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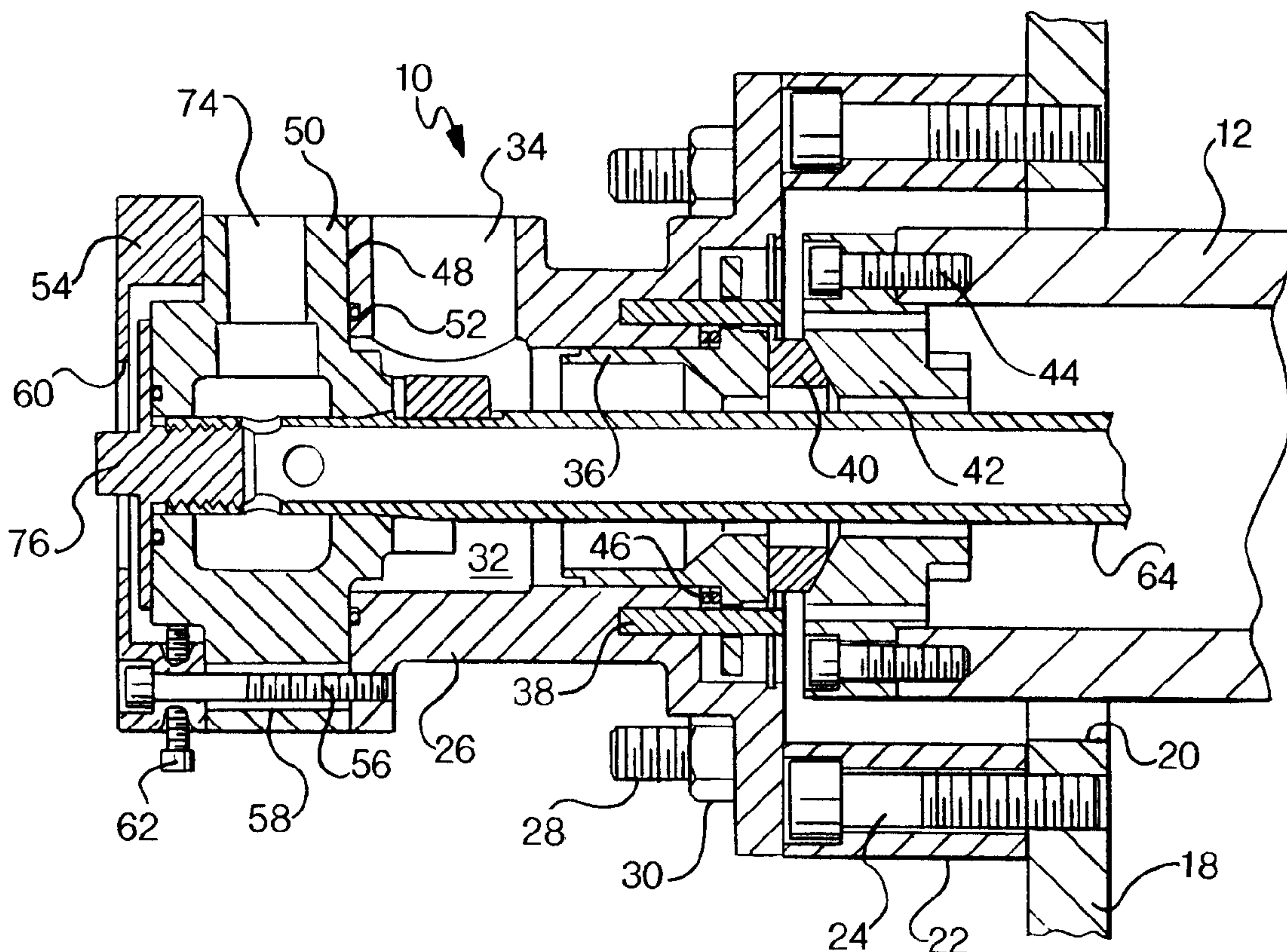
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ABSTRACT

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CORRUGATING JOINT AND SYPHON SYSTEM

1 The invention pertains to rotary joints supplying steam
2 to rotating heat transfer drums using stationary syphons for
3 condensate removal.

4 Rotating heat transfer drums such as of the type used in
5 paper, corrugated paper and cardboard manufacture usually
6 employ steam to heat the drum and a rotary joint located at
7 the end of a hollow drum journal is used to introduce the
8 steam into the drum interior. As the steam condenses within
9 the drum, the condensate is removed through a rotary joint,
10 usually the same joint which introduced the steam, and it is
11 common for rotary joints to include both steam inlet ports and
12 condensate exit ports.

13 Syphon systems for removing condensate from rotating heat
14 transfer drums are either of the "rotating" type where the
15 conduit pickup occurs at a shoe contacting the drum interior
16 and wherein the syphon structure within the drum rotates with
17 the drum, or the syphon system may be of the "stationary" type
18 wherein the condensate pickup apparatus extends into the drum
19 interior, but does not rotate with the drum, and includes a
20 condensate pickup port disposed adjacent the drum shell
21 interior.

22 Whether a heat transfer drum employs a rotating syphon
23 system or a stationary syphon system depends on various
24 factors including cost, size of the drum, rate of drum
25 rotation, material to be heated and other factors. Both types
26 are well known in the dryer drum art.

27 The installation of a rotating syphon system usually
28 requires that considerable installation work occurs within the
29 drum interior. This is not a problem with large size dryer
30 drums which have access openings located in the drum ends.
31 However, with smaller sizes of drums, it is usually necessary
32 to employ a stationary syphon system whereby the syphon
33 structure may be inserted through the hollow drum journal, and
34 once inserted, the syphon pipe portion of the syphon system is
35 moved to an operating location within the drum adjacent the

1 drum shell inner surface for removing condensate therefrom.

2 It has long been recognized that the puddle of condensate
3 which accumulates in the lower region of the dryer drum
4 creates problems. This condensate accumulation "tumbles"
5 within the drum as it rotates requiring excessive power, and
6 deleteriously affects the heat transfer from the steam within
7 the drum to the drum shell. In rapidly rotating larger drums,
8 this condensate forms a film throughout the drum periphery,
9 and can be effectively removed by a rotating syphon system
10 wherein the condensate film is removed and maintained of
11 minimum thickness. With a stationary syphon system,
12 condensate is only removed at the lower region of the drum,
13 and the condensate accumulation in the lower region of the
14 drum will exist unless the drum rate of rotation is high
15 enough to cause the condensate to "film" about the drum
16 periphery.

17 Because of the "insulation" effect that condensate
18 accumulation has on heat transfer from the steam to the drum,
19 it is particularly important when manufacturing corrugated
20 fluted paper and cardboard to be able to accurately maintain
21 the temperature of the drum very closely as to accurately
22 control the humidity content of the paper being dried by the
23 drum. Heretofore, stationary syphon systems often fail to
24 maintain the desired distance between the syphon pipe intake
25 and the drum shell interior surface as to minimize the
26 condensate accumulation and provide optimum uniform heat
27 transfer characteristics and control to the drum. Prior
28 stationary syphon systems required that the spacing of the
29 syphon pipe inlet from the drum interior surface be determined
30 by regulating the length of the syphon pipe, and due to
31 manufacturing tolerances in drum manufacture, and because of
32 variations in rotary joint installations, it is very common
33 that a greater spacing exists between the syphon pipe pickup
34 entrance and the drum shell than is desired, resulting in an
35 excessive accumulation of condensate and uneven heating of the

1 drum shell.

