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(54) **TILE ROOF RIDGE VENT WITH FILTRATION MEDIA**

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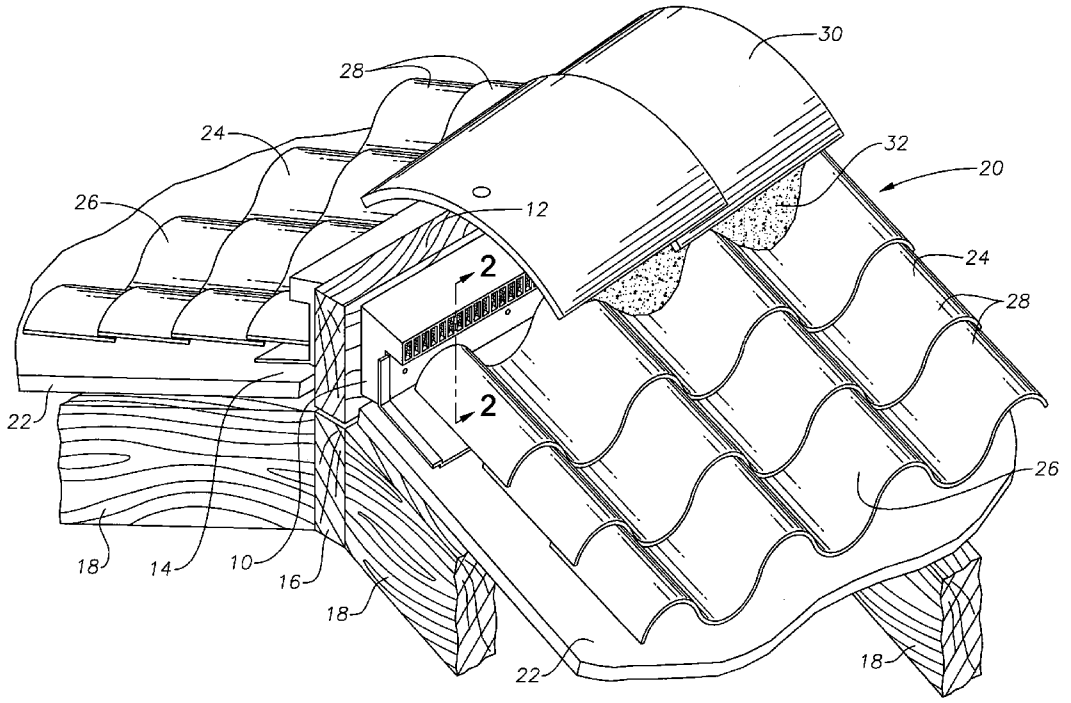
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A tile roof ridge row vent and the method of its use and construction are disclosed. The ridge row vent is designed for use with either barrel tile or flat tile. The tile roof ridge row vent includes an elongate member having a vertical section and a side section connected to allow air flow therebetween. The vertical section has a lower sealing skirt that extends under the top row of roof tiles and the side section includes plurality of ventilation openings angled downwardly and outwardly to allow air to exit the vent while a filtration media aids in preventing rain or other inclement weather from entering the vent. A second embodiment is shown for use with a single sided or mansard type roof. A third embodiment is shown for use in high wind and hurricane prone areas with an angled roof and includes an external baffle added to the ridge row vent. A fourth embodiment utilizing the ridge row vent with the external baffle is shown for use with a mansard type roof.



