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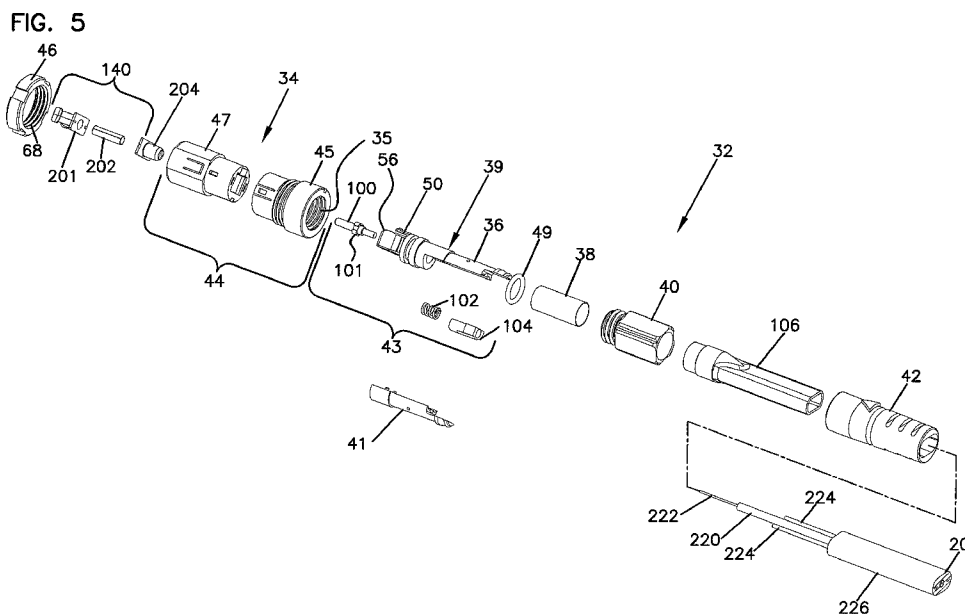
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(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to a fiber optic connector for use with a fiber optic adapter. The fiber optic connector includes a connector housing having an end defining a plug portion. A ferrule assembly is mounted at least partially within the connector housing. The ferrule assembly includes a ferrule located at the plug portion of the connector housing. A sealing member is mounted about an exterior of the connector housing for providing a seal between the connector housing and the adapter. The fiber optic connector further includes first and second separate retaining mechanism for retaining the fiber optic connector within the fiber optic adapter.



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1. claims: 1-16, 20, 22

Connector having a threaded and a latched retaining mechanism for retention in an adapter

2. claims: 18, 19

Connector having a housing comprising a main piece and a cover piece

3. claims: 17, 21

Connector having a housing with a truncated, tapered end

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