2 It is an object of the invention to provide a rotary
3 joint for a rotating heat transfer drum using a stationary
4 syphon system wherein the syphon system can be very accurately
5 adjusted relative to the drum periphery after installation of
6 the rotary joint.

7 Another object of the invention is to provide a rotary
8 joint for a rotating heat transfer drum having a stationary
9 syphon system wherein accurate radial positioning of the
10 syphon system relative to the axis of drum rotation is readily
11 achieved exteriorly of the rotary joint.

12 Yet another object of the invention is to provide a
13 rotary joint for a rotating heat transfer drum having a
14 stationary syphon system including a horizontal syphon tube
15 and a vertically disposed syphon pipe wherein the pipe is
16 pivotally mounted upon the inner end of the tube, which is
17 located within the drum, and the pipe is firmly mechanically
18 oriented to the support tube when in the operative position,
19 and locked in the operative position.

20 An additional object of the invention is to provide a
21 rotary joint for a rotating heat transfer drum having a
22 stationary syphon system wherein a substantially vertically
23 oriented syphon pipe is pivotally mounted upon the inner end
24 of a horizontal syphon tube and a threaded interconnection
25 exists between the pipe and tube when the pipe is in the
26 operative condensate removing position, and the threaded
27 interconnection is achieved after the syphon system has been
28 inserted into the drum interior.

29 A rotary joint in accord with the invention is mounted
30 upon a stationary support located adjacent the drum journal.
31 A steam inlet defined in the rotary joint introduces steam
32 into the drum journal through a rotary seal arrangement.

33 A syphon tube support is mounted upon the outer end of
34 the rotary joint body and serves as the support for a
35 horizontally disposed syphon tube which extends through the

1 rotary joint body and the hollow drum journal, and includes a
2 syphon pipe mounted upon its innermost end within the drum.

3 The syphon tube support is mounted upon the rotary joint
4 body in such a manner as to permit the syphon tube support to
5 be vertically positioned relative to the rotary joint body
6 which, in turn, vertically positions the syphon tube and
7 syphon pipe associated therewith. This vertical adjustment of
8 the syphon tube support is achieved through a threaded screw
9 arrangement, and as the syphon tube is supported at axially
10 spaced locations on the tube support, and is thereby
11 cantilever mounted at its outer end, the vertical adjustment
12 of the syphon tube support results in an equal vertical
13 adjustment of the location of the syphon tube relative to the
14 rotary joint body, and the axis of drum rotation. The syphon
15 tube support includes a port in communication with the syphon
16 tube whereby the condensate may be removed therefrom.

17 The syphon pipe is pivotally mounted upon the inner end
18 of the syphon tube whereby the syphon pipe may be pivoted to
19 an installation position locating the pipe relatively parallel
20 to the length of the syphon tube. In such an orientation, the
21 syphon pipe, and syphon tube, can be readily inserted through
22 the hollow drum journal. Once the syphon pipe is within the
23 interior of the drum, and is not supported by the drum
24 journal, the syphon pipe will pivot downwardly under
25 gravitational force. This syphon pipe movement will locate
26 the condensate entrance or intake of the syphon pipe
27 relatively close to the interior of the drum periphery or
28 shell, but gravitational force will not usually fully pivot
29 the syphon pipe to its operative position.

30 The inner end of the syphon tube includes a threaded
31 sleeve adapted to be received within a threaded bore defined
32 in the upper end of the syphon pipe once the syphon pipe is in
33 its operative position. To this end, a torque transfer tool
34 is inserted through the outer end of the syphon tube to engage
35 torque transfer means defined on the threaded sleeve whereby

1 the threaded sleeve may be readily rotated to cause the sleeve
2 to thread into the bore defined on the upper end of the syphon
3 pipe for locking the syphon pipe into its operative position
4 in a fluid tight relationship to the syphon tube.

5 As mentioned above, usually the syphon pipe will not have
6 pivoted under gravitational force to its full operative
7 position. Accordingly, the torque tool inserted through the
8 syphon tube, includes an alignment projection which will
9 engage the threaded bore of the syphon pipe to pivot the
10 syphon pipe threaded bore into alignment with the threaded
11 sleeve which permits further rotation of the threaded sleeve
12 to cause the sleeve to thread into the syphon pipe bore. A
13 shoulder defined on the syphon tube inner end engages with a
14 head defined on the threaded sleeve against which the sleeve
15 may be tightened to tightly draw the syphon pipe into its
16 operative position and accurately locate the syphon pipe inlet
17 to the drum shell inner surface.

18 After the aforementioned assembly of the syphon pipe to
19 the syphon tube has been completed, very accurate adjustment
20 of the syphon pipe inlet to the drum shell is produced by
21 adjusting the location of the syphon tube support on the
22 rotary joint body, and in this manner, a more accurate
23 location of the syphon pipe inlet to the drum shell can be
24 achieved than was heretofore possible, minimizing the amount
25 of condensate which can accumulate within the drum.

26 The positive locking of the syphon pipe to the syphon
27 tube assures that the syphon pipe will be disposed in the
28 vertical "6 o'clock" position placing the syphon pipe inlet
29 into the center of the accumulated condensate, insuring
30 effective condensate removal.

31 To remove the syphon system from the drum, it is only
32 necessary to reinsert the torque transfer tool through the
33 syphon tube into the threaded sleeve, rotate the threaded
34 sleeve in an unlocking direction to remove the sleeve from the
35 syphon pipe threaded bore, and upon the completion of such

1 operation, the syphon tube and pipe can readily be withdrawn
2 through the drum journal as the syphon pipe will pivot to its
3 installation position during such withdrawal.

4 The aforementioned objects and advantages of the
5 invention will be appreciated from the following description
6 and accompanying drawings wherein:

7 FIG. 1 is an elevational diametrical sectional view of
8 a rotary joint and drum journal in accord with
9 the invention,

10 FIG. 2 is an enlarged detail elevational sectional
11 view of the rotary joint of FIG. 1 illustrating
12 the configuration of the syphon tube support in
13 greater detail,

14 FIG. 3 is an exterior perspective view of a rotary
15 joint constructed in accord with the invention,

16 FIG. 4 is an elevational diametrical sectional detail
17 view of a modification of the syphon tube
18 support when the rotary joint of the invention
19 is used with a rotating syphon system,

20 FIG. 5 is an elevational detail sectional view of the
21 inner end of the syphon tube, and the syphon
22 pipe, during installation or removal of the
23 syphon system relative to the drum,

24 FIG. 6 is an elevational detail sectional view
25 illustrating a partial pivoting of the syphon
26 pipe toward the operative position, the torque
27 transfer tool being shown in position within
28 the threaded sleeve,

29 FIG. 7 is a view similar to FIG. 6 illustrating the
30 alignment projection on the torque transfer
31 tool engaging the syphon pipe threaded bore to
32 align the threaded bore with the syphon tube
33 sleeve, and

34 FIG. 8 is a sectional view similar to FIGS. 6 and 7
35 illustrating the syphon pipe in the full

1 operative position, and the torque transfer
2 tool has been removed from the syphon tube.

3 A rotary joint in accord with the invention is shown in
4 section in FIG. 1 wherein the rotary joint is generally
5 indicated at 10. The purpose of the rotary joint 10 is to
6 introduce, and remove, a heat transfer medium, such as steam,
7 into a rotating dryer drum such as used in the manufacture of
8 paper, corrugated paper and cardboard, and such a drum
9 includes a cylindrical drum journal 12, FIG. 1, a radial drum
10 end wall 14, and the periphery or shell of the drum is defined
11 by a cylindrical shell 16 shown schematically in FIGS. 7 and
12 8. The paper or cardboard web to be dried, not shown, passes
13 over the exterior of the shell 16 absorbing the heat of the
14 drum.