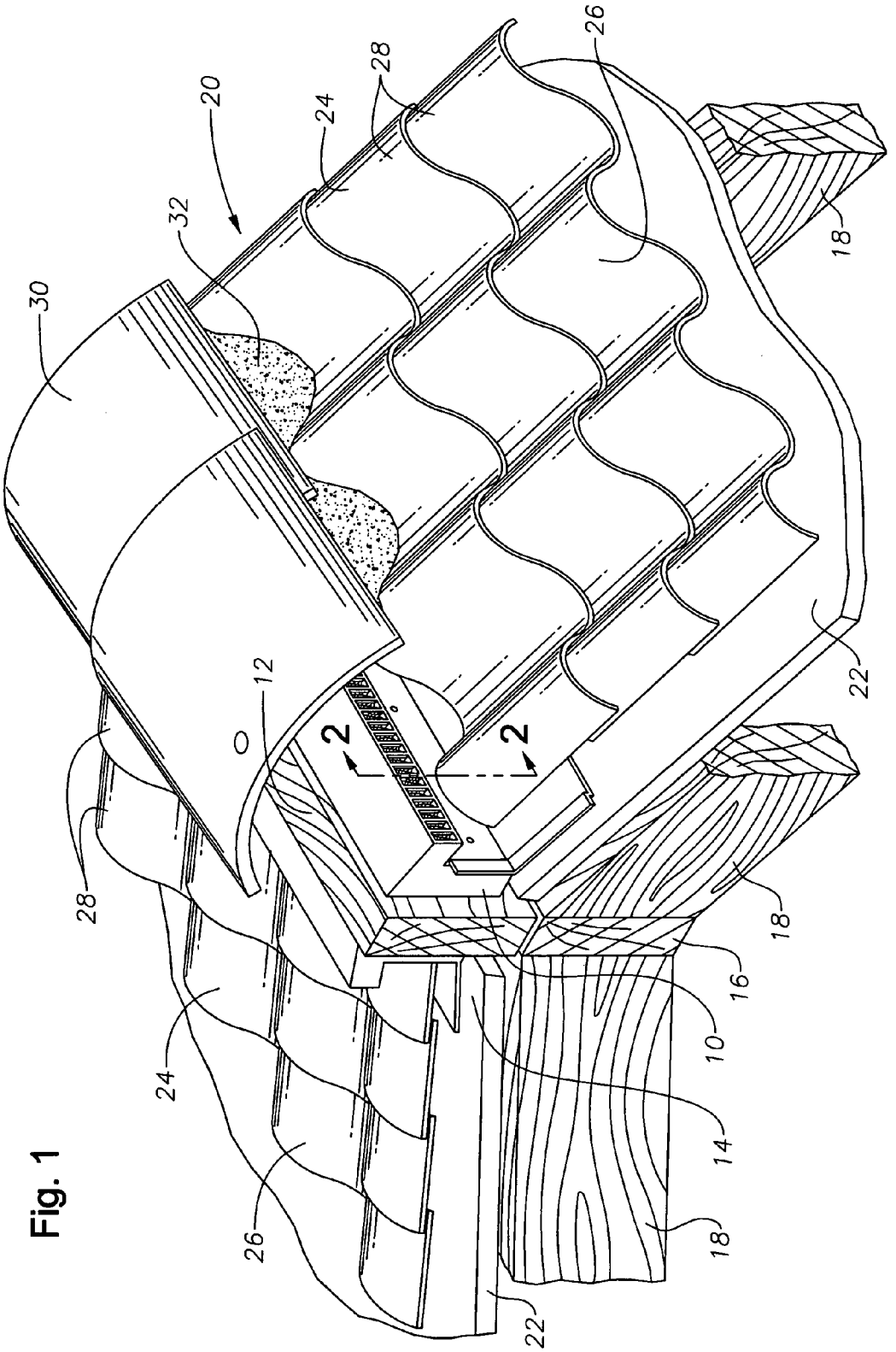


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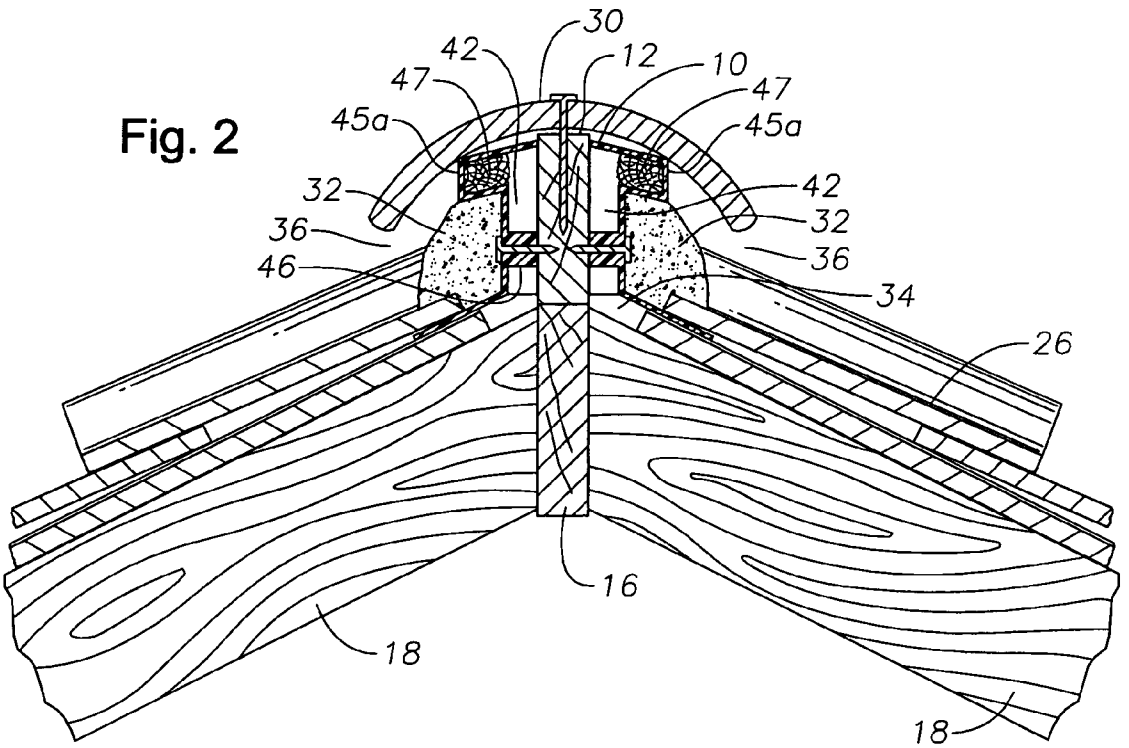
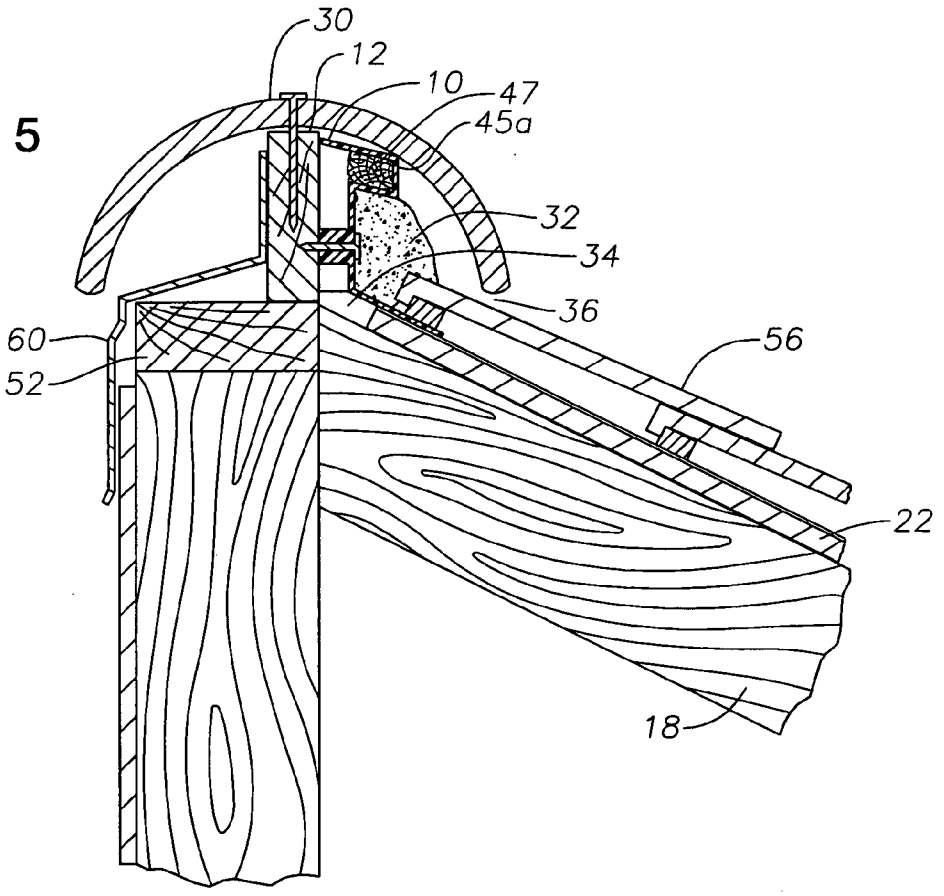

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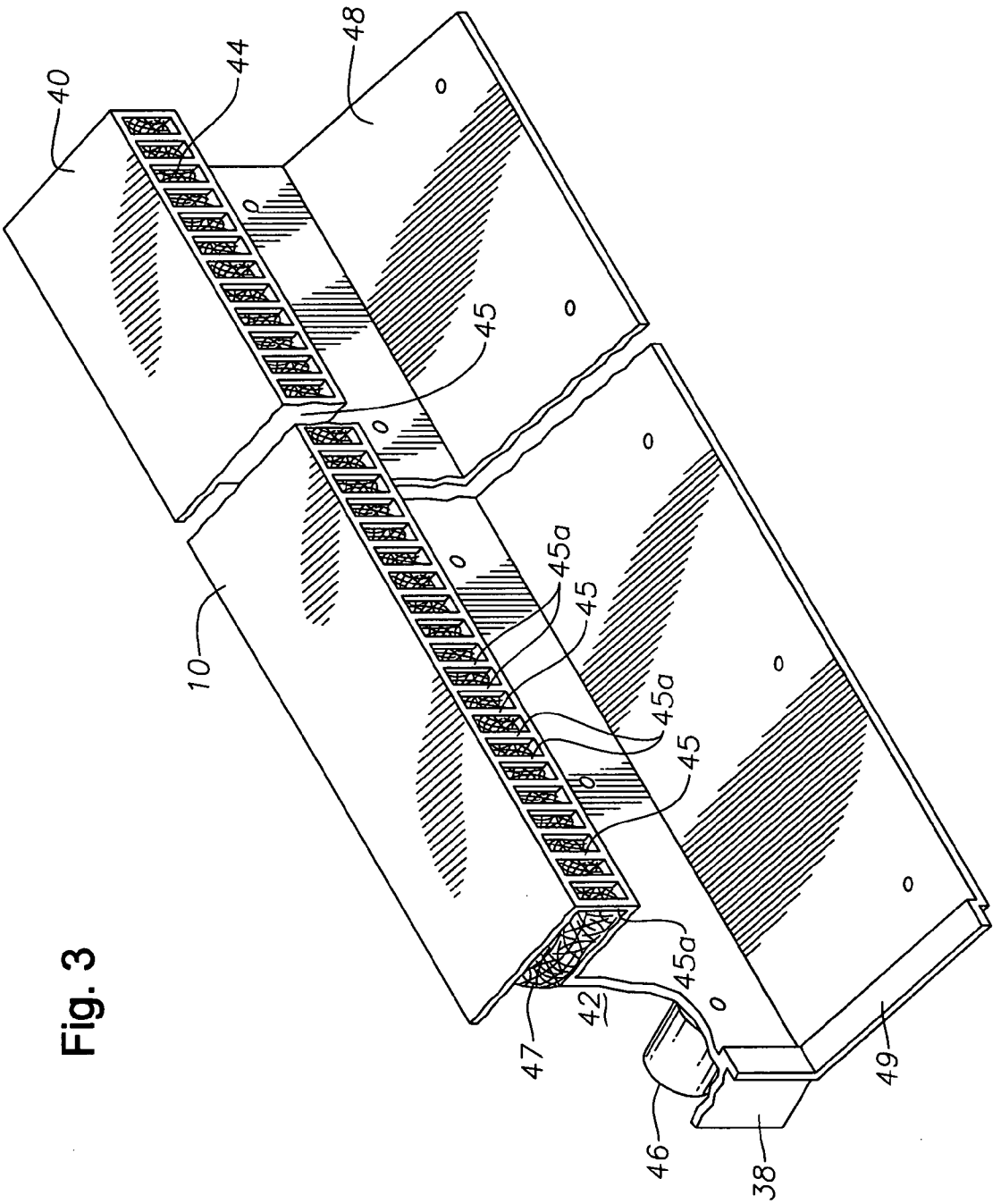


