chamber,

a pair of first heater contacts, each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides

of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber,  
a wick between the pair of plates,  
a heating element attached to the pair of plates and in contact with the wick, and  
a mouthpiece; and  
a body comprising:  
a cartridge receptacle for receiving the cartridge, and  
a pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts, when the cartridge is received within the body,  
wherein the cartridge further comprises a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage, wherein the cartridge receptacle comprises an interior wall, and wherein the interior wall forms a second side of the air inlet passage.

82. The device of any one of claims 79 to 81, wherein the flexible tabs of the pair of first heater contacts are configured to mate with the pair of second heater contacts to complete the electrical circuit.

83. The device of any one of claims 79 to 81, wherein the heating element is wound around the wick.

84. The device of any one of claims 79 to 81, wherein each contact of the pair of first heater contacts comprise a fixation site for coupling to the heating element by tension.

85. The device of any one of claims 79 to 81, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a condensation chamber.

86. The device of claim 85, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

87. The device of any one of claims 79 to 81, wherein the wick comprises at least one of silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, and stainless steel.

88. The device of any one of claims 79 to 80, further comprising an air inlet passage formed by assembly of the cartridge and the body.

89. A vaporizer apparatus comprising:  
a cartridge comprising:

- a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material;

- a heater chamber at a first end of the cartridge;

- a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and further comprising a formed shape comprising a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber;

- a wick disposed between the plates;

- a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and

- a mouthpiece; and

a vaporizer body comprising a cartridge receptacle and a pair of second heater contacts; the pair of second heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with the pair of heater contacts of the cartridge when first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle,

wherein the cartridge is configured to be held in place when the first end of the cartridge is inserted into the cartridge receptacle by a friction assembly, a snap-fit assembly, a snap-lock assembly or a magnetic assembly.

90. The apparatus of claim 89, wherein the resistive heating element is wound around the wick.

91. The apparatus of claim 89 or claim 90, wherein each contact of the pair of heater contacts of the cartridge comprises a fixation site for coupling to the resistive heating element by tension.
92. The apparatus of claim 89, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a condensation chamber.
93. The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.
94. The apparatus of claim 89, wherein the wick comprises at least one of silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, and stainless steel.
95. The apparatus of claim 89, further comprising an air inlet passage formed by assembly of the cartridge and the vaporizer body.
96. A cartridge for a device for generating an inhalable aerosol, the cartridge having a substantially rectangular cross section and comprising:  
a fluid storage compartment storing a liquid vaporizable material; and  
a heater comprising:  
a heater chamber,  
a pair of heater contacts comprising a pair of thin plates that are affixed to sides of the heater chamber,  
a wick suspended between the pair of thin plates,  
a resistive heating element attached to the pair of heater contacts and in contact with the wick, and  
a mouthpiece fitted onto the fluid storage compartment,  
wherein the pair of heater contacts also comprise flexible tabs that extend out of the heater to complete a circuit with the device when the cartridge is inserted into the device.

97. The cartridge of claim 96, wherein the pair of heater contacts are configured to mate with a second pair of heater contacts in a cartridge receptacle of the device to complete the circuit.
98. The cartridge of claim 96, wherein the resistive heating element is wound around the wick.
99. The cartridge of claim 96, wherein the heater comprises a condensation chamber.
100. The cartridge of claim 96, further comprising a protective cap.
101. The cartridge of claim 96, wherein the heater encloses a first end of the cartridge.
102. The cartridge of claim 96, wherein the mouthpiece is coupled with a snap-fit coupling.
103. The cartridge of claim 96, further comprising an air inlet passage.
104. The cartridge of claim 96, further comprising a channel integral to an exterior surface of the cartridge, wherein the channel forms a first side of an air inlet passage.
105. A cartridge comprising:  
a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material;  
a heater chamber;  
a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with a vaporizer body, when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body;  
a wick disposed between the plates;

a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and

a mouthpiece,

wherein the heater chamber is affixed to a first end of the storage compartment, and the mouthpiece is affixed to a second end of the storage compartment that is opposite the first end.

106. A cartridge comprising:

a storage compartment configured to store a liquid vaporizable material;

a heater chamber;

a pair of heater contacts, each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprising a plate and a flexible tab, each of the plates affixed at opposite sides of the heater chamber, each tab of the flexible tabs extending out of the heater chamber, the pair of heater contacts configured to complete an electrical circuit with a vaporizer body, when the cartridge is inserted into the vaporizer body;

a wick disposed between the plates;

a resistive heating element coupled to both of the plates, the resistive heating element in contact with the wick, the resistive heating element configured to heat the liquid vaporizable material to generate an aerosol; and

a mouthpiece,

wherein the mouthpiece is fitted onto the storage compartment with a snap-fit coupling.

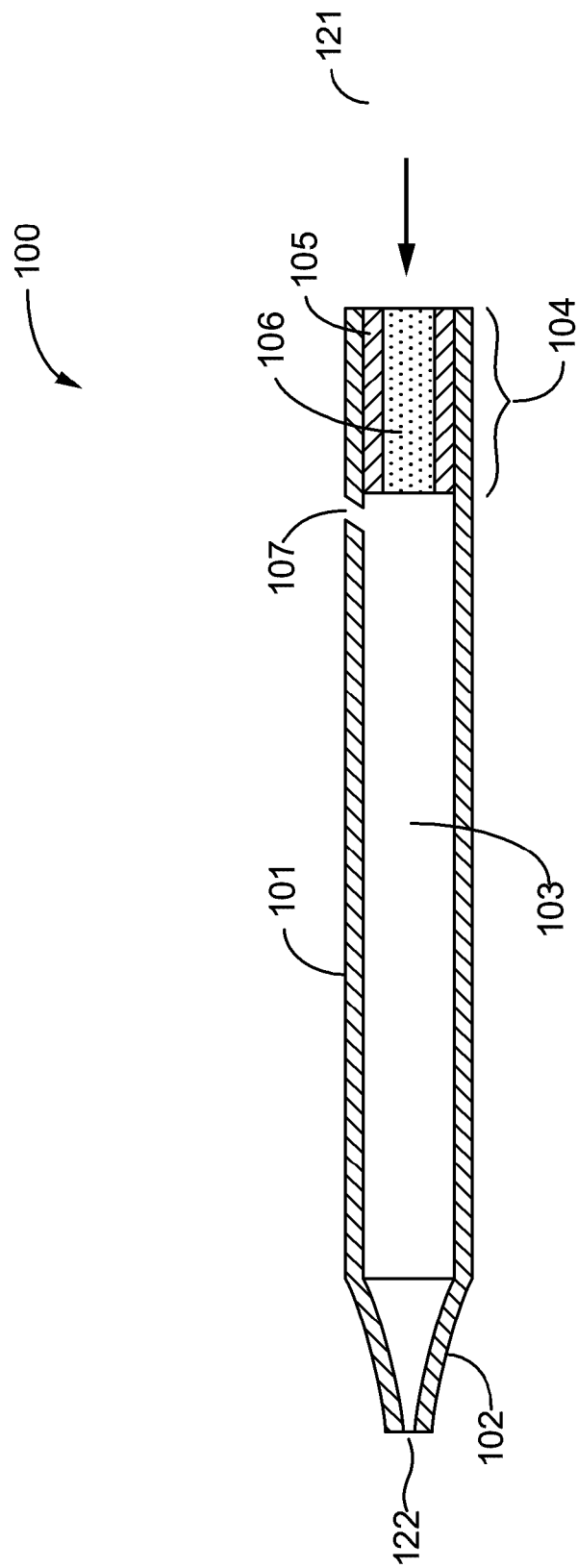
107. The cartridge of claim 105 or claim 106, wherein the resistive heating element is wound around the wick.

108. The cartridge of claim 105 or claim 106, wherein each contact of the pair of heater contacts comprise a fixation site for coupling to the resistive heating element by tension.