15 A stationary support plate 18, FIG. 1, includes an
16 opening 20 through which the drum journal 12 extends. The
17 bearings supporting the journal are not illustrated, and the
18 drum journal will be rotating within the support opening 20.
19 A cylindrical bracket 22 is bolted upon the support 18 by
20 bolts 24 concentric to the opening 20, as will be appreciated
21 from FIG. 1.

22 The rotary joint body 26 is mounted upon the bracket 22
23 by threaded studs 28 affixed to the bracket 22 and these studs
24 extend through holes in the body flange whereby tightening of
25 the nuts 30 fixes the rotary joint body 26 upon the bracket 22
26 in a stationary manner. This relationship is apparent from
27 FIG. 3.

28 Internally, the rotary joint body 26 includes a chamber
29 32 having an inlet port 34 into which steam is introduced
30 through appropriate piping and conduit systems, not shown.
31 The chamber 32 includes a reciprocal piston 36 guided upon
32 piston pins 38, and the piston 36 includes a flat surface
33 engaging the annular seal ring 40 which engages the conical
34 seal surface of the wear plate 42. The wear plate 42 is
35 mounted upon the end of the drum journal 12 by bolts 44

1 whereby the wear plate 42 will rotate with the drum journal.
2 A spring 46 biases the piston 36 to the right, FIG. 1,
3 insuring engagement of the piston, seal ring 40 and the wear
4 plate 42 even though the body chamber 32 is not pressurized.

5 The rotary joint body 26 includes a flat outer face 48
6 against which the syphon tube support 50 is mounted. The
7 syphon tube support 50 and the joint body 26 are sealed in a
8 fluid tight relationship by the annular seal 52. An annular
9 retaining ring 54, FIG. 3, is located around the outer end of
10 the syphon tube support 50 and is mounted upon the rotary
11 joint body 26 by six bolts 56 threaded into the rotary joint
12 body. As will be appreciated from FIGS. 1 and 2, the bolts 56
13 extend through the oversized holes 58 defined in the syphon
14 tube support. A central opening 60 is defined in the
15 retaining ring 54, and a threaded cap screw 62 functions as
16 adjustment means for radially positioning the syphon tube
17 support 50 on the rotary joint body 26, as later described.

18 The steam condensate is removed from the drum by a syphon
19 system which includes the horizontal syphon tube 64 which
20 extends through the drum journal 12, the wear plate 42, the
21 piston 36 and the rotary joint body chamber 32. The syphon
22 tube 64 is keyed against rotation relative to the body 26 by
23 key 66, FIGS. 1 and 2, and the syphon tube includes a conical
24 enlargement or boss 68 spaced from its outer end. A plurality
25 of openings 70 are defined in the syphon tube 64 between the
26 boss 68 and the end of the syphon tube, and these openings 70
27 communicate with the chamber 72 of the syphon tube support.
28 The chamber 72 is in communication with the port 74 defined in
29 the syphon tube support through which the condensate is
30 removed via a conventional hose and conduit system, not shown.

31 The outer end of the syphon tube 64 is sealed by a nut 76
32 threaded into internal threads defined in the syphon tube end,
33 and the nut 76 includes a thin radially extending washer-type
34 head 78 of a diameter larger than the opening 60 defined in
35 the retaining ring 54. The syphon tube support 50 includes a

1 conical bore 80 which receives the syphon tube conical boss 68
2 in a complementary manner, and the outer end of the syphon
3 tube is received within cylindrical bore 82 defined in the
4 syphon tube support 50. Accordingly, upon tightening of the
5 nut 76, the conical boss 68 is tightly drawn into engagement
6 with the conical bore 80, and the end of the syphon tube is
7 closely received within cylindrical bore 82. In this manner,
8 the syphon tube 64 is supported at its outer end in a
9 cantilever manner by the syphon tube support 50.

10 The inner end of the syphon tube 64 is threaded and has
11 an end fitting 84 threaded thereon. The end fitting 84
12 includes an internal chamber 86 which is coaxial with the bore
13 of the syphon tube 64, and the chamber 86 includes a
14 concentric annular shoulder 88. A tubular threaded sleeve 90
15 is rotatably mounted within the chamber 86 and is axially
16 positionable therein. The sleeve threads 92 are defined on a
17 stem which is slidably received within the fitting bore 94,
18 and a head 96 defined on the sleeve 90 includes abutment
19 surfaces adapted to engage the fitting shoulder 88, as later
20 described. The sleeve head 96 is formed with a hexagonal bore
21 98 communicating with the sleeve bore, and this hexagonal bore
22 constitutes torque transfer means for the sleeve as will be
23 later appreciated.

24 The syphon pipe fitting 100 is pivotally mounted upon the
25 syphon tube fitting 84 by pivot 102, and includes a chamber
26 104. The syphon pipe 106 is affixed within the fitting 100 in
27 communication therewith, and a threaded bore 108 having an
28 axis transversely disposed to the length of the syphon pipe
29 106 is defined in the fitting 100 in communication with
30 chamber 104.

31 The lowermost end of the syphon pipe 106 mounts the
32 syphon shoe 110 having the inlet opening 112 defined therein.

33 The syphon pipe fitting 100 includes a flat surface 114
34 which is ultimately engageable with a flat surface 116 defined
35 on the end fitting 84, as described below.

1 The torque transfer tool for rotating the sleeve 90 is
2 shown at 118 in FIGS. 6 and 7. This torque transfer tool
3 comprises an elongated rod of greater length than the syphon
4 tube 64, and the tool includes a hexagonal head 120 which is
5 receivable within the sleeve head hexagonal bore 98. A
6 cylindrical pilot end 122 is defined on the tool 118 for
7 reception within the sleeve bore during sleeve tightening.

8 An axially extending alignment projection 124, FIGS. 6
9 and 7, extends from the tool pilot end, and its purpose is to
10 aid in aligning the syphon pipe threaded bore 108 with the
11 threads 92 of the sleeve 90 for properly positioning the
12 syphon pipe 106 to its operative position.

13 The rotary joint and syphon structure described above is
14 installed as follows:

15 Initially, the rotary joint body 26 is mounted upon the
16 stationary support 18 in the apparent manner, and prior to the
17 rotary joint body being mounted upon the bracket 22, the wear
18 plate 42 will have been mounted upon the end of the drum
19 journal 12. Thereupon, the rotary joint body 26 can be
20 mounted upon the bracket 22 in the apparent manner. At this
21 time, the syphon tube support 50 will not be mounted upon the
22 body 26 by bolts 56.

23 At this time, the syphon tube 64 is mounted to the syphon
24 tube support 50. The syphon tube is rotatively oriented to
25 the syphon tube support by means of the key 66 received within
26 a slot defined in the syphon tube, and received within a notch
27 defined in the syphon tube support. In this manner, angular
28 orientation of the syphon tube to the syphon tube support 50,
29 on the vertical, is assured. The nut 76 is threaded into the
30 internal threads in the end of the syphon tube 64, and
31 tightened, which draws the syphon tube conical boss 68 into
32 firm engagement with the conical bore 80 and the end of the
33 tube 64 into bore 82, and the syphon tube 64 will be firmly
34 connected to the syphon tube support 50 in a non-rotative
35 manner.