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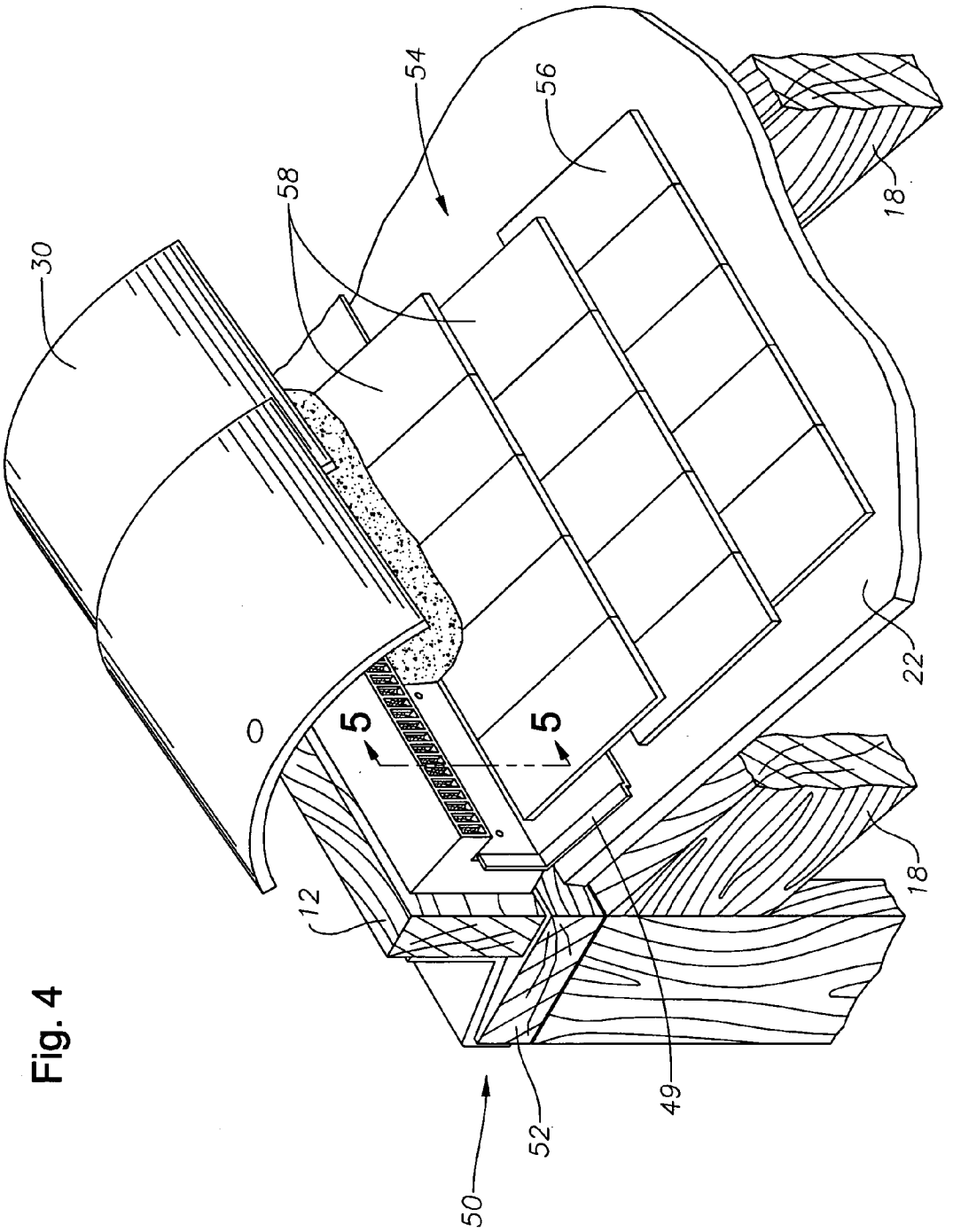


