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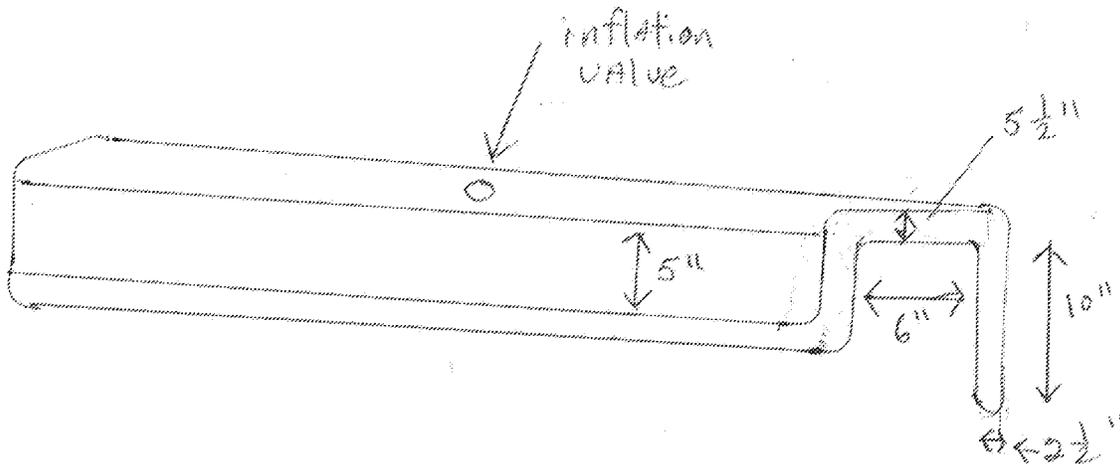
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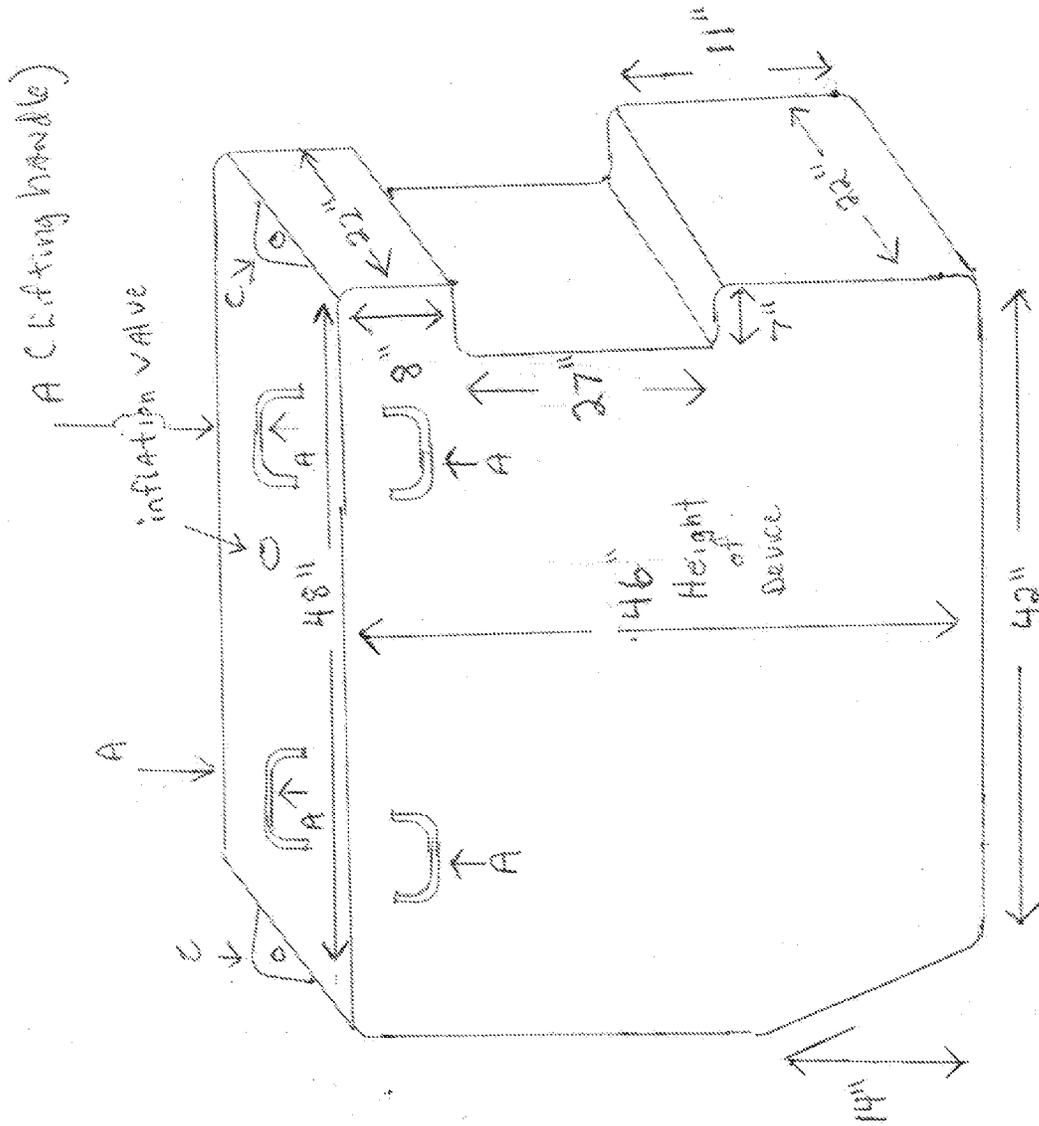
The portable bathtub safety device is a portable inflatable barrier system, that when correctly installed and maintained (fully inflated) should help prevent people from falling into most types of empty bathtubs. The device utilizes a separate barrier cushion over the edge of the tub that should lessen the chance of serious injury by acting as a protective cushion over the edge of the tub.