109. The cartridge of claim 105 or claim 106, wherein the mouthpiece comprises a condensation chamber.

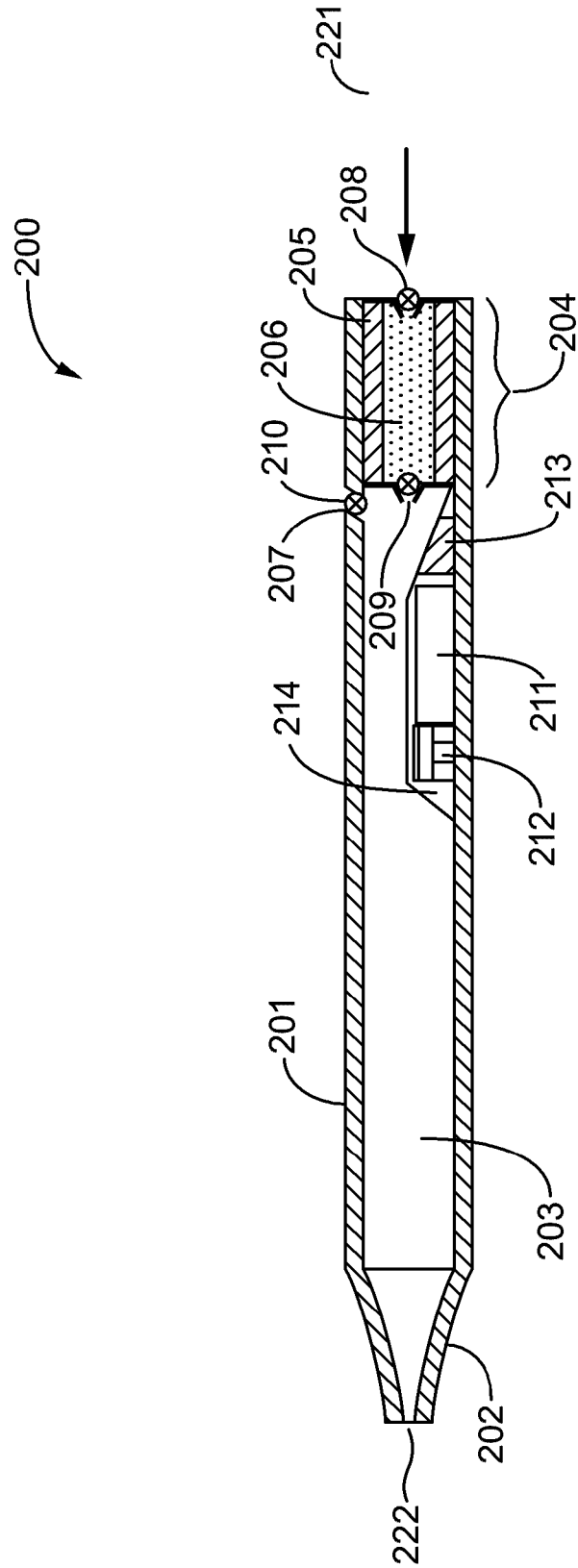
110. The cartridge of claim 109, wherein the mouthpiece comprises an aerosol outlet in fluid communication with the condensation chamber.

111. The cartridge of claim 105 or claim 106, wherein the wick comprises at least one of silica fibers, cotton, ceramic, hemp, and stainless steel.

