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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No.	G13569-00485-HM
	First Named Inventor	PILON, Vincent
	Title	MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i>	Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17 or equivalent) 2. ☐ Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 3. ☐ Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/15A or B or equivalent. 4. ☒ Specification [Total Pages <u>12</u>] Both the claims and abstract must start on a new page. (See MPEP § 608.01(a) for information on the preferred arrangement) 5. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets <u>13</u>] 6. Inventor's Oath or Declaration [Total Pages _____] (including substitute statements under 37 CFR 1.64 and assignments serving as an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63(e)) a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) b. ☒ A copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) 7. ☒ Application Data Sheet * See note below. See 37 CFR 1.76 (PTO/AIA/14 or equivalent) 8. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table, or Computer Program (Appendix) ☐ Landscape Table on CD 9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, items a. – c. are required) a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on: i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. ☐ Paper c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies	ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PAPERS
	10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) Name of Assignee _____ 11. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(c) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee) 12. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable) 13. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) ☐ Copies of citations attached 14. ☐ Preliminary Amendment 15. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP § 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 16. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 17. ☐ Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or equivalent. 18. ☐ Other: _____

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		Application Number	
Title of Invention	MODULAR FIBRE OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD		
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	Continuation of	16143831	2018-09-27

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Abstract

A fiber optic cassette system is disclosed comprising a case defining a tray receiving space and an opening to a space, a tray received within the case for movement between a stored position wherein the tray is inside the case and an accessible position wherein a front end of the tray is in front of the opening and outside of the case, fiber optic cassettes arrangeable side by side along the tray front end, a first of the cassettes comprising a width of one of one, two, three, four or six standard width units and a second of the cassettes comprising a width different from the first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four or six standard width units, and a fastener for removeably the cassettes to the tray. When arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

Claims

1. A modular fiber optic cassette system, the system comprising:
a case comprising a top and a bottom wall and two opposed side walls, each of said sidewalls attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall, said walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space;
at least one tray slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space;
a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of said set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of said cassettes comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units; and
a fastener for removeably securing each of said cassettes to said tray wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.
2. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side.
3. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on

a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle.

4. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit.

5. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said system is for mounting in a rack and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets, one of said brackets attached to each of said sidewalls on either side of an outside of said case, said mounting brackets for securing said case to the rack.

6. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray is manufactured from a ferrous metal and said fastener comprises a magnet.

7. The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.

8. A method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:

defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by said standard width unit;

selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having a plurality of different widths, wherein each of said

different widths is evenly divisible by said standard width unit; and
releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray;
wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly
adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

9. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said set of cassettes comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

10. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said selected cassettes all comprise the same width.

11. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width.

12. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units.

13. The method for organising a tray of Claim 11, wherein said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 16/143,831 filed on September 27, 2018 and claims priority under 35 USC §119(e) of US provisional application serial No. 62/567,339 filed on October 3, 2017 which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a modular fiber optic cassette, system and method. In particular, the present invention relates to a fiber optic cassette comprising a width of one or more standard width units and such that fiber optic cassettes of different widths can be arranged on the same tray while optimizing the use of tray space.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The prior art discloses fiber optic cassettes or splice boxes for use in terminating fiber optic trunk cables and splitting them out to patch cables which are removeably arranged on tray systems within a rack mounted case. One drawback of these cassettes and tray systems is that they are typically preconfigured to terminate fiber optic cables comprising a single predetermined number of optic fibers. Another drawback is that cassettes which are used to terminate fiber optic cables comprising different numbers of optic fibers are generally incompatible with one another and additionally require trays with different spacing, securing mechanisms and the like.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] In order to address the above and other drawbacks there is provided a modular fiber optic cassette system. The system comprises a case comprising a top and a bottom wall and two opposed side walls, each of the sidewalls attached between respective side edges of the top and bottom wall, the walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each the wall together defining an opening to the tray receiving space, at least one tray slideably received within the tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein the tray is completely inside the tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of the tray is in front of the opening and outside of the tray receiving space, a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along the tray front end wherein each of the cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of the set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of the cassettes comprising a second cassette width different from the first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units, and a fastener for removeably securing each of the cassettes to the tray. When arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

[0004] Additionally, there is provided a method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system. The method comprises defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by the standard width unit, selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having a plurality of different widths, wherein each of the different widths is evenly divisible by the standard width unit, and releasably securing the selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray. When arranged on

the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] Figure 1 provides a right front perspective view of a modular fiber optic cassette and system mounted in a rack and in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention;

[0006] Figures 2A and 2B provide respectively a raised right front perspective view and a lowered right front perspective view of a modular fiber optic cassette in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention;

[0007] Figure 3 provides a front plan view of a modular fiber optic cassette system mounted in a rack in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention;

[0008] Figures 4A through 4D provide raised right front perspective views of a tray populated with respectively six (6), four (4), three (3) and two (2) cassettes of different widths;

[0009] Figure 5A, 5B and 5C provide front plan views of a modular fiber optic cassette and system mounted in a rack respectively in accordance with first, second and third alternative embodiments of the present invention;

[0010] Figures 6A and 6B provide respectively a raised right front perspective view and a lowered right front perspective view of a modular fiber optic cassette in accordance with an alternative illustrative embodiment of the present invention; and

[0011] Figures 7A and 7B provide respectively a raised right front perspective view

of a tray comprising a plurality modular fiber optic cassettes and a pair of cable management brackets and lowered right front perspective view of a cable management bracket in accordance with a second alternative illustrative embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS

[0012] Referring now to Figure 1, a modular cassette system, generally referred to using the reference numeral 10, will now be described. The modular cassette comprises a slideable tray 12 illustratively mounted within a case 14. The case 14 comprises a top wall 16, a bottom wall 18 and a pair of opposed side walls 20 defining a tray receiving space 22 therebetween. The case 14 is illustratively mounted to the rails 24 of a rack via a pair of mounting brackets 26 wherein one of the brackets 26 is attached to an outer surface 28 of a respective one of the sidewalls 20. The front edges 30 of the walls 16, 18, 20 define an opening via which the tray receiving space 22 can be accessed. In a particular illustrated embodiment the system 10 is shown for mounting in a 19" rack, however in a particular embodiment the system 10, with suitable modifications, may be mounted equally in a cross connect system, fiber bay or wall mount or the like.

[0013] Referring to Figures 2A and 2B in addition to Figure 1, the tray 12 receives a plurality of removable fiber optic module or cassettes 32 arranged side by side on an upper surface 34 thereof. In a first embodiment each fiber optic cassette 32 is secured to the tray 12 using a fastener comprising tabs 36 of inverted "T" cross section which engage with respective slots 38 machined or otherwise formed in the tray 12. A flexible tab 40 is also provided which comprises a boss 42 that engages a respective aperture 44 machined or otherwise formed in the tray 12 when the tabs 36 are engaged within their respective slots 38, thereby releasably securing the cassette 32 to the tray 12. In order to better orient the cassette 36 on the tray during installation, the tray 12 comprises a raised shoulder 46 which is received within a

channel 48 moulded or otherwise formed in an underside 50 of the cassette 32.

[0014] Still referring to Figures 2A and 2B, each cassette 32 illustratively comprises a plurality of receptacle modules 52 each comprising a plurality of receptacles 54, illustratively LC Quad type receptacles, arranged in a row and exposed along a forward edge 56 of the cassette 32. The cassette 32 also illustratively terminates a fiber optic cable 58, such as a trunk cable or the like, comprising a plurality of optic fibers at a multi-fiber connector receiving receptacle 60 on a rearward edge. Each optic fiber of the fiber optic cable 58 is interconnected with a respective one of the receptacles 54 using an optic fiber segment 62 comprising a receptacle end which is terminated by a plug 64. The segments 62, which are typically longer than the distance between the forward edge and the rearward edge, are typically looped several times within the cassette 32, for example in a serpentine or the like. A person of ordinary skill in the art will understand that an optic fiber terminated with a plug (not shown) inserted into a selected one of the receptacles 54 will interconnect the optic fiber with a selected optic fiber segment 62.

[0015] Referring now to Figure 3 and Figures 4A through 4D, as discussed above, each cassette 32 illustratively comprises a plurality of receptacle modules 52 each comprising four (4) receptacles 54. It is foreseen to provide a set of four (4) different cassette sizes to accommodate terminating fiber optic cables comprising different number of optic fibers. Each of the different cassette sizes of the set is based on an integer multiple of a standardised pitch or width unit W wherein one standardized width unit accommodates a single receptacle module 52 comprising four (4) receptacles 54. Illustratively, a $2W$ cassette 32 comprising two (2) modules 52 accommodating eight (8) optic fibers (Figure 4A) is provided, a $3W$ cassette 32 comprising three (3) modules 52 accommodating twelve (12) optic fibers (Figure 4B) is provided, a $4W$ cassette 32 comprising four (4) modules 52 accommodating sixteen (16) optic fibers (Figure 4C) is provided and a $6W$ cassette 32 comprising six (6) modules 52 accommodating twenty-four (24) optic fibers (Figure 4D) is

provided for. The 2W, 3W, 4W and 6W cassettes 32 are typically used only with like cassettes 32 as illustrated and such that respectively six (6), four (4), three (3) and two (2) cassettes fit snugly side by side on the 12W tray, although in a particular embodiment cassettes 32 of different widths could be used together.

[0016] Although the present illustrative embodiment In a particular embodiment the pitch/width W is based on a LC Quad (SC Duplex) technology footprint comprising four (4) connectors, in an alternative embodiment the pitch/width W could be based on a different technology footprint, including SC Duplex comprising two (2) connectors and MPO type connectors comprising *inter alia* multiple optic fibers such as MPO-12, MPO-16 and MPO-24.

[0017] Still referring to Figures 3, 4A through 4D in addition to Figure 1, a person of ordinary skill in the art will now understand that the disclosed system of cassettes 32 can be used to accommodate optic fiber cables 58 comprising different numbers of optic fibers 62 while ensuring that the same number of optic fibers 62 are accessible via the exposed receptacles 54.

[0018] Referring back to Figure 1, the spacing between adjacent slots 38 as well as the spacing between adjacent apertures 44 conforms to the standardised width unit W and such that the 2W, 3W, 4W and 6W cassettes 32 can be readily accommodated on the tray.

[0019] Referring now to Figure 5A, in a first alternative embodiment of the system each receptacle modules 52 comprises a duplex type module arranged vertically. Additionally in a first cassette size four (4) of such duplex modules 52 are provided to provide for eight (8) receptacles 54 for terminating a fiber optic cable (not shown) comprised of eight (8) optic fibers. Similar to the first embodiment discussed above, sizes for twelve (12), sixteen (16) and twenty four (24) receptacles are also provided. Again, as the width of the cassettes is an integer multiple of the same pitch/width,

cassettes of different widths can be used in the same tray system or in some cases on the same tray without modification or changing the density of the receptacles 54 for terminating optic fibres.

[0020] Referring now to Figure 5B, in a second alternative embodiment of the system each receptacle modules 52 comprises a Quad type module arranged vertically. In a first cassette size two (2) of such quad modules 52 are provided to provide for eight (8) receptacles 54 for terminating a fiber optic cable (not shown) comprised of eight (8) optic fibers. Cassettes comprising three (3), four (4) and six (6) quad type modules 52 are provided to provide respectively twelve (12), sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24) receptacles. Again, as the width of the cassettes is an integer multiple of the same pitch/width, cassettes of different widths can be used in the same tray system or in some cases on the same tray without modification or changing the density of the receptacles 54 for terminating optic fibres.

[0021] Referring now to Figure 5C, in a third alternative embodiment of the system each receptacle modules 52 comprises a duplex type module arranged horizontally in two rows. In a first cassette size four (4) of such duplex modules 52 are provided to provide for eight (8) receptacles 54 for terminating a fiber optic cable (not shown) comprised of eight (8) optic fibers. Cassettes comprising six (6), eight (8) and twelve (12) duplex type modules 52 are provided to provide respectively twelve (12), sixteen (16) and twenty-four (24) receptacles. Again, as the width of the cassettes is an integer multiple of the same pitch/width, cassettes of different widths can be used in the same tray system or in some cases on the same tray without modification or changing the density of the receptacles 54 for terminating optic fibres.