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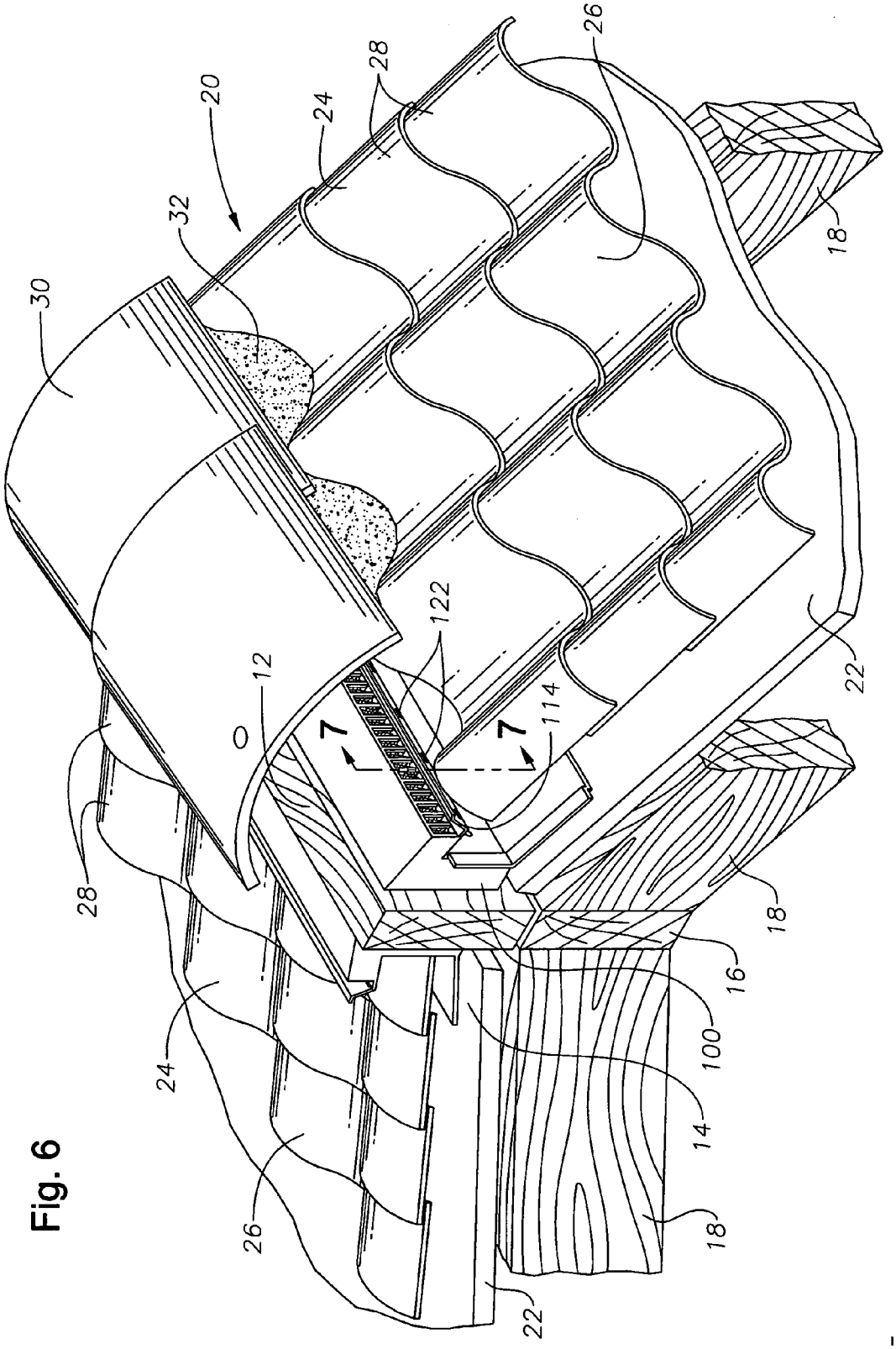


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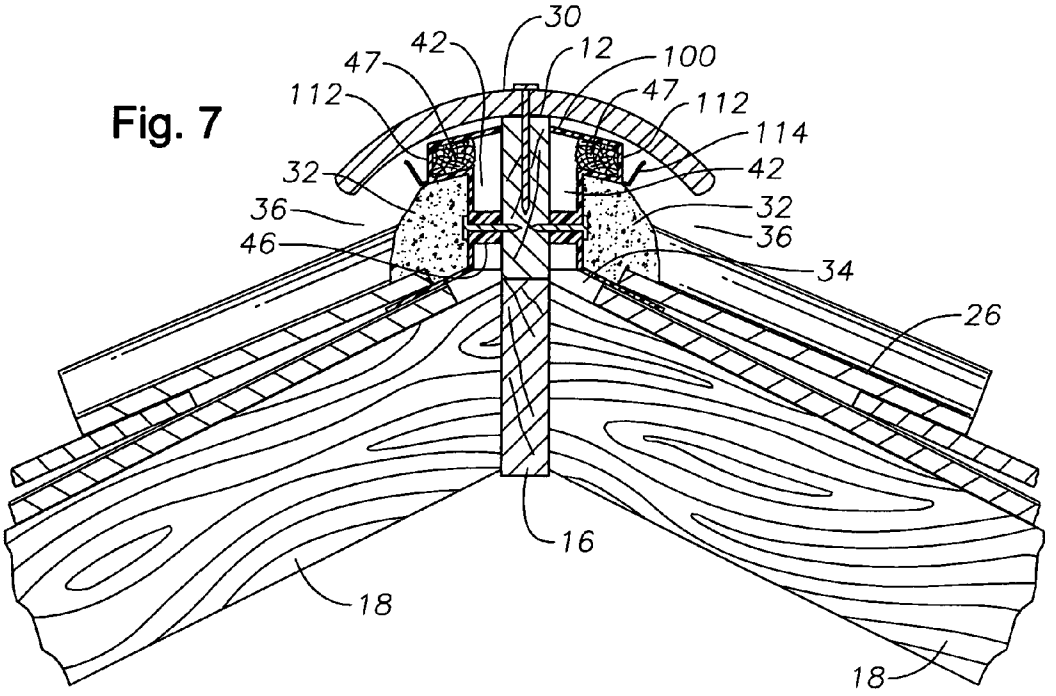
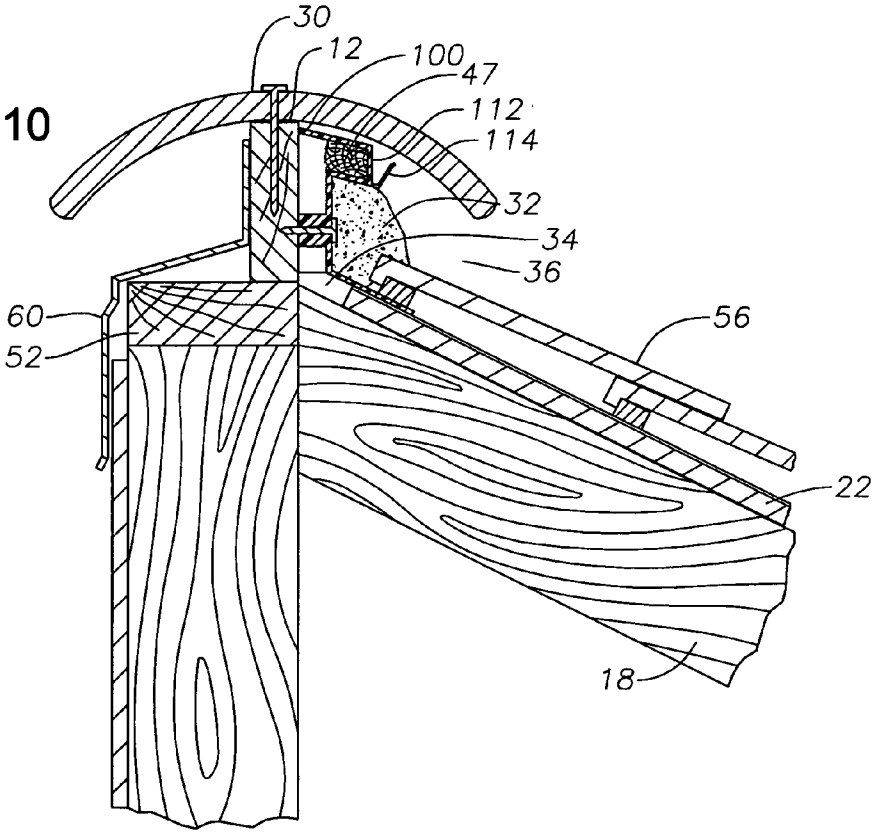

