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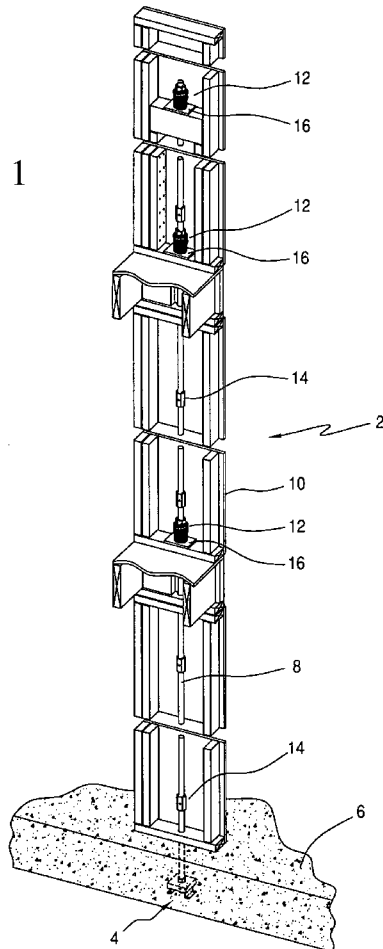
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(57) Abstract: An anchor for supporting a load comprises an anchor
rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a con-
crete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the con-
crete structure; a metallic body attached to the lower portion,
the body including a top surface and a bottom surface joined by a vertical
side surface; and the side surface including at least one shoulder ex-
tending therefrom.

FIG. 1



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CONCRETE ANCHOR**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates generally to an anchor
15 embedded in a concrete structure for transferring load to the
concrete structure, and particularly to an anchor embedded in a
concrete structure, such as a foundation, beam or deck for
attaching thereto another structure, such as a wall.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides an anchor for supporting a
load comprises an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for
being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for
extending outside the concrete structure; a metallic body
25 attached to the lower portion, the body including a top surface

and a bottom surface joined by a vertical side surface; and the side surface including at least one shoulder extending therefrom.

The present further provides an anchor for supporting a load, comprising an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the concrete structure; a metallic tubular body attached to the lower portion, the tubular body including a sidewall, a top opening and a bottom opening, the sidewall including inside and outside surfaces. The outside surface including at least one shoulder extending outwardly therefrom; and the inside surface includes an inverted shoulder extending inwardly therefrom.

The present invention also provides an anchor for supporting a load, comprising an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the concrete structure; a metallic wedge-shaped body attached to the lower portion, the body including a circular top surface and a circular bottom surface bounded by a vertical side surface.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a wall system anchored to a concrete structure.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of a prior art anchor shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of an anchor made in accordance with the present invention, showing an anchor body attached to an anchor rod, which is attached to rebars within a concrete form.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged, fragmentary cross-sectional view taken along the line 5-5 in Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a side-elevational view of the anchor of Fig. 4, showing upper and bottom nuts to attach the anchor body to the anchor rod.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the anchor of Fig. 4.

Fig. 8 is a side-elevational view of the anchor of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged, fragmentary cross-sectional view taken along line 9-9 in Fig. 7.

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of the anchor Fig. 6 attached to a support.

Fig. 11 is a side-elevational view of Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor made in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 13 is a side-elevational view of the anchor of Fig. 12.

Fig. 14 is an enlarged, fragmentary cross-sectional view taken along line 14-14 in Fig. 12.

Fig. 15 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the anchor of Fig. 12, shown attached to rebars within a concrete form.

Fig. 16 is an enlarged, fragmentary cross-sectional view taken along line 16-16 in Fig. 15.

Fig. 17 is a perspective view of the anchor of Fig. 15, showing upper and lower nuts to attach the anchor body to the anchor rod.

Fig. 18 is a perspective view of the anchor of Fig. 17 shown attached to a support.

Fig. 19 is a top perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor made in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 20 is bottom perspective view of Fig. 19.

Fig. 21 is an assembly view of the anchor of Fig. 19.

Fig. 22 is a cross-section view taken along line 22-22 in Fig. 19.

Fig. 23 is an enlarged cross-section view taken along line 23-23 in Fig. 21.

Figs. 24 and 25 are enlarged perspective views of spacers used in the anchor of Fig. 19.

Fig. 26 is a perspective view of the anchor of Fig. 19 shown attached to a support.

Fig. 27 is a side-elevational view of Fig. 26.

Fig. 28 is a perspective view of the support shown in Fig. 26.

Fig. 29 is a cross-sectional view of another embodiment of the anchor body shown in Fig. 5.

5 Fig. 30 is a cross-section view of another embodiment of the anchor body shown in Fig. 14.

Figs. 31 is a side-elevational view of another embodiment of anchor body shown in Fig. 16.

10 Figs. 32-34 are perspective views of various embodiments of the anchor body shown in Fig. 16.

Fig. 35 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the anchor body shown in Fig. 23.

Fig. 36 is a cross-sectional view taken along line 36-36 in Fig. 35.

15 Fig. 37 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 38 and 39 are cross-section side views of Fig. 37, with Fig. 39 showing a threadless axial opening.

20 Fig. 40 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 41 and 42 are cross-section side views of Fig. 40, with Fig. 42 showing a threadless axial opening.

Fig. 43 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 44 and 45 are cross-section side views of Fig. 43, with Fig. 45 showing a threadless axial opening.

Fig. 46 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

5 Figs. 47 and 48 are cross-section side views of Fig. 48, with Fig. 46 showing a threadless axial opening.

Fig. 49 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

10 Figs. 50 and 51 are cross-section side views of Fig. 49, with Fig. 51 showing a threadless axial opening.

Fig. 52 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 53 and 54 are cross-section side views of Fig. 52, with Fig. 54 showing a threadless axial opening.

15 Fig. 55 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 56 and 57 are cross-section side views of Fig. 55, with Fig. 57 showing a threadless axial opening.

20 Fig. 58 is a perspective view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

Figs. 59 and 60 are cross-section side views of Fig. 58, with Fig. 60 showing a threadless axial opening.

Fig. 61A is a side cross-sectional view of another embodiment of an anchor body embodying the present invention.

25 Fig. 61B is an enlarged view of detail A in Fig. 61A.

Fig. 62 is a side view of an anchor body shown in 54 shown attached to an anchor rod with nuts.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5 Referring to Fig. 1, a wall system 2 comprises an anchor 4 embedded in a concrete structure, such as a concrete deck, beam, slab or foundation 6. The anchor 4 is used to transfer load to the concrete structure. The load may be in the form of another structure, such as a wall, required to be tied down to the
10 concrete structure 6.

Using as an example a wall that is required to be secured to a concrete foundation or decking, the anchor is connected to a tie rod 8 that extends inside a stud wall 10 through several floors. The tie rod 8 is secured to the wall 10 at several
15 locations with a fastener assembly 12 that expands to take up any slack that may develop in the tie rod due to wood shrinkage, load compression, load shifting, etc. after installation. Connectors 14 are used to connect several sections of the tie rod 8 to make one interconnected continuous length. Bearing
20 plates 16 are used to spread the force exerted by the fastener assemblies 12 over the wood members. Examples of the fastener assemblies 12 are disclosed in applicant's co-pending application, Serial No. 11/898,479, herein incorporated by reference.

Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, a prior art anchor 18 includes a U-shaped sheet metal support 20 secured to a form board by means of nails through holes 22. A threaded anchor rod 24 has its one end secured to the support 20 by means of a bottom nut 26 and a top nut 28. An intervening plate 30 seats on top of the support 20.

An anchor 32 made in accordance with the present is disclosed in Fig. 4. The anchor 32 includes a rectangular, metallic anchor body 34 and an anchor rod 36 screwed through a threaded opening 38 in the anchor body 34. The anchor rod 36 may be all-threaded or partially threaded. When in use, the anchor 32 is placed inside a concrete form and held in place, such as by securing to rebars 40 with tie wire 42. The anchor rod 36 is preferably screwed all the way through the opening 38 to extend below the anchor body 34.

The anchor body 34 is a rectangular metallic plate, preferably steel, with a top surface 33, a bottom surface 35 and vertical side surfaces 44 joined to the top and bottom surfaces. Although shown as rectangular, the anchor body 34 may be a square, pentagon, hexagon, octagon, etc. Each of the side surfaces 44 of the anchor body 34 has a recessed profile, as shown in Fig. 5.

Referring to Fig. 5, each side surface 44 has a downwardly and inwardly projecting surface 46 and an outwardly extending surface 48 to create a shoulder 50 near the bottom surface 35.

The surface 48 preferably starts at the top surface 34 and preferably terminated at the surface 48. The surface 48 is preferably curved. The surface 46 may be planar, as shown. However, the profile can be of any shape as long as it is
5 generally recessed to form the shoulder 50. Accordingly, the surface 46 can be curved, corrugated, etc. The creation of the shoulder 50 enables the side surface 44 to resist a tensile load generally indicated at 51. Further, by locating the shoulder 50 in a lower position closer to the bottom surface 35, a larger
10 shear cone 53, shown in Fig. 6, will be generated when the anchor rod 36 is put under tension, resulting in a stronger anchorage.

Referring to Fig. 6, upper and lower nuts 54 are used to secure the anchor body 34 to the anchor rod 36. In this
15 embodiment, the opening 36 through the anchor body 36 may be left unthreaded.

Referring to Figs. 7, 8 and 9, the side surfaces 44 of the anchor body 34 are provided with a series of recessed profiles to provide multiple shoulders 50. Each of the profile has the
20 same general shape as the profile shown in Fig. 5, including downwardly and inwardly projecting surfaces and outwardly extending surfaces to form respective shoulders 50. The multiple shoulders 50 advantageously help distribute the load on the entire surfaces 44, rather than being concentrated on a
25 single shoulder. The anchor body of Fig. 7 may also use the

upper and lower nuts 54 to secure the anchor body to the anchor rod, in the manner shown in Fig. 6, in addition to or in lieu of a threaded opening through the anchor body.

Instead of securing the anchor 32 to the rebars, the anchor body 34 and the anchor rod 36 may be supported within the concrete form by a support 56. Nails 58 attach the support 56 to a concrete form board (not shown) prior to pouring of the concrete. The support 56 preferably formed from sheet metal bent into an inverted U-shape with a base wall 60, side walls 62 extending downwardly from opposite ends of the base wall, and feet 64 extending outwardly from the bottom of the respective side walls 62. The anchor body 34 is attached to the base wall 60 by the upper and lower nuts 54, as shown in Fig. 11.

The anchor body 34 may be replaced with a metallic anchor body 66, as shown in Figs. 12, 13 and 14. The anchor body 66 is circular in cross-section. The anchor body 66 has top and bottom circular surfaces. The anchor body 66 is threadedly secured to the anchor rod 36 via central threaded opening 68. The anchor body 66 is substantially cylindrical in shape except for the recessed profile on the sidewall surface 70 that defines a shoulder 72. The sidewall surface 70 has an inverted conical surface 74 and an outwardly curved surface 76 near the bottom surface 78. The conical surface 74 preferably starts from the top surface 79 and proceeds downwardly and inwardly. Preferably, the surface 74 terminates into the curved surface

76. As with the anchor body 34 shown in fig. 4, locating the shoulder 72 near the bottom surface 78 provides a larger shear cone within the concrete structure in which the anchor is embedded, and thus provides a stronger anchorage.