1 Thereupon, the syphon structure is inserted through the
2 wear plate 42 and through the drum journal 12. To permit this
3 installation, the syphon pipe fitting 100 must be oriented
4 parallel to the length of the syphon tube 64 by pivoting the
5 fitting 100 about pivot 102, as shown in FIG. 5. In FIG. 5,
6 the syphon pipe 106 is shown in its installation position
7 which permits the syphon tube 64 to be fully inserted into the
8 rotary joint, drum journal and drum until the flat face on the
9 syphon tube support engages the rotary joint body face 48, and
10 these faces engage the seal 52. The bolts 56 may now be
11 preliminarily tightened to affix the syphon tube support 50 to
12 the body 26.

13 Once the syphon pipe fitting 100 has been inserted into
14 the drum interior past the drum journal 12, gravitational
15 forces will cause the syphon pipe fitting 100 and syphon pipe
16 106 to pivot in a clockwise direction, FIGS. 6 and 7. The
17 position of the syphon pipe structure at this time will be
18 approximately that shown in FIGS. 6 and 7. At this time, the
19 nut 76 is removed from the outer end of the syphon tube 64,
20 and the torque transfer tool 118 is inserted into the syphon
21 tube 64 through its outer end until the hexagonal head 120 is
22 received within the hexagonal recess 98 defined in the sleeve
23 90. The tool 118 can be used to push the sleeve 90 within the
24 chamber 86 until the end of the sleeve and the end of the tool
25 118 engage the upper end of the syphon pipe fitting 100.
26 Clockwise rotation of the tool 118 and sleeve 90 causes the
27 alignment projection 124 to engage the syphon pipe fitting
28 threaded bore 108 pivoting the syphon pipe fitting 100 in a
29 clockwise direction, FIG. 7, aligning the threaded bore 108
30 with the threads 92 of sleeve 90. Continued rotation of the
31 tool 118 causes rotation of the sleeve 90 and threads the
32 threaded stem of the sleeve into the syphon pipe fitting bore
33 108. Rotation of the tool 118 continues until the head 96 of
34 the sleeve engages the shoulder 88 of the end fitting 84, and
35 at this time, a firm mechanical connection has been made

1 between the syphon tube 64 and the syphon pipe 106.
2 Tightening of the sleeve 90 establishes a fluid tight
3 relationship between the syphon tube and syphon pipe, and
4 draws the surfaces 114 and 116 into tight relationship as
5 shown in FIG. 8.

6 Thereupon, the tool 118 is withdrawn from the syphon tube
7 64 and the syphon tube and syphon pipe will be in unrestricted
8 fluid communication with each other. The nut 76 is then
9 threaded into the outer end of the syphon tube 64 to maintain
10 the firm cantilevered support of the syphon tube on the syphon
11 tube support 50.

12 Thereupon, the bolts 56 are somewhat loosened, and the
13 vertical position of the syphon tube support 50 on the rotary
14 joint body 26 is very accurately adjusted by rotation of the
15 cap screw 60 mounted in the retaining ring 54 whose end bears
16 against an axial shoulder defined on the syphon tube support
17 50 as will be appreciated in FIGS. 1 and 2. This vertical
18 adjustment of the syphon tube support 50 is permitted by the
19 oversized holes 58 through which bolts 56 extend.

20 The adjustment screw 62 is adjusted to very accurately
21 space the syphon pipe shoe 110 from the inner surface of the
22 drum shell 16 in order to minimize the depth of condensate
23 within the lower portion of the drum. The adjustment screw 62
24 permits fine adjustment of the position of the syphon pipe
25 shoe 110 and inlet 112 relative to the drum after assembly of
26 the components assuring the most accurate positioning of a
27 stationary syphon heretofore attained without scraping the
28 syphon shoe on the drum shell, which would cause excessive
29 wear. Once the syphon structure is properly radially
30 positioned relative to the axis of drum rotation, the bolts 56
31 are tightened which forces the retaining ring 54 against the
32 syphon tube support 50 which, in turn, frictionally engages
33 the face 48 of the joint body 26 fixing the vertical position
34 of the syphon structure.

35 From the above description, it will be appreciated that a

1 stationary syphon may be accurately located relative to the
2 drum shell. It will be appreciated that the sequence of
3 assembly steps may vary somewhat from those described above
4 without departing from the novel aspects of the invention.
5 For instance, if the syphon tube end fitting 84 is too large
6 to fit through the bore of the wear plate 42, the syphon tube
7 could be previously inserted through the wear plate prior to
8 it being mounted upon the drum journal, and other sequences of
9 assembly can be varied as within the scope of knowledge of one
10 skilled in the art. Because the key 66 will insure that the
11 syphon pipe 106 is properly oriented to the vertical, the use
12 of the key assures that the syphon system will remove the
13 maximum amount of condensate from the drum, and the firm
14 cantilevered support of the syphon tube assures radial
15 positioning of the entire syphon system.

16 The type of rotary joint described above can be used with
17 a rotary syphon pipe system, and in such event, the structure
18 shown in FIG. 4 is utilized wherein previously described
19 components are indicated by primed reference numerals. When
20 using the rotary joint body with a rotary syphon system, the
21 syphon tube support 126 includes a flat face 128 and seal 130
22 whereby tightening of the bolts 132 draws the syphon tube
23 support 126 into a firm sealed relationship to the body
24 surface 48'.

25 The horizontal rotating syphon pipe 133, at its inner
26 end, is in communication with the rotating syphon structure
27 mounted within the drum interior, not shown, and the outer end
28 of the syphon pipe communicates with the port 134 defined in
29 the syphon tube support 126. The syphon tube outer end is
30 supported within a bearing 136 mounted in the syphon tube
31 support, and a smaller diameter tube bearing surface 138 is
32 defined upon the syphon tube. Conventional bearing retaining
33 rings are employed to maintain the bearing 136 within the tube
34 support 126.

35 From the above, it will be appreciated how the rotary

1 joint body 26 may be utilized, without modification, with a
2 rotary syphon system.

3 It is appreciated that various modifications to the
4 inventive concepts may be apparent to those skilled in the art
5 without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

CLAIMS:

1 1. A rotary joint for introducing or removing a heat
2 transfer medium relative to a drum having a hollow journal, a
3 shell, and an axis of rotation, comprising, in combination, a
4 stationary support adjacent the drum journal, a hollow rotary
5 joint body mounted upon said support in communication with the
6 drum journal, an inlet port defined in said body, a syphon
7 tube support mounted on said rotary joint body having an
8 outlet port, adjustment means associated with said syphon tube
9 support for vertically adjusting said syphon tube support
10 relative to said rotary joint body, and an elongated syphon
11 tube extending through said rotary joint body and the drum
12 journal in communication with said outlet port mounted upon
13 said syphon tube support whereby vertical adjustment of syphon
14 tube support radially adjusts said syphon tube relative to the
15 drum axis of rotation.

1 2. In a rotary joint as in claim 1, sealing means
2 interposed between said rotary joint body and said syphon tube
3 support.

1 3. In a rotary joint as in claim 1, said adjustment
2 means comprising a threaded shaft engaging said syphon tube
3 support, said threaded shaft being moveably disposed relative
4 to said rotary joint body to permit vertical adjustment of
5 said syphon tube support relative to said rotary joint body.

1 4. In a rotary joint as in claim 1, said syphon tube
2 support including a conical bore, said syphon tube extending
3 through said bore, a conical boss defined on said syphon tube
4 closely fitting within said conical bore, and a nut threaded
5 onto said syphon tube being against said syphon tube support
6 drawing said boss into said bore.

