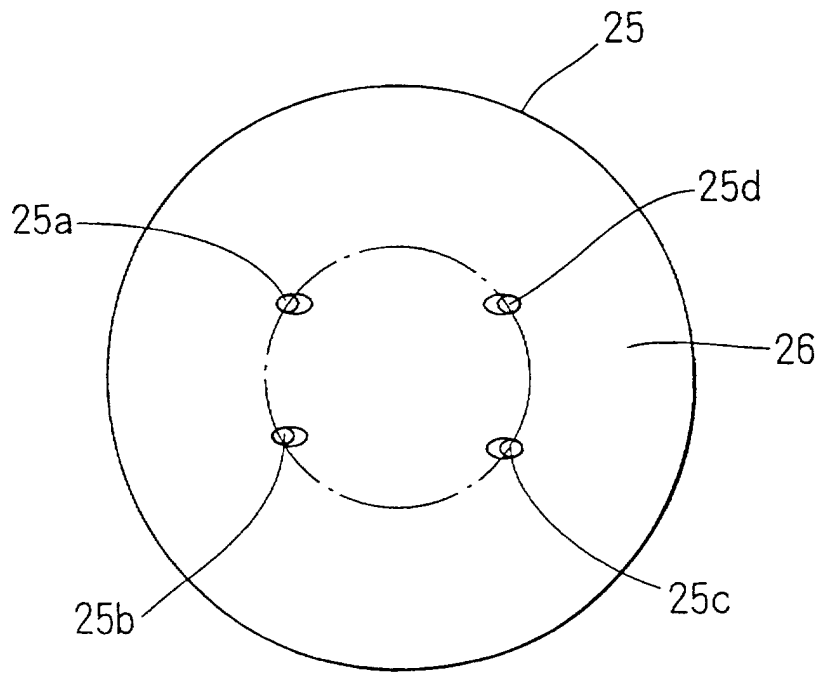




FIG. 1B





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1. claims: 1-9

A fluid injection valve with an injection port plate having a tapered inclined injection port

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2. claims: 10-13

A fuel injection valve with an injection port plate comprising an inclined injection port having a cross-section forming a half moon shape

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