5 Referring to Fig. 15, another embodiment of an anchor body 80 is disclosed. The anchor body 80 is circular in cross-section. The anchor body 80 is threadedly secured to the anchor rod 36, which may be positioned within a concrete form, for example, by tying the anchor rod 36 to rebars 40 with tie wire
10 42. The anchor body 80 has a central threaded opening 82 in which the anchor rod 36 is threaded. The anchor body 80 is substantially cylindrical, except for its vertical side surface 84 which has a series of recessed profiles with multiple shoulders 86 formed by respective downwardly and inwardly
15 projecting surface 88, preferably an inverted conical surface and a respective outwardly extending curved surface 90, as shown in Fig. 16. The surface 88 the preferably terminates into the surface 90. Having multiple recessed profiles with multiple shoulders 86 allows the anchor body 80 to carry a higher load.
20 Each shoulder 86 will generate its own shear cone when the anchor is put under load, thereby providing for a stronger anchorage.

Referring to Fig. 17, the anchor body 80 is secured to the anchor rod 36 with upper and lower nuts 94. In this embodiment,
25 the opening 82 may be unthreaded.

Referring to Fig. 18, the anchor body 80 may be attached to the support 56, using the upper and lower nuts 94. It should be understood that the anchor shown in Fig. 13 may also be similarly attached to the support 56.

5 Referring to Figs. 19, 20 and 21, another embodiment of an anchor 96 is disclosed. The anchor 96 comprises an anchor rod 36, an anchor body 98, and upper and lower spacers 100 and 101. The anchor rod 36 extends through the center of the anchor body 98. The upper and lower spacers 100 and 101 allow the anchor
10 rod 36 to be centered through the anchor body 98. Upper and lower nuts 102 secure the spacers 100 and 101 to the anchor body 98 and the anchor rod 36.

The anchor body 98 is a tubular member, preferably circular in cross-section, with a vertical wall 104 and top and bottom
15 openings 106 and 108. The vertical wall 104 has outside surface 110 and inside surface 112. The outside surface 110 is shaped with a series of recessed profiles, similar to recessed profiles on the anchor body 80 of Fig. 16. The outside surface 104 has
20 upper and lower downwardly and inwardly projecting surfaces 114 and 116, preferably shaped as inverted conical surfaces. The upper and lower surfaces 114 and 116 preferably terminate into respective outwardly extending curved surfaces 118 and 120 to
25 define respective shoulders 122 and 124. Both shoulders 122 and 124 will generate respective shear cones when load in the direction 160 is applied on the anchor rod 36, as shown in Fig.

22. The lower shoulder 124 will generate a larger shear cone than the upper shoulder 122 due to its lower position. Multiple shoulders help to distribute the load on the wall 104 and thus make for a stronger anchorage.

5 The inside surface 112 similarly has upper and lower downwardly and inwardly extending surfaces 126 and 128, preferably shaped as inverted conical surfaces. Each surface 126 and 128 is capped at the top with respective inwardly extending curved surfaces 130 and 132. The surfaces 130 and 132
10 define respective inverted shoulders 134 and 136.

 The upper and lower spacers 100 and 101 are identical to each other and are preferably made of molded plastic. Referring to Fig. 24, the spacer 100 has an outer ring 138 with radiating arms 140 joined to an inner ring 142. The inner ring 142 has an
15 opening 144 through which the anchor rod 36 passes. Openings 146 allow the concrete slurry to flow through and fill up the void inside the anchor body 98. Downwardly projecting tabs 148 engage the inner edge 150 of the wall 104. The outer ring 138 is supported on top edge 152 of the wall 104.

20 Referring to Fig. 25, the spacer 101 is identically constructed as the spacer 100, so that the same reference numbers are used to refer to identical parts. The tabs 148 are shown extending upwardly to engage the lower inner edge 154. The outer ring 138 engages the lower bottom edge 156.

Referring back to Fig. 22, concrete slurry fills up the void 158 within the anchor body 98 when the anchor 96 is embedded in the concrete structure, with the upper portion of the anchor rod 36 extending out of the structure for attachment to a load, such as another structure required to be anchored. When tension is applied on the anchor rod 36 in the upward direction 160, the concrete mass within the void 158 becomes subject to compression forces, as the inverted shoulders 134 and 136 deflect the upward force toward the lower nut 102 and the threads of the anchor rod 36 located within the anchor body 98. Accordingly, the anchor body 98 becomes a solid member, securely attached to the anchor rod 36, thereby allowing the outside shoulders 122 and 124 to counteract the pulling or tensile load on the anchor rod 36.

Referring to Figs. 26, 27 and 28, the anchor 96 may be supported on a support 162 for placement within a concrete form. When the support 162 is used, the lower spacer 101 may be omitted. The support 162 is made from sheet metal bent into a U-shape, with a horizontal base wall 164, vertical side walls 166 extending downwardly from opposite ends of the base wall 164 and footers 168 extending transversely from respective bottom edges of the side walls 162. The footers 168 are provided with holes 170 for the nails 172 used to attach the support 162 to a concrete form board.

The base wall 164 includes a central opening 174 through which the anchor rod 36 extends. Openings 176 disposed on either side of the central opening 174 communicate with the bottom opening 108 of the anchor body 96 when seated on top of the base wall 164. The openings 176 allow the concrete slurry to flow through inside the anchor body 98 to underneath the base wall 164 to minimize formation of air pockets within the anchor body 98.

The anchor 96 is attached to the support 162 by the lower nut 102 engaging the underside of the base wall 164 and the upper nut 102 pressing the upper spacer 100 and the anchor body 98 against the base wall 164.

In use, the lower portion of the anchor rod 36 is embedded in the concrete structure while its upper portion protrudes outside for connection to a load, such as a structure required to be tied down, such as the wall structure 2, using conventional connectors, such as a nut, a threaded coupler, a ring attached to the end of the anchor rod, etc.

When tension is applied on the anchor rod 36, in the upward direction for all the embodiments shown, a shear cone will develop at each of the shoulders on the vertical side surfaces of the anchor bodies. The side of the shear cone is 35° from the horizontal. The lower the shoulders are, the larger will the shear cones be, thereby providing a stronger anchorage.

It should be understood that the shoulders disclosed in the various embodiments of the anchor body may be provided in various ways without departing from the invention.

Referring to Fig. 29, a rectangular metallic anchor body 5 178, similar to the anchor body 34 shown in Fig. 4, has vertical side surfaces in a L-shaped side profile with a vertical surface 182 and a horizontal outwardly extending surface 184 to provide a shoulder 186.

Referring to Fig. 30, a substantially cylindrical metallic 10 anchor body 188, similar to the anchor body shown in Fig. 13, has a sidewall surface 190 with a vertical cylindrical surface 192 and a horizontal outwardly extending surface to provide a shoulder 196.

Referring to Fig. 31, the vertical cylindrical surface of 15 the anchor 188 may be provided with threads 198 that provide multiple shoulders in addition to or in lieu of the bottom shoulder 196. The threads 198 distribute the load on the surface 190. The threads 198 provide the function of a plurality of shoulders.

Referring to Figs. 32 and 33, the shoulder 196 shown in 20 Figs. 30 and 31 may be provided by a split or C-ring ring 200 partly recessed into a circumferential groove 202 so that a portion extends outside the groove to form the shoulder.

In the embodiment shown in Fig. 34, a metallic cylindrical 25 anchor body 204 is provided with multiple circumferential

grooves 206 on the cylindrical surface 208. Multiple split or C-rings 210 are disposed in respective grooves 206. Each ring 210 is partly received in the respective groove 206 so that a portion of the rings extends outwardly beyond the cylindrical surface 208 to provide a respective shoulder 212.

Referring to Figs. 35 and 36, the outside shoulders 122 and 124 on the anchor body 98 shown in Fig. 23 may be implemented with a metallic, cylindrical sleeve 214 with a plurality of circumferential grooves 216 on its outside cylindrical surface 218 that partly receive respective split or C-rings 220.

Portions of the rings 220 that extend outside the grooves 216 form shoulders 222. The inverted shoulder 134 shown in Fig. 23 is implemented with an inside circumferential groove 224 on an inside cylindrical surface 226 on the sleeve 214 that partly receives a split or C-ring 228 so that a portion of the ring extends outside the groove 224 to form a shoulder 230.

Referring to Figs. 37 and 38, an anchor body 232 is disclosed, having a wedge shape in side view with a conical side wall 234, extending upwardly from the bottom from wide to narrow. The body 232 is circular in cross-section. The body 232 has an annular outwardly extending shoulder 236 with an upper surface 238. The shoulder 236 is advantageously disposed at the bottom portion of the anchor body. An opening 240 with inside threads 241 extending through the body 232 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The conical surface 234

provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 240 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 39.

Referring to Figs. 40 and 41, an anchor body 242 similar to the body 240 is disclosed. The anchor body 242 includes a wedge shape in side view with a conical side wall 244, extending upwardly from the bottom from wide to narrow. The body 242 is circular in cross-section. The body 242 has an annular outwardly extending shoulder 246 with an upper surface 248. The shoulder 246 is advantageously disposed at the bottom portion of the anchor body. An opening 250 with inside threads 251 extending through the body 242 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The anchor body 242 includes an upper horizontal edge surface 252, providing an additional load bearing surface. As in the anchor body 240, the conical surface 244 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 250 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 42.

Referring to Figs. 43 and 44, an anchor body 254 is disclosed, having a wedge shape in side view with a conical side wall 256. The body 254 is circular in cross-section. An opening 258 with inside threads 260 extending through the body 254 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The conical surface 256 provides an increased load bearing surface

as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 258 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 45.

Referring to Figs. 46 and 47, an anchor body 262 similar to the body 254 is disclosed. The anchor body 262 includes a wedge shape in side view with a conical side wall 264. The body 262 is circular in cross-section. An opening 266 with inside threads 268 extending through the body 262 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The anchor body 262 includes an upper horizontal edge surface 270, providing an additional load bearing surface. The conical surface 264 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 266 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 48.

Referring to Figs. 49 and 50, an anchor body 272 is disclosed, having a wedge shape in side view with a convex side wall 274, extending upwardly from the bottom from wide to narrow. The body 272 is circular in cross-section. The body 272 has an annular outwardly extending shoulder 276 with an upper surface 278. An opening 280 with inside threads 282 extending through the body 272 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The convex surface 274 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 280 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 51.

Referring to Figs. 52 and 53, an anchor body 284 similar to the body 272 is disclosed. The anchor body 284 includes a wedge

shape in side view with a convex side wall 286, extending upwardly from the bottom from wide to narrow. The body 284 is circular in cross-section. The body 284 has an annular outwardly extending shoulder 287 with an upper surface 289. The shoulder 287 is advantageously disposed at the bottom portion of the anchor body. An opening 288 with inside threads 290 extending through the body 284 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The anchor body 242 includes an upper horizontal edge surface 292, providing an additional load bearing surface. As in the anchor body 272, the convex surface 286 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 288 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 54.