1 5. In a rotary joint as in claim 4, a cylindrical bore
2 defined in said syphon tube support spaced from said conical
3 bore, said syphon tube having a cylindrical surface closely
4 received within said cylindrical bore whereby said syphon tube
5 is supported at axially spaced locations.

1 6. A rotary joint for introducing or removing a heat
2 transfer medium relative to a drum having a hollow journal, a
3 shell, and an axis of rotation, comprising, in combination, a
4 stationary support adjacent the drum journal, a hollow rotary
5 joint body mounted upon said support in communication with the
6 drum journal, an inlet port defined in said body, a syphon
7 tube support mounted on said rotary joint body having an
8 outlet port, an elongated horizontal syphon tube extending
9 through the drum journal, said rotary joint body, said syphon
10 tube support and in communication with said port, said tube
11 having an outer exteriorly accessible end, means supporting
12 said syphon tube upon said syphon tube support, said syphon
13 tube having an inner end located within the drum, a tubular
14 threaded sleeve in communication with and rotatably mounted
15 within said tube inner end having an axis of rotation
16 substantially parallel to the length of said tube and having
17 limited axial movement, torque transfer means defined on said
18 sleeve accessible from said syphon tube outer end, an
19 elongated syphon pipe having an upper end pivoted to said
20 syphon tube inner end and a lower end adapted to be positioned
21 adjacent the drum shell, said syphon pipe being pivotal
22 between an inoperative position generally parallel to the
23 length of said syphon tube to permit insertion through the
24 drum journal and an operative position wherein said syphon
25 pipe is transversely disposed to said syphon tube in
26 communication therewith and said syphon pipe lower end is
27 adjacent the drum shell, and a threaded bore defined in said
28 syphon pipe upper end adapted to receive said threaded sleeve
29 when said syphon pipe is in said operative position whereby a
30 rotatable tool inserted through said syphon tube outer end
31 engages said sleeve torque transfer means to rotate said
32 sleeve to lock said syphon pipe in said operative position.

1 7. In a rotary joint as in claim 6, a shoulder defined
2 on said syphon tube inner end, and an abutment head defined on
3 said sleeve adapted to engage said shoulder to limit axial
4 movement of said sleeve upon threading of said sleeve into
5 said threaded bore.

1 8. In a rotary joint as in claim 6, alignment means
2 defined on said rotatable tool, said alignment means engaging
3 said syphon pipe upper end upon rotation of said sleeve to
4 pivot said syphon pipe and align said threaded bore with said
5 threaded sleeve.

1 9. In a rotary joint as in claim 8, said alignment
2 means comprising an axially extending projection defined on
3 said rotatable tool.

FIG. 1

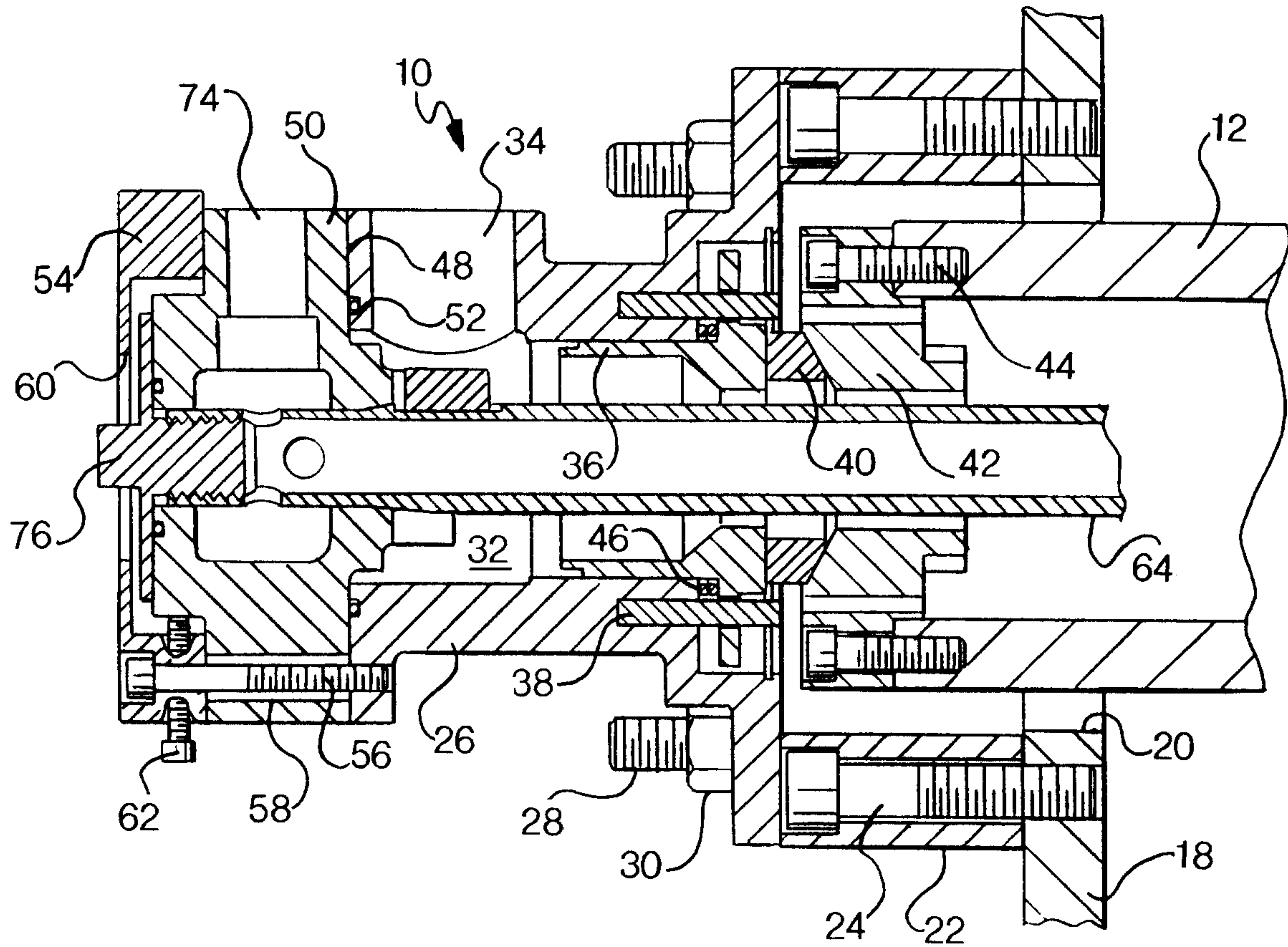
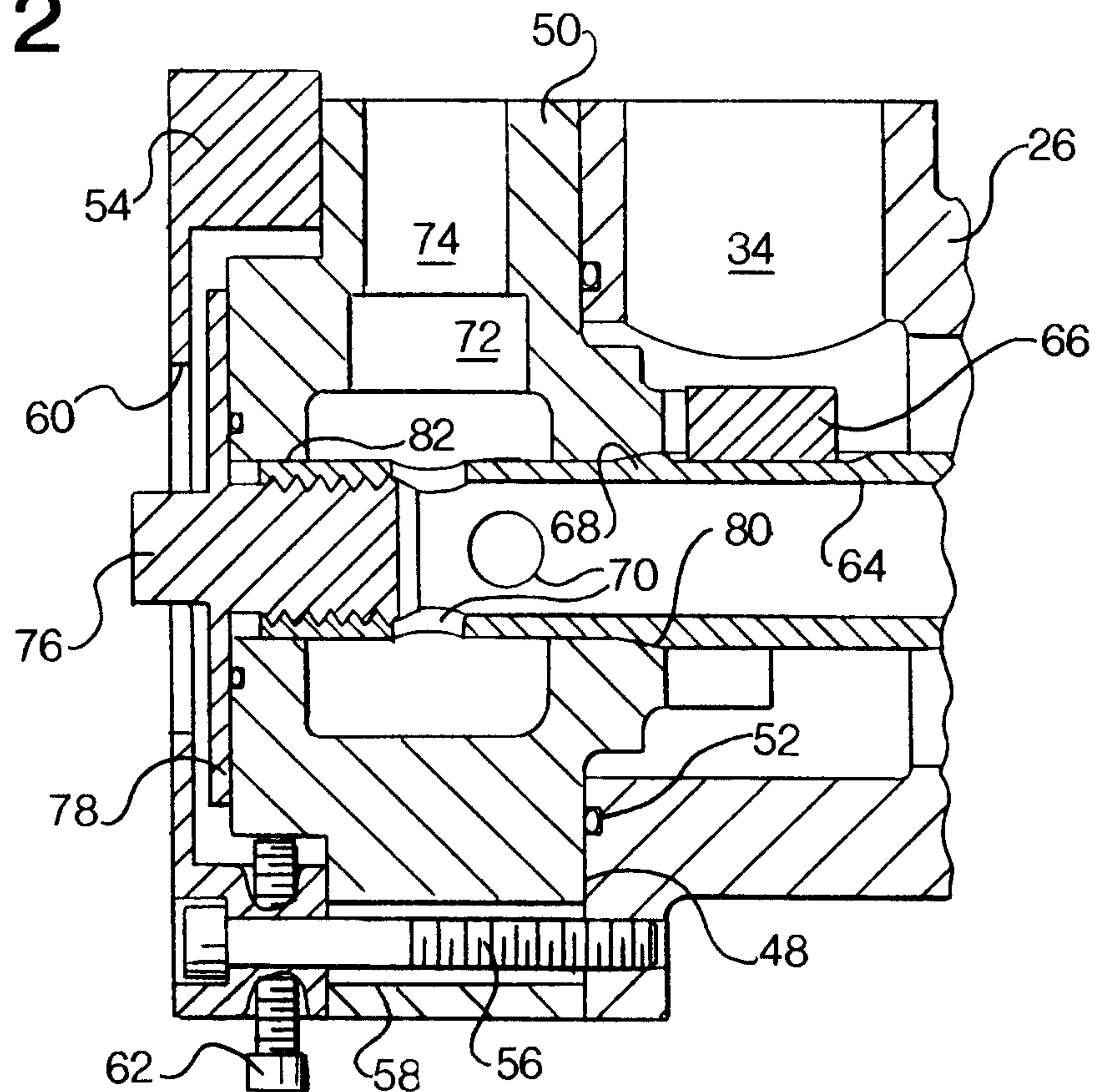