[0022] Referring now to Figures 6A and 6B in addition to Figure 1, in an alternative embodiment of an assembly for securing the cassettes 32 to the tray 12 the tray 12 is manufactured from a ferrous material such as steel or the like and the fastener comprises a magnet 66 which is attracted to the tray and embedded or otherwise

secured within a recess 68 formed in the underside 50 of the cassette 32. The tray 12, further comprises a series of spaced slots 70 arranged along the raised shoulder 46 which engage bosses 72 to ensure correct positioning of the cassettes 32 on the tray 12.

[0023] Referring now to Figure 7A in a second alternative illustrative embodiment other equipment, such as a cable management bracket 74 can be provided with the same width W and such that they can be mounted to together with the cassettes 32 to the tray 12. In this regard, and with reference to Figure 7B in addition to Figure 7, the cable management bracket 74 is provided with tabs 76 comprising an inverted “T” cross section which engage with engage a slot 38 on the tray 12. A flexible tab 78 is provided which comprises a boss 80 that engages one of the apertures 44 in the tray 12 when the tab 76 is engaged within its respective slot 38, thereby releasably securing the cable management bracket 74 to the tray 12. In order to better orient the cable management bracket 74 on the tray during installation, the raised shoulder 46 of the tray 12 is received within a channel 82 moulded or otherwise formed in the underside 84 of the cable management bracket 74. Additionally, each cable management bracket 74 includes a cable management loop 86 for receiving a plurality of optic fibres (not shown) which are terminated at respective ones of the receptacles 54. A flexible strip 88 across the mouth of the cable management loop 86 is provided to releasably retain the plurality of optic fibers within the loop 86.

[0024] Although the present invention has been described hereinabove by way of specific embodiments thereof, it can be modified, without departing from the spirit and nature of the subject invention as defined in the appended claims.

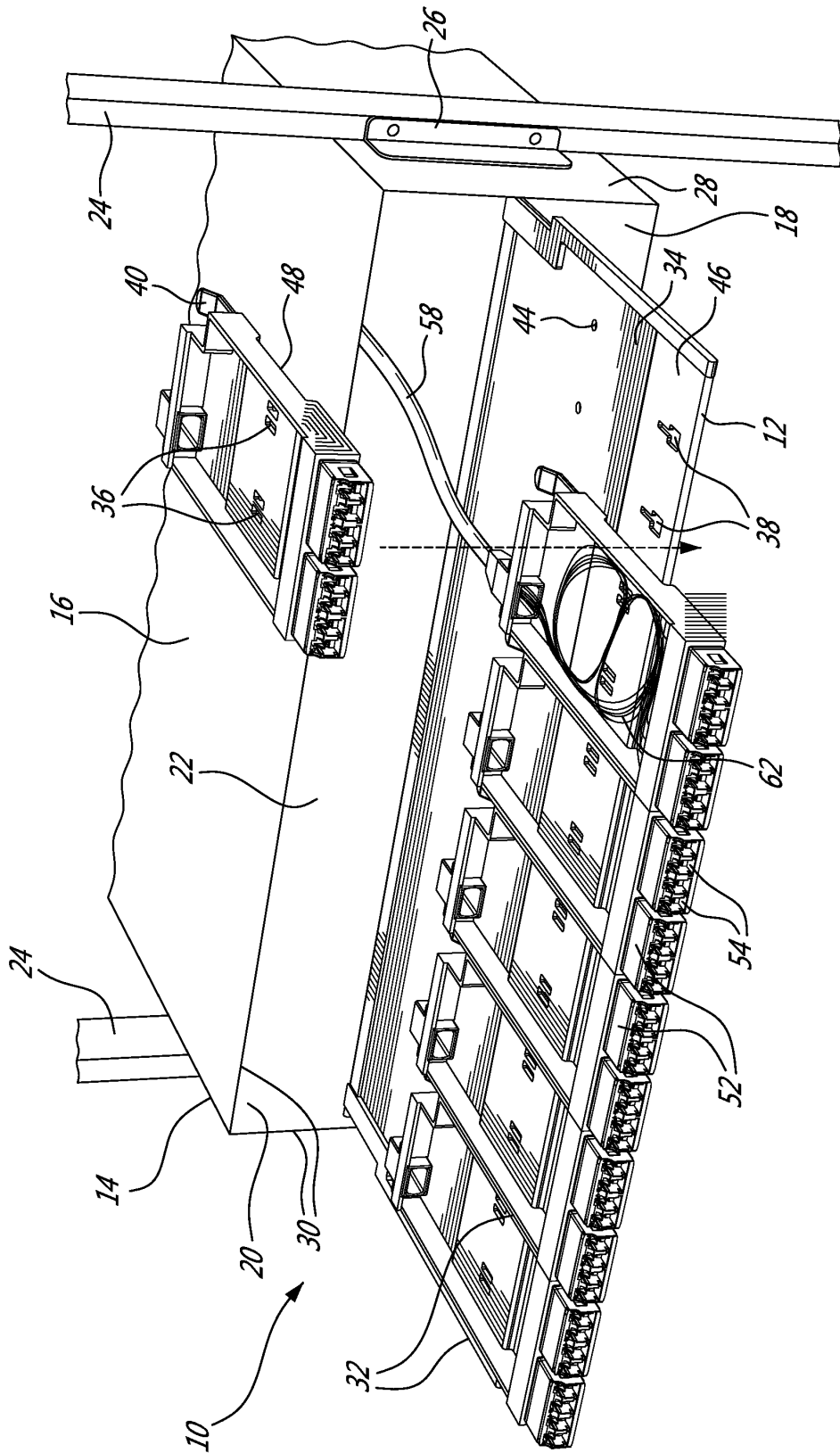


FIG. 1

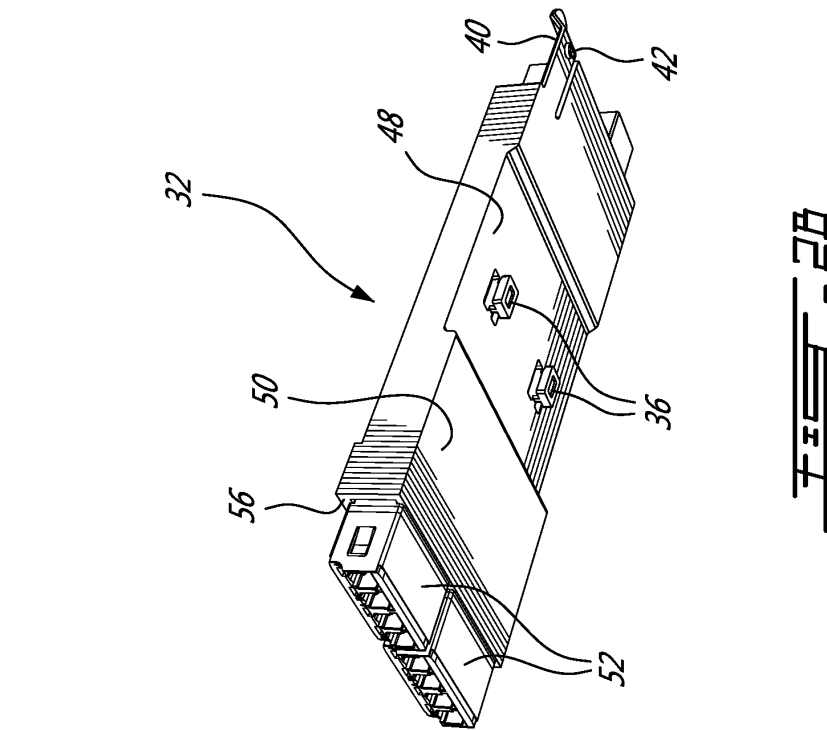


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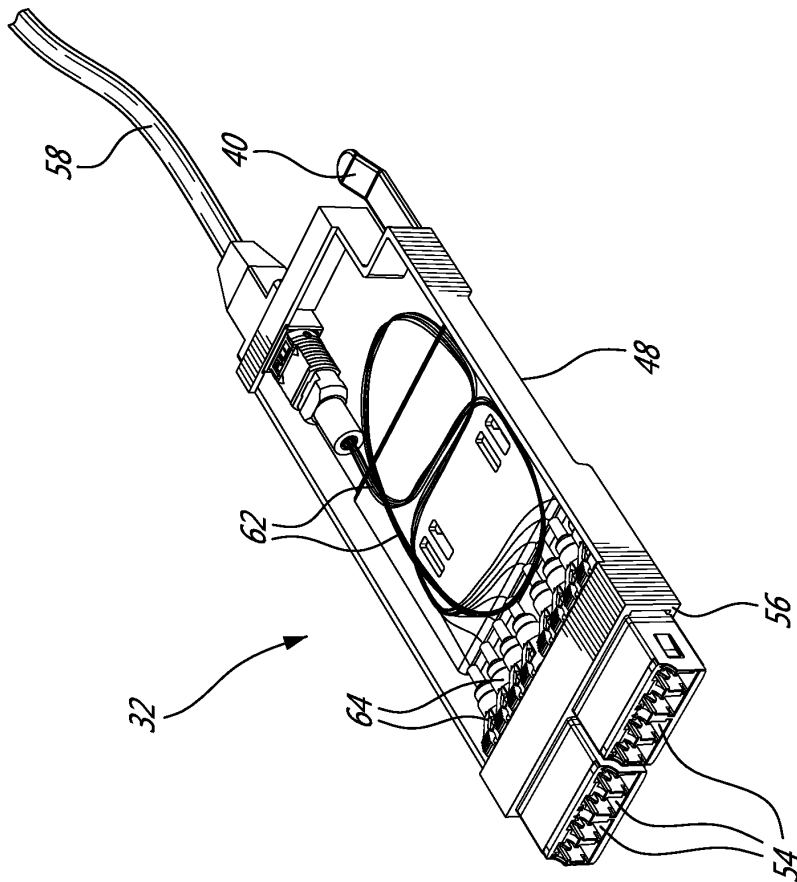