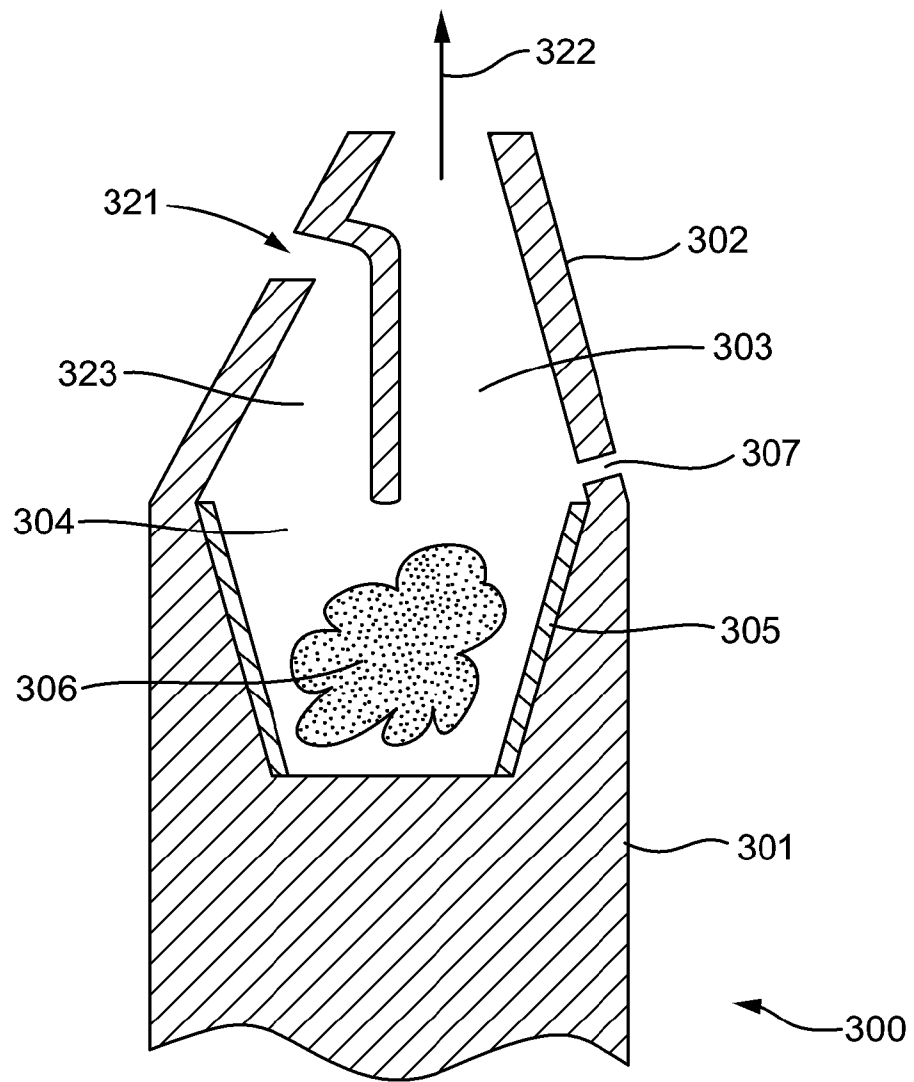


**FIG. 1**

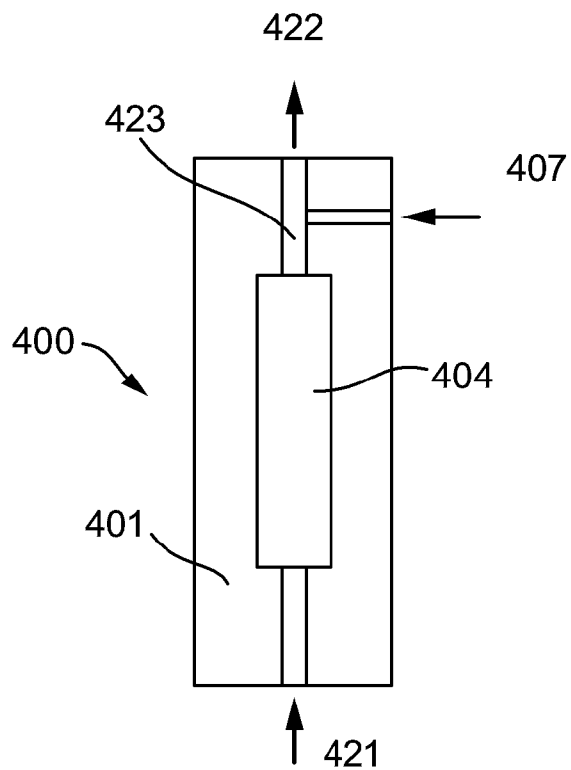




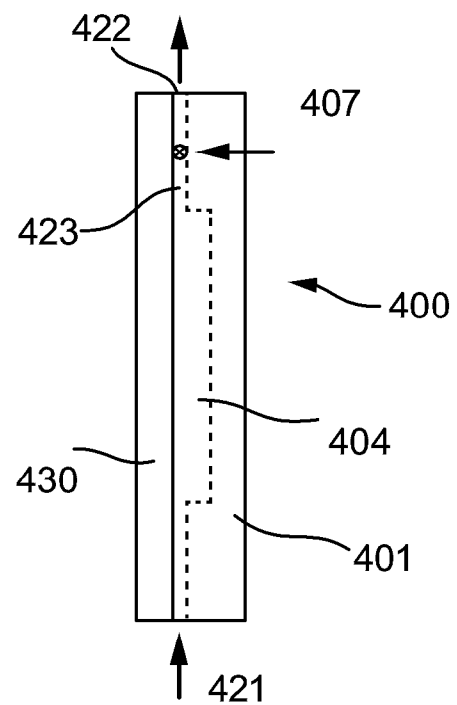
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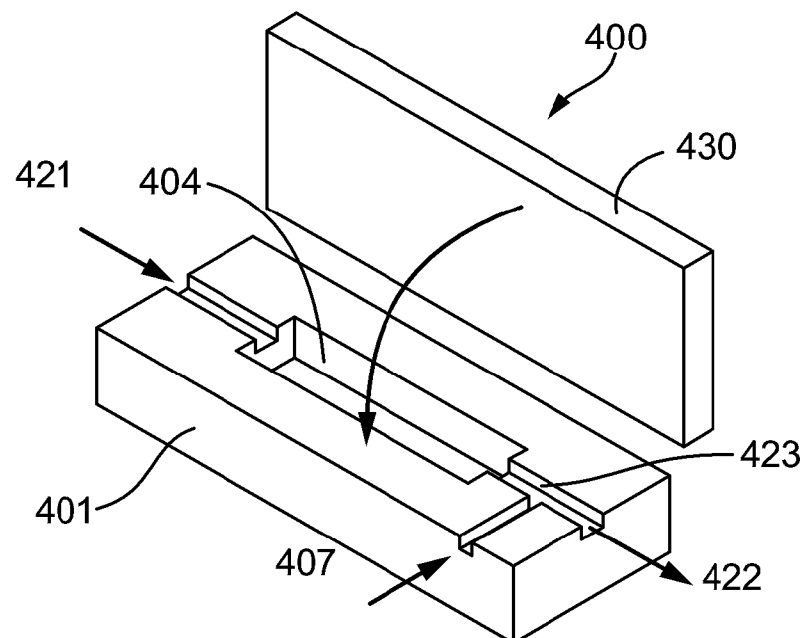
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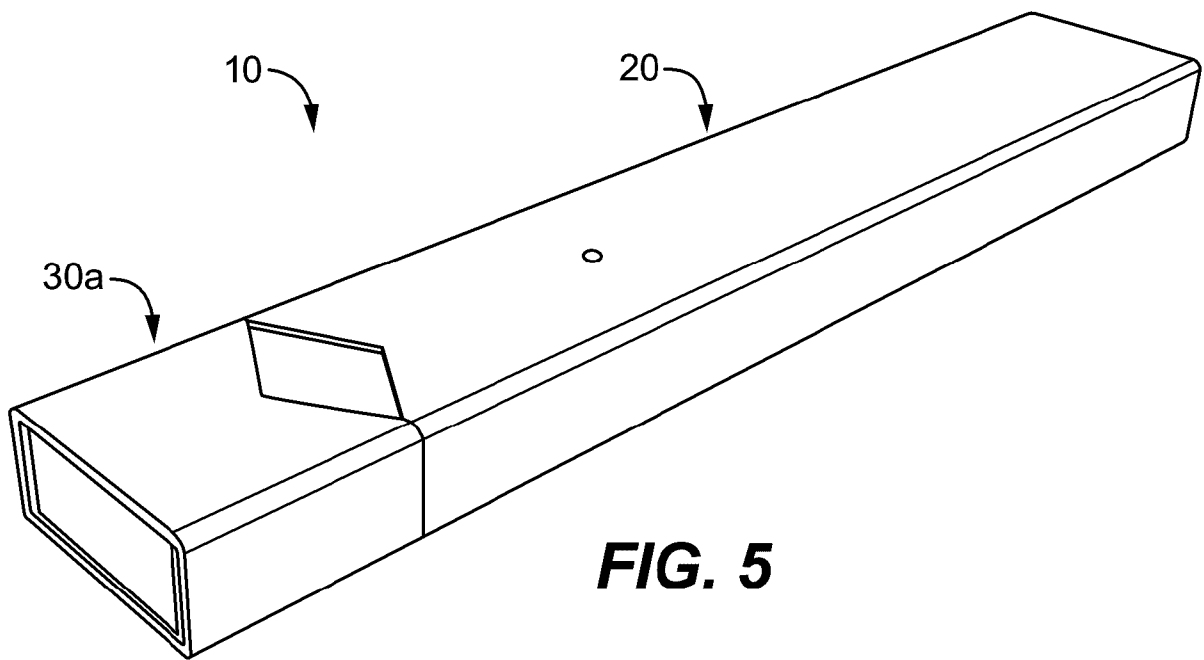
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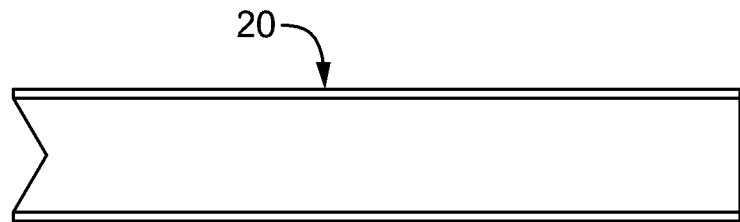
**FIG. 4B**