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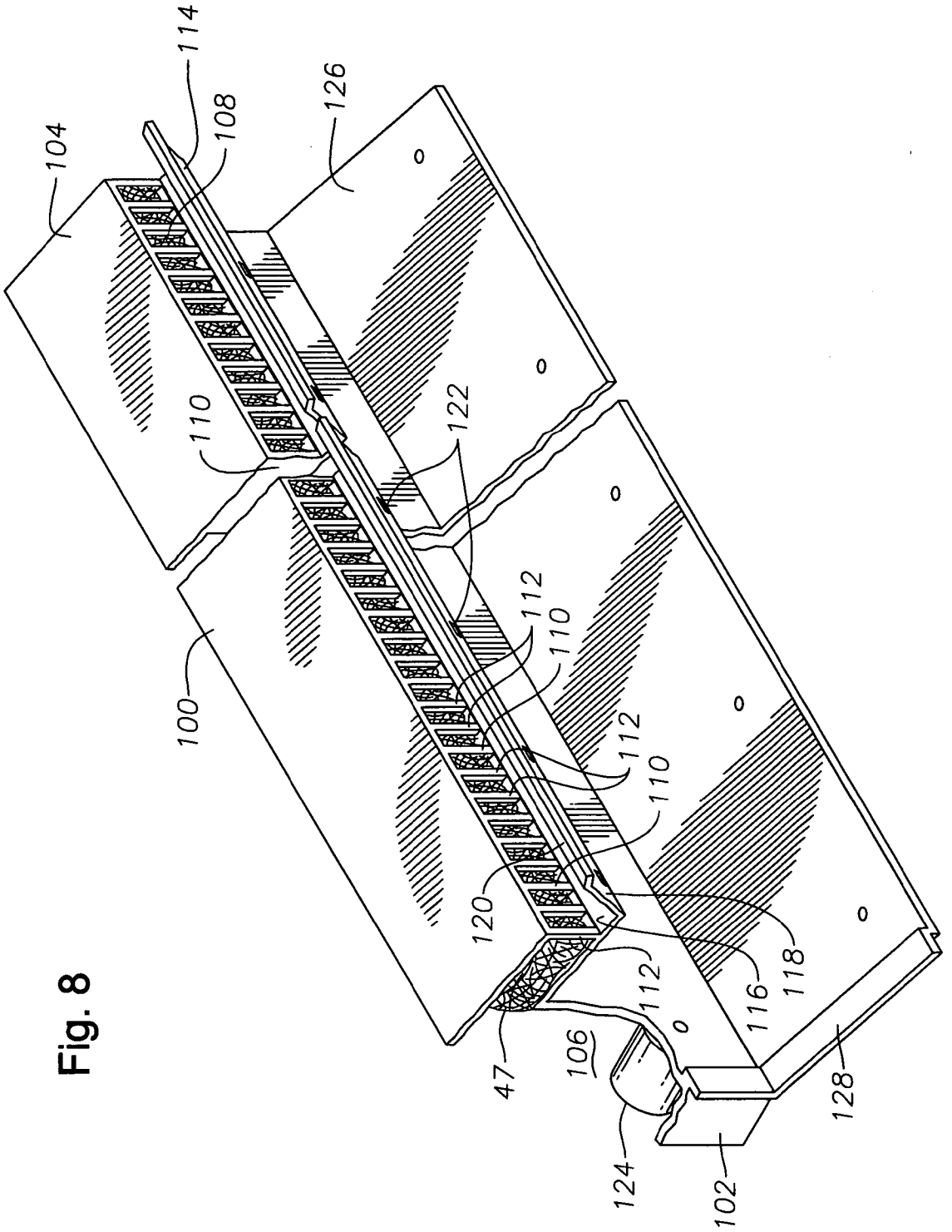

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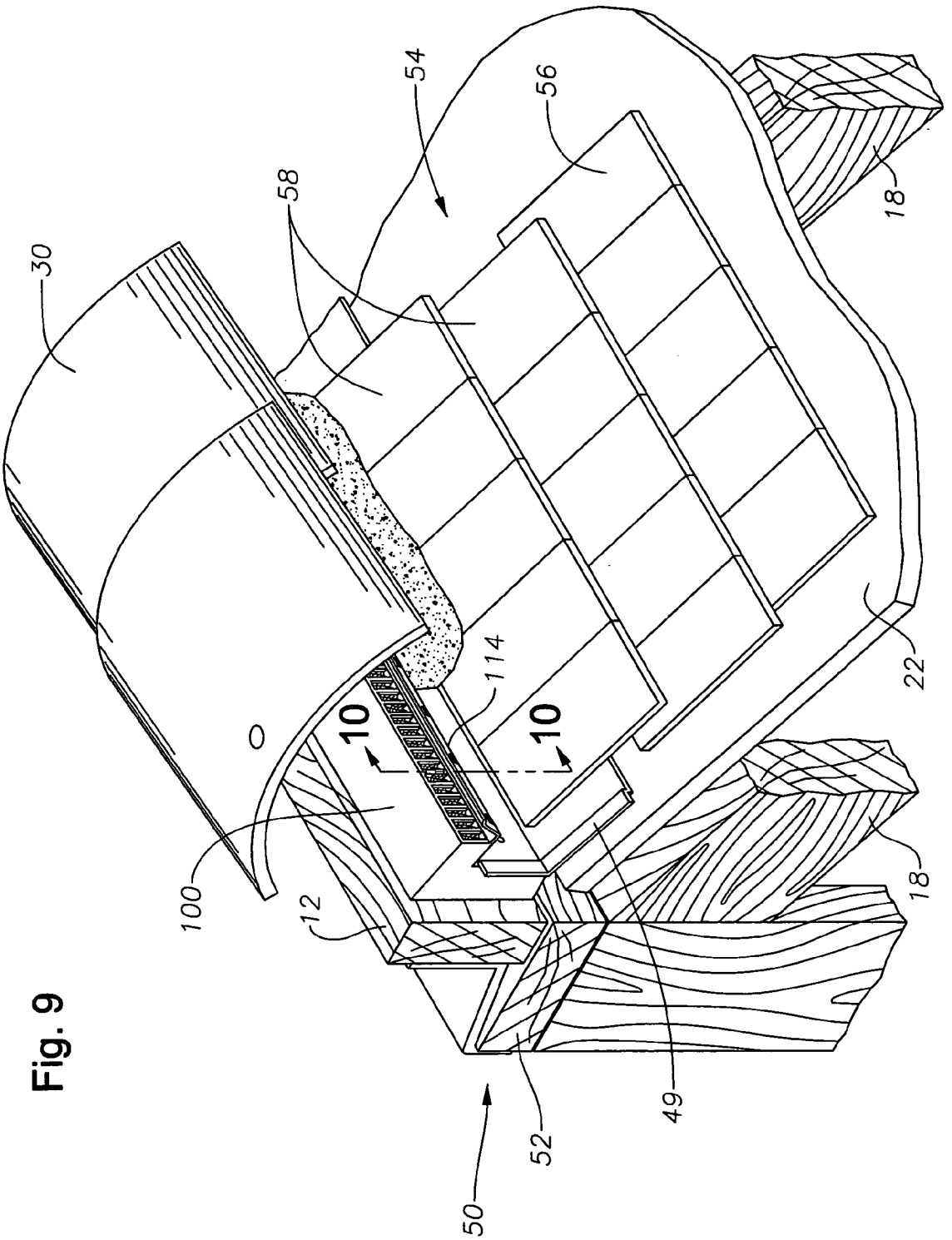


Fig. 9

TILE ROOF RIDGE VENT WITH FILTRATION MEDIA

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] This invention relates to a ridge row ventilation system for angled tile roofs to facilitate the exhausting of hot air from the attic space beneath the angled tile roof. The ridge row vent of the current invention is equally suitable for roof tiles with a semi-circular cross section, commonly referred to as barrel tile, or flat tiles.

