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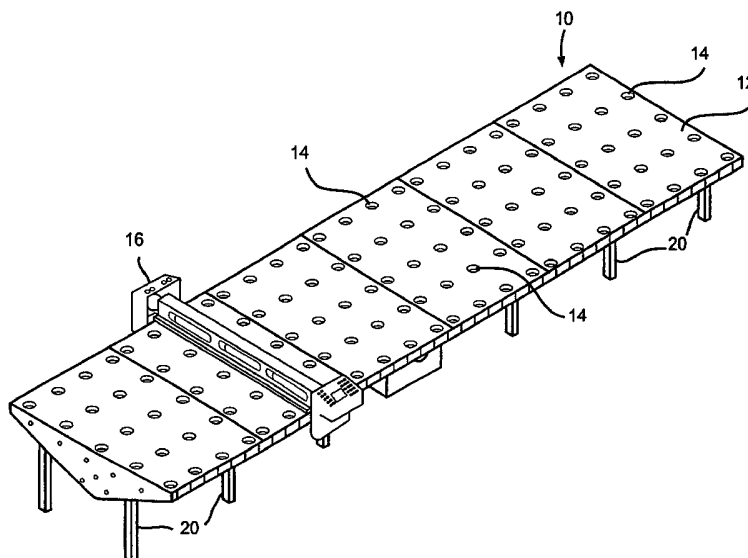
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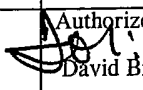
(57) Abstract: A high flow/high pressure table for supporting and holding sheet material during operations such as cutting which table includes a rigid air plenum structure providing extremely flat surface tolerances for cutting and having high volume cross-flow capability. The plenum structure includes a supporting framework of interlocking strips with air passages therein that determines table strength, flatness and flow capacity. The table configuration includes straight section, large diameter tubes feeding a high pressure/high flow vacuum source. There is also provided zonable low pressure-loss risers for transitioning between tubes and plenum. The plenum structure includes extrusions that provide rigidity for the cutting surface and attachment means for racks and rails to support and guide a gantry assembly associated with the table.



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