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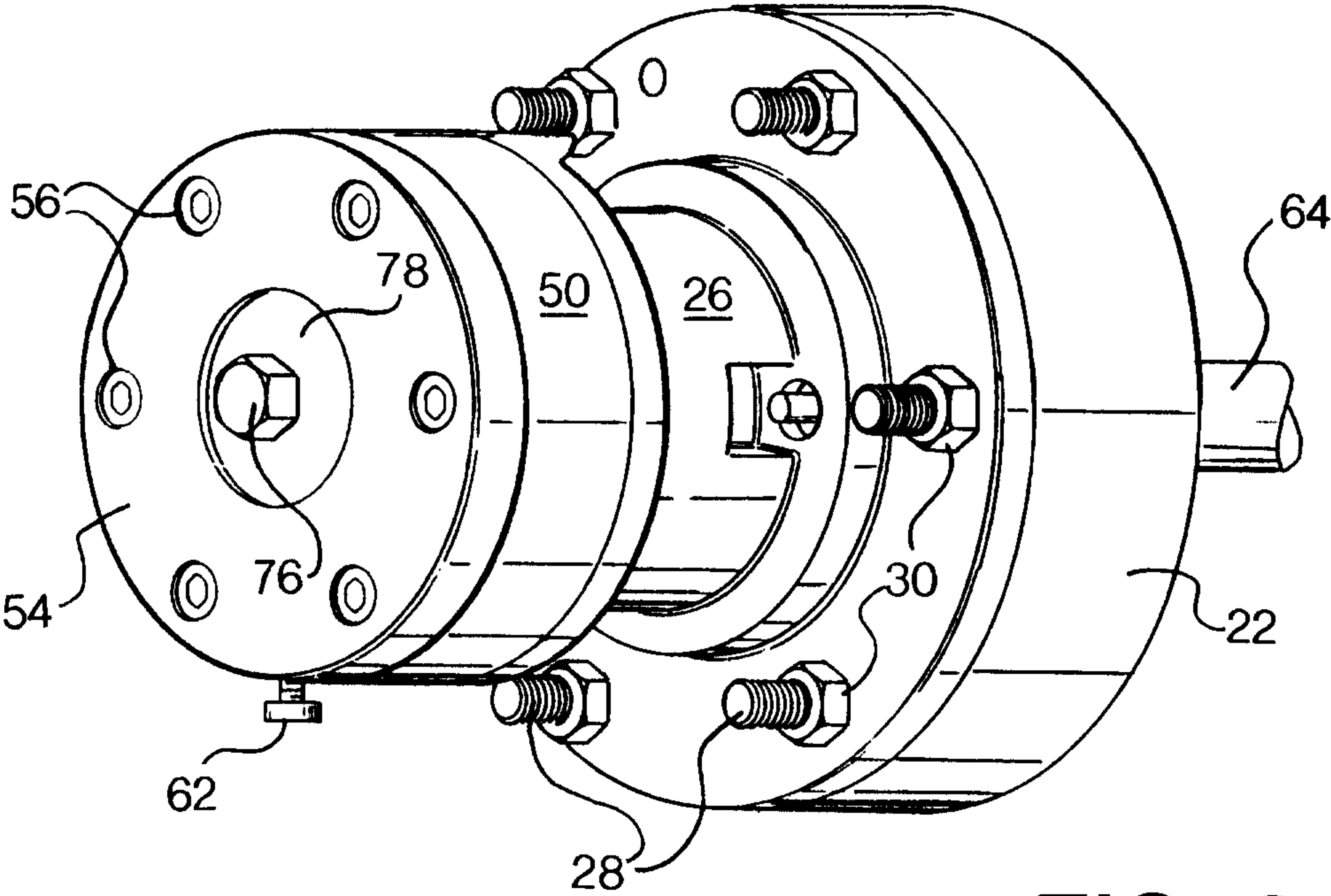


