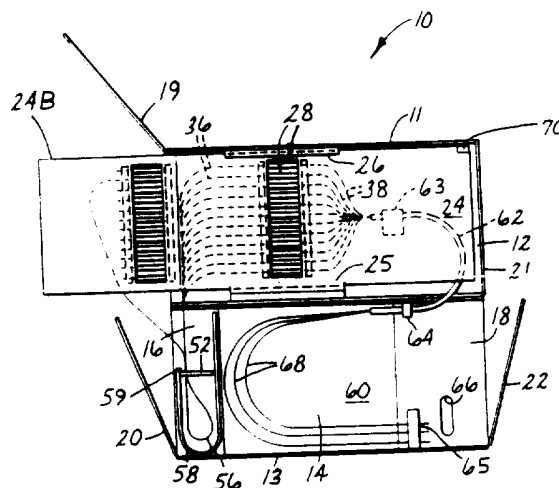




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## (57) Abstract

A compact optical fiber distribution center (10) has a housing provided by a pair of stackable containers (11, 13). One container (11) encloses a fiber connector zone in which a plurality of car-like modules (24) are slideably mounted, normally aligned in single file, and each extending vertically when the distribution center is in use. The other container (13) has a jumper routing zone (16) at the front, a fiber routing zone (18) at the rear, and an intermediate fiber storage zone (14) which is divided by partitions, each of which is aligned with a space between adjacent modules. Each module carries a row of optical fiber connectors (28). At one side of the housing, the rear ends of the connectors can be connected to optical fibers of one or more feeder cables, and at the other side the rear ends can be connected to optical fibers of one or more distribution cables (38). The front ends of the connectors at said one side can be connected by optical fiber jumpers (36) to the front ends of connectors at said other side, thus interconnecting any feeder fiber with any distribution fiber. Easy access to the connectors is afforded by sliding individual modules (24b) out of the single file toward a front or a rear opening in the housing, which openings are closable by hinged doors (20).

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