FIG. 2A



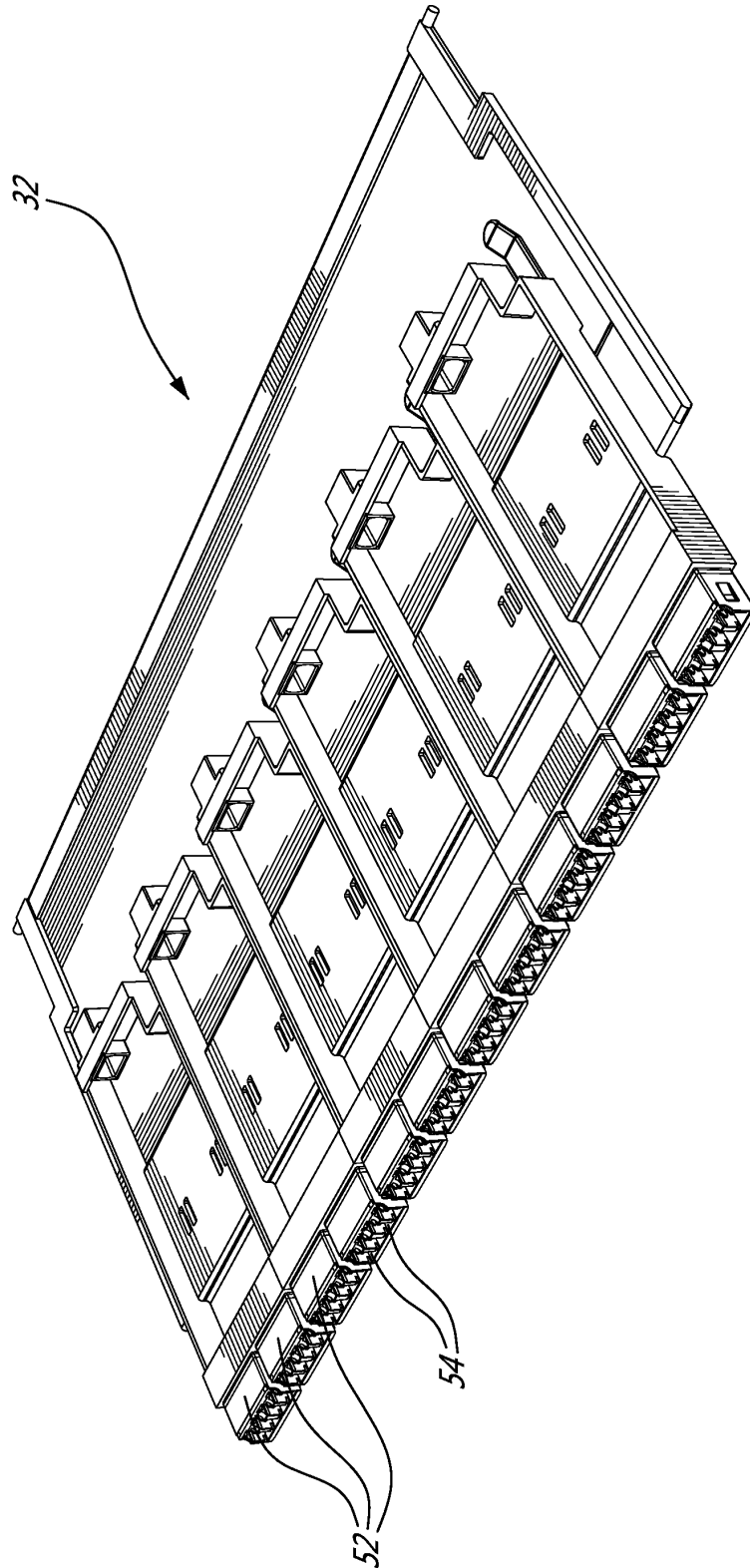


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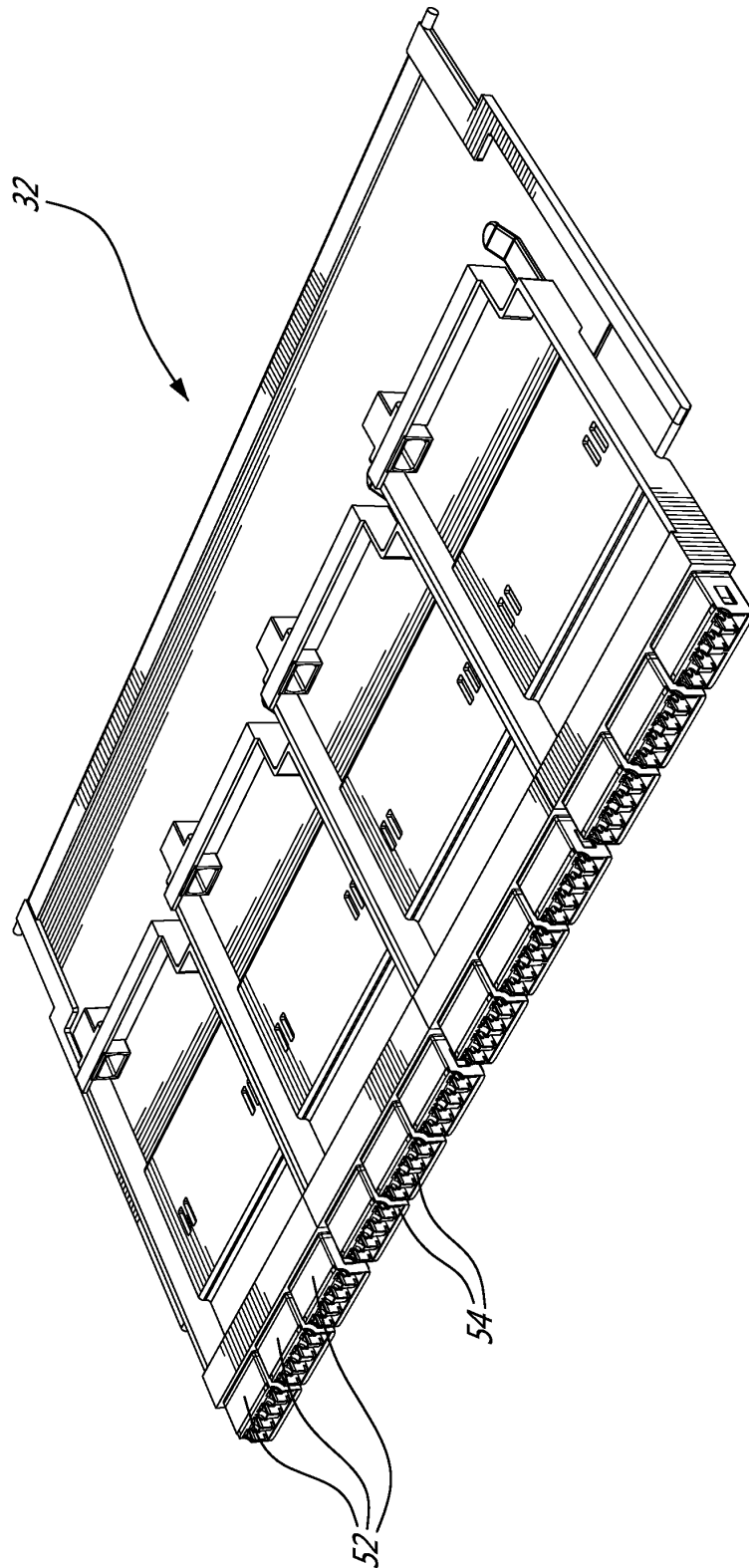


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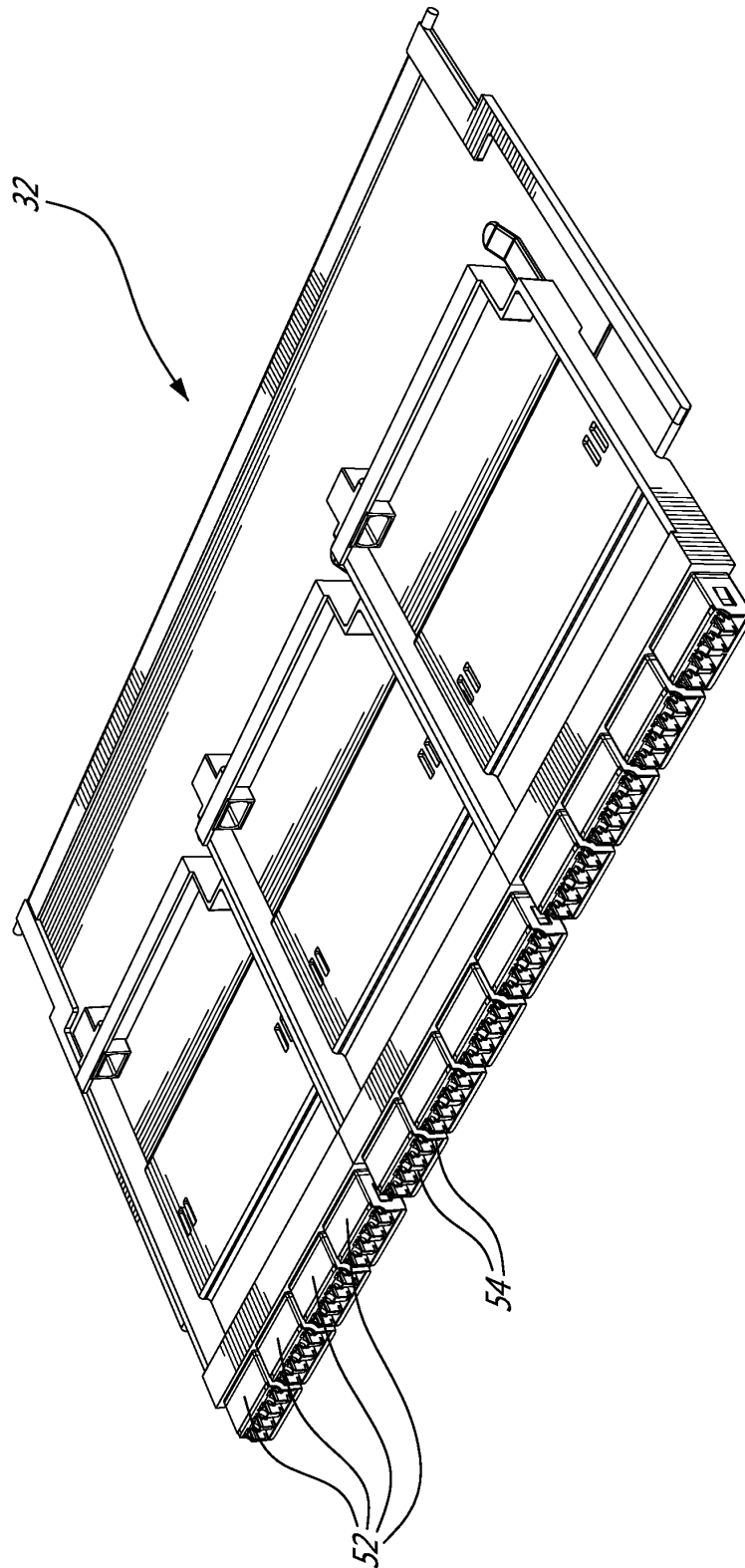


