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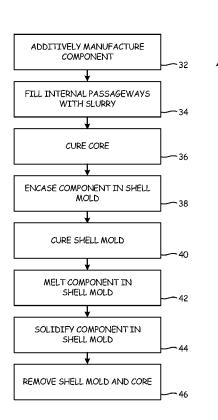


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: One embodiment includes a method to regenerate a component (10). The method includes additively manufacturing a component (10) to have voids greater than 0 percent but less than approximately 15 percent in a near finished shape. The component (10) is encased in a shell mold (22). The shell mold (22) is cured. The encased component (10) is placed in a furnace and the component (10) is melted. The component (10) is solidified in the shell mold (22). The shell mold (22) is removed from the solidified component (10).

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