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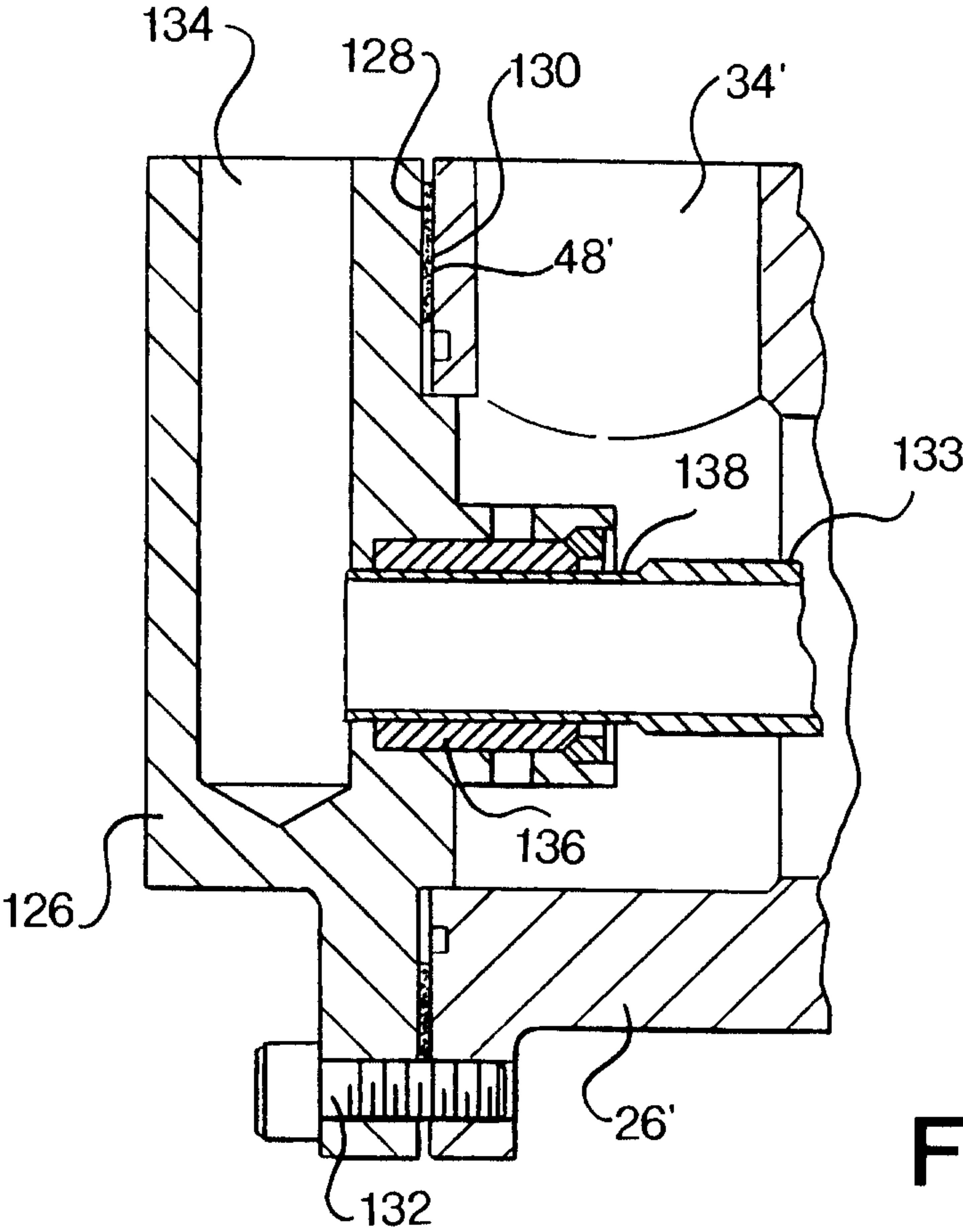


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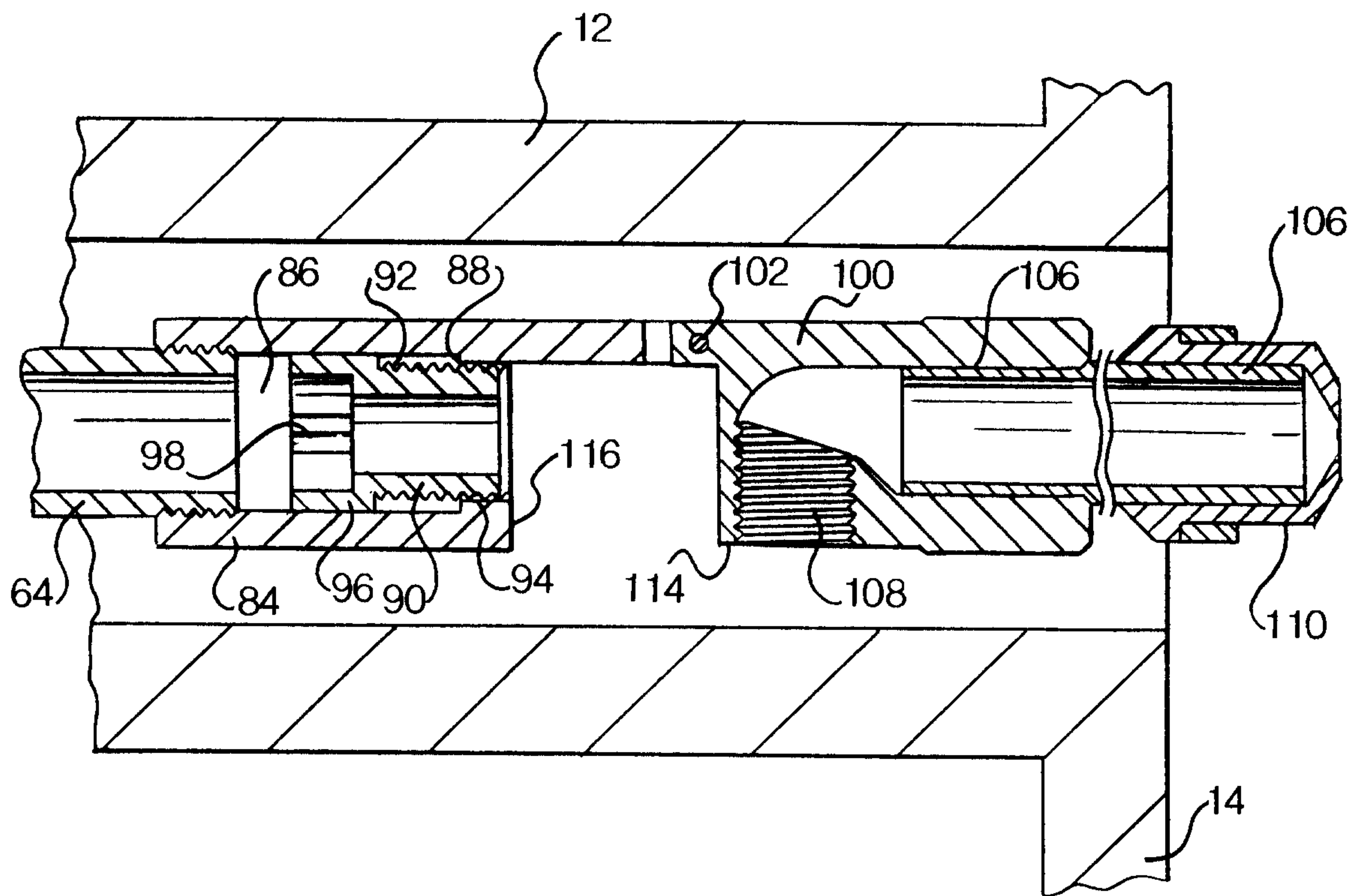