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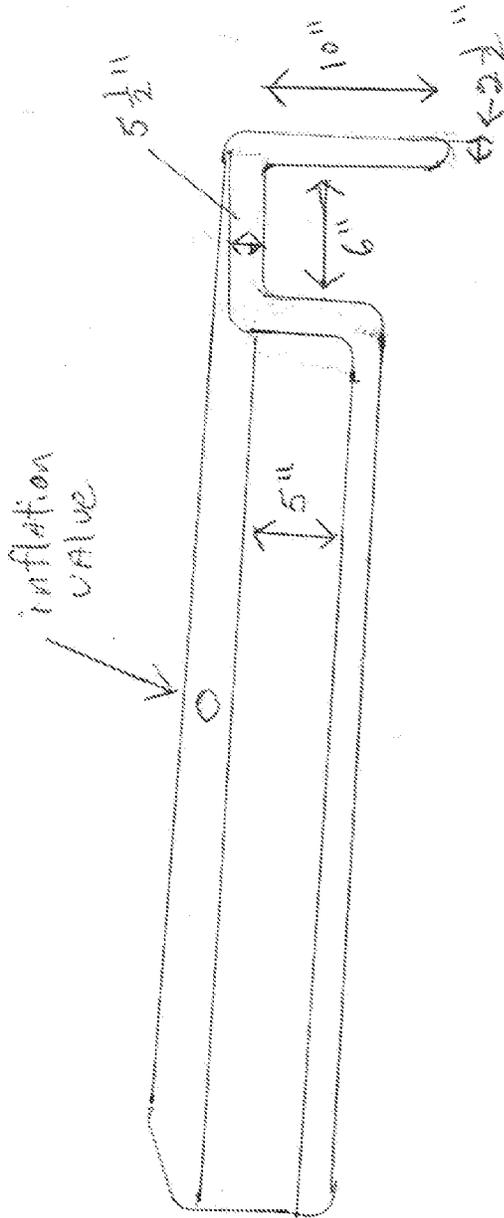
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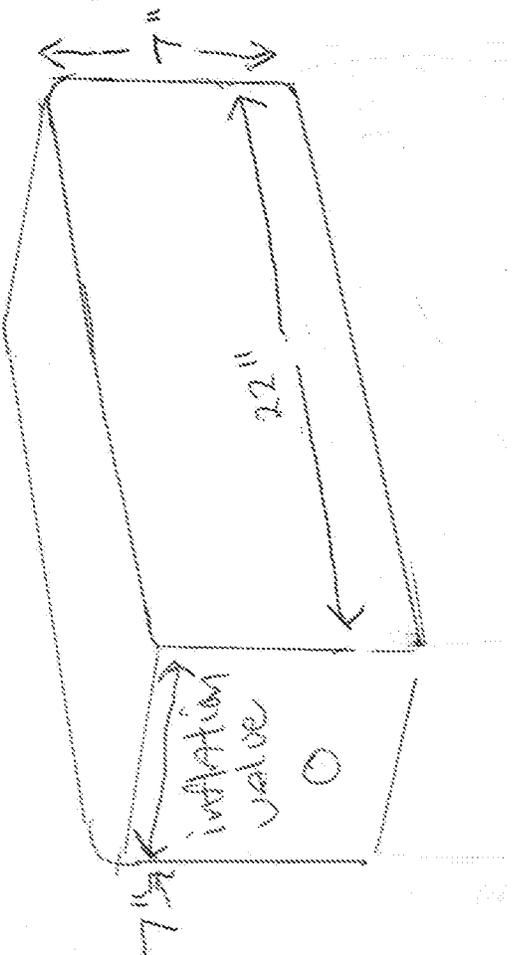


