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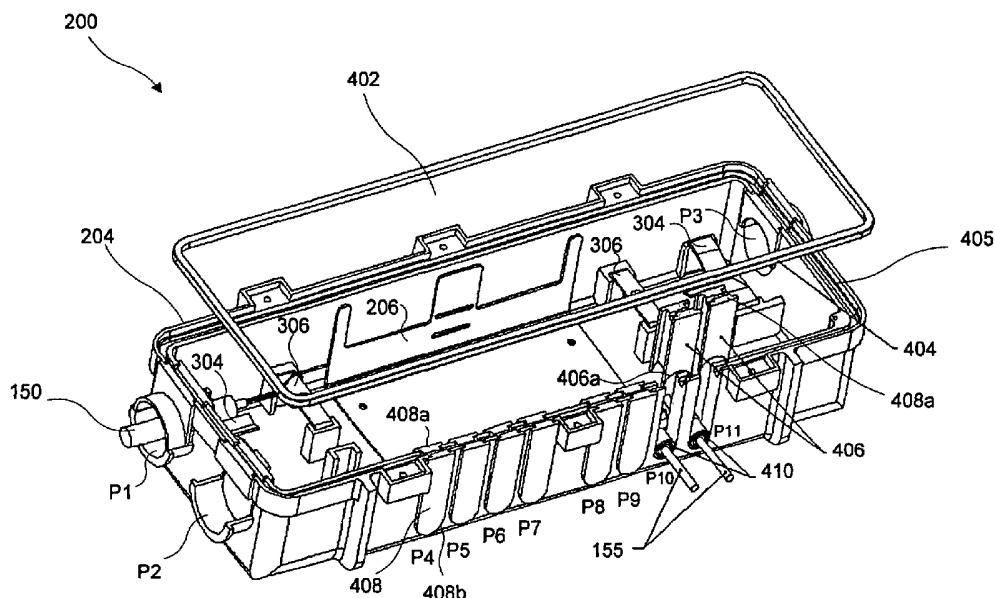
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(57) Abstract: An enclosure (200) for facilitating and protecting splices or connections between communication transmission mediums includes a housing (204) having a first port (P1) and a drop port (P4-P11). The first port can allow a distribution cable (150) containing a transmission medium to enter the housing. The drop port allows another transmission medium to enter the housing, and it can allow a transmission medium to be added or removed without disturbing existing transmission media or connections in the housing. A drop plug (406, 408) can be provided to seal the drop port. The enclosure can also include a cover plate (402) having a gasket coupled to its perimeter and being removable with the cover plate. Tow-stage strain relief (304, 306) and single-stage strain relief can be provided for the media entering through the first port and the drop port, respectively.



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