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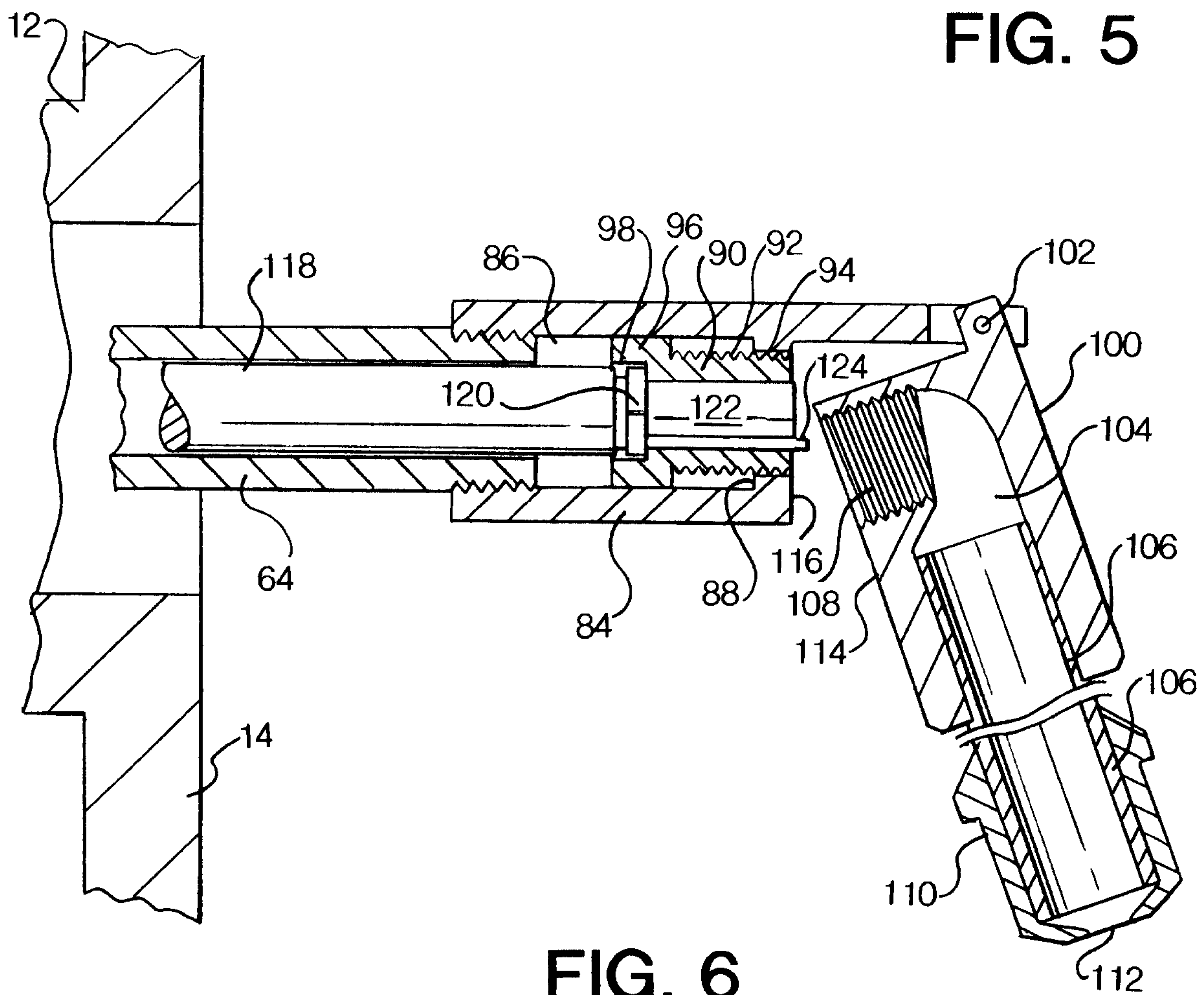


FIG. 6

FIG. 7

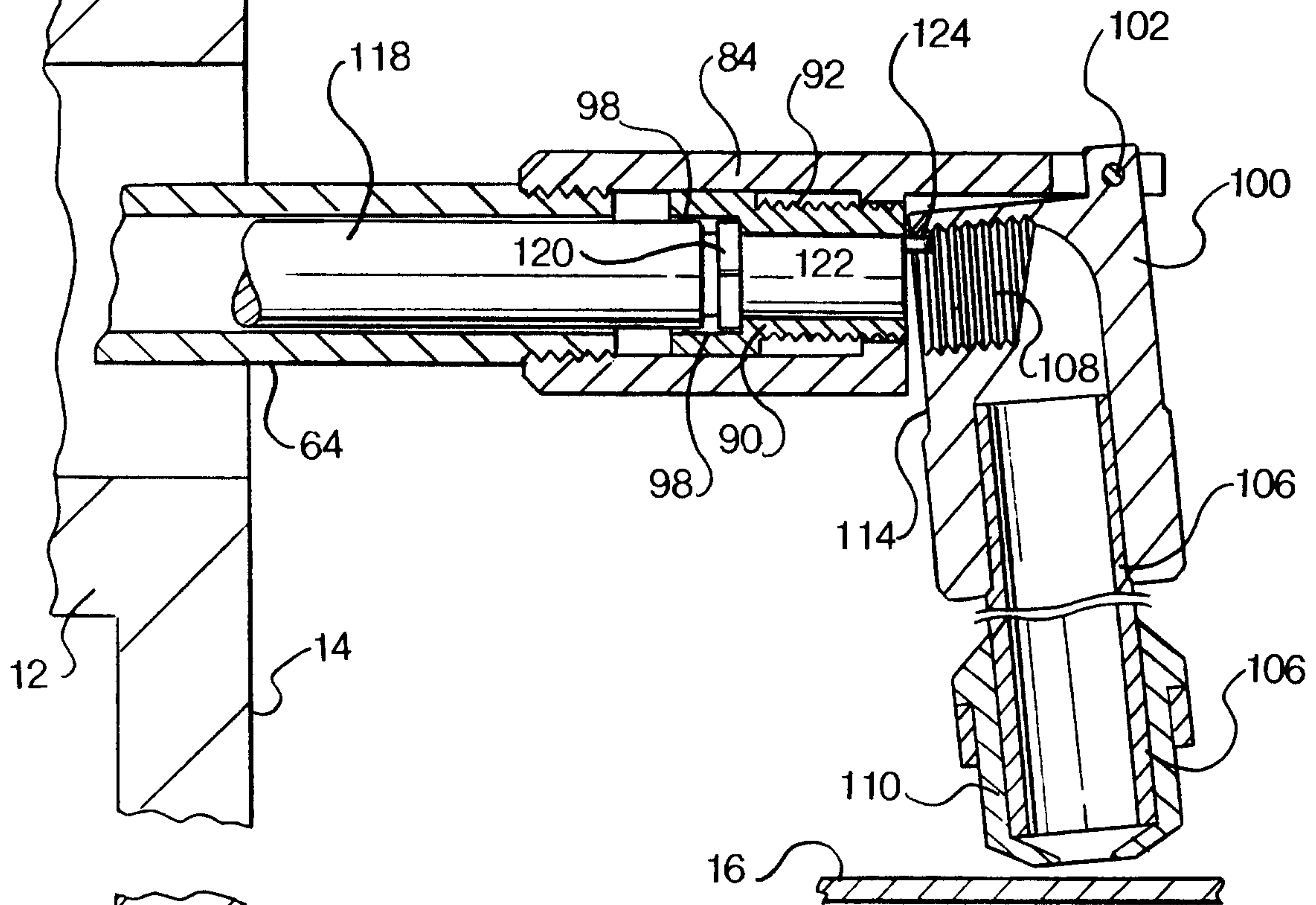


FIG. 8