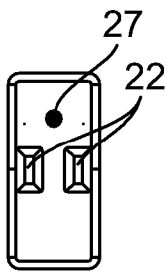
**FIG. 4C**



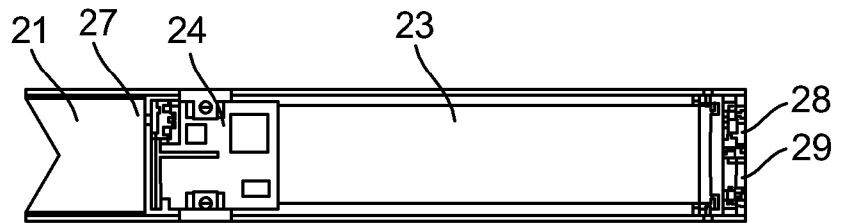
**FIG. 5**



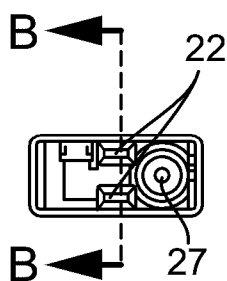
**FIG. 6A**



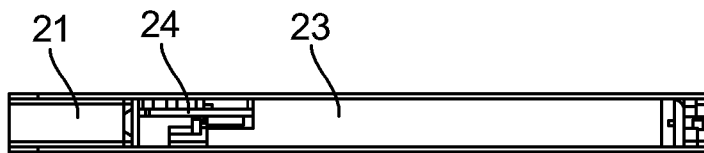
**FIG. 6C**



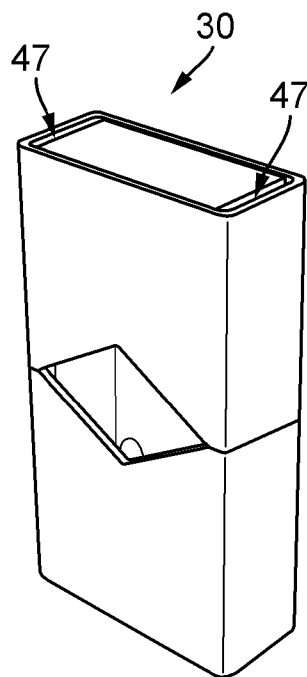
**FIG. 6B**



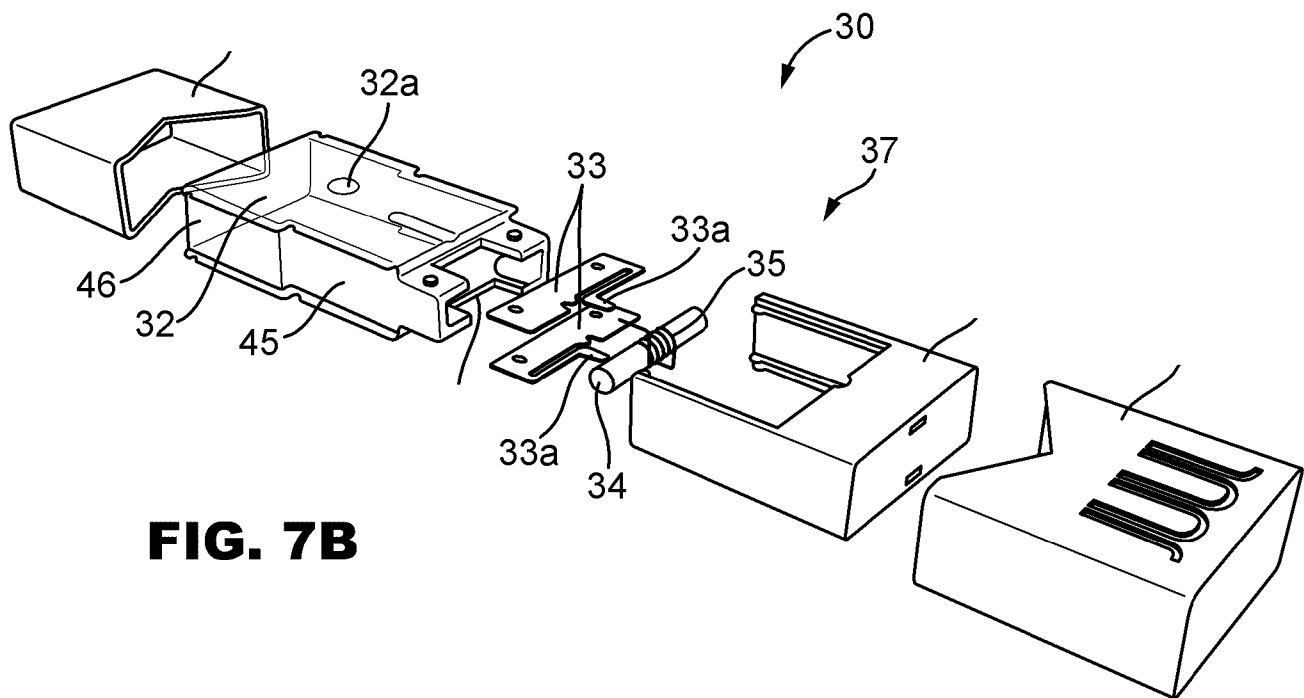
**FIG. 6D**



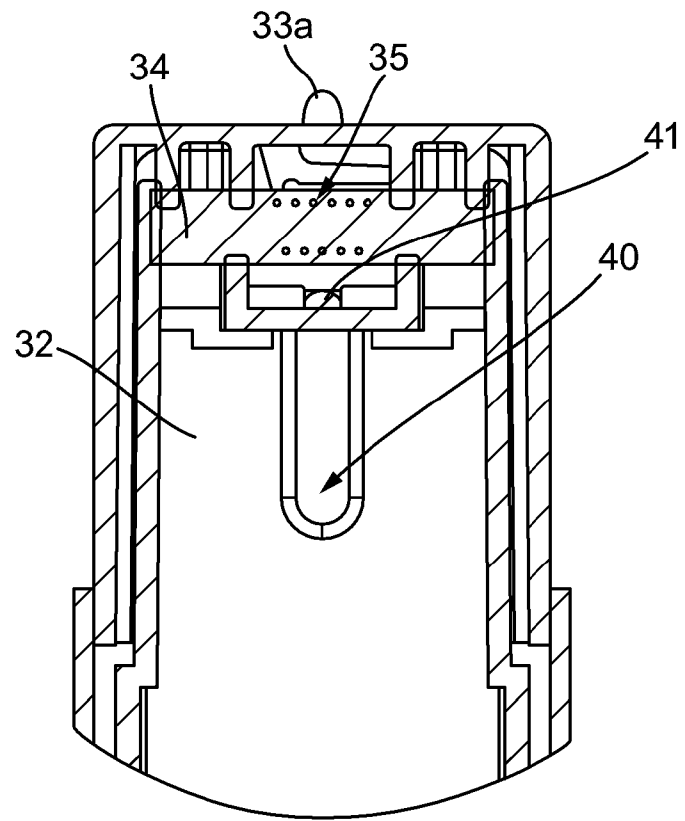
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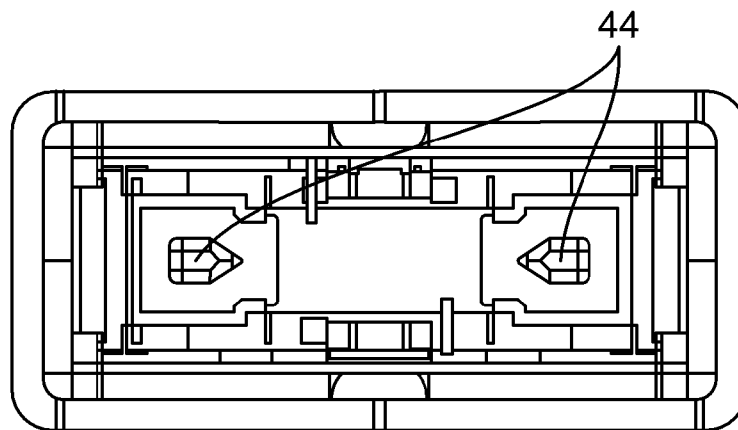
**FIG. 7A**



