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(54) **Tank with metering syringe for manual tinting system**

(57) Tank with metering syringe for manual tinting system, comprising a tank (A) for the fluid to deliver, a pumping unit (B) and a delivery valve (C) and provided in said tank (A) with means (2) for transmitting motion to stirring means (1) of the fluid to be delivered, also comprising means (3, 4, 5, 6, 33, 43) for automatic release of said stirring means (1) from said means for transmitting motion to perform maintenance or for inspection of the tank (A).

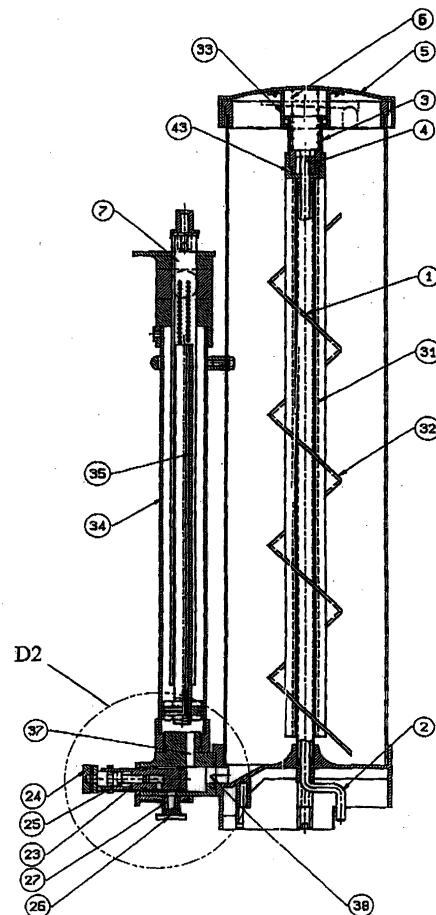


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1. Claims: 1-4, 10

Wound stirring element on a cylindrical hollow body

2. Claims: 5-9, 17

Push valve for manual tinting system

3. Claims: 11-16, 18

Pumping element with coaxial syringes

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