Referring to Figs. 55 and 56, an anchor body 294 is disclosed, having a wedge shape in side view with a convex side wall 296. The body 294 is circular in cross-section. An opening 298 with inside threads 300 extending through the body 294 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The convex surface 296 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 298 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 57.

Referring to Figs. 58 and 59, an anchor body 302 similar to the body 294 is disclosed. The anchor body 302 includes a wedge shape in side view with a convex side wall 304. The body 302 is circular in cross-section. An opening 306 with inside threads

308 extending through the body 302 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The anchor body 302 includes an upper horizontal edge surface 310, providing an additional load bearing surface. The convex surface 304 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface. The opening 306 may be threadless as shown in Fig. 60.

Referring to Fig. 61A, an anchor body 312 similar to the anchor body 284 is disclosed. The anchor body 312 includes a wedge shape with a convex side wall 314, extending upwardly from the bottom from wide to narrow. The body 312 is circular in cross-section. The body 312 has an annular outwardly extending shoulder 316 with an upper surface 318. The shoulder 316 is advantageously disposed at the bottom portion of the anchor body. An opening 320 with inside threads 322 extending through the body 312 provides for attaching the body to an anchor rod. The anchor body 312 includes an upper horizontal edge surface 324, providing an additional load bearing surface. A recess or undercut portion 325 is provided at a bottom portion of the anchor body 312. The undercut portion 325 allows a lower placement of the shoulder 316 in the concrete when used with an anchor rod holder or support, such that disclosed in applicant's copending application, serial no. 61/202185, incorporated herein by reference. The undercut portion further allows less material to be used during manufacture without substantially decreasing the strength of the body. As in the anchor body 312, the convex

surface 314 provides an increased load bearing surface as compared to a cylindrical surface.

The surface 318 includes a concave, radius surface 324 and a ramping and radially extending generally horizontal surface 326 away from the surface 324, as shown enlarged in Fig. 61B. The surface 326 makes at an angle 319 above the horizontal plane of about 1°-15°. The configuration of the surface 318 provides for a stronger load bearing surface when embedded in concrete.

It is should be understood that the undercut portion 325 and the configuration of the surface 318 are applicable to all the solid anchor bodies disclosed herein with integral shoulders.

Referring to Fig. 62, an anchor body 284 with the threadless opening 288 is shown attached to an anchor rod 326 with nuts 328.

It should be understood that although the anchor disclosed herein has been described for holding a structure, such as a wall, toward the foundation structure or concrete deck, the anchor can also be used to support any tensile load imposed on the anchor rod in any direction, such as a hanging weight, side attachment to a concrete column, attachment of a structure to underneath a concrete deck, etc. Accordingly it would be seen from the description that the anchor when embedded in a concrete structure will resist a tensile load on the anchor rod,

regardless of the orientation of the direction of the tensile force.

While this invention has been described as having preferred design, it is understood that it is capable of further
5 modification, uses and/or adaptations following in general the principle of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art to which the invention pertains, and as may be applied to the essential features set forth, and fall within
10 the scope of the invention or the limits of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. An anchor for supporting a load, comprising:

5 a) an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the concrete structure;

b) a metallic body attached to said lower portion;

10 c) said body including a top surface and a bottom surface joined by a vertical side surface; and

d) said side surface including at least one shoulder extending therefrom.

2. An anchor as in claim 1, wherein:

a) said body is circular in cross-section; and

15 b) said at least one shoulder is circumferentially disposed on said side surface.

3. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

20 a) said at least one shoulder is defined by a downwardly projecting surface and an outwardly projecting surface; and

b) said outwardly projecting surface rises at an angle.

4. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

25 a) said downwardly projecting surface is an inverted conical surface;

b) said outwardly projecting surface is curved; and
c) said downwardly projecting surface terminates into
said outwardly projecting surface.

5. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

5 a) said downwardly projecting surface is a conical
surface;

b) said outwardly projecting surface is curved; and

c) said downwardly projecting surface terminates into
said outwardly projecting surface.

10 6. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

a) said body is wedge-shaped;

b) said downwardly projecting surface is a convex
surface;

c) said outwardly projecting surface is curved; and

15 d) said downwardly projecting surface terminates into
said outwardly projecting surface.

7. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

a) said body includes a threaded opening; and

20 b) said lower portion is screwed to said threaded
opening.

8. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

a) said body includes an opening;

b) said lower portion extends through said opening;

25 c) upper and lower nuts threaded to said lower
portion; and

d) said body is sandwiched between said upper and lower nuts.

9. an anchor as in claim 2, wherein said side surface includes a plurality of said at least one circumferential shoulder vertically arranged in series between said top surface and said bottom surface.

10. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein said at least one shoulder comprises threads on said side surface.

11. An anchor as in claim 2, and further comprising threads disposed on said side surface.

12. An anchor as in claim 2, wherein:

a) said side surface includes a circumferential groove;

b) a split ring partly disposed in said groove such that a portion of said ring extends outside said groove beyond said side surface; and

c) said portion of said ring comprises said at least one shoulder.

13. An anchor as in claim 1, wherein:

a) said body is a metallic plate attached to said lower portion;

b) said at least one shoulder is formed below said top surface on each of said side surfaces defined by a downwardly projecting surface and an outwardly projecting surface.

14. An anchor as in claim 13, wherein said downwardly

projecting surface is inwardly projecting and planar.

15. An anchor as in claim 13, wherein:

a) said outwardly projecting surface is curved; and

b) said downwardly projecting surface terminates into

5 said outwardly projecting surface.

16. An anchor as in claim 13, wherein:

a) said metallic plate includes a threaded opening;

and

b) said lower portion is screwed to said threaded

10 opening.

17. An anchor as in claim 13, wherein:

a) said body includes a plurality of said side surface, each including a plurality of said at least one shoulder vertically arranged in series between said top surface and said bottom surface; and

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b) said downwardly projecting surface is inwardly projecting.

18. An anchor for supporting a load, comprising:

a) an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the concrete structure;

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b) a metallic tubular body attached to said lower portion;

c) said tubular body including a sidewall, a top opening and a bottom opening, said sidewall including inside and

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outside surfaces;

d) said outside surface including at least one shoulder extending outwardly therefrom; and

e) said inside surface including an inverted shoulder extending inwardly therefrom.

19. An anchor as in claim 18, wherein said outside surface above said at least one shoulder is conical.

20. An anchor as in claim 18, wherein:

a) said outside surface is a recessed profile defined by a downwardly and inwardly projecting surface and an outwardly projecting surface defining said at least one shoulder; and

b) said inwardly and downwardly projecting surface terminates into said outwardly projecting surface on said outside surface.

21. An anchor as in claim 18, wherein said inside surface is a recessed profile defined by a downwardly and inwardly projecting surface and an inwardly projecting surface defining said inverted shoulder.

22. An anchor as in claim 21, wherein said inverted shoulder is disposed above said inwardly and downwardly projecting surface on said inside surface.

23. An anchor as in claim 18, and further comprising:

a) upper and lower spacers disposed on said top and bottom openings, respectively; and

b) said upper and lower spacers including a respective

central opening through which said lower portion extends.

24. An anchor as in claim 23, wherein:

a) said top and bottom openings include respective peripheries; and

5 b) said upper and lower spacers include projecting members that engage respective said peripheries.

25. An anchor as in claim 24, wherein:

a) said upper and lower spacers each includes an outer ring and an inner ring; and

10 b) radiating arms joined to said outer ring and said inner ring.

26. An anchor as in claim 25, and further comprising a support attached to said tubular body.

27. An anchor as in claim 26, wherein:

15 a) said support is formed from sheet metal bent into an inverted U-shape having a base wall and side walls extending downwardly from said base wall; and

b) said tubular body is attached to said base wall.

28. An anchor as in claim 27, wherein said base wall
20 includes openings communicating with the interior of said tubular body.

29. An anchor as in claim 18, wherein:

a) said tubular body is a cylindrical sleeve;

25 b) said outside surface includes at least one circumferential groove;

c) a split ring partly disposed in said at least one circumferential groove such that a portion of said ring extends outside said groove beyond said outside surface; and

5 d) said portion of said ring comprises said at least one shoulder.

30. An anchor as in claim 18, wherein:

a) said inside surface includes a circumferential groove;

10 b) a split ring partly disposed in said groove such that a portion of said ring extends outside said groove beyond said inside surface; and

c) said portion of said ring comprises said inverted shoulder.

31. An anchor for supporting a load, comprising:

15 a) an anchor rod having a lower threaded portion for being embedded in a concrete structure and an upper portion for extending outside the concrete structure;

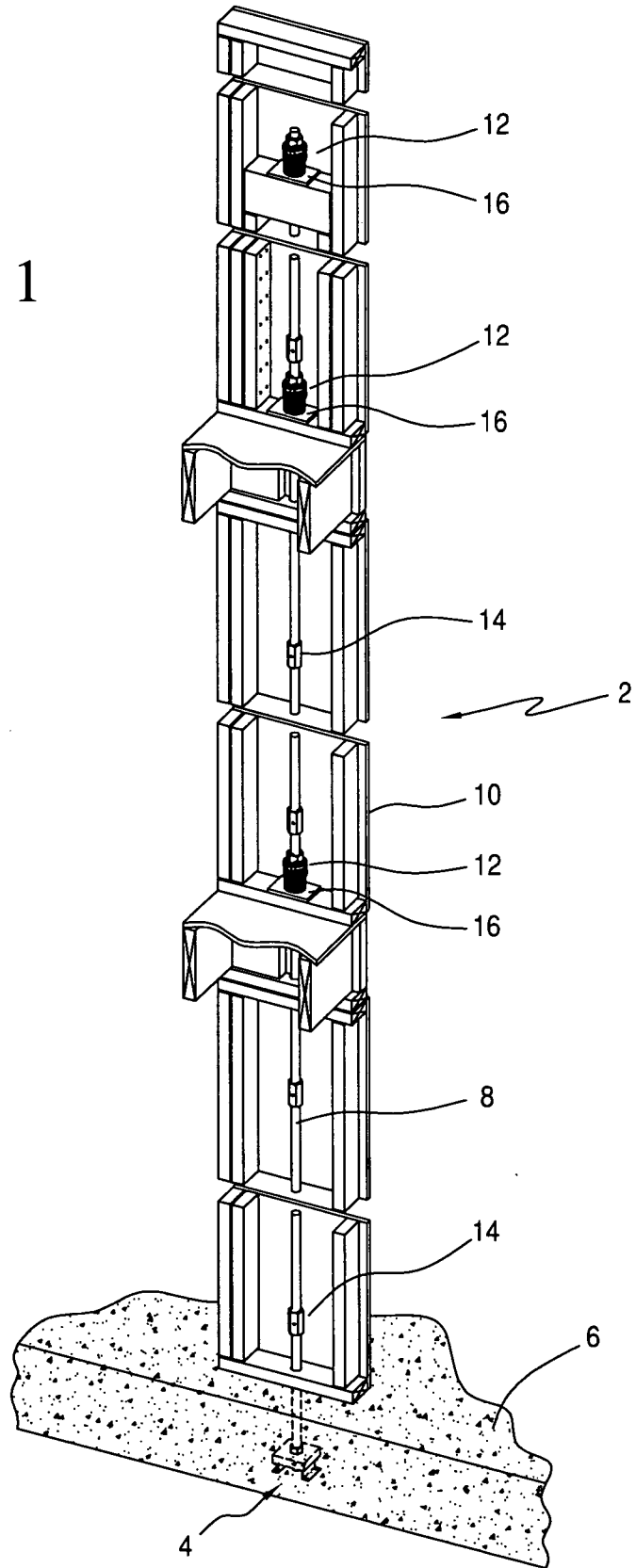
b) a metallic wedge-shaped body attached to said lower portion;

20 c) said body is circular in cross-section and including a circular top surface and a circular bottom surface joined by a vertical side surface.