[0003] Typically, tile roofs have been constructed with the tiles laid in rows called courses. Adjacent courses overlap each other to allow rain to run off the roof. Such roofs are known for their durability. The primary problem with such roofs is the venting of hot air from the attic space under the tile roof. Previous construction techniques had the last or top row terminate at the ridge row or header board so there is no ventilation slot. A curved tile or cap tile is then secured to the ridge row header board. This cap tile curves downwardly to within a few inches of the top row of roof tiles on either side of the ridge row header board. Just prior to the cap tile being nailed to the header board, the space between the edge of the cap tile and the top row of roof tiles is filled with mortar to act as a sealer to prevent rain or other inclement weather from blowing under the edge of the cap tile.

[0004] This system works reasonably well in providing a weather tight roof but leaves much to be desired in allowing venting of the hot air in the attic space under the roof. With this system, hot air cannot be vented from the attic space beneath the roof. Therefore, there exists a need for a tile roof ridge vent that is economical, easy to install and efficiently vents the hot air from the attic space under the tile roof. Additionally, such a tile roof ridge vent with an external baffle would be desirable in high wind or hurricane prone areas to ensure wind driven water does not enter the ridge vent. It is the construction and method of use of such tile roof ridge vents to which the present invention is directed.

[0005] 2. Description of Related Art

[0006] U.S. Pat. No. 4,558,637 to R. E. Mason discloses a roof ridge ventilator that uses a preformed metal louver that is installed under a roof ridge. Other types of roof ridge ventilators using a preformed louver installed under a roof ridge are shown in U.S. Pat. No. 4,685,285 to C. A. Cooper and U.S. Pat. No. 4,903,445 to J. P. Mankowski.

[0007] A system using a filter in combination with a ventilator is shown in U.S. Pat. No. 5,326,318 to M. J. Rotter.

[0008] U.S. Pat. No. 5,697,842 to M. P. Donnelly discloses a ventilator system using a system of interlocking blocks to elevate the ridge row and improve ventilation.

[0009] A venturi system specifically directed to tile roofs is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,071 to H. G. Kirkwood.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0010] The tile roof ridge row vent of the present invention and the method of its use and construction is designed for use with a tile roof using either barrel tile or flat tile. The tile roof ridge row vent is designed to ventilate the interior space under a tile roof to the exterior. It includes an elongate member having a vertical section and a side section. The vertical section and side section are connected to allow air flow therebetween. The vertical section has a lower sealing skirt that extends under the top row of roof tiles and the side section includes plurality of ventilation openings angled downwardly and outwardly to allow air to exit the vent while preventing rain or other inclement weather from entering the vent. Additionally, a filtration material is added to the ventilation openings to further prevent the ingress of inclement weather and insects.

[0011] The tile roof ridge row vents are designed for use with an angled roof having a first plurality of roofing tiles arranged in overlapping courses located on one side of the angled roof and a second plurality of roofing tiles arranged in overlapping courses located on an adjacent side of an angled roof. The roof terminates in a ridge row header board disposed between the first plurality of roofing tiles and the second plurality of roofing tiles. The roofing tiles terminate just short of the ridge row to form ventilation slots adjacent the ridge row header on each side. The ridge row vents are attached to the ridge row header board with the ridge row vents disposed over the ventilation slots to facilitate air flow from the interior space under the roof to the exterior. A plurality of ridge row cap tiles are secured to the ridge row header to prevent ingress of inclement weather and a sealing mortar is applied between the ridge row vents and the roofing tiles. The ridge row vents are formed of an injection molded plastic and typically are four feet in length. Additional ridge row vents are laid end to end along the length of the ridge row to allow full venting of the hot air in the attic space under the roof.

[0012] A second embodiment is shown for use with a single sided or mansard type roof. A third embodiment is shown for use with an angled roof and includes an external baffle added to the ridge row vent. This external baffle angles upwardly and outwardly away from the ridge row vent and ensures wind driven rain will not enter the ridge row vent. It is particularly suited for high wind or hurricane prone areas. A fourth embodiment utilizing the ridge row vent with the external baffle is shown for use with a mansard type roof.

[0013] One object of the present invention is to provide a ridge row vent particularly suited for use with tile roofs that is economical and allows full venting of the attic space under the tile roof.

[0014] Another object of the present invention is to provide a ventilation system for a tile roof that works with curved or flat tiles.

[0015] A further object of the present invention is to provide a ridge row vent particularly suited for use with tile roofs that is easy to install.

[0016] A still further object of the present invention is to provide a ridge row vent with an external baffle for use in high wind or hurricane prone areas.

[0017] An additional object of the present invention is to provide a ridge row vent with a filtration material added to the ventilation openings to further prevent the ingress of inclement weather and insects.

[0018] Other objects and advantages of the present invention are pointed out in the claims annexed hereto and form

a part of this disclosure. A full and complete understanding of the invention may be had by reference to the accompanying drawings and description of the preferred embodiments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] These and other objects and advantages of the present invention are set forth below and further made clear by reference to the drawings, wherein:

[0020] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent installed on a typical angled roof.

[0021] **FIG. 2** is a section view of the tile roof ridge vent of **FIG. 1**, taken along lines **2-2**.

[0022] **FIG. 3** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent, partly in section.

[0023] **FIG. 4** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent installed on a single side or mansard style roof with flat tiles.

[0024] **FIG. 5** is a section end view of the tile roof ridge vent of **FIG. 4**, taken along lines **5-5**.

[0025] **FIG. 6** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent installed on a typical angled roof.

[0026] **FIG. 7** is a section view of the tile roof ridge vent of **FIG. 6**, taken along lines **7-7**.

[0027] **FIG. 8** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent, partly in section.

[0028] **FIG. 9** is a perspective view of the tile roof ridge vent installed on a single side or mansard style roof with flat tiles.

[0029] **FIG. 10** is a section end view of the tile roof ridge vent of **FIG. 9**, taken along lines **10-10**.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0030] With reference to the drawings, and particularly to **FIG. 1**, a perspective view of a typical angled roof is shown. Ridge row vent of the present invention is denoted generally by numeral **10**. Ridge row vents **10** are disposed on each side of ridge row header **12** of angled roof **14**. Ridge row header **12** sits atop ridge board **16**. Roof rafters **18** abut and are secured to ridge board **16** by nailing or suitable means as is well known by those of ordinary skill in the art and define the angle of the roof **20**. Decking or sheathing **22** is secured to rafters **18** by suitable means as nailing. Each side **24** of roof **20** is covered by a plurality of roofing tiles **26** laid in overlapping rows or courses **28** and secured to decking or sheathing **22** by suitable means such as nailing. Although roofing tiles **26** are shown as being semicircular in cross section, tiles **26** could be flat and work equally well. Ridge row cap tiles **30** are secured to ridge row header **12** by suitable means as nailing.