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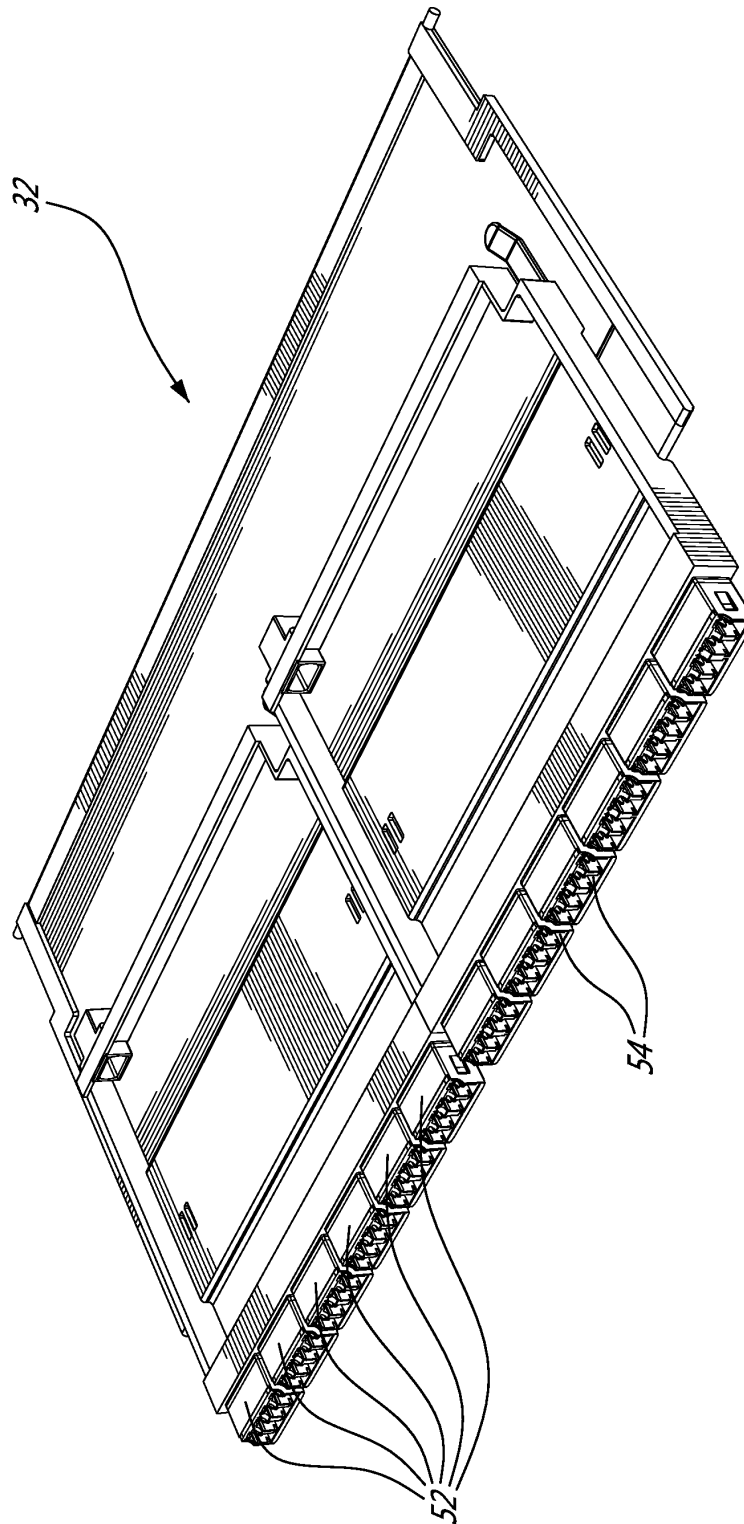
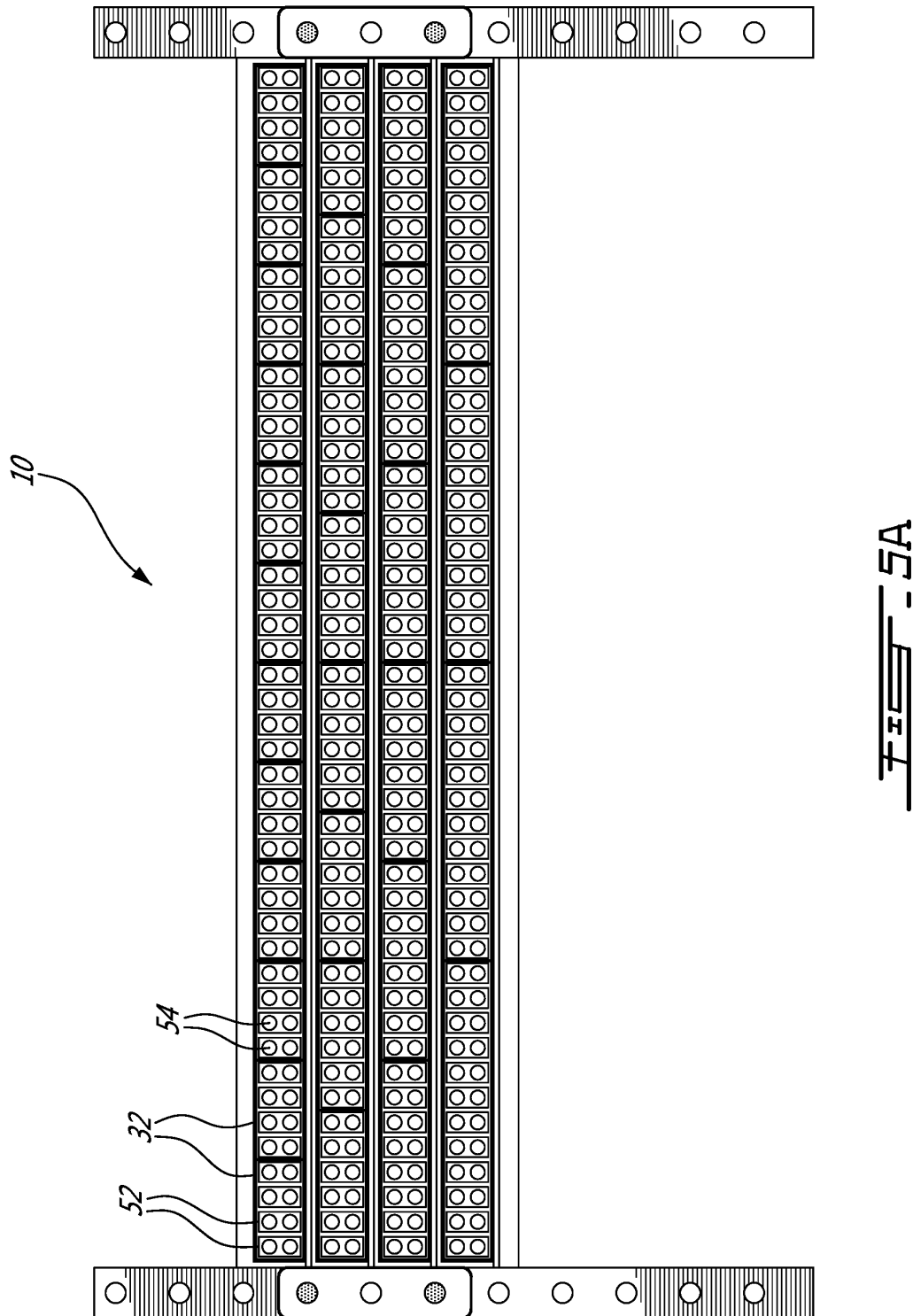
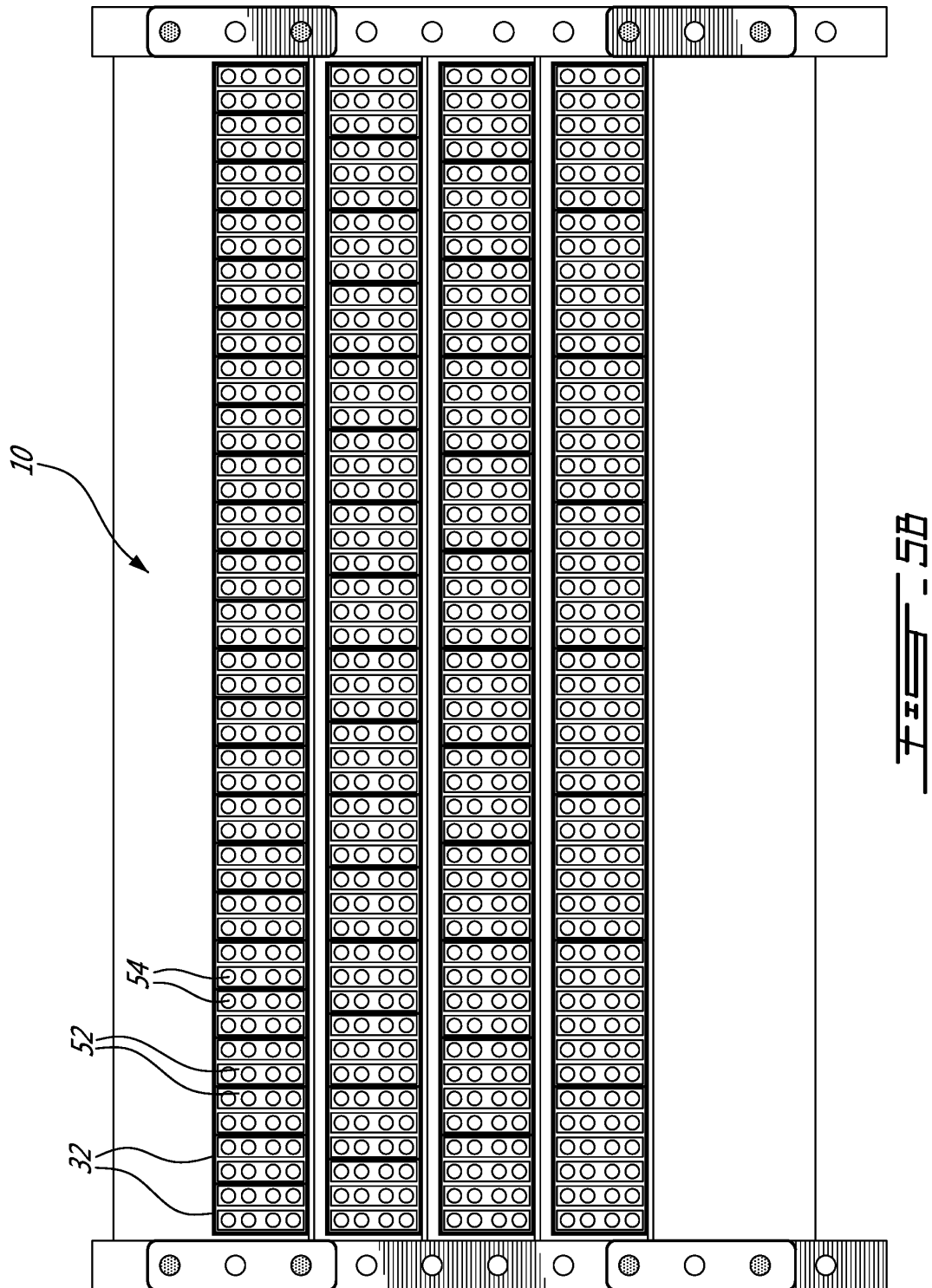
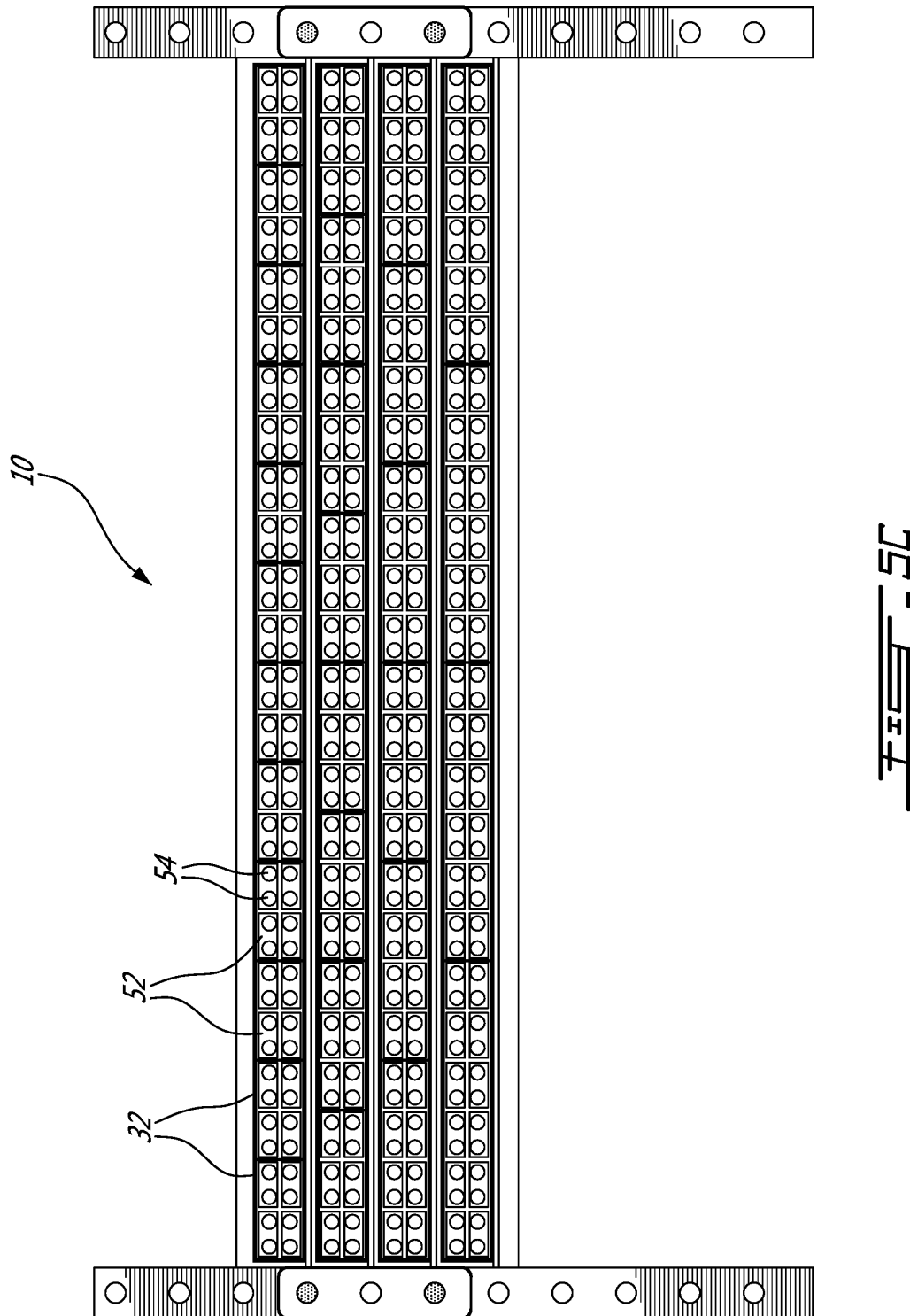