32. An anchor as in claim 31, wherein said side surface is conical.

33. An anchor as in claim 31, wherein said side surface is convex.

FIG. 1



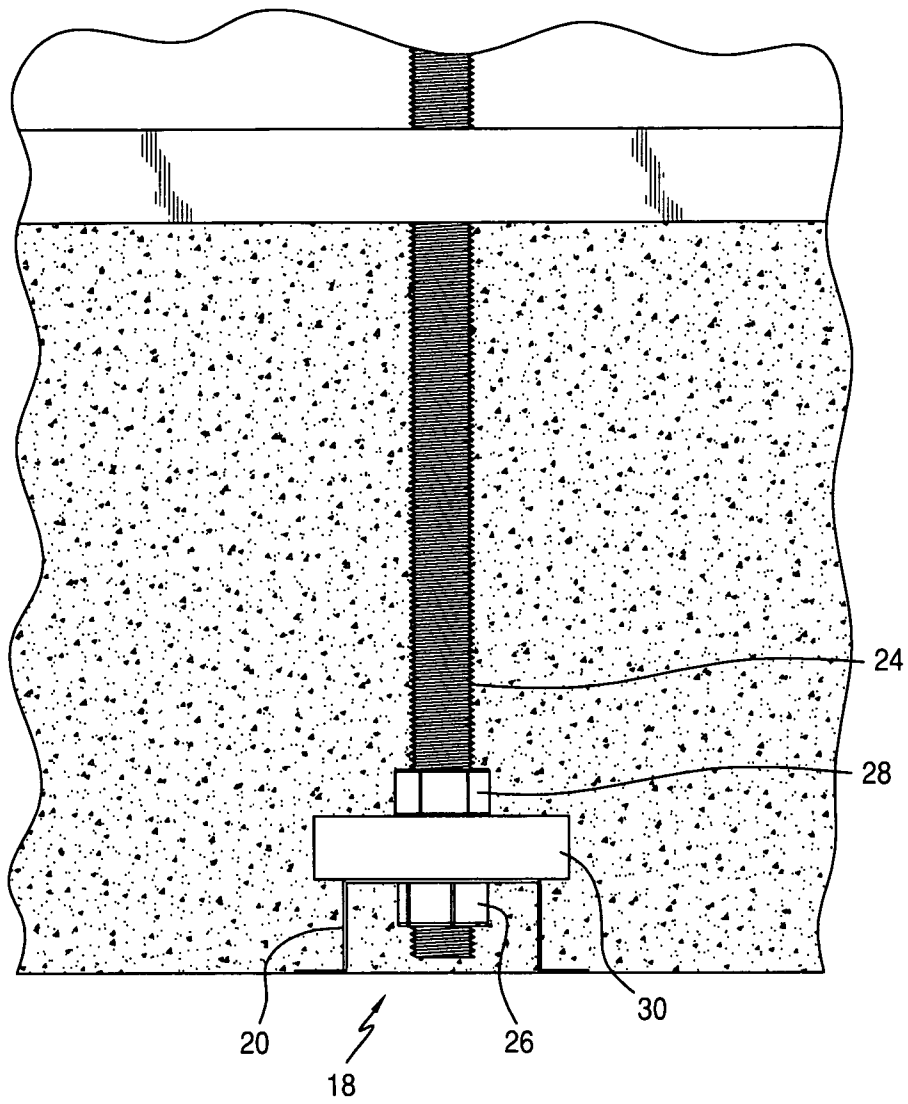


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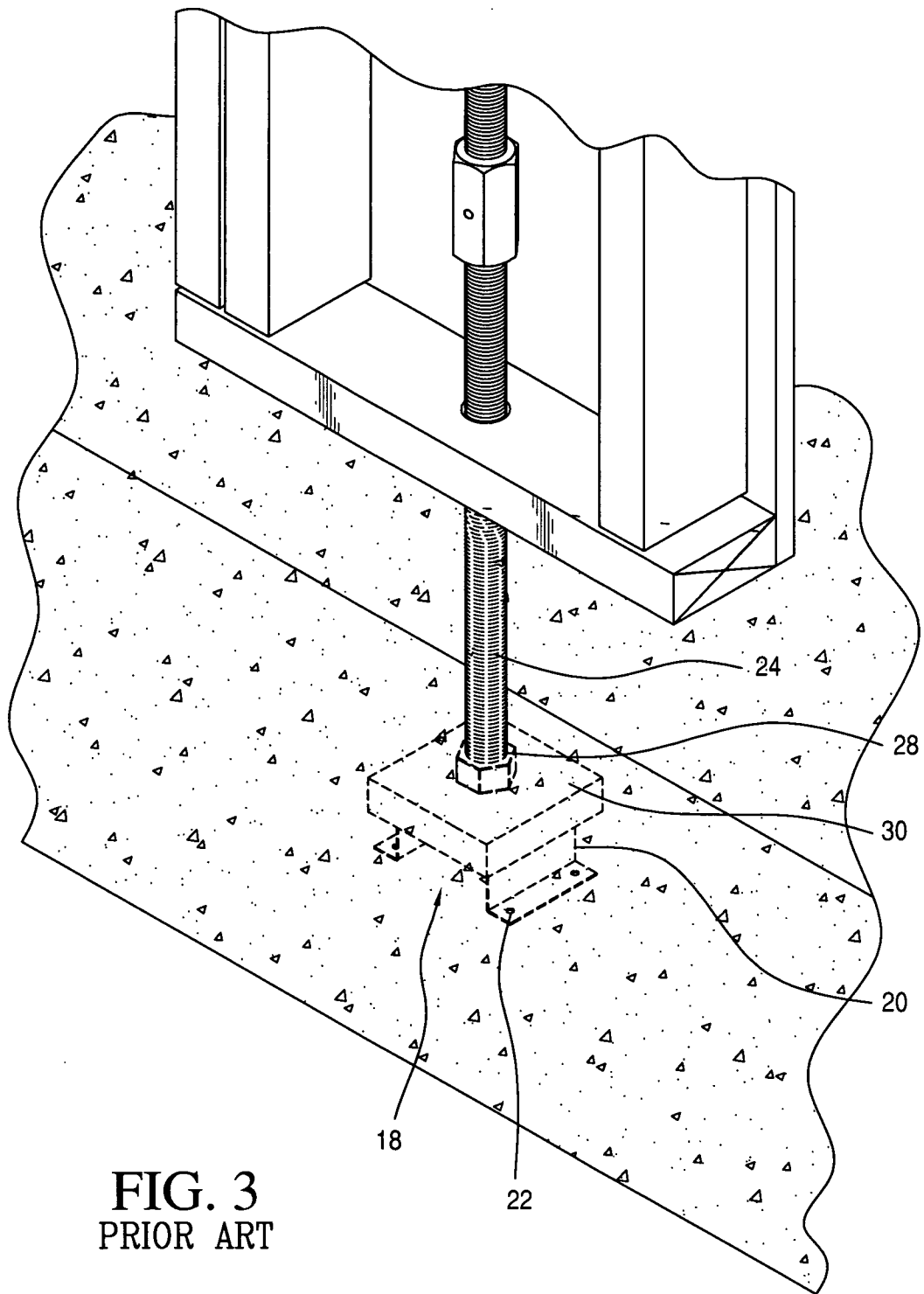


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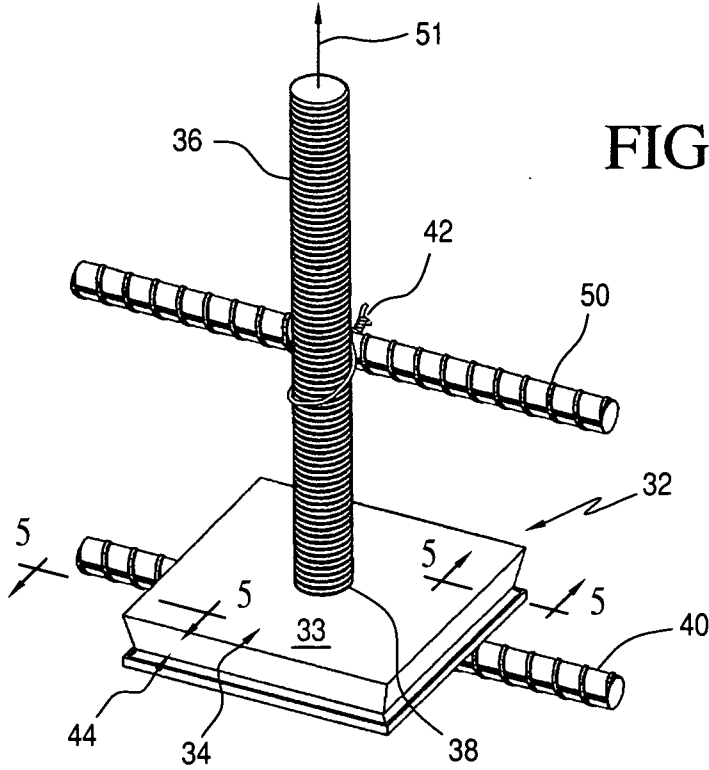


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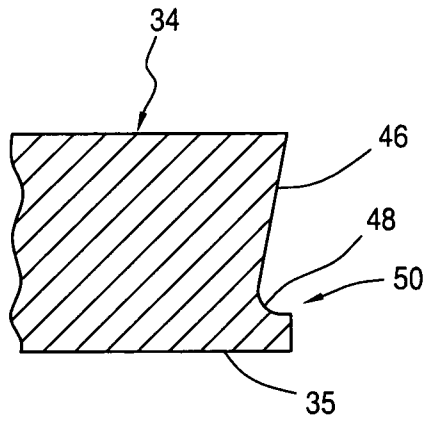