[0031] As best seen in **FIG. 2**, the upper end of roofing tiles **26** are sealed to ridge row vent **10** by mortar **32**. Decking or sheathing **22** terminates a short distance, typically ¾" to 1", from ridge row header **12** and ridge board **16** to form ventilation slot **34**. Hot air within the attic space below roof **20** can then flow upward through ventilation slots **34** and out through ridge row vents **10**. The height of ridge row header **12** and the size of ridge row cap tiles **30** are chosen so that air gap **36** is left to allow the aforementioned hot air to vent to the outside air.

[0032] Details of ridge row vent **10** are best seen in **FIG. 3**. Ridge row vent **10** is composed of vertical section **38** and side section **40** molded as a unitary structure of a suitable thermal set plastic. Vertical section **38** and side section **40** are connected by air channel **42** allows the free flow of air upwardly and outwardly through ventilation openings **44**. Side section **40** with ventilation openings **44** is angled downwardly to minimize the ingress of weather elements such as blowing rain or snow. Primary baffle supports **45** are positioned periodically within ventilation openings **44**. Positioned between primary baffle supports **45** are secondary baffles **45*a***. Secondary baffles **45*a*** help to prevent the ingress of inclement weather, such as blowing rain or snow. Any inclement weather entering through secondary baffles **45*a***, is stopped by the downward slope of ventilation openings **44** and can then run back out ventilation opening **44**. Additionally, filtration material **47** is positioned in ventilation openings **44** adjacent baffles **45** and **45*a*** to further aid in preventing the ingress of inclement weather and insects.

[0033] Vertical section **38** includes securing points or buttons **46** integrally formed on the rear of vertical section **38**. Securing points or buttons **46** allow proper spacing of ridge row vent **10** with respect to ridge row header **12** and ensure air channel **42** is positioned over ventilation slots **34**. Sealing skirt **48** is also integrally formed on the lower portion of vertical section **38**. Sealing skirt **48** can be bent to accommodate varying roof angles. At one end of ridge row vent **10** and formed on sealing skirt **48** is lip seal **49**. Lip seal **49** is designed to overlap sealing skirt **48** when ridge row vents **10** are laid end to end and prevent any leakage between adjacent ridge row vents **10**. Sealing skirt **48** is nailed to decking or sheathing **22** underneath roofing tiles **26**. As noted above, mortar **32** is applied between sealing skirt **48** and the upper end of roofing tiles **26** to ensure blowing rain or other inclement weather does not get underneath roofing tiles **26** to decking **22**.

[0034] A second embodiment showing roof ridge vent **10** in conjunction with a single sided or mansard style roof **50** is shown in **FIG. 4**. Those items which are the same as in the first embodiment retain their numerical designations. Ridge row vents **10** are disposed on the side of ridge row header **12** of mansard roof **50**. Ridge row header **12** sits atop header board **52**. Roof rafters **18** abut and are secured to header board **52** by nailing or suitable means as is well known by those of ordinary skill in the art and define the angle of mansard roof **50**. Decking or sheathing **22** is secured to rafters **18** by suitable means as nailing. Side **54** of mansard roof **50** is covered by a plurality of roofing tiles **56** laid in overlapping rows or courses **58** and secured to decking or sheathing **22** by suitable means such as nailing. Although roofing tiles **56** are shown as being flat, tiles **56** could be of a semicircular cross section and work equally well. Ridge row cap tiles **30** are secured to ridge row header **12** by suitable means as nailing.

[0035] As best seen in **FIG. 5**, the upper end of roofing tiles **26** are sealed to ridge row vent **10** by mortar **32**. Decking or sheathing **22** terminates a short distance, typically ¾" to 1", from ridge row header **12** and header board **52** to form ventilation slot **34**. Hot air within the attic space

below roof **50** can then flow upward through ventilation slot **34** and out through ridge row vents **10**. The height of ridge row header **12** and the size of ridge row cap tiles **30** are chosen so that air gap **36** is left to allow the aforementioned hot air to vent to the outside air. The opposite side of roof **50** is closed off by suitable sealing means as flashing **60**, well known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

[**0036**] A third embodiment showing high wind area ridge row vent **100** in conjunction with a typical angled roof is shown in **FIG. 6**. Those items which are the same as in the previous embodiments retain their numerical designations. High wind area ridge row vents **100** are disposed on each side of ridge row header **12** of angled roof **14**. Ridge row header **12** sits atop ridge board **16**. Roof rafters **18** abut and are secured to ridge board **16** by nailing or suitable means as is well known by those of ordinary skill in the art and define the angle of the roof **20**. Decking or sheathing **22** is secured to rafters **18** by suitable means as nailing. Each side **24** of roof **20** is covered by a plurality of roofing tiles **26** laid in overlapping rows or courses **28** and secured to decking or sheathing **22** by suitable means such as nailing. Although roofing tiles **26** are shown as being semicircular in cross section, tiles **26** could be flat and work equally well. Ridge row cap tiles **30** are secured to ridge row header **12** by suitable means as nailing.

[**0037**] As best seen in **FIG. 7**, the upper end of roofing tiles **26** are sealed to high wind area ridge row vents **100** by mortar **32**. Decking or sheathing **22** terminates a short distance, typically ¾" to 1", from ridge row header **12** and ridge board **16** to form ventilation slot **34**. Hot air within the attic space below roof **20** can then flow upward through ventilation slots **34** and out through high wind area ridge row vents **100**. The height of ridge row header **12** and the size of ridge row cap tiles **30** are chosen so that air gap **36** is left to allow the aforementioned hot air to vent to the outside air.

[**0038**] Details of high wind area ridge row vent **100** are best seen in **FIG. 8**. High wind area ridge row vent **100** is composed of vertical section **102** and side section **104** molded as a unitary structure of a suitable thermal set plastic. Vertical section **102** and side section **104** are connected by air channel **106** that allows the free flow of air upwardly and outwardly through ventilation openings **108**. Side section **104** with ventilation openings **108** is angled downwardly to minimize the ingress of weather elements such as blowing rain or snow. Primary baffle supports **110** are positioned periodically within ventilation openings **108**. Positioned between primary baffle supports **110** are secondary baffles **112**. Secondary baffles **112** help to prevent the ingress of inclement weather, such as blowing rain or snow. Additionally, filtration material **47** is positioned in ventilation openings **108** adjacent baffles **110** and **112** to further aid in preventing the ingress of inclement weather and insects.

[**0039**] High wind area ridge row vents **100** also include external baffle **114** positioned adjacent ventilation openings **108**. External baffle **114** is molded integrally as part of high wind area ridge row vent **100**. External baffle **114** includes bottom channel **116**, side lip **118** and upper lip **120**. Side lip **118** and upper lip **120** are angled upwardly and outwardly from channel **116** to direct wind and wind driven water away from secondary baffles **112**. Drain slots **122** are molded into external baffle **114** at the juncture of bottom channel **116** and side lip **118** to ensure drainage of any water away from secondary baffles **112**. Any inclement weather entering through secondary baffles **112**, is stopped by the downward slope of ventilation openings **108** and filtration material **47** and can then run back out ventilation opening **108** and drain slots **122**.