Drawing  
A

Drawing  
B



Drawing C



**PORTABLE BATHTUB SAFETY DEVICE**

**[0001]** This patent is for a portable inflatable barrier system which when used properly and maintained (fully inflated) should help prevent people from falling into most types of an empty bathtub. This is especially useful for senior citizens who may lose their balance and fall into a empty tub

**[0002]** The device is composed of three main parts.

**[0003]** Drawing "A" shows the primary part of the device.

**[0004]** It is a inflatable unit of rubberized plastic, which when inflated, sits in the bottom of the bathtub.

**[0005]** This unit is approximately the size of most standard bath tubs. Because the plastic is rubberized, it will allow for some slight further inflation to accommodate most tub sizes with a snug fit.

**[0006]** There is a recessed area on the side to allow for the bath tub water spout, drain control, and water adjustment handle or handles, so that they do not press into the plastic.

**[0007]** On the top of the unit are two plastic tabs, each with a stainless eyelet. These tabs are situated at opposite ends of the device. The purpose of the tabs is to allow a piece of cord to tie each end of the unit to a towel bar. Where a towel bar is not part of the bath tub environment, a suction cup will be provided to attach to the wall to secure the cord. The cord merely hold the device in the upright position. This unit will accommodate water spouts and controls on the left or right side of the tub. The drawing shows the unit with the recessed area set up for a tub with the faucet on the right side of the tub. If the faucet and controls are on the left side of the tub, just turn the unit around so that the recessed area is on the left side of the tub.

**[0008]** Two lifting handles are provided on the top of the unit, and two lifting handles on each side of the unit. These

handles will help facilitate the inflated unit to be quickly lifted out and removed from the tub, and also reinstalled while still inflated.

**[0009]** Drawing "B" shows the second part of the device. It is a sleeve made of rubberized plastic, which is inflated and fits over the edge of the tub.

**[0010]** This serves a two fold purpose. It will provide a cushion on the edge of the tub that should lessen the chance of a serious injury by acting as a cushion over a hard surface. The second purpose is to help the main unit of drawing "A" to fit snugly in the tub.

**[0011]** Drawing "C" shows what is the third part of the device. It is essentially an inflatable pillow of rubberized plastic. This pillow helps fill in the gap between the water spout and the water faucet itself. This also helps to further secure the main unit in drawing "A" with a snug fit.

**[0012]** An additional "pillow" is available if needed, to further to further fill any empty spaces in the recessed area.

**[0013]** All units have a closable inflation valve. These units can be inflated with most off the shelf manual or electric air pumps

We claim:

1) the portable bathtub safety device is a portable inflatable barrier system that when correctly installed and maintained (fully inflated) should help prevent people from falling into most types of empty bathtubs.

2) the device utilizes a separate barrier cushion covering the edge of the tub. This cushion lessens the chance of serious injury by acting as a protective cushion over the edge of the tub.

3) The device is portable and can be quickly removed to utilize the bathtub, and then be quickly reinstalled.

4) The device can be deflated for long term storage, and be re-inflated when necessary.

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