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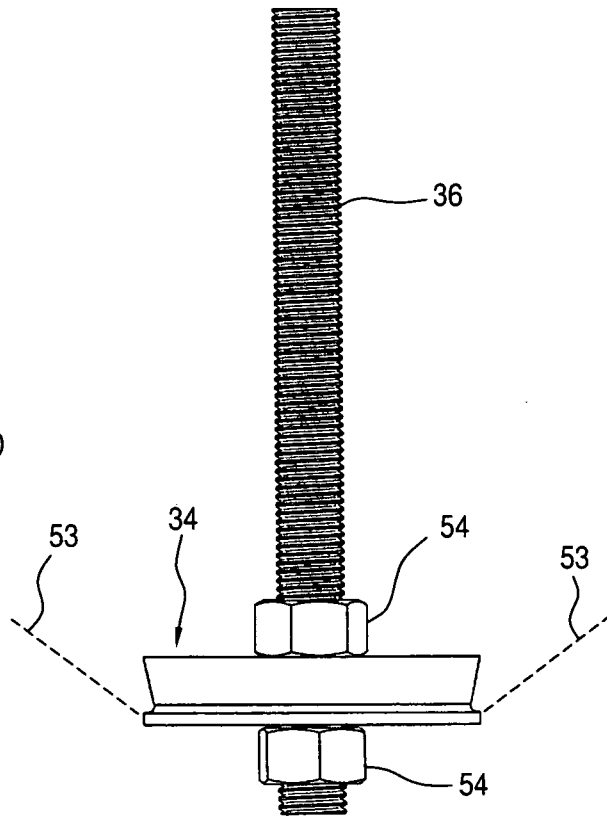


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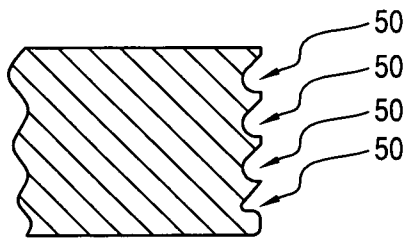
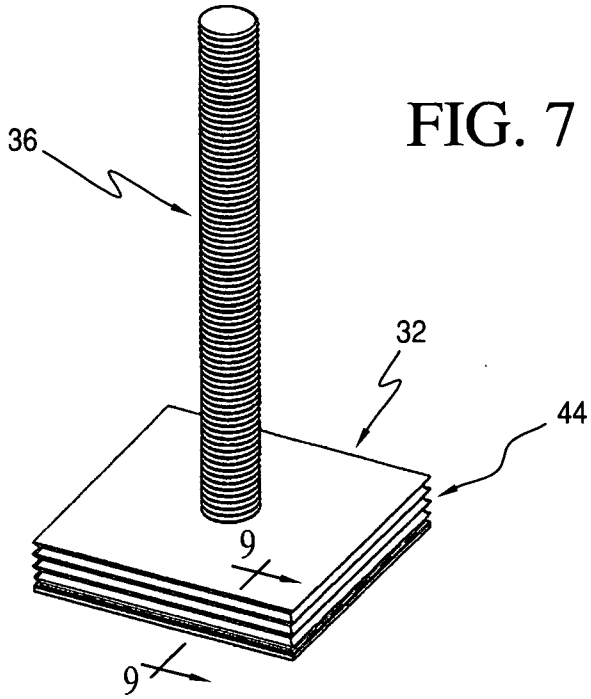


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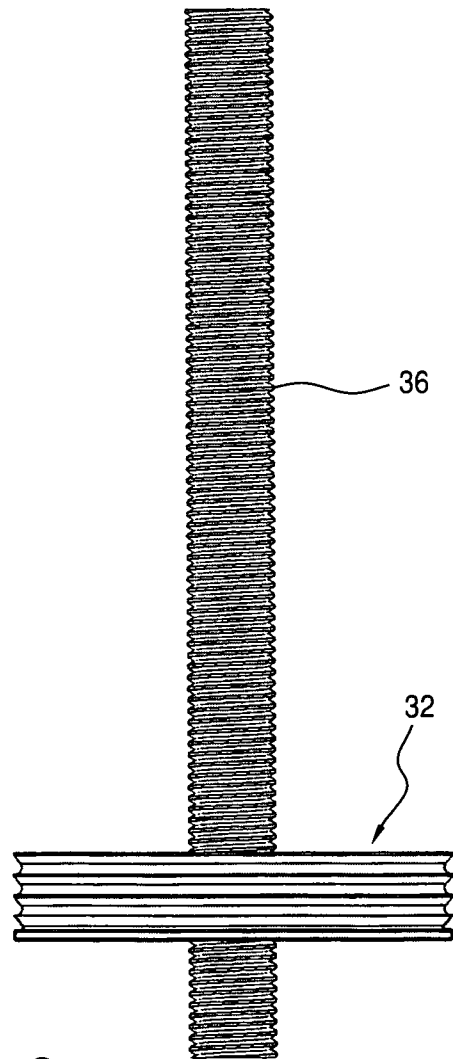


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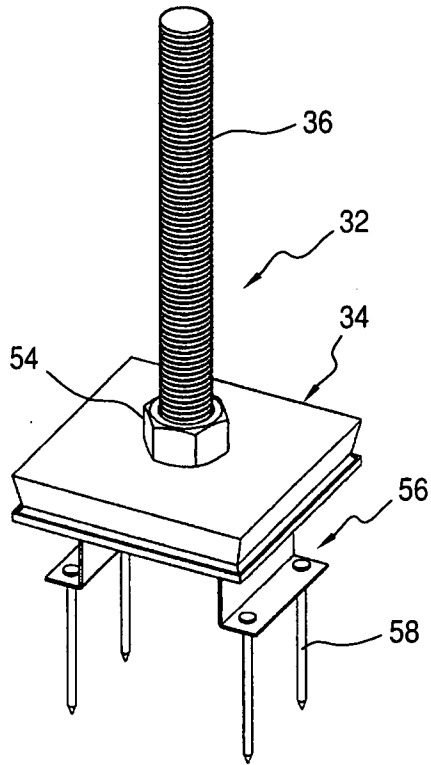


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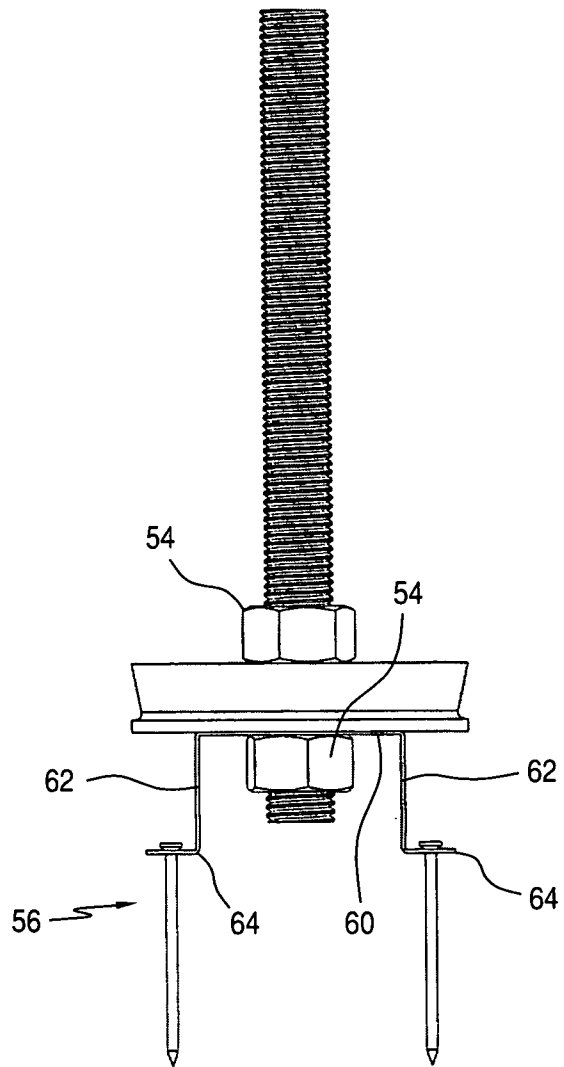


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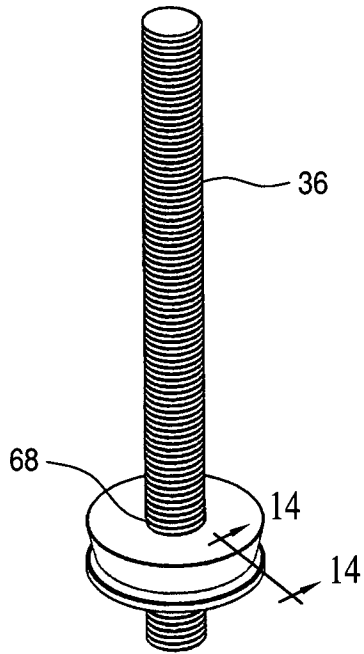


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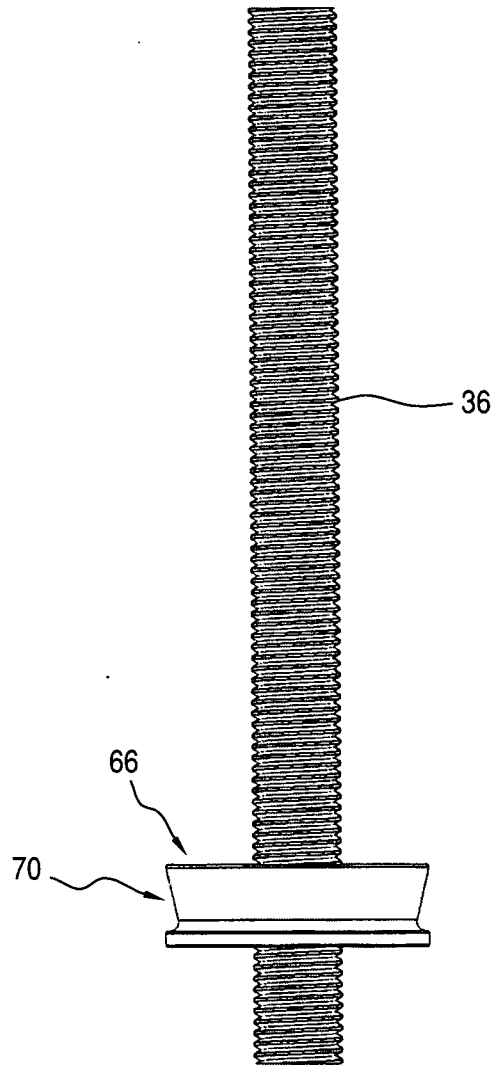


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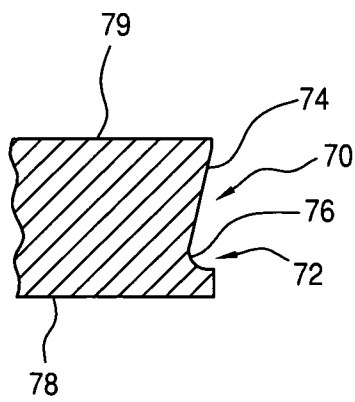