FIG. 40







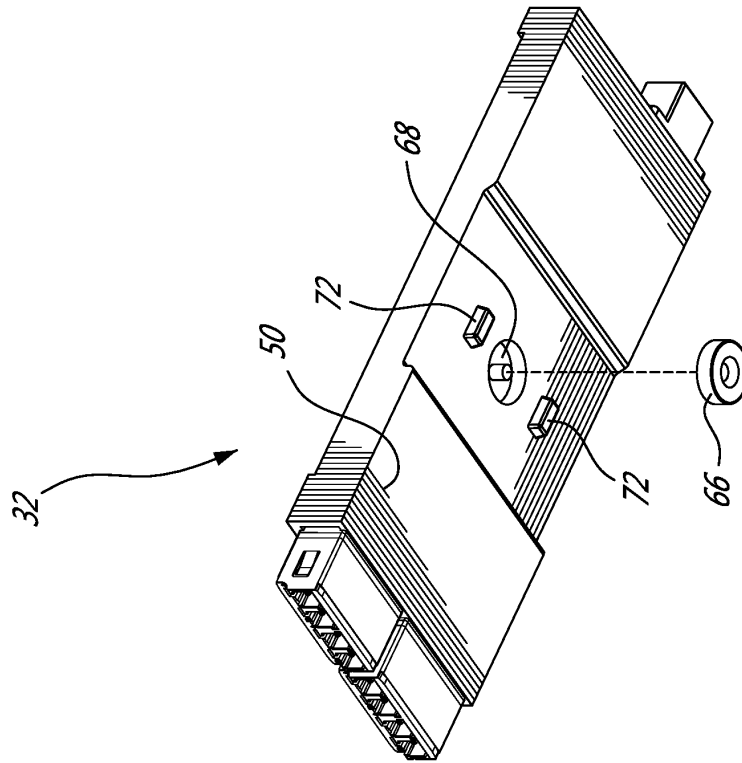


FIG. 6B

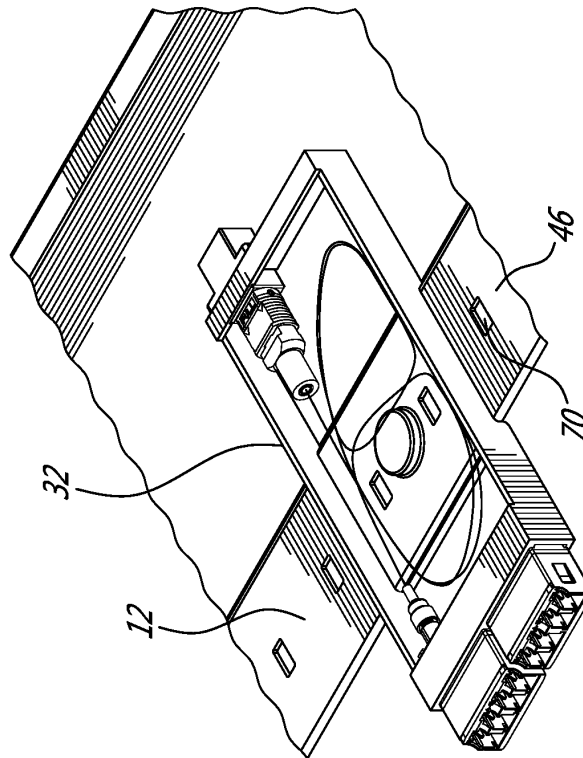


FIG. 6A

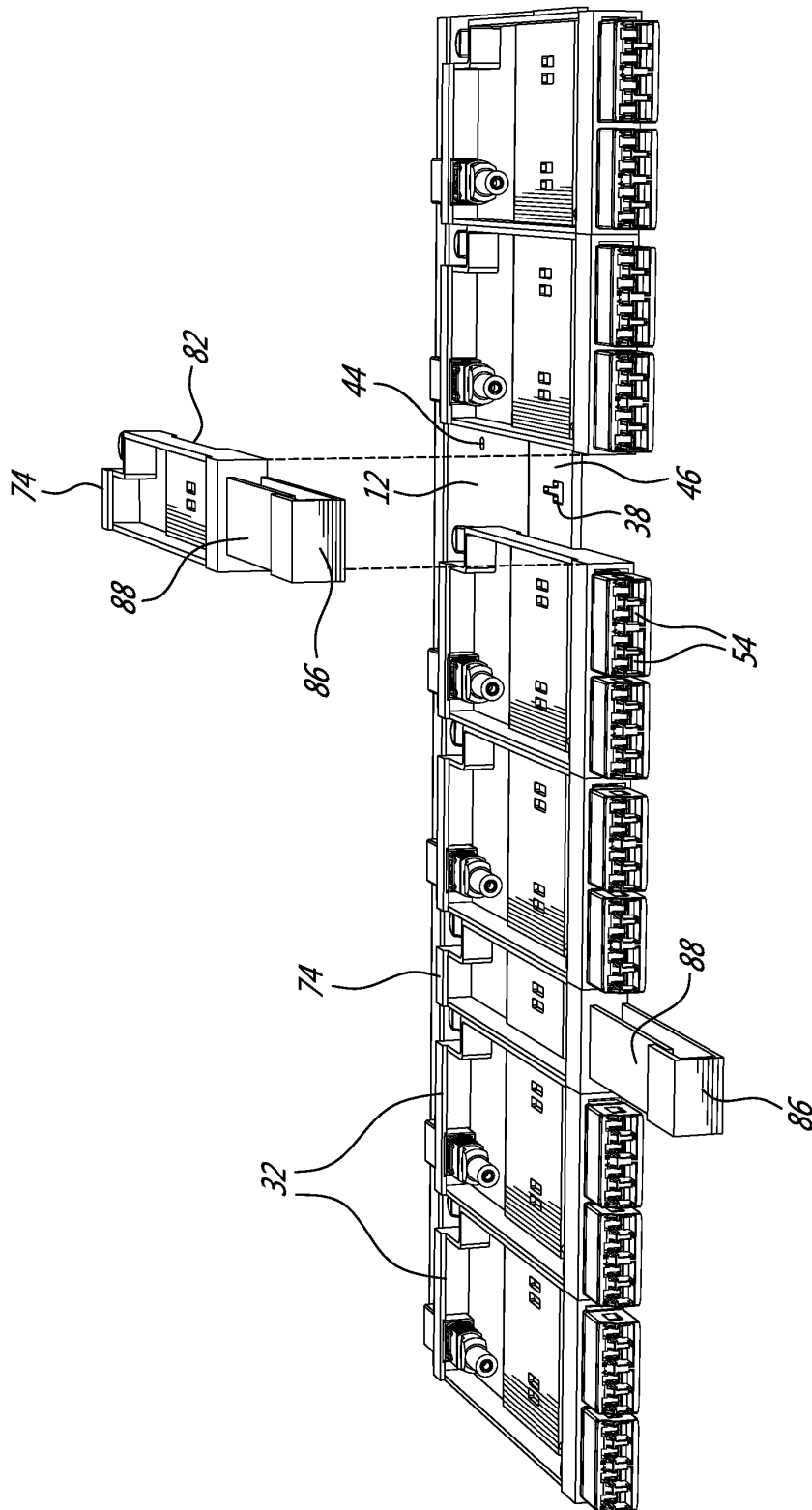


FIG. 7A

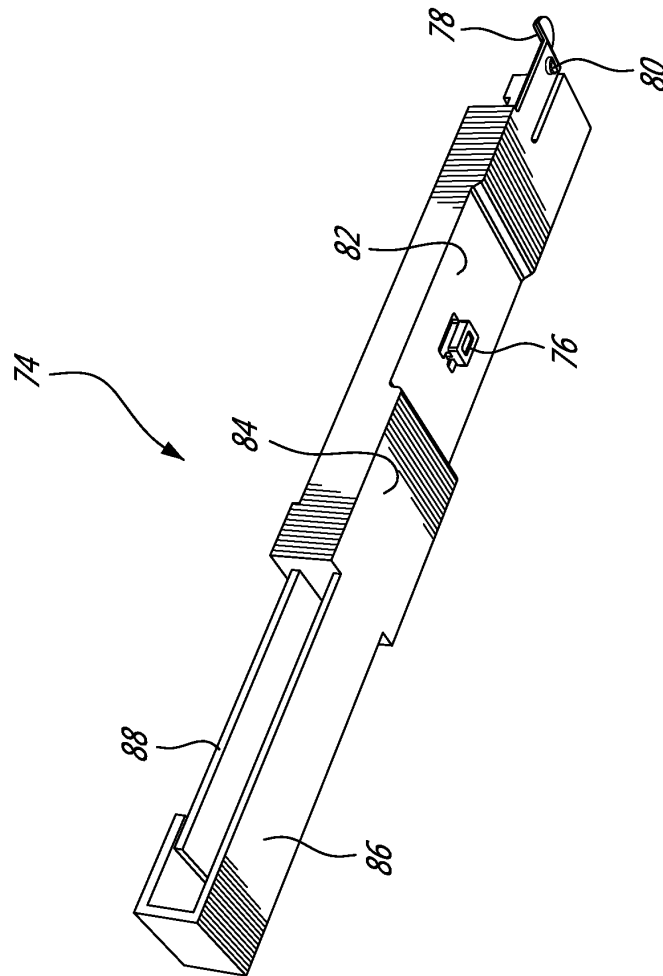
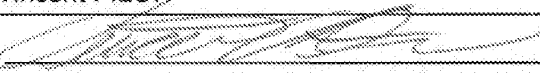


FIG. 7B

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☐ There are unspecified percentages of ownership. The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title and interest are:

Additional Statement(s) by the owner(s) holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for the entire right, title, and interest.

3. ☐ The assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made). The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title, and interest are:

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4. ☐ The recipient, via a court proceeding or the like (e.g., bankruptcy, probate), of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete transfer of ownership interest was made). The certified document(s) showing the transfer is attached.

The interest identified in option 1, 2 or 3 above (not option 4) is evidenced by either (choose **one** of options A or B below):

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet(s).

☒ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(c)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/HUGH MANSFIELD/

Signature

HUGH MANSFIELD

Printed or Typed Name

OCTOBER 4, 2018

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55757

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

UNIVERSAL

WHEREAS, I/We, 1) Vincent PILON whose full address is 1) 850, 40e avenue, Lachine, Québec H8T 2G6, Canada (hereinafter referred to as the Assignors); have invented MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD described in U.S. Patent Application No. 16/143,831 filed on September 27, 2018 which claims priority on U.S. Patent Application No. 62/567,339 filed on October 3, 2017. I/We hereby authorize and request my/our patent agent to insert missing information above and information regarding any additional application covering the same invention when known here in parentheses (Country Canada, Application number 3,019,081, filed September 27, 2018, Country _____, Application number _____, filed _____);

and:

WHEREAS, BELDEN CANADA INC., whose full post office address is 2310 Alfred Nobel, Saint-Laurent, Québec H4S 2B4, Canada (hereinafter referred to as the Assignee), is desirous of acquiring my/our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions and in and to any and all patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/We have and by these present do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, my/our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications based thereon filed in any foreign country, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and under the Paris Convention; also my/our entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention or inventions, and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitute application(s) or supplementary disclosure(s) which may be

filed upon said invention or inventions, in any country; and I/We hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said Assignee.

I/We further agree without any payment by said Assignee other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said Assignee, its representatives or agents, any facts useful as evidence for interference purposes or for other proceedings relating to intellectual property encompassing the invention, whenever requested; testify in any interference, litigation or other proceedings, whenever requested; and execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective, and likewise make these provisions binding upon my/our heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns.

Les soussignés désirent que la présente cession soit en anglais. The undersigned request that the present assignment be in English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal.

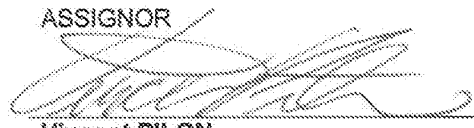
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Signature of authorized representative
of BELDEN CANADA INC.

W. MILETTE, INC.

Name of authorized representative of
BELDEN CANADA INC.