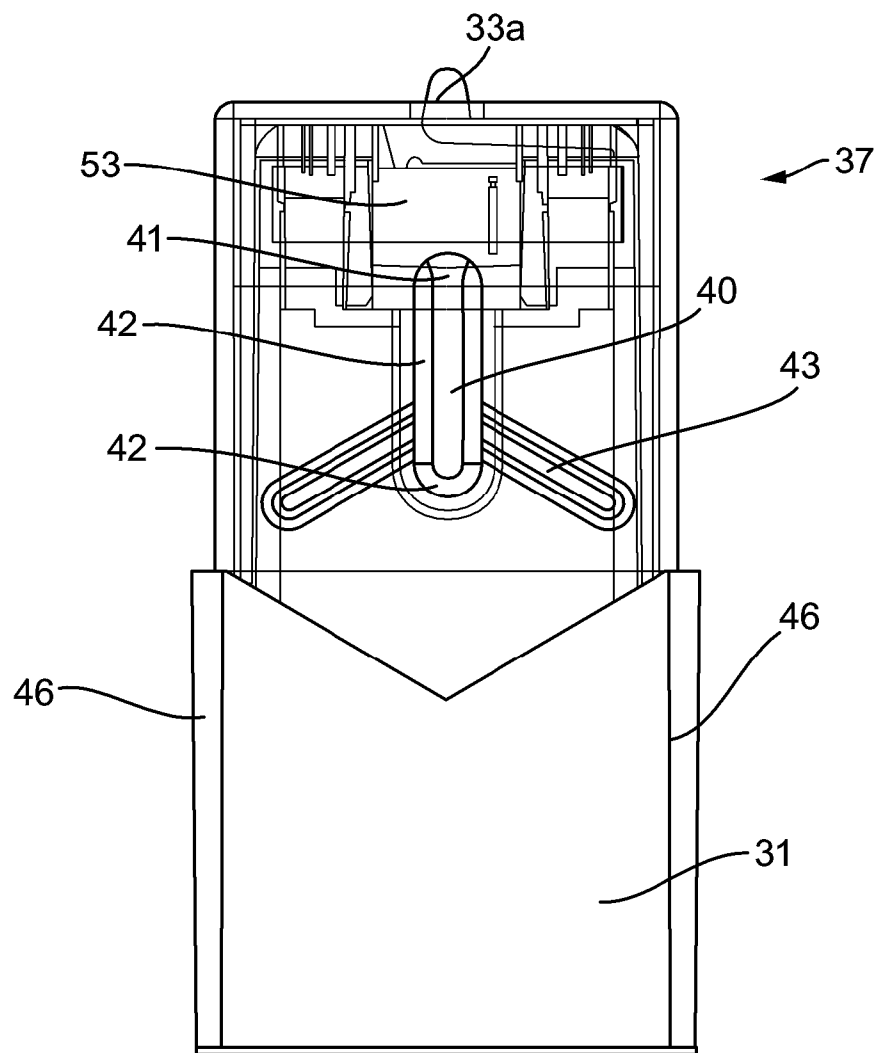
**FIG. 7B**



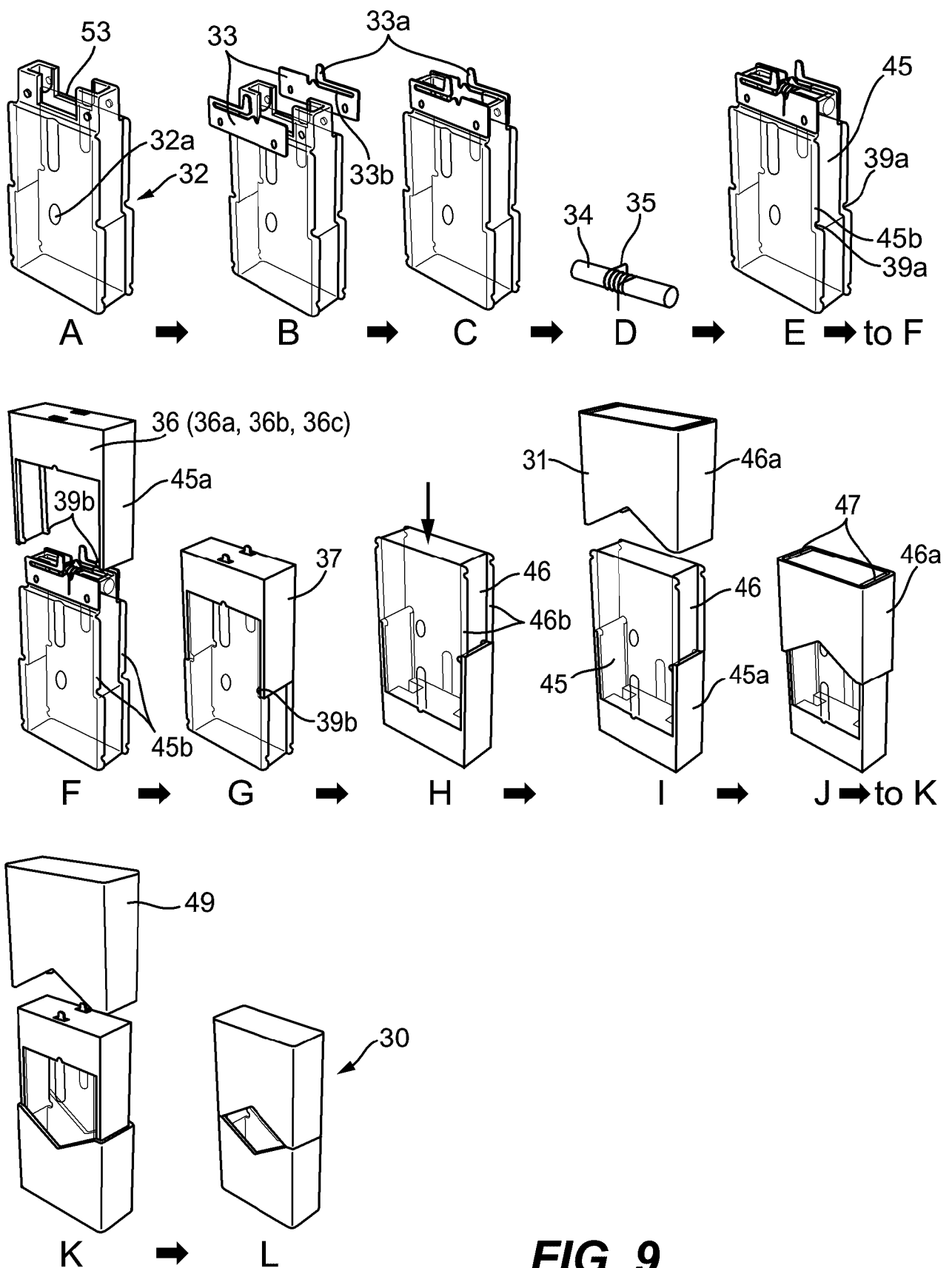
**FIG. 7C**



**FIG. 8A**



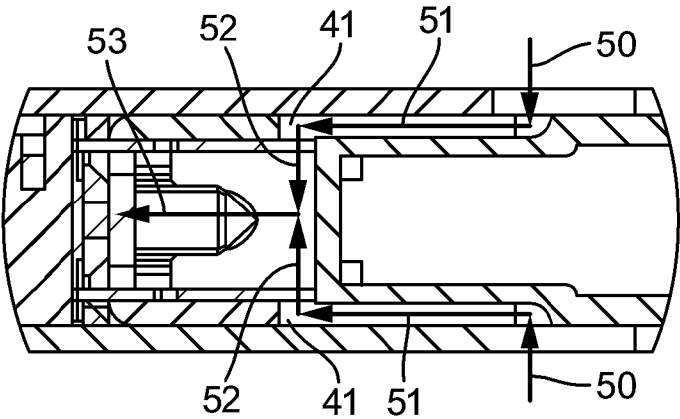
**FIG. 8B**



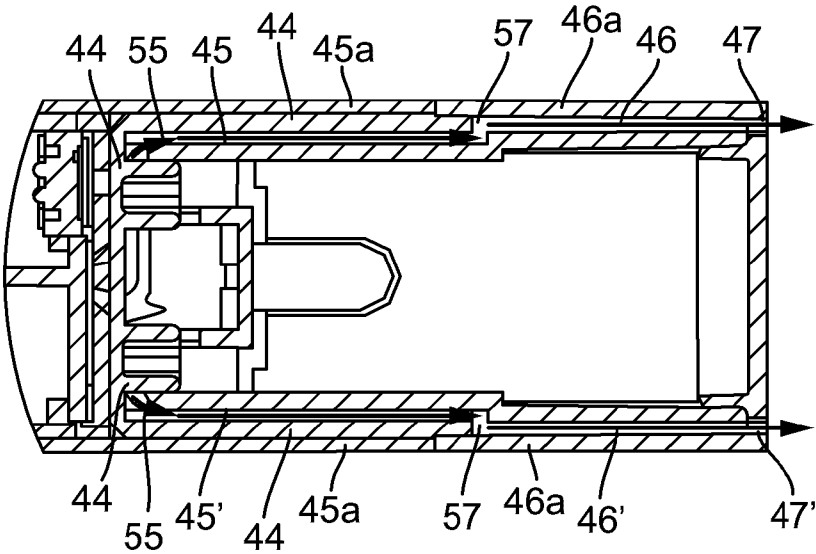
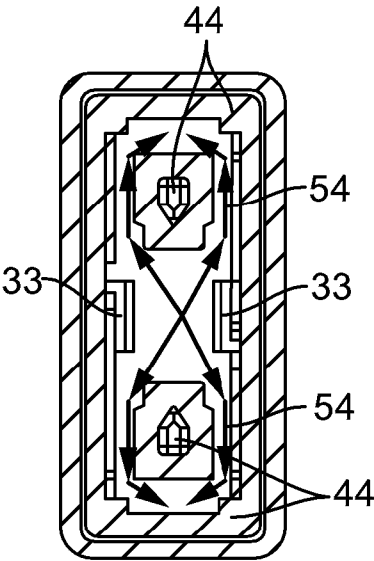
**FIG. 9**