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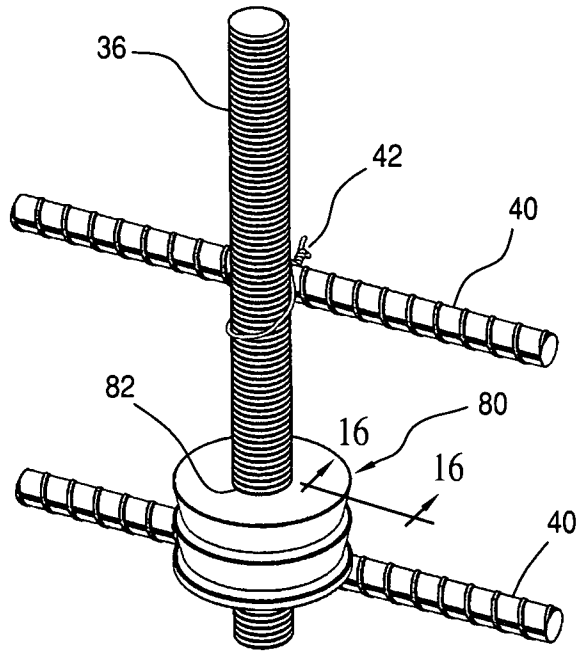


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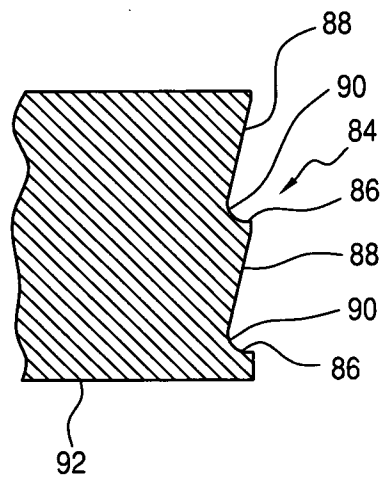


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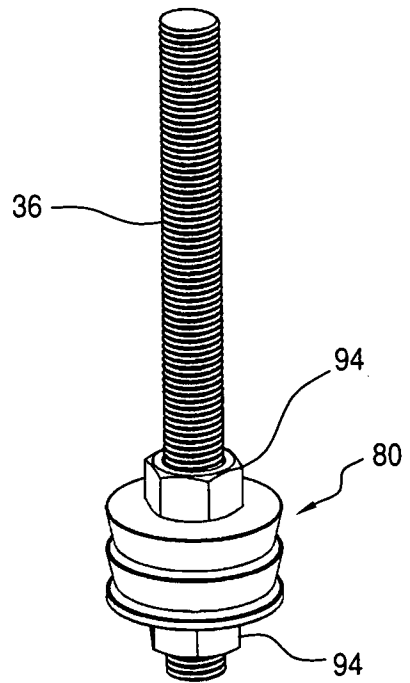


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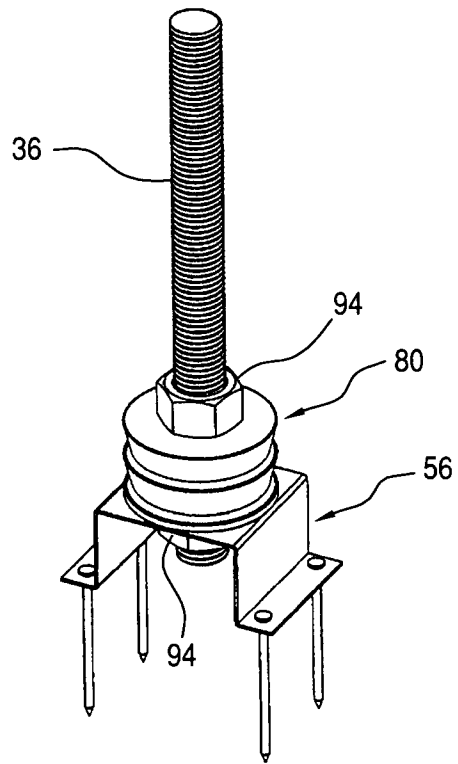


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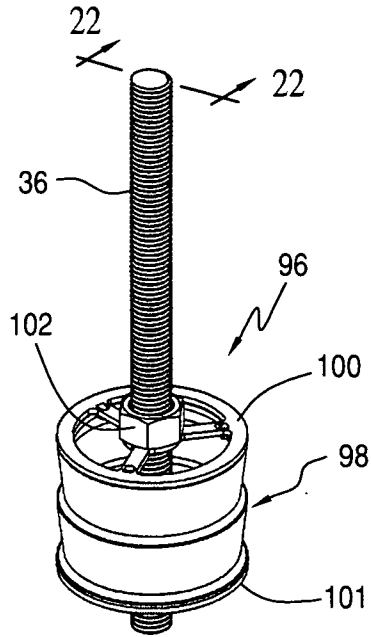


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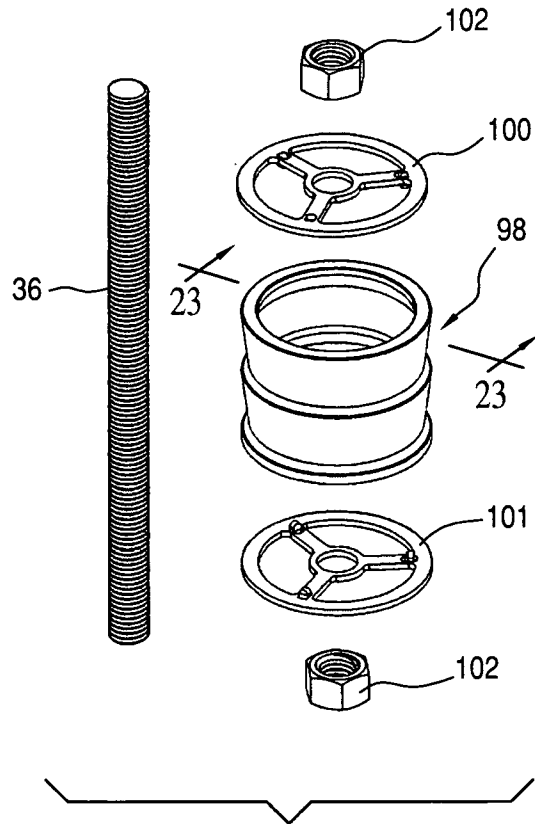


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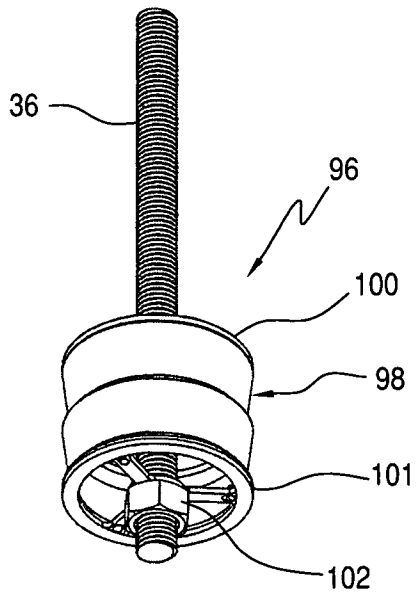


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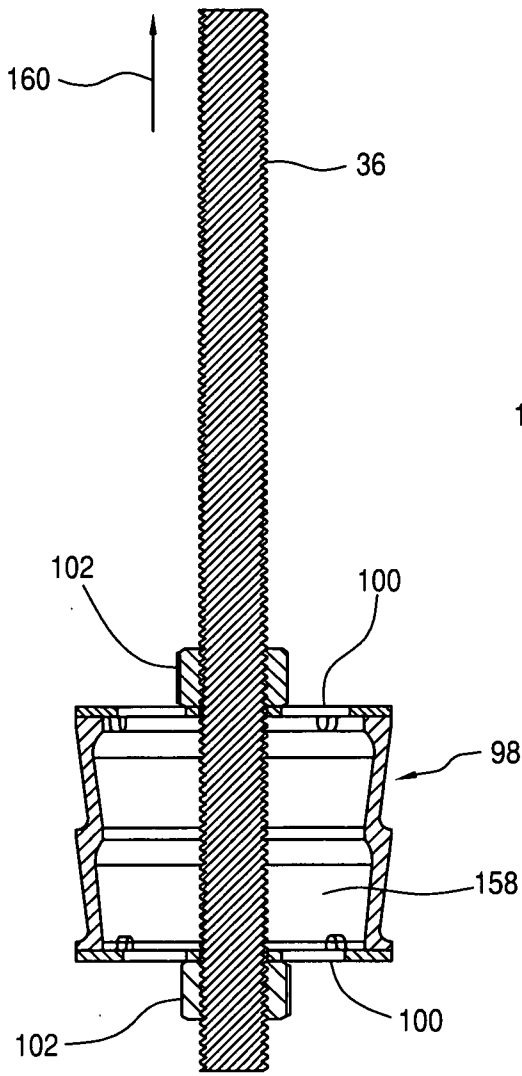


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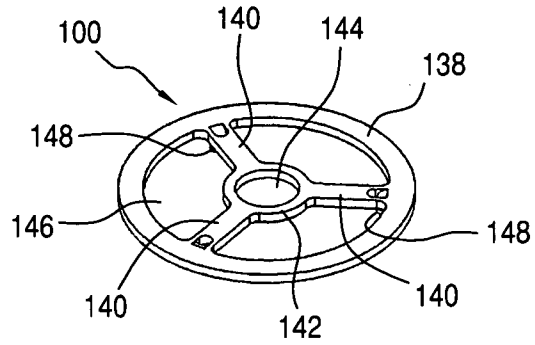


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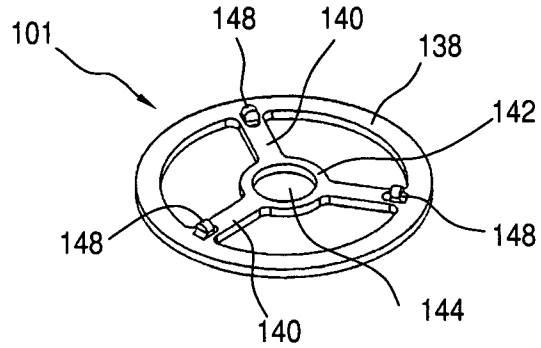


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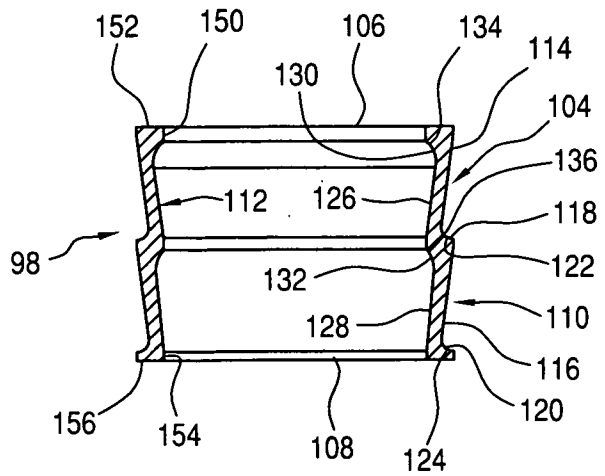