Dir. R&D Networking Community

Title of authorized representative of
BELDEN CANADA INC.

The Assignment is executed *nunc pro tunc* as of October 3, 2017.

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That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

OR

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See attached certification statement.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.

☒ A certification statement is not submitted herewith.

SIGNATURE

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.

Signature	/Hugh Mansfield/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2020-09-02
Name/Print	Hugh Mansfield	Registration Number	55757

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I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the application identified in the attached statement under 37 CFR 3.73(c).

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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Signature		Date	August 31, 2020
Name	Brian E. Anderson	Telephone	314-854-8035
Title	Secretary		

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		Application Number	17/010,113
Title of invention	~~MODULAR FIBRE OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD~~ MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD		
The application data sheet is part of the provisional or nonprovisional application for which it is being submitted. The following form contains the bibliographic data arranged in a format specified by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as outlined in 37 CFR 1.76. This document may be completed electronically and submitted to the Office in electronic format using the Electronic Filing System (EFS) or the document may be printed and included in a paper filed application.			

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☐ Portions or all of the application associated with this Application Data Sheet may fall under a Secrecy Order pursuant to 37 CFR 5.2 (Paper filers only. Applications that fall under Secrecy Order may not be filed electronically.)

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	Application Number	17/010,113
Title of Invention	~~MODULAR FIBRE OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD~~ MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD	

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		Application Number	17/010,113
Title of Invention	~~MODULAR FIBRE OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD~~ MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD		

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)Applicant/Patent Owner: BELDEN CANADA ULCApplication No./Patent No.: 17/010,113 Filed/Issue Date: September 2, 2020Titled: MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHODBELDEN CANADA ULC, a Corporation

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Hugh Mansfield/

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-13 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2).

Re. Claim 1, Sedor et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette system 50 (Fig 1A; col. 4 lines 14-16), the system comprising:

a case 100 comprising a top wall 102 and a bottom wall 112 and two opposed side walls 104/106, each of said sidewalls 104/106 attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall 102/112, said walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space (Figs 1A and 2A-2C; col. 4 lines 36-51);

at least one tray 120 slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray 120 is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray 120 is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space (Figs 1A, 1B, and 5; col. 4 lines 62-67; col. 5 lines 1-22);

a set of fiber optic cassettes 30/40, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first 40 of said set of cassettes 30/40 comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e. first cassette 40 has a width of two standard width units; Figs 9-10) and a second of said cassettes 30 comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e. second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units) (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47); and

a fastener 180 for removeably securing each of said cassettes 30/40 to said tray 120 (Figs 6B and 7-10; col. 5 lines 23-47),

wherein when arranged on the tray 120, each of said fiber optic cassettes 30/40 is directly adjacent at least one other fiber optic cassette 30/40 (Figs 7-10).

It is of note, for purposes of Sedor et al, one standardized width unit accommodates four receptacles, as in the current invention.

Also, “directly adjacent” is not specifically defined by Applicant’s disclosure, and therefore interpreted according to the broadest reasonable interpretation of the phrase. Broadly, the term “adjacent” in reference to objects requires the objects be in the general vicinity of each other. “Directly adjacent” is interpreted as requiring a smaller distance between objects (as opposed to “adjacent”), but does not preclude intervening structure between the objects, and instead only requires the objects are placed closely together. The cassettes of Sedor et al, while having rails placed therebetween, are nonetheless situated very close to each other and therefore meet the claim limitation of being “directly adjacent.”

Re. Claim 2, Sedor et al discloses said tray 120 has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side (Figs 7-10; col. 5 lines 35-51).

Re. Claim 3, Sedor et al discloses each of said cassettes 30/40 comprises a multi-fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-31).

Re. Claim 4, Sedor et al discloses each of said cassettes 30/40 comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47).

Re. Claim 5, Sedor et al discloses said system 50 is for mounting in a rack 2/4 and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets 108, one of said brackets 108 attached to each of said sidewalls 104/106 on either side of an outside of said case 100, said mounting brackets 108 for securing said case 100 to the rack 2/4 (Fig 1A; col. 4 lines 51-54).

Re. Claim 8, Sedor et al discloses a method for organizing a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:

defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by said standard width unit (col. 1 lines 24-32);

selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes 30/40 having a plurality of different widths (i.e. cassette 40 of Figs 9-10 has a width of two standard width units; second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units), wherein each of said different widths is evenly divisible by said standard width unit (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47); and

releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray 120 (Figs 6B and 7-10; col. 5 lines 23-47);

wherein when arranged on the tray 120, each of said fiber optic cassettes 30/40 is directly adjacent at least one other selected fiber optic cassette 30/40 (Figs 7-10).

Re. Claim 9, Sedor et al discloses said set of cassettes 30/40 comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e.

cassette 40 of Figs 9-10 has a width of two standard width units; second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units) (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47).

Re. Claim 10, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes all comprise the same width, for example Figures 7 and 8 show the tray filled with cassettes 30 while Figures 9-10 show the tray filled with cassettes 40.

Re. Claim 11, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width, for example when a tray 120 is rearranged to accommodate cassettes having a different size from those previously installed on the tray (col. 5 lines 35-47).

Re. Claim 12, Sedor et al discloses the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units (Figs 7-10; col. 5 lines 35-51).

Re. Claim 13, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette 20 comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width (Figs 11-12; col. 4 lines 19-31; col. 5 lines 48-51).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating

obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 6 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2) and Nelson et al (US 4,792,203).

Re. Claim 6, Sedor et al discloses the modular fiber optic cassette system as discussed above. Additionally, Sedor et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette 30/40 for releasably securing to a tray 120, comprising:

an elongate rectangular optic fiber receiving housing (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35);

a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged in a row along a front of said housing (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-26);

a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle on a rear thereof (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-26);

a plurality of optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle (col. 1 lines 21-23; col. 4 lines 23-26); and

a fastener 180 secured to an underside of said housing (i.e. an outer bottom edge of the housing slides and is retained on a portion of the fastener 180 (Figs 6B and 26A-26B; col. 7 lines 1-29).

In Sedor et al, the fastener 180 is a rail that is removeably coupled to the tray 120, specifically protrusions on the rail mate with holes on the tray (Figs 5, 6B, 7-10, and 13A-13C; col. 5 lines 23-67; col. 6 lines 1-4). Sedor et al does not disclose alternative coupling means, such as magnetic coupling, between the fastener 180 and the tray 120. That is to say, Sedor et al does not disclose the tray being fabricated from a *ferrous metal* and the fastener comprising a *magnet*.

The use of a magnetic coupling arrangement for attaching a magnetic rail to a metallic tray surface is well known in the optical arts, as seen by Nelson et al. Nelson et al discloses a magnetic rail 60/62 for coupling to a ferrous metal tray 24 (Fig 6; col. 5 lines 24-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize a metal tray and a fastener comprising a magnet in the system of Sedor et al, since the same is a well-known arrangement of the art as evidences by Nelson et al, and is capable of achieving the attachment/detachment/reattachment nature of the fastener as desired by Sedor et al.

The claim would have been obvious because the substitution of one known element for another (i.e. the substitution of magnetized fastening means for protrusion/aperture fastener means) would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 USPQ2d 1385 (2007).

Claim 7 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2) and Giraud et al (US 2016/0062050 A1).

Re. Claim 7, Sedor et al discloses the modular fiber optic cassette system of as discussed above.

However, Sedor et al does not disclose the system as further comprising *at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.*

Giraud et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising a case 300 (Fig 3A; [0060]) for retaining at least one slideable tray 100 (Figs 2A and 2B; [0056]-[0057]), the tray 100 comprising a plurality of cassettes 10 (Figs 1A, 2A-2B, and [0053]) and at least one elongate cable management bracket 400 (Figs 6-7; [0066]) attached thereto, the cable management bracket 400 comprising a cable loop and a fastener 422 for removeably securing said at least one bracket 400 to said tray 100 (Figs 6-7; [0067]), said bracket 400 having a bracket width of one of said standard width

units ([0066]) and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette (Fig 7).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was effectively filed to include the cable management bracket of Giraud et al in the system of Sedor et al, since Giraud et al discloses the cable management bracket provides the network operator flexibility in the optical network to make moves, adds, and changes to transmission protocol as desired while maintaining a neat and orderly cable deployment and routing for the data center (Giraud et al: [0065]).

While Giraud et al discloses a cable loop is formed at the forward end of the bracket 400 (i.e. cable looped from adapter 418 through cut-out 411; Fig 6-7; [0066]-[0067]), Giraud et al fails to disclose *a cable management loop* to support said cable loop.

The use of management loops to support a looped length of optical cable is well known in the art, and commonly used to impact structural stability of the cable loop, thereby minimizing damage to the cable. The claimed cable management loop would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill for the purpose of minimizing damage to the optical cable of Giraud et al. “A person of ordinary skill is also a person of ordinary creativity, not an automaton” – “[w]hen there is a design need or market pressure to solve a problem and there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions, a person of ordinary skill has good reason to pursue the known options within his or her technical grasp. If this leads to the anticipated success, it is likely the product not of

innovation but of ordinary skill and common sense.” *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 USPQ2d 1385 (2007).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See the attached PTO-892, which lists modular fiber optic cassette trays known in the prior art.

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 10, 2021 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on December 10, 2021.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims have been amended as follows: Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ indicate deletions.

Listing of claims:

1. (original) A modular fiber optic cassette system, the system comprising:
a case comprising a top and a bottom wall and two opposed side walls, each of said sidewalls attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall, said walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space;
at least one tray slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space;
a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of said set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of said cassettes comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units; and
a fastener for removeably securing each of said cassettes to said tray;
wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly

adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

2. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side.

3. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle.

4. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit.

5. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said system is for mounting in a rack and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets, one of said brackets attached to each of said sidewalls on either side of an outside of said case, said mounting brackets for securing said case to the rack.

6. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray is manufactured from a ferrous metal and said fastener comprises a magnet.

7. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable

management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.

8. (original) A method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:

defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by said standard width unit;

selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having a plurality of different widths, wherein each of said different widths is evenly divisible by said standard width unit; and

releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray;

wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

9. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said set of cassettes comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

10. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said selected cassettes all comprise the same width.

11. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width.

12. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 8, wherein the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units.

13. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 11, wherein said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 remain in the case. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)(2)

Claims 1-5 and 8-13 have been rejected as being anticipated by Sedor et al. ("US 10,215,944") under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

Claim 1 claims a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising *inter alia* a first set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second cassette comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

Sedor et al. discloses a modular fiber optic tray comprising fiber optic modules which are configured to engage with rails. In particular with reference to Fig. 7, Fig. 9 and Fig. 11 Sedor et. al. discloses respectively two 12-optical fiber modules (30), three 8-optical fiber modules (40) and single 24-optical fiber module (20) all which fit in the same space of the tray. If, as characterized by the Examiner in his Official Action, each 8-optical fiber module (40) is of two unit widths 2U, the 12-optical fiber modules (30) would not have a width of 3U. Indeed, as clearly shown in the figures, the 3 8-optical fiber modules (40) and 2 rails (180) occupy the same space as 2 12-optical fiber modules (40) and a single rail (180), or $3 \times 2U + 2 \times (\text{width of rail}) = 2 \times \text{width of 12-optical fiber modules (40)} + \text{width of rail}$, or width of 12-optical fiber modules (40) = $3U + \frac{1}{2}$ the width of a rail (180).

Clearly, therefore, Sedor et al. fails to disclose a system where the cassettes have the dimensions of the those as claimed at Claim 1.

Additionally, the optical fiber modules cannot be said to be directly adjacent to at least one other selected cassette. In this regard, Applicant notes that all of the modules of Sedor et al. are separated by a rail. Applicant also notes that according to the Examiner, on a broadest reasonable interpretation, “directly adjacent” would not preclude an intervening structure between the objects. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Indeed, such an interpretation effectively assigns no weight to the adjective “directly”. Applicant also submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art would clearly understand that the modification of adjacent by “directly” was clearly intended to exclude any intervening structure, and such that, although the cassettes may be separated by a relatively small gap, cassettes which are “directly adjacent” are almost touching or touching without any intervening structure.

