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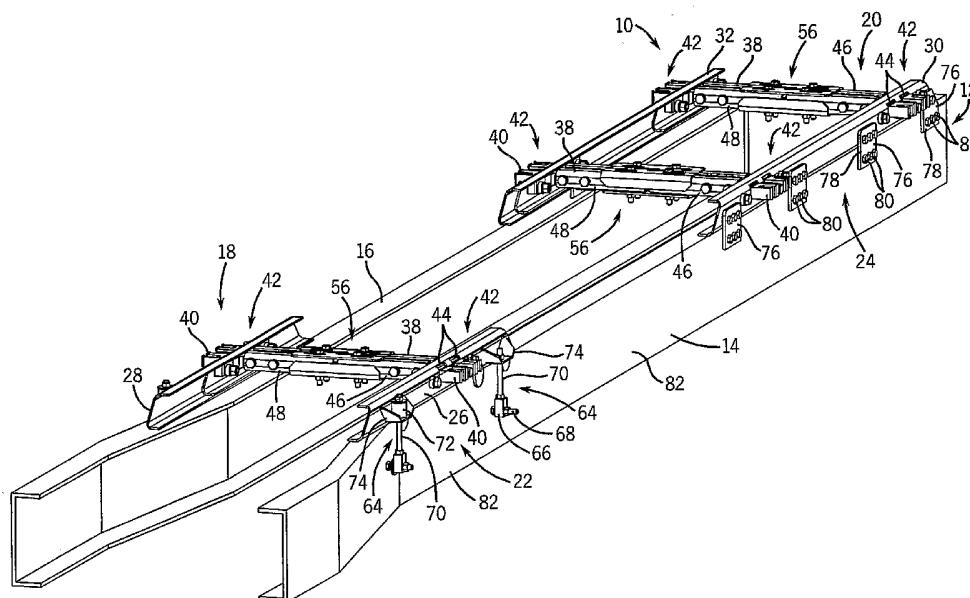
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(57) Abstract: A sub frame assembly (22, 24) for attaching a material container (2A, 2B, 4A, 4B) to different vehicles (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B) each having a first (14) and second (16) generally parallel chassis member wherein the chassis members of the different vehicles have different spacings. The sub frame assembly comprises at least one frame (26, 28) rail associated with each chassis rail (14, 16), at least a first and second cross member (38) attached to the frame rails to hold the frame rails in a generally fixed relationship, wherein the cross members (38) space the frame rails (26, 28) at a distance which corresponds to the chassis frame spacing of a respective vehicle.

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1. claims: 1-21

A motor vehicle with subframe supports to allow for some torsional movement relative to the chassis.

A adjustable subframe to adapt to vehicles with variably spaced chassis members.

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2. claims: 22-39

A adjustable subframe to adapt to vehicles with variably spaced chassis members.

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