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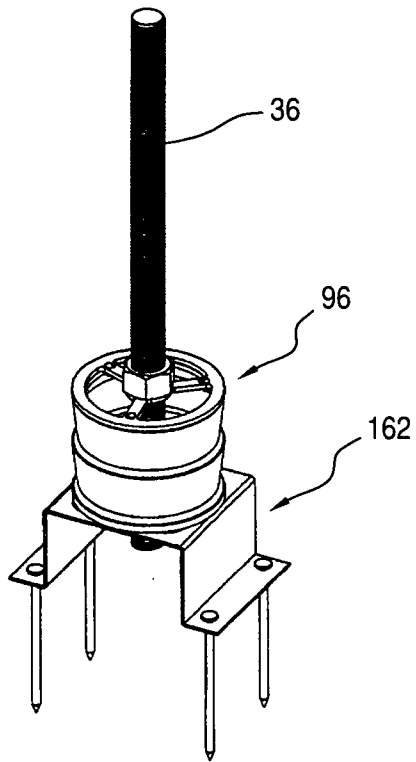


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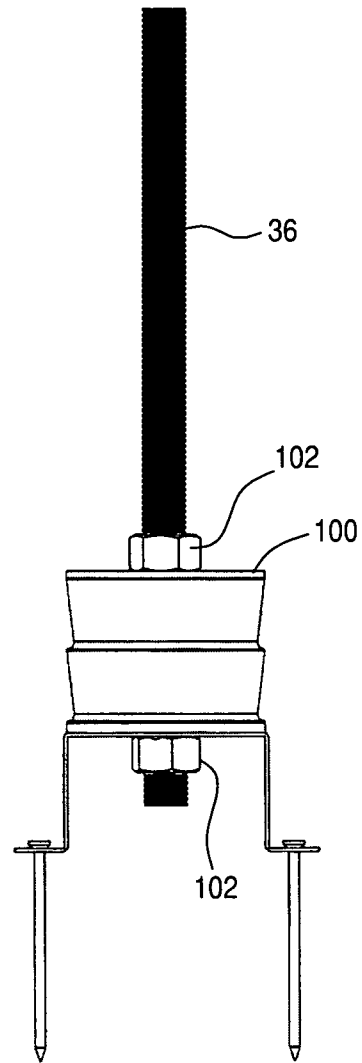


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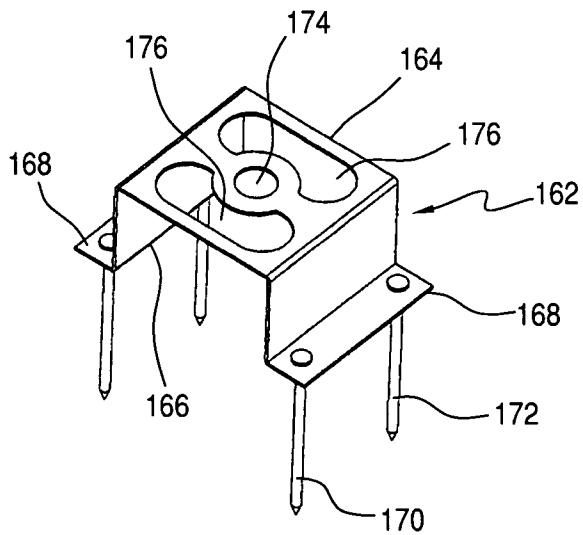


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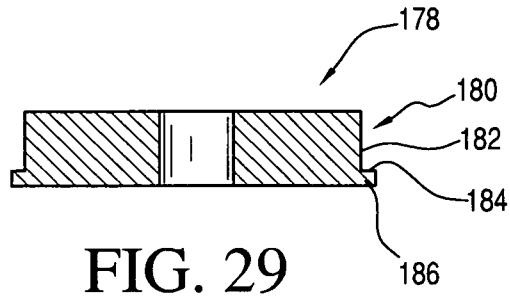


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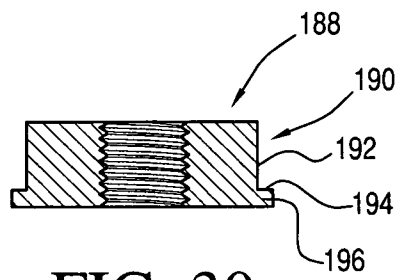


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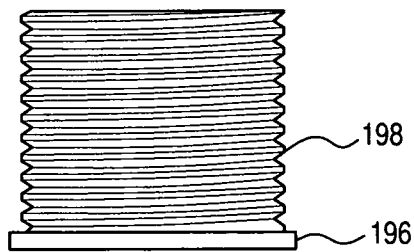


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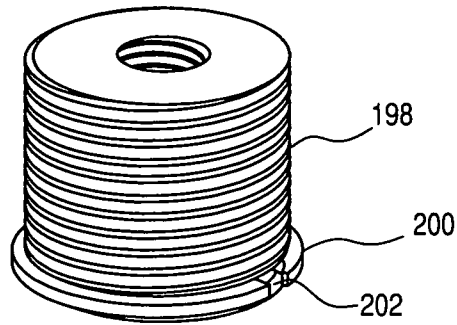


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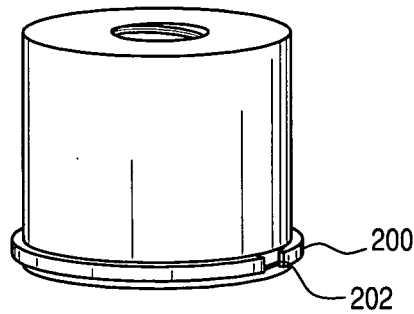


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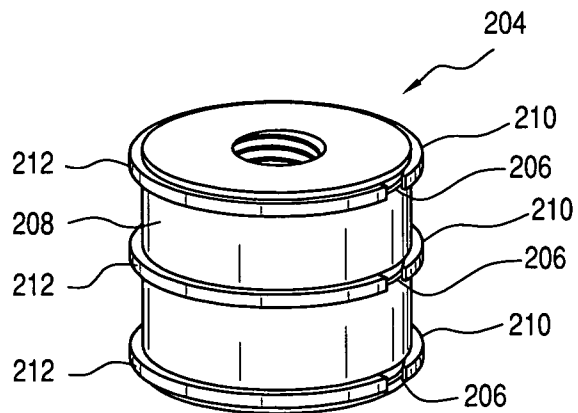


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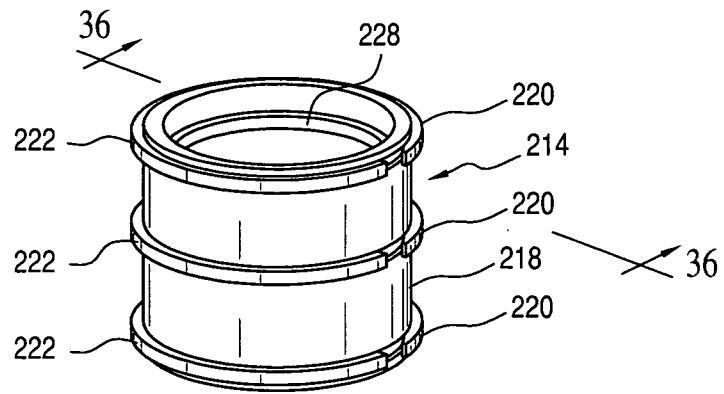


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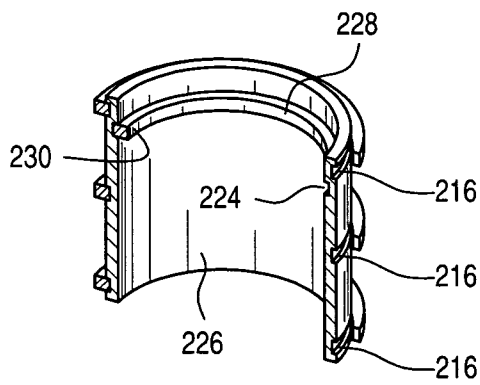


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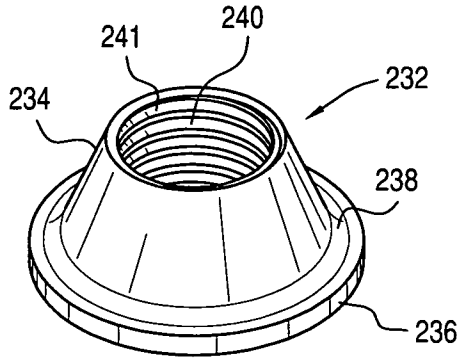


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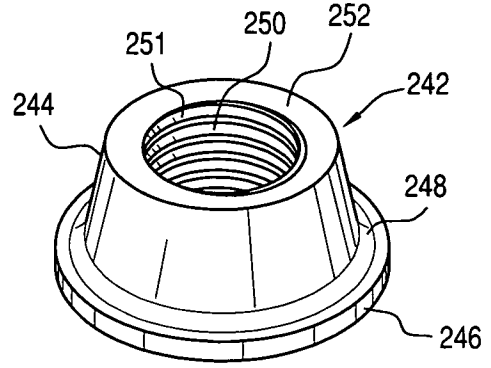


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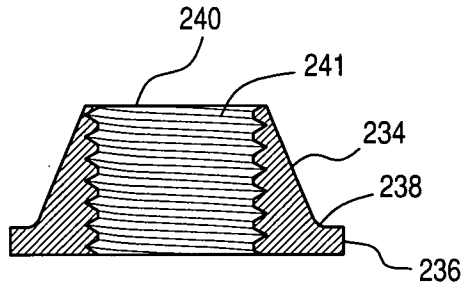


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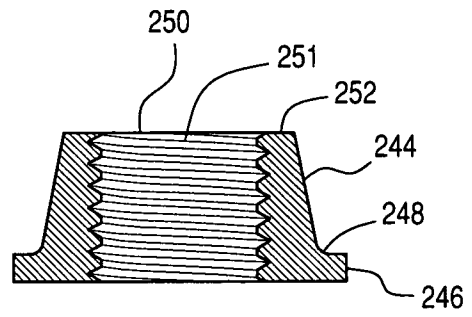


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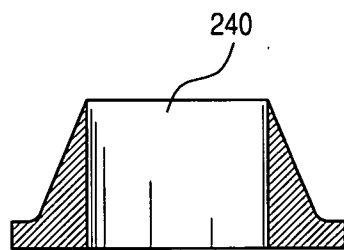


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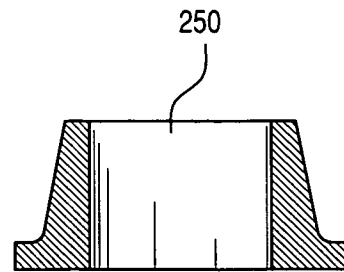


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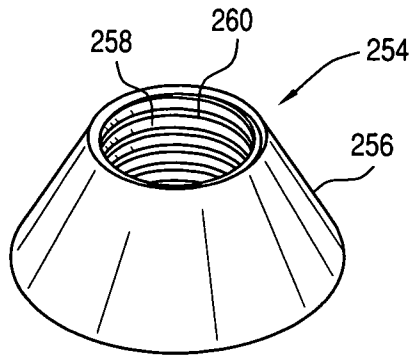