Applicant submits, therefore, that Sedor et al. fails to disclose a system where the cassettes are directly adjacent to one another as claimed at Claim 1.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Sedor et al. and therefore an allowable claim. A similar argument applies to Claim 8 which Applicant submits is also not anticipated by Sedor et al. and therefore is also an allowable claim.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor et al. and Nelson et al. (“US 4,792,203”). Similarly, Claim 7 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor et al. and Giraud et al. (“US 2016/0062050”).

Nelson et al. discloses an optical fiber distribution apparatus comprising a plurality of stacked spools. Giraud et al. discloses a fiber optic equipment comprising a plurality of modules. Similar to Sedor et al., the modules are mounted on a tray using features such as rails which are positioned between the modules.

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Nelson et al. and Giraud et al. add nothing which addresses the limitations of the disclosure of Sedor et al.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that neither Claim 6 nor Claim 7 are rendered obvious by Sedor et al, Nelson et al. and Giraud et al. taken either alone or in combination and therefore that Claims 6 and 7 are both allowable claims.

As the remaining claims all depend from an allowable claim, Applicant submits that they, too, are allowable claims.

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present remarks and the introduction of new claims. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/10/21 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues Sedor et al (US 10,215,944) fails to disclose a system where the cassettes have the dimensions as required by the claim. For example, Applicant argues if module 40 is of 2 unit widths, module 30 does not have a width of 3 unit widths, and instead has a width of 3 unit widths plus half the width of a rail 180. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

The unit width of a module is not determined by its relationship with respect to a rail mounted on the same tray, but instead by the definitions set forth by the Specification.

Paragraph [0015] of the Specification defines one standardized width unit accommodates a single receptacle module comprising four receptacles. In the Figures of the Specification, a 2W cassette 32 comprising two (2) modules 52 accommodating eight (8) optic fibers (Figure 4A) is provided, a 3W cassette 32 comprising three (3) modules 52 accommodating twelve (12) optic fibers (Figure 4B) is provided.

In Sedor et al, module 40 accommodates eight receptacles, and therefore using Applicant's definition as provided in [0015], is two standard unit widths. Similarly,

module 30 accommodates twelve receptacles, and therefore using Applicant's definition as provided in [0015], and therefore is three standards widths.

For these reasons, Applicant's arguments filed 12/10/21 are unpersuasive, and the rejection as set forth in the Office Action mailed 9/10/21 is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(2) the claimed invention was described in a patent issued under section 151, or in an application for patent published or deemed published under section 122(b), in which the patent or application, as the case may be, names another inventor and was effectively filed before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-13 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) as being anticipated by Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2).

Re. Claim 1, Sedor et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette system 50 (Fig 1A; col. 4 lines 14-16), the system comprising:

a case 100 comprising a top wall 102 and a bottom wall 112 and two opposed side walls 104/106, each of said sidewalls 104/106 attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall 102/112, said walls together defining a tray receiving

space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space (Figs 1A and 2A-2C; col. 4 lines 36-51);

at least one tray 120 slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray 120 is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray 120 is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space (Figs 1A, 1B, and 5; col. 4 lines 62-67; col. 5 lines 1-22);

a set of fiber optic cassettes 30/40, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first 40 of said set of cassettes 30/40 comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e. first cassette 40 has a width of two standard width units; Figs 9-10) and a second of said cassettes 30 comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e. second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units) (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47); and

a fastener 180 for removeably securing each of said cassettes 30/40 to said tray 120 (Figs 6B and 7-10; col. 5 lines 23-47),

wherein when arranged on the tray 120, each of said fiber optic cassettes 30/40 is directly adjacent at least one other fiber optic cassette 30/40 (Figs 7-10).

It is of note, for purposes of Sedor et al, one standardized width unit accommodates four receptacles, as in the current invention.

Also, “directly adjacent” is not specifically defined by Applicant’s disclosure, and therefore interpreted according to the broadest reasonable interpretation of the phrase. Broadly, the term “adjacent” in reference to objects requires the objects be in the general vicinity of each other. “Directly adjacent” is interpreted as requiring a smaller distance between objects (as opposed to “adjacent”), but does not preclude intervening structure between the objects, and instead only requires the objects are placed closely together. The cassettes of Sedor et al, while having rails placed therebetween, are nonetheless situated very close to each other and therefore meet the claim limitation of being “directly adjacent.”

Re. Claim 2, Sedor et al discloses said tray 120 has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side (Figs 7-10; col. 5 lines 35-51).

Re. Claim 3, Sedor et al discloses each of said cassettes 30/40 comprises a multi-fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-31).

Re. Claim 4, Sedor et al discloses each of said cassettes 30/40 comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47).

Re. Claim 5, Sedor et al discloses said system 50 is for mounting in a rack 2/4 and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets 108, one of said brackets 108 attached to each of said sidewalls 104/106 on either side of an outside of said case 100,

said mounting brackets 108 for securing said case 100 to the rack 2/4 (Fig 1A; col. 4 lines 51-54).

Re. Claim 8, Sedor et al discloses a method for organizing a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:

defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by said standard width unit (col. 1 lines 24-32);

selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes 30/40 having a plurality of different widths (i.e. cassette 40 of Figs 9-10 has a width of two standard width units; second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units), wherein each of said different widths is evenly divisible by said standard width unit (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47); and

releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray 120 (Figs 6B and 7-10; col. 5 lines 23-47);

wherein when arranged on the tray 120, each of said fiber optic cassettes 30/40 is directly adjacent at least one other selected fiber optic cassette 30/40 (Figs 7-10).

Re. Claim 9, Sedor et al discloses said set of cassettes 30/40 comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units (i.e. cassette 40 of Figs 9-10 has a width of two standard width units; second cassette 30 of Figs 7-8 has a width of three standard width units) (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35; col. 5 lines 39-47).

Re. Claim 10, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes all comprise the same width, for example Figures 7 and 8 show the tray filled with cassettes 30 while Figures 9-10 show the tray filled with cassettes 40.

Re. Claim 11, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width, for example when a tray 120 is rearranged to accommodate cassettes having a different size from those previously installed on the tray (col. 5 lines 35-47).

Re. Claim 12, Sedor et al discloses the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units (Figs 7-10; col. 5 lines 35-51).

Re. Claim 13, Sedor et al discloses said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette 20 comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width (Figs 11-12; col. 4 lines 19-31; col. 5 lines 48-51).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103 are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating

obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claim 6 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2) and Nelson et al (US 4,792,203).

Re. Claim 6, Sedor et al discloses the modular fiber optic cassette system as discussed above. Additionally, Sedor et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette 30/40 for releasably securing to a tray 120, comprising:

an elongate rectangular optic fiber receiving housing (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 19-35);

a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged in a row along a front of said housing (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-26);

a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle on a rear thereof (Figs 7-10; col. 4 lines 23-26);

a plurality of optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle (col. 1 lines 21-23; col. 4 lines 23-26); and

a fastener 180 secured to an underside of said housing (i.e. an outer bottom edge of the housing slides and is retained on a portion of the fastener 180 (Figs 6B and 26A-26B; col. 7 lines 1-29).

In Sedor et al, the fastener 180 is a rail that is removeably coupled to the tray 120, specifically protrusions on the rail mate with holes on the tray (Figs 5, 6B, 7-10, and 13A-13C; col. 5 lines 23-67; col. 6 lines 1-4). Sedor et al does not disclose alternative coupling means, such as magnetic coupling, between the fastener 180 and the tray 120. That is to say, Sedor et al does not disclose the tray being fabricated from a *ferrous metal* and the fastener comprising a *magnet*.

The use of a magnetic coupling arrangement for attaching a magnetic rail to a metallic tray surface is well known in the optical arts, as seen by Nelson et al. Nelson et al discloses a magnetic rail 60/62 for coupling to a ferrous metal tray 24 (Fig 6; col. 5 lines 24-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize a metal tray and a fastener comprising a magnet in the system of Sedor et al, since the same is a well-known arrangement of the art as evidences by Nelson et al, and is capable of achieving the attachment/detachment/reattachment nature of the fastener as desired by Sedor et al.

The claim would have been obvious because the substitution of one known element for another (i.e. the substitution of magnetized fastening means for protrusion/aperture fastener means) would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 USPQ2d 1385 (2007).

Claim 7 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Sedor et al (US 10,215,944 B2) and Giraud et al (US 2016/0062050 A1).

Re. Claim 7, Sedor et al discloses the modular fiber optic cassette system of as discussed above.

However, Sedor et al does not disclose the system as further comprising *at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.*

Giraud et al discloses a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising a case 300 (Fig 3A; [0060]) for retaining at least one slideable tray 100 (Figs 2A and 2B; [0056]-[0057]), the tray 100 comprising a plurality of cassettes 10 (Figs 1A, 2A-2B, and [0053]) and at least one elongate cable management bracket 400 (Figs 6-7; [0066]) attached thereto, the cable management bracket 400 comprising a cable loop and a fastener 422 for removeably securing said at least one bracket 400 to said tray 100 (Figs 6-7; [0067]), said bracket 400 having a bracket width of one of said standard width units ([0066]) and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette (Fig 7).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was effectively filed to include the cable management bracket of Giraud et al in the system of

Sedor et al, since Giraud et al discloses the cable management bracket provides the network operator flexibility in the optical network to make moves, adds, and changes to transmission protocol as desired while maintaining a neat and orderly cable deployment and routing for the data center (Giraud et al: [0065]).

While Giraud et al discloses a cable loop is formed at the forward end of the bracket 400 (i.e. cable looped from adapter 418 through cut-out 411; Fig 6-7; [0066]-[0067]), Giraud et al fails to disclose *a cable management loop* to support said cable loop.

The use of management loops to support a looped length of optical cable is well known in the art, and commonly used to impact structural stability of the cable loop, thereby minimizing damage to the cable. The claimed cable management loop would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill for the purpose of minimizing damage to the optical cable of Giraud et al. “A person of ordinary skill is also a person of ordinary creativity, not an automaton” – “[w]hen there is a design need or market pressure to solve a problem and there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions, a person of ordinary skill has good reason to pursue the known options within his or her technical grasp. If this leads to the anticipated success, it is likely the product not of innovation but of ordinary skill and common sense.” *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 USPQ2d 1385 (2007).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. PEACE whose telephone number is (571)272-8580. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Uyen-Chau Le can be reached on (571) 272-2397. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Serial No.:	17/010,113	Group Art:	2874
Filing Date:	September 2, 2020	Examiner:	Rhonda S. Peace
Title:	MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD		

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2021 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Early response to the Office Action is due on February 21, 2022.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims have been amended as follows: Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ indicate deletions.

Listing of claims:

1. (original) A modular fiber optic cassette system, the system comprising:
 - a case comprising a top and a bottom wall and two opposed side walls, each of said sidewalls attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall, said walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space;
 - at least one tray slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space;
 - a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of said set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of said cassettes comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units; and
 - a fastener for removeably securing each of said cassettes to said tray;
- wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

2. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side.

3. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle.

4. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit.

5. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said system is for mounting in a rack and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets, one of said brackets attached to each of said sidewalls on either side of an outside of said case, said mounting brackets for securing said case to the rack.

6. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray is manufactured from a ferrous metal and said fastener comprises a magnet.

7. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.

8. (original) A method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:

defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by said standard width unit;
selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having a plurality of different widths, wherein each of said different widths is evenly divisible by said standard width unit; and
releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray;
wherein when arranged on the tray each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent at least one other selected cassette.

9. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said set of cassettes comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

10. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said selected cassettes all comprise the same width.

11. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width.

12. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units.

13. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 12, wherein said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 remain in the case.

In his response to arguments part, the Examiner States "... [t]he unit width of a module is not determined by its relationship with respect to a rail mounted on the same tray, but instead by the definitions set forth by the Specification." The Examiner continues on to find that as paragraph [0015] provides that a single receptacle accommodates four receptacles, then it is the presence of four receptacles that define the width, not the actual width, and therefore Sedor *et al.*, which comprises 8 receptacles, discloses "two standard widths".