[**0040**] Vertical section **102** includes securing points or buttons **124** integrally formed on the rear of vertical section **102**. Securing points or buttons **124** allow proper spacing of high wind area ridge row vents **100** with respect to ridge row header **12** and ensure air channel **106** is positioned over ventilation slots **34**. Sealing skirt **126** is also integrally formed on the lower portion of vertical section **102**. Sealing skirt **126** can be bent to accommodate varying roof angles. At one end of high wind area ridge row vents **100** and formed on sealing skirt **102** is lip seal **128**. Lip seal **128** is designed to overlap sealing skirt **126** when high wind area ridge row vents **100** are laid end to end and prevent any leakage between adjacent high wind area ridge row vents **100**. Sealing skirt **126** is nailed to decking or sheathing **22** underneath roofing tiles **26**. As noted above, mortar **32** is applied between sealing skirt **126** and the upper end of roofing tiles **26** to ensure blowing rain or other inclement weather does not get underneath roofing tiles **26** to decking **22**.

[**0041**] A fourth embodiment showing high wind area ridge row vent **100** in conjunction with a single sided or mansard style roof **50** is shown in **FIG. 9**. Those items which are the same as in the previous embodiments retain their numerical designations. High wind area ridge row vents **100** are disposed on the side of ridge row header **12** of mansard roof **50**. Ridge row header **12** sits atop header board **52**. Roof rafters **18** abut and are secured to header board **52** by nailing or suitable means as is well known by those of ordinary skill in the art and define the angle of mansard roof **50**. Decking or sheathing **22** is secured to rafters **18** by suitable means as nailing. Side **54** of mansard roof **50** is covered by a plurality of roofing tiles **56** laid in overlapping rows or courses **58** and secured to decking or sheathing **22** by suitable means such as nailing. Although roofing tiles **56** are shown as being flat, tiles **56** could be of a semicircular cross section and work equally well. Ridge row cap tiles **30** are secured to ridge row header **12** by suitable means as nailing.

[**0042**] As best seen in **FIG. 10**, the upper end of roofing tiles **26** are sealed to ridge high wind area ridge row vent **100** by mortar **32**. Decking or sheathing **22** terminates a short distance, typically ¾" to 1", from ridge row header **12** and header board **52** to form ventilation slot **34**. Hot air within the attic space below roof **50** can then flow upward through ventilation slot **34** and out through high wind area ridge row vents **100**. The height of ridge row header **12** and the size of ridge row cap tiles **30** are chosen so that air gap **36** is left to allow the aforementioned hot air to vent to the outside air. The opposite side of roof **50** is closed off by suitable sealing means as flashing **60**, well known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

[**0043**] The novel method of use and construction of my tile roof ridge row vent will be readily understood from the foregoing description and it will be seen that I have provided a novel ridge row vent for use with tile roofs of various types. Furthermore, while the invention has been shown and described with respect to certain preferred embodiments, it

is obvious that equivalent alterations and modifications will occur to others skilled in the art upon the reading and understanding of the specification. The present invention includes all such equivalent alterations and modifications, and is limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, comprising:

a first plurality of roofing tiles arranged in overlapping courses located on at least one side of an angled roof;

a second plurality of roofing tiles arranged in overlapping courses located on an adjacent side of an angled roof;

a ridge row header disposed between said first plurality of roofing tiles and said second plurality of roofing tiles;

first and second ventilation slots adjacent said ridge row header;

first and second ridge row vents disposed on either side of said ridge row header, said first and said second ridge row vents disposed over said first and said second ventilation slots to facilitate air flow from the interior space under the roof to the exterior;

a plurality of ridge row cap tiles secured to said ridge row header to prevent ingress of weather elements, and;

a sealing mortar applied between said first and said second ridge row vents and said first and said second plurality of roofing tiles.

2. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 1, wherein:

said ridge row vent includes an elongate member having a vertical section and a side section;

said vertical section and said side section connected to allow air flow therebetween;

said vertical section having a lower sealing skirt;

said side section including a plurality of ventilation openings, and;

said plurality of ventilation openings has a filtration material positioned therein to prevent ingress of weather elements.

3. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 2, wherein:

said plurality of ventilation openings are oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

4. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 3, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate includes a channel allowing air flow from the interior space under the tile roof adjacent said ventilation apparatus to said ventilation openings of said side section.

5. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 4, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate member includes securing points for securing said ventilation apparatus to an adjacent ridge row header.

6. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 5, wherein:

said lower sealing skirt of said vertical section adapted to receive said sealing mortar for sealing said sealing skirt to adjacent roofing tiles, and;

said lower sealing skirt adjustable to accommodate different roof angles.

7. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 6, wherein:

said ventilation openings includes a plurality of secondary baffles; and,

said secondary baffles oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

8. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 7, wherein:

said side section further includes an external baffle positioned adjacent said ventilation openings; and,

said external baffle is oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

9. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 8, wherein:

said external baffle includes a plurality of drain slots.

10. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, comprising:

a first plurality of roofing tiles arranged in overlapping courses located on at least one side of an angled roof;

a ridge row header disposed adjacent said first plurality of roofing tiles;

a ventilation slot adjacent said ridge row header;

a ridge row vent disposed adjacent said ridge row header, said ridge row vent disposed over said ventilation slot to facilitate air flow from the interior space under the roof to the exterior;

a plurality of ridge row cap tiles secured to said ridge row header to prevent ingress of weather elements, and;

a sealing mortar applied between said ridge row vent and said first plurality of roofing tiles.

11. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 10, wherein:

said ridge row vent includes an elongate member having a vertical section and a side section;

said vertical section and said side section connected to allow air flow therebetween;

said vertical section having a lower sealing skirt;

said side section including a plurality of ventilation openings, and;

said plurality of ventilation openings has a filtration material positioned therein to prevent ingress of weather elements.

12. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 11, wherein:

said plurality of ventilation openings are oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

13. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 12, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate includes a channel allowing air flow from the interior space under the tile roof adjacent said ridge row vent to said ventilation openings of said side section.

14. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 13, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate member includes securing points for securing said ridge row vent to an adjacent ridge row header.

15. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 14, wherein:

said lower sealing skirt of said vertical section adapted to receive said sealing mortar for sealing said sealing skirt to adjacent roofing tiles, and;

said lower sealing skirt adjustable to accommodate different roof angles.

16. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 15, wherein:

said ventilation openings includes a plurality of secondary baffles; and,

said plurality of secondary baffles oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

17. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 16, wherein:

said side section further includes an external baffle positioned adjacent said ventilation openings; and,

said external baffle oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

18. A tile roof ventilation system to ventilate the interior space under the roof to the exterior, according to claim 17, wherein:

said external baffle includes a plurality of drain slots.

19. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, comprising:

an elongate member having a vertical section and a side section;

said vertical section and said side section connected to allow air flow therebetween;

said vertical section having a lower sealing skirt;

said side section including a plurality of ventilation openings, and;

said plurality of ventilation openings has a filtration material positioned therein to prevent ingress of weather elements.

20. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 19, wherein:

said plurality of ventilation openings are oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

21. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 20, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate includes a channel allowing air flow from the interior space under the tile roof adjacent said ventilation apparatus to said ventilation openings of said side section.

22. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 21, wherein:

said vertical section of said elongate member includes securing points for securing said ventilation apparatus to an adjacent ridge row header.

23. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 22, wherein:

said lower sealing skirt of said vertical section adapted to receive a sealing mortar for sealing said sealing skirt to adjacent roofing tiles.

24. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 23, wherein:

said side section further includes an external baffle positioned adjacent said ventilation openings; and,

said external baffle oriented to minimize the ingress of weather elements.

25. A ventilation apparatus for a tile roof, according to claim 24, wherein:

said external baffle includes a plurality of drain slots.

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