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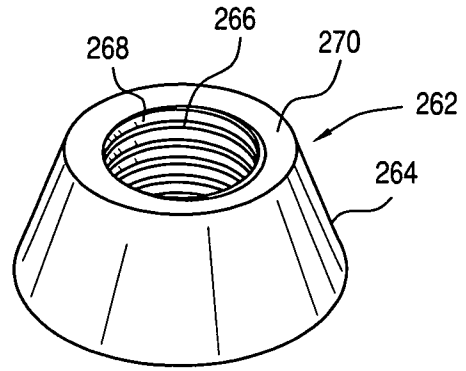


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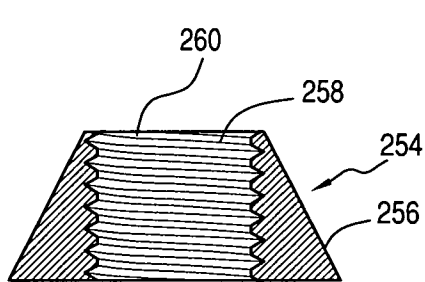


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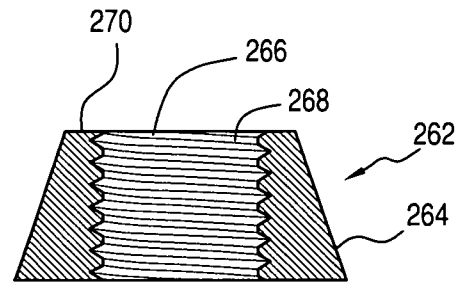


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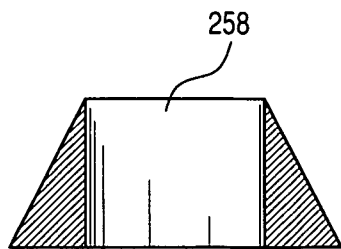


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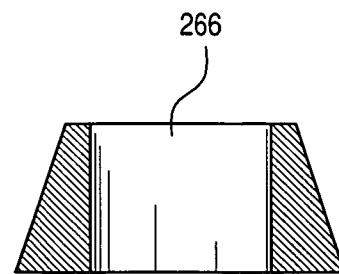


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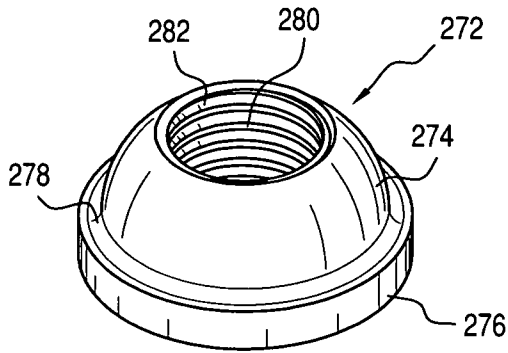


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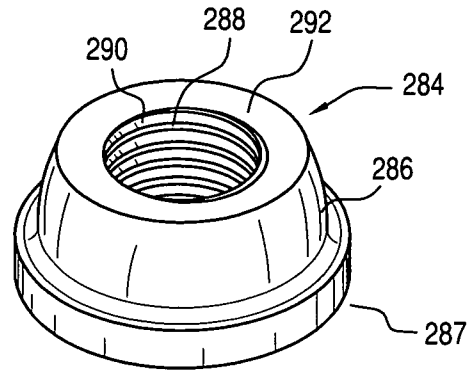


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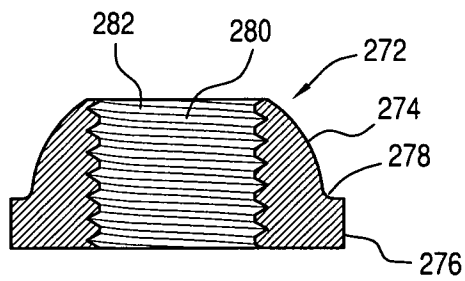


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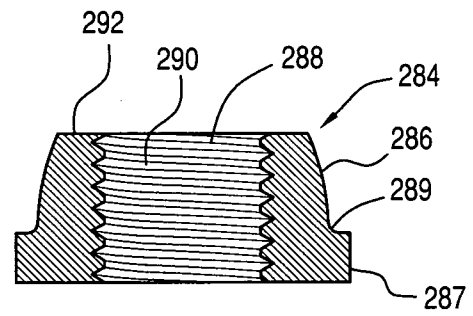


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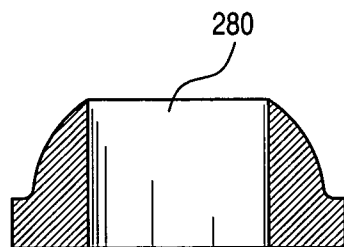


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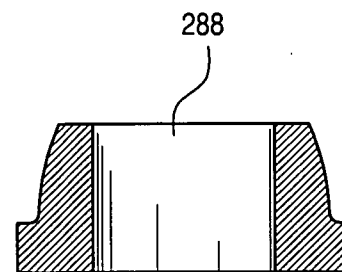


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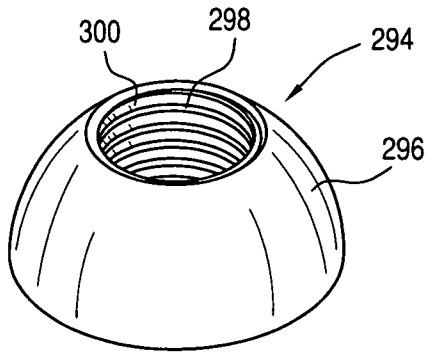


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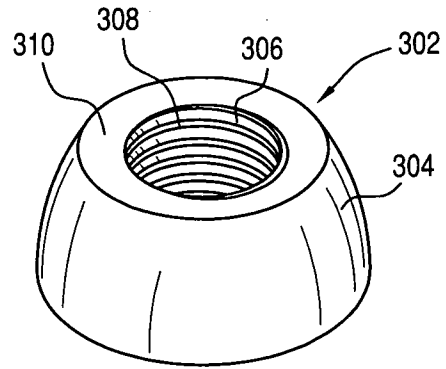


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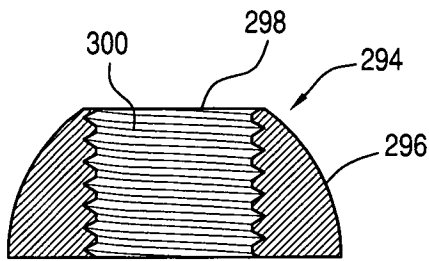


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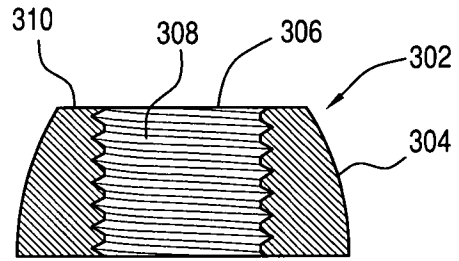


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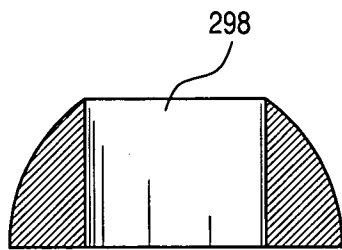


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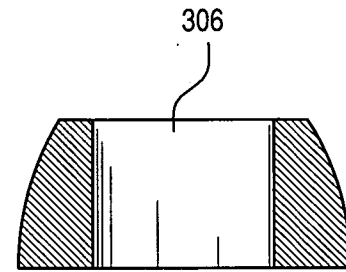


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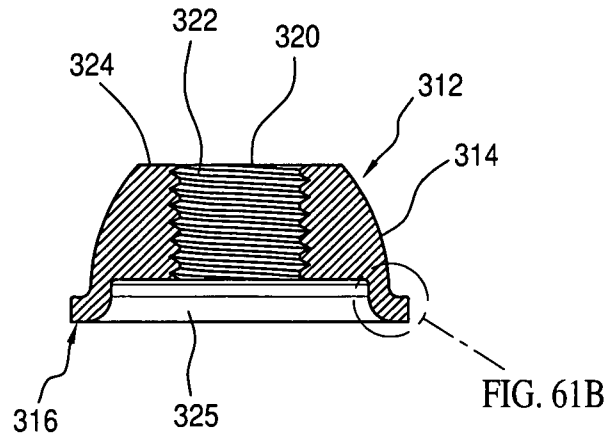


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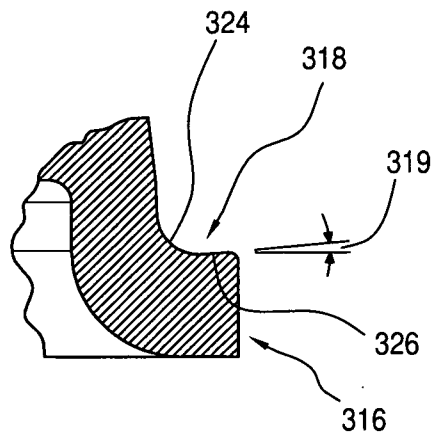


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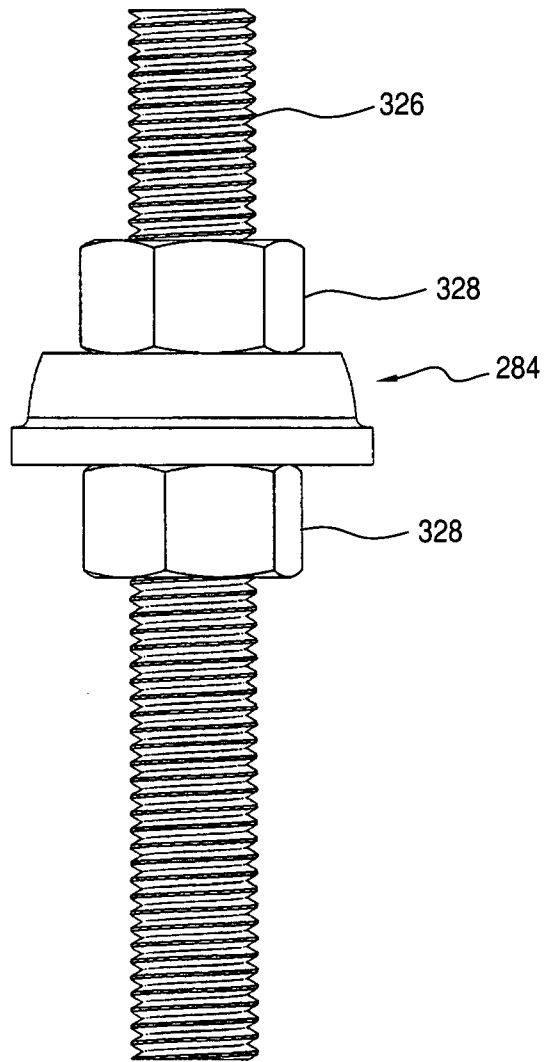


FIG. 62

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