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of width and her finding that paragraph [0015] defines the width in terms of the number of receptacles. Indeed, nowhere does the specification define width in such a fashion. In particular, such a definition of width makes no sense when viewed in respect to Claim 8, and where the standard width is defined in terms of a width of a front edge of a tray on which the cassettes are secured.

Clearly, therefore, a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the width of a cassette is simply the width of the cassette from side to side and not some other "dimension" such as the number of receptacles or the like.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)(2)

Claims 1-5 and 8-13 have been rejected as being anticipated by Sedor *et al.* ("US 10,215,944") under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

Claim 1 claims a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising *inter alia* a first set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second cassette comprising a second cassette width different from said first cassette

width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

Sedor et al. discloses a modular fiber optic tray comprising fiber optic modules which are configured to engage with rails. In particular with reference to Fig. 7, Fig. 9 and Fig. 11 Sedor et. al. discloses respectively two 12-optical fiber modules (30), three 8-optical fiber modules (40) and single 24-optical fiber module (20) all which fit in the same space of the tray. If, as characterized by the Examiner in his Official Action, each 8-optical fiber module (40) is of two unit widths $2U$, the 12-optical fiber modules (30) would not have a width of $3U$. Indeed, as clearly shown in the figures, the 3 8-optical fiber modules (40) and 2 rails (180) occupy the same space as 2 12-optical fiber modules (40) and a single rail (180), or $3*2U + 2*(\text{width of rail}) = 2*\text{width of 12-optical fiber modules (40)} + \text{width of rail}$, or width of 12-optical fiber modules (40) = $3U + \frac{1}{2}$ the width of a rail (180).

Clearly, therefore, Sedor et al. fails to disclose a system where the cassettes have the dimensions of the those as claimed at Claim 1.

Additionally, the optical fiber modules cannot be said to be directly adjacent to at least one other selected cassette. In this regard, Applicant notes that all of the modules of Sedor et al. are separated by a rail. Applicant also notes that according to the Examiner, on a broadest reasonable interpretation, “directly adjacent” would not preclude an intervening structure between the objects. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Indeed, such an interpretation effectively assigns no weight to the adjective “directly”. Applicant also submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art would clearly understand that the modification of adjacent by “directly” was clearly intended to exclude any intervening structure, and such that, although the cassettes may be separated by a relatively small gap, cassettes which are “directly adjacent” are almost touching or touching without any intervening structure.

Applicant submits, therefore, that Sedor et al. fails to disclose a system where the cassettes are directly adjacent to one another as claimed at Claim 1.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Sedor et al. and therefore an allowable claim. A similar argument applies to Claim 8 which Applicant submits is also not anticipated by Sedor et al. and therefore is also an allowable claim.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor et al. and Nelson et al. ("US 4,792,203"). Similarly, Claim 7 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor et al. and Giraud et al. ("US 2016/0062050").

Nelson et al. discloses an optical fiber distribution apparatus comprising a plurality of stacked spools. Giraud et al. discloses a fiber optic equipment comprising a plurality of modules. Similar to Sedor et al., the modules are mounted on a tray using features such as rails which are positioned between the modules.

Nelson et al. and Giraud et al. add nothing which addresses the limitations of the disclosure of Sedor et al.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that neither Claim 6 nor Claim 7 are rendered obvious by Sedor et al, Nelson et al. and Giraud et al. taken either alone or in combination and therefore that Claims 6 and 7 are both allowable claims.

As the remaining claims all depend from an allowable claim, Applicant submits that they, too, are allowable claims.

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present remarks and the introduction of new claims. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

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d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____ (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

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Applicant argues a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the width of a cassette is simply the width of the cassette from side to side and not some other "dimension" such as the number of receptacles or the like. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

With respect to claim 8, the claim requires that the front edge of the tray is "substantially evenly divisible" by the standard width unit. Applicant's arguments regarding the modules widths as comprising a portion of the width of a rail (see pg. 6 filed 2/18/22) are unpersuasive, as they rely on the front edge of the tray being "evenly divisible" by the standard width unit. The claim does not impose such narrow requirements of the front edge of the tray.

Applicant argues the claimed term "directly adjacent" precludes arrangements such as Seder, where a rail separates adjacent cassettes. The Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Directly adjacent requires closely-placed objects. As identified by Applicant, one of ordinary skill would recognize cassettes may be separated by a small gap and still be considered "directly adjacent." The small gap allowed by this arrangement is not required by be empty.

For these reasons, Applicant's arguments are unpersuasive and the rejection is maintained.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2021 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Early response to the Office Action is due on February 21, 2022.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 21, 2021 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Final Office Action is due April 21, 2022 with a 1-Month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims have been amended as follows: Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ indicate deletions.

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A modular fiber optic cassette system, the system comprising:
a case comprising a top and a bottom wall and two opposed side walls, each of said sidewalls attached between respective side edges of said top and bottom wall, said walls together defining a tray receiving space there between and a forward edge of each said wall together defining an opening to said tray receiving space;
at least one tray slideably received within said tray receiving space for movement between a stored position wherein said tray is completely inside said tray receiving space and an accessible position wherein a front end of said tray is in front of said opening and outside of said tray receiving space;
a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of said set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of said cassettes comprising a second cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units; and
a fastener for removeably securing each of said cassettes to said tray;
wherein when arranged on the tray an outer side edge of each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent an outer side edge of at least one other selected cassette.

2. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray has a width dimensioned to receive at least twelve standard width units side by side.

3. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises a multi fiber connector receiving receptacle arranged on a rear thereof and a plurality of optic fibers, one of said optic fibers interconnecting a respective one of said optic plug receiving receptacles with said multi fiber connector receiving receptacle.

4. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein each of said cassettes comprises four fiber optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof for each standard width unit.

5. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said system is for mounting in a rack and further comprising a pair of mounting brackets, one of said brackets attached to each of said sidewalls on either side of an outside of said case, said mounting brackets for securing said case to the rack.

6. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, wherein said tray is manufactured from a ferrous metal and said fastener comprises a magnet.

7. (original) The modular fiber optic cassette system of Claim 1, further comprising at least one elongate cable management bracket comprising a cable management loop and a fastener for removeably securing said at least one bracket to said tray, said bracket having a bracket width of one of said standard width units and further wherein when installed on said tray adjacent an installed one of said cassettes, said cable management loop is positioned in front of and to a side of said plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles of said installed cassette.

8. (currently amended) A method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the method comprising:
defining a standard width unit wherein a width of the front edge is substantially evenly

divisible by said standard width unit;
selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having
a plurality of different widths as measured between respective outer side edges
thereof, wherein each of said different widths is evenly divisible by said standard
width unit; and
releasably securing said selected cassettes along the front edge of the tray;
wherein when arranged on the tray an outer side edge of each of said selected cassettes
is directly adjacent an outer side edge of at least one other selected cassette.

9. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said set of cassettes
comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

10. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said selected
cassettes all comprise the same width.

11. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein said selected
cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second
width different from said first width.

12. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 9, wherein the width of the
front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width
units.

13. (original) The method for organising a tray of Claim 12, wherein said selected
cassettes further comprise a third cassette comprising a third width different from said first width
and said second width.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 remain in the case.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended having regard to the Official Action. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to claim a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising *inter alia* a first of a set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof of one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of the cassettes comprising a second cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof different from the first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and wherein when arranged on a tray an outer side edge of each of the cassettes is directly adjacent an outer side edge of at least one other cassette. A similar amendment has been introduced into Claim 8. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in Figure 3 and the supporting text. at paragraph 15 of the specification as published.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)(2)

Claims 1-5 and 8-13 have been rejected as being anticipated by Sedor et al. ("US 10,215,944") under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

Claim 1 claims a modular fiber optic cassette system comprising *inter alia* a first set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second cassette comprising a second cassette width as measured between outer side edges thereof different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.

Sedor et al. discloses a modular fiber optic tray comprising fiber optic modules which are configured to engage with rails. In particular with reference to Fig. 7, Fig. 9 and Fig. 11 Sedor et. al. discloses respectively two 12-optical fiber modules (30), three 8-optical fiber modules (40) and single 24-optical fiber module (20) all which fit in the same space of the tray. If the 8-optical

fiber modules (40) each are assigned a width “2U” as measured between the outer side edges thereof, then the overall width of the three 8-optical fiber modules and two rails (180) is 6U plus the width of the two rails. However, as clearly shown in the figures, the three 8-optical fiber modules and two rails occupy the same space as two 12-optical fiber modules (40) and a single rail (180). As such, it is clear that each of the two 12-optical fiber modules would not have a width 3U, as required in order to fall within the scope of Claim 1 as amended, but rather a width of 3U plus the width of ½ the rail.

Clearly, therefore, Sedor *et al.* fails to disclose a system where the cassettes have the dimensions of the those as now claimed at Claim 1 as amended.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Sedor *et al.* and therefore an allowable claim. A similar argument applies to Claim 8 which Applicant submits is also not anticipated by Sedor *et al.* and therefore is also an allowable claim.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 6 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor *et al.* and Nelson *et al.* (“US 4,792,203”). Similarly, Claim 7 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sedor *et al.* and Giraud *et al.* (“US 2016/0062050”).

Nelson *et al.* discloses an optical fiber distribution apparatus comprising a plurality of stacked spools. Giraud *et al.* discloses a fiber optic equipment comprising a plurality of modules. Similar to Sedor *et al.*, the modules are mounted on a tray using features such as rails which are positioned between the modules.

Nelson *et al.* and Giraud *et al.* add nothing which addresses the limitations of the disclosure of Sedor *et al.*

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In view of the above, Applicant submits that neither Claim 6 nor Claim 7 are rendered obvious by Sedor et al, Nelson et al. and Giraud et al. taken either alone or in combination and therefore that Claims 6 and 7 are both allowable claims.

As the remaining claims all depend from an allowable claim, Applicant submits that they, too, are allowable claims.

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present remarks and the introduction of new claims. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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17/010,113	09/02/2020	VINCENT PILON	G13569-00485-HM	1019

TITLE OF INVENTION: MODULAR FIBER OPTIC CASSETTE, SYSTEM AND METHOD

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (Applications filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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The information collected by PTOL-85 Part B is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 17/010,113	Applicant(s) PILON, VINCENT	
	Examiner R. PEACE	Art Unit 2874	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 4/20/22.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 . As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____.	7. ☐ Other _____.
4. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date: <u>20220422</u> .	

/RHONDA S PEACE/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2874	
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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/20/22 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Hugh Mansfield (Reg. No. 55,757) on 4/22/22.

The application has been amended as follows:

9. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8-9, wherein said set of cassettes comprises cassettes comprising widths of one, two, three, four and six standard width units.
10. The method for organising a tray of Claim 8-9, wherein said selected cassettes all comprise the same width.

11. The method for organising a tray of Claim ~~8~~-9, wherein said selected cassettes comprise a first cassette having a first width and a second cassette having a second width different from said first width.
12. The method for organising a tray of Claim ~~8~~-9, wherein the width of the front edge is substantially evenly divisible by a maximum of twelve (12) of said standard width units.
13. The method for organising a tray of Claim ~~11~~-12, wherein said selected cassettes further comprise a third cassette comprising a third width different from said first width and said second width.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-13 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re. Claims 1-7, the prior art does not disclose or reasonably suggest a modular fiber optic cassette system, the system comprising a set of fiber optic cassettes, a selected plurality of the cassettes arrangeable side by side along said tray front end wherein each of said cassettes comprises a plurality of optic plug receiving receptacles arranged side by side in a row along a front thereof, a first of said set of cassettes comprising a first cassette width *as measured between outer side edges thereof* of one, two, three, four and six standard width units and a second of said cassettes comprising a second cassette width *as measured between outer side edges thereof* different from said first cassette width and one of one, two, three, four and six standard width units, wherein when arranged on the tray *an outer side edge of each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent an outer side edge at least one other selected cassette*, in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Re. Claims 8-13, the prior art does not disclose or reasonably suggest a method for organising a tray comprising a front edge in a fiber optic interconnect system, the

method comprising selecting a plurality of cassettes for installation on the tray from a set of cassettes