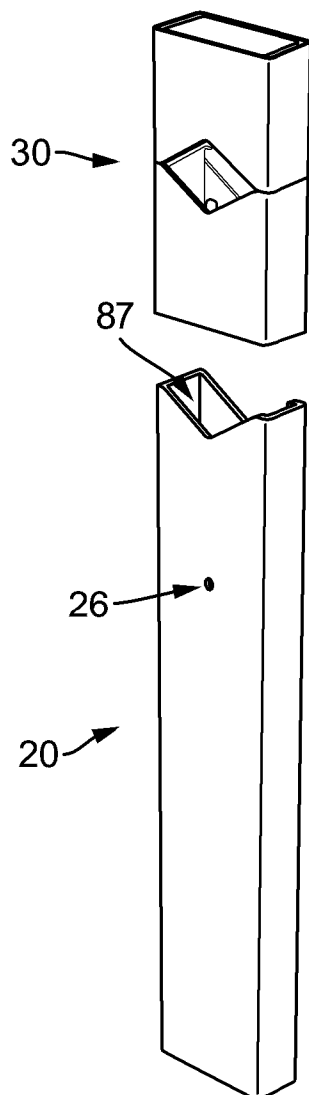
**FIG. 10A**



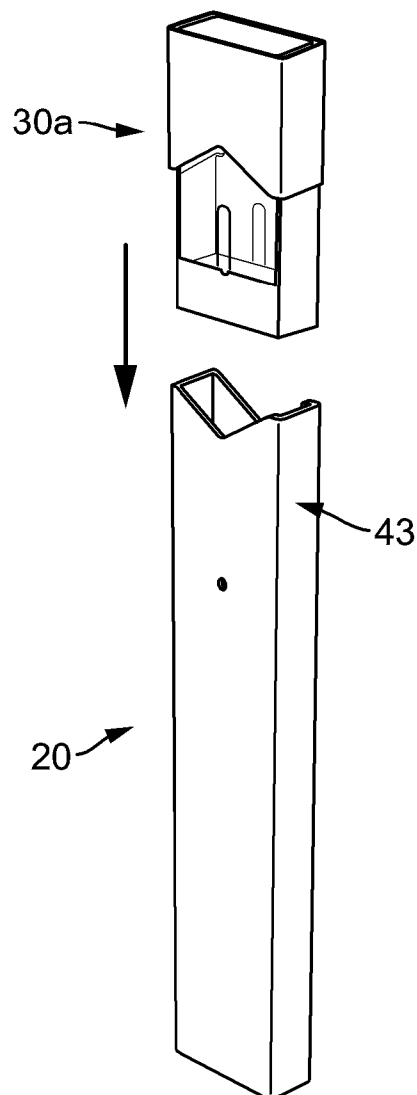
**FIG. 10B**



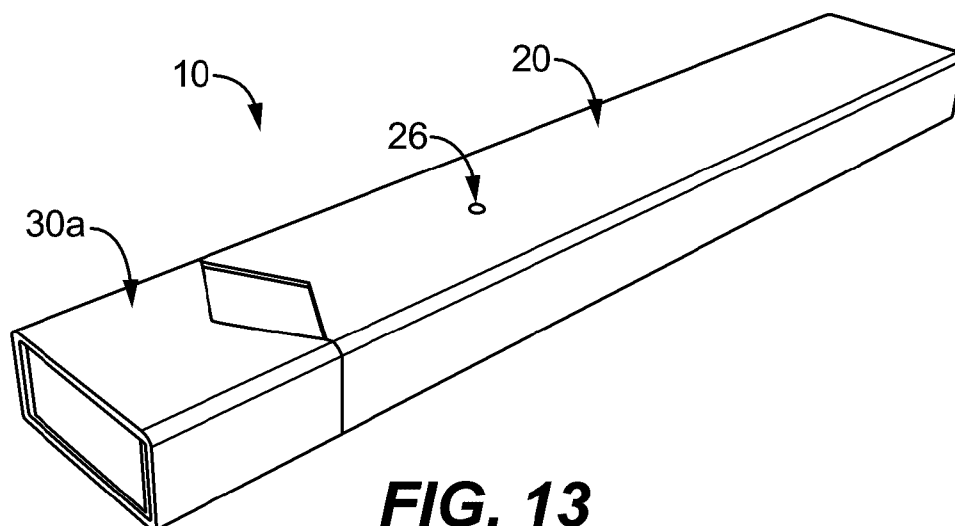
**FIG. 10C**



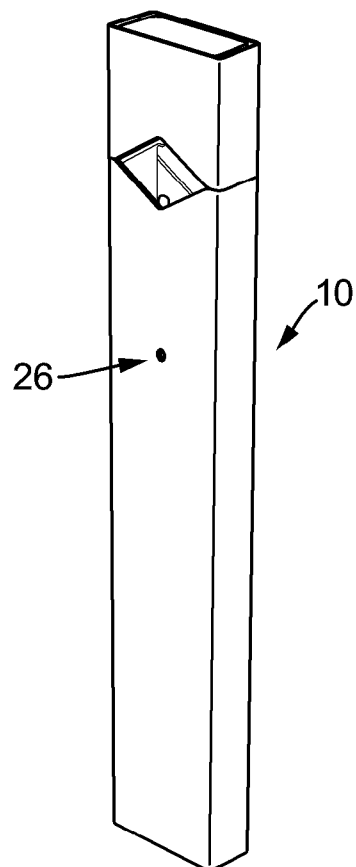
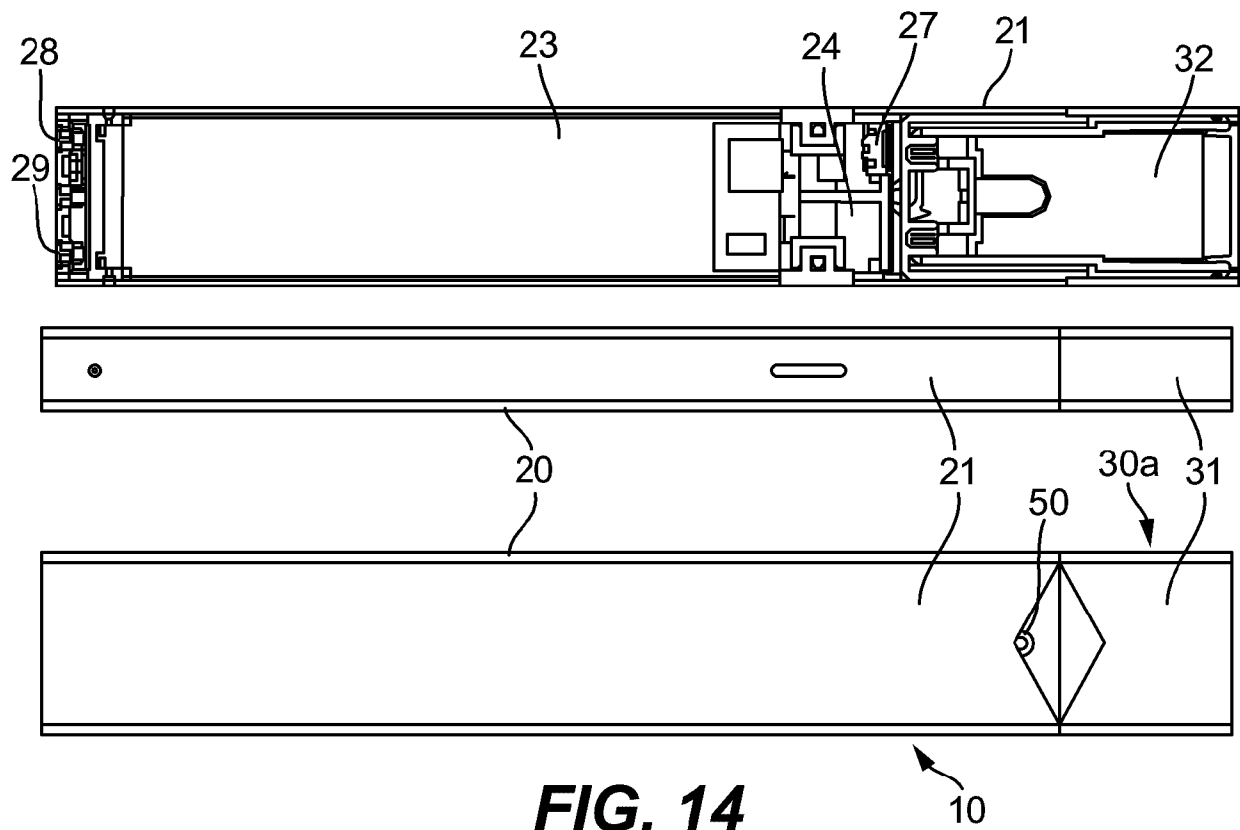
**FIG. 11**



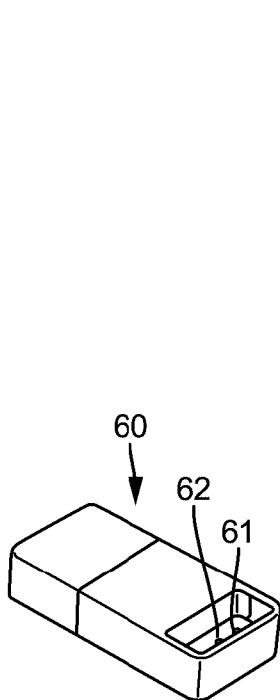
**FIG. 12**



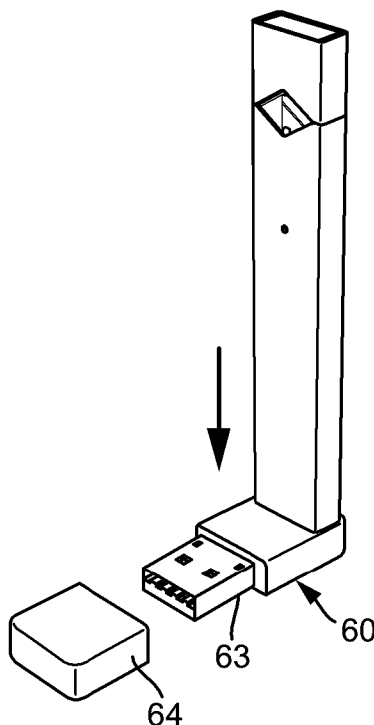
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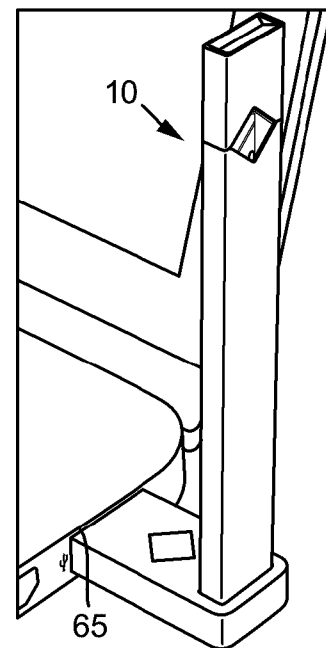
**FIG. 15**



