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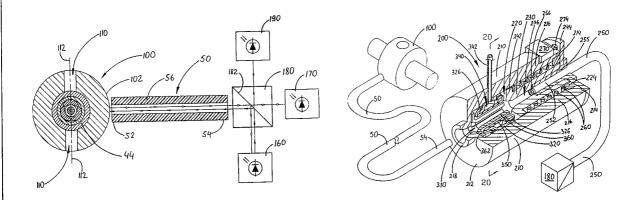
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(57) Abstract

A rotational atherectomy device having an improved optical tachometer which uses a single, monofilament optical fiber to both transmit light from a light source to a light reflector and to return reflected light to a light detector. A fiber optic connector which can be used with such a rotational atherectomy device permits one to releasably optically couple a distal end of an optical fiber to both a light source and a light detector via a beam splitter and a flexible light guide. This fiber optic connector may include a pneumatic clamp which is connected to the same source of compressed gas which drives the prime mover of the rotational atherectomy device.

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1.- Claims 1-7:

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2. - Claims 8-18:

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