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Tube rod

(57) A tube rod for rock drilling has a female threaded end (12) into which a male thread (either on a male connector or on the end of another tube rod) can be screwed to form part of a drill string. The female threaded end (12) is (a) of larger external diameter than the central section (10) of the rod and (b) has an annular groove (42) with an asymmetrical profile, the flank of this groove nearest to the threaded end being steeper than the other flank.

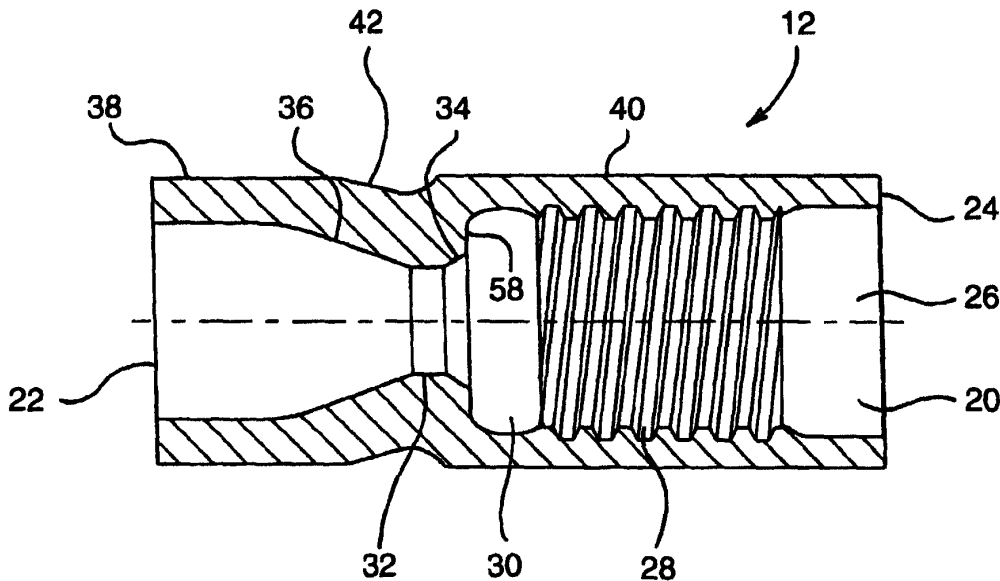


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