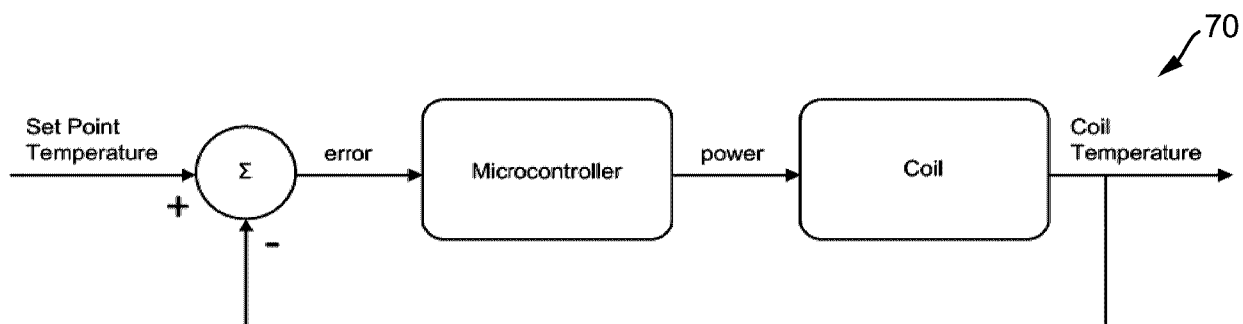
**FIG. 16A**



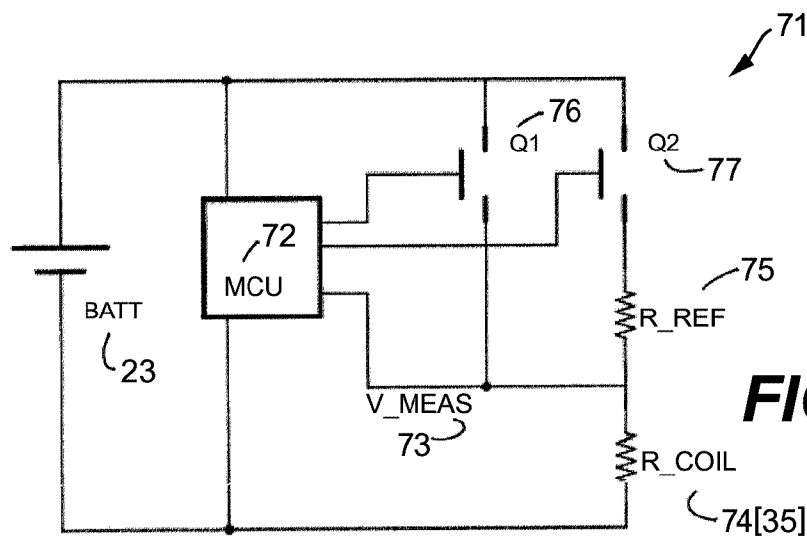
**FIG. 16B**



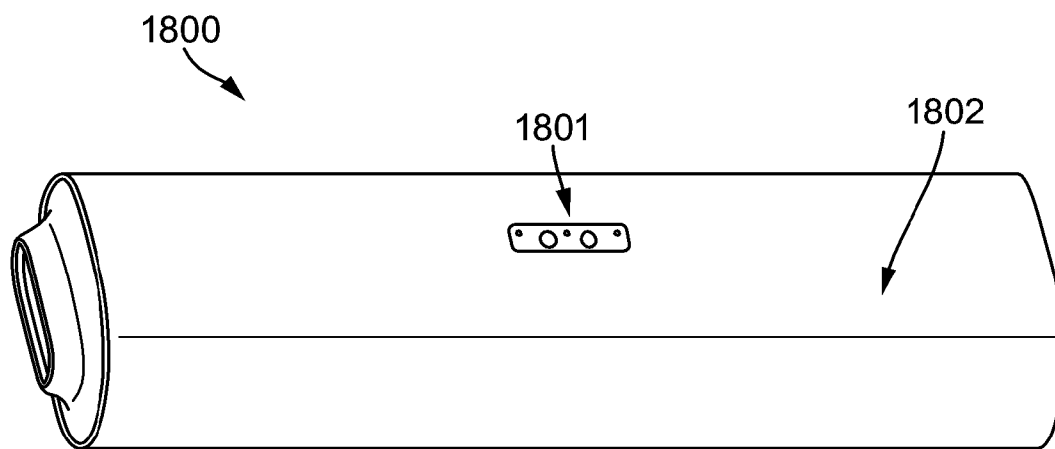
**FIG. 16C**



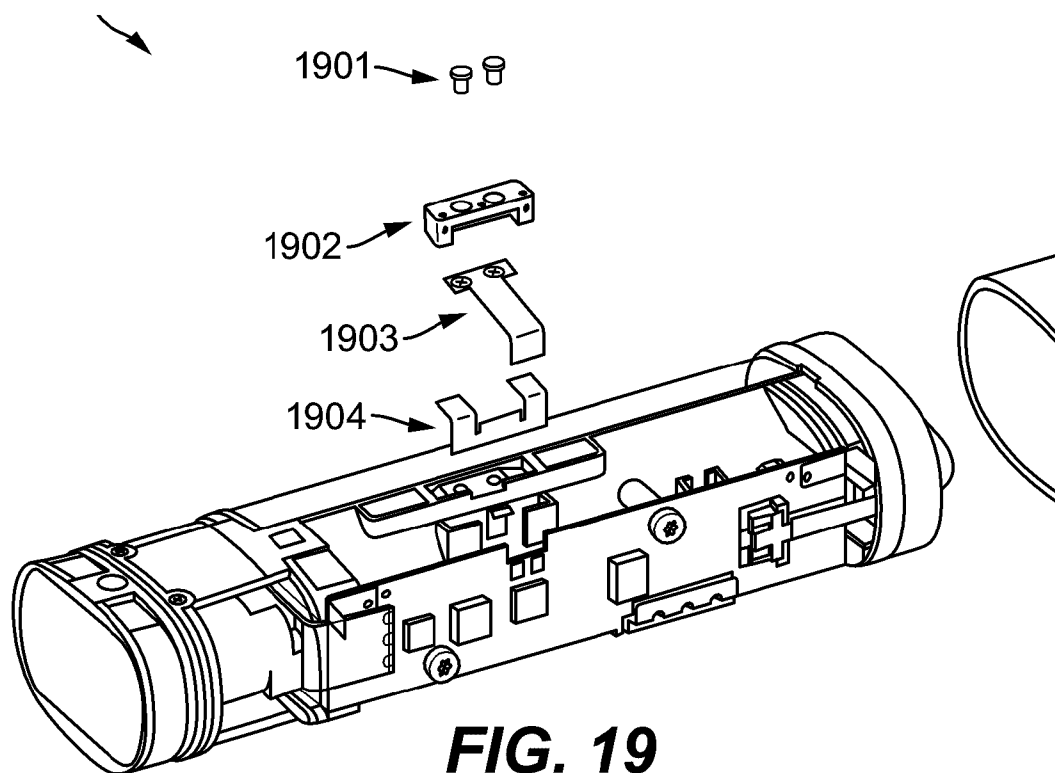
**FIG. 17A**



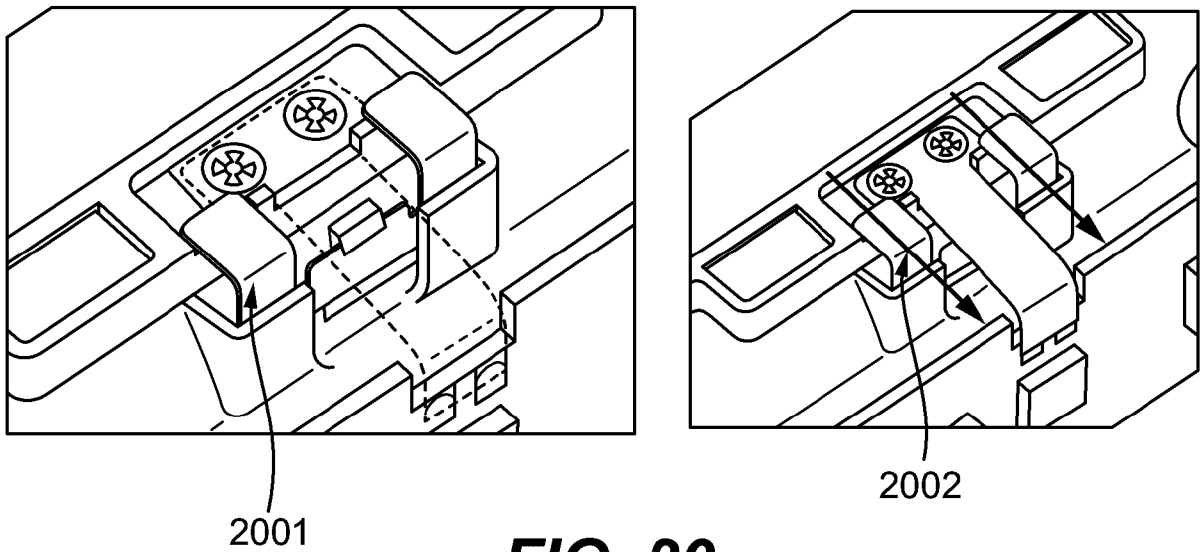
