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(54) **Stacked container array and method of forming same**

(57) A stacked container array (10) has at least a first (12) and a second (14) container each having a closure (22) having a recess (24) on which a portion of the other container is seated for nesting. The recess (24)

has a dimension that enables the closed base (16) of the other container and a portion of the upright standing side walls supporting the closed base (16) to nest thereon with minimal translation movement.

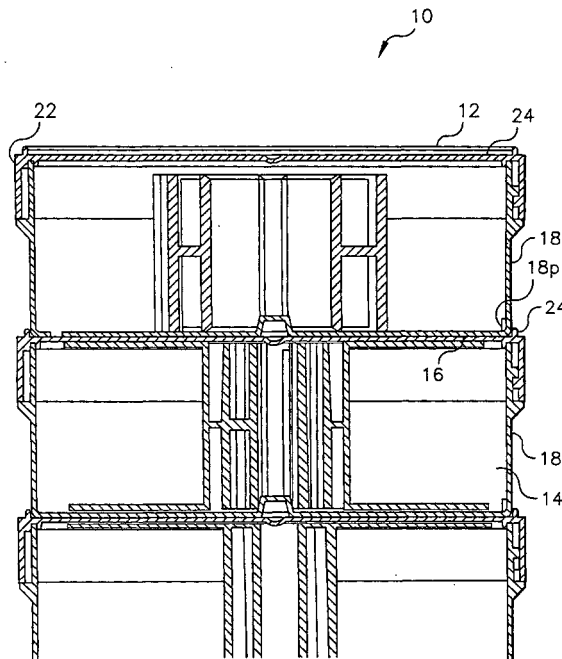


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