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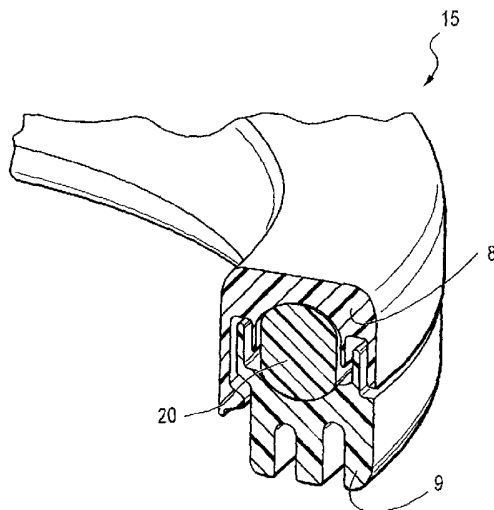
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(57) Abstract: A MacPherson strut tube having an upper spring seat, a spring, a strut tube, and a ring bearing (15, 25, 35, 45, 55 and 65) disposed for engaging the spring seat, the spring and the strut tube. The ring bearing (15) comprises an upper casing (8), a lower casing (9), and a plastic ring (20) engaged between the upper and lower casings, thereby forming said ring bearing.



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