**FIG. 17B**



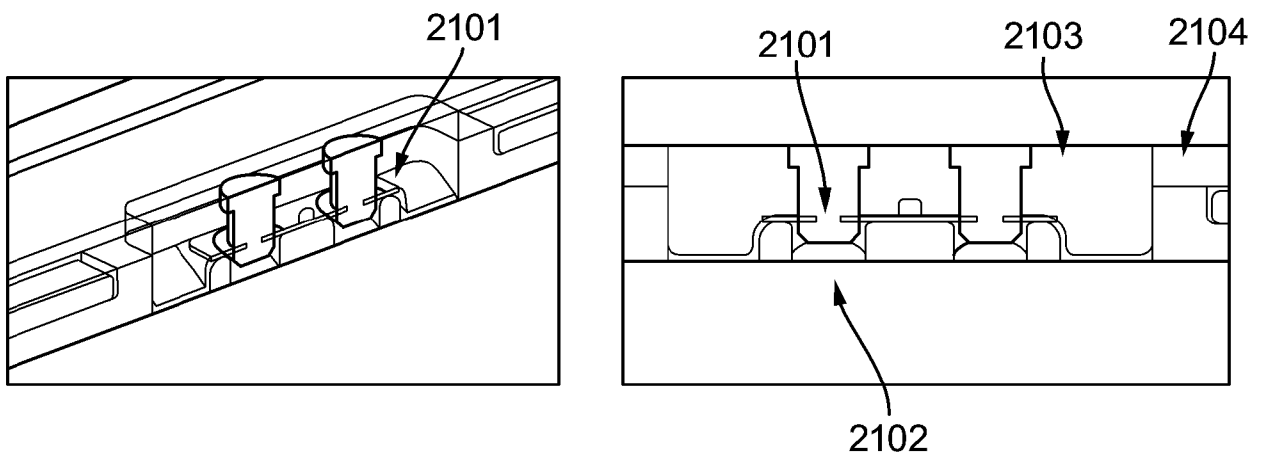
**FIG. 18**



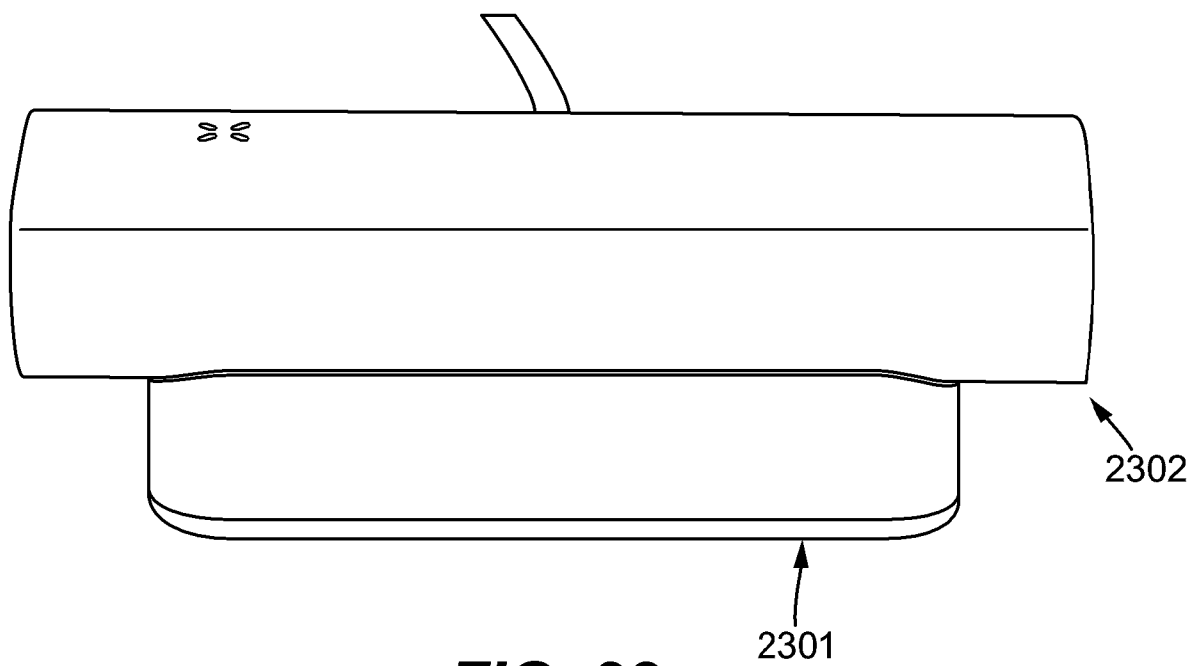
**FIG. 19**



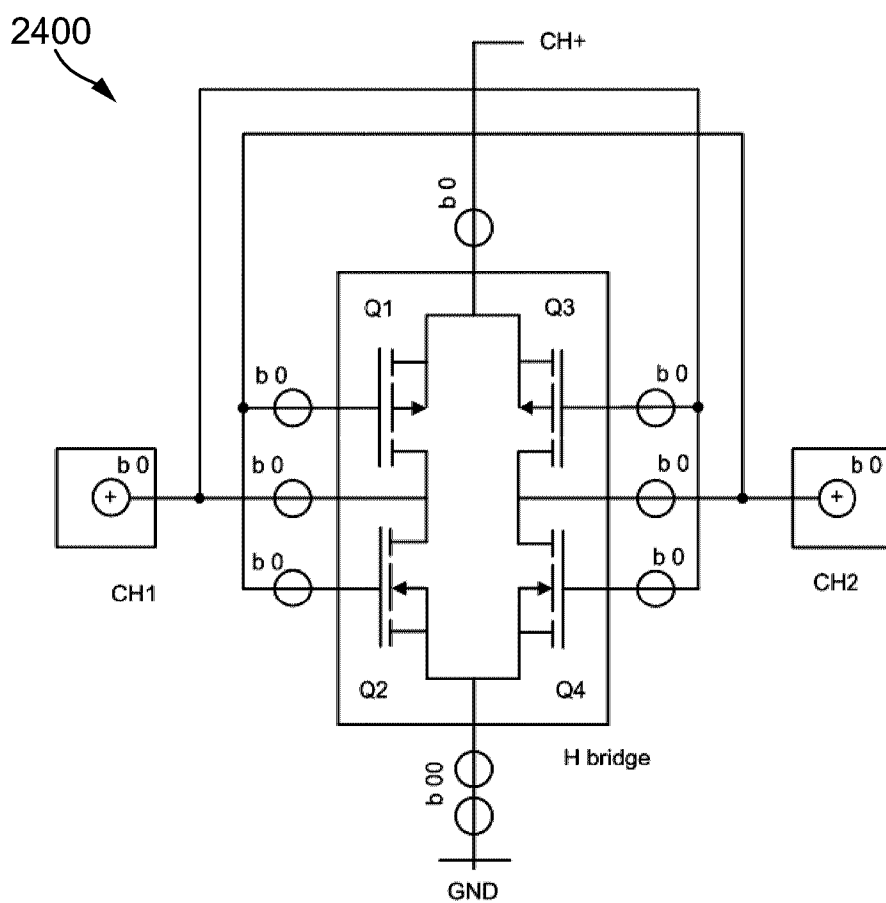
**FIG. 20**



**FIG. 21**



**FIG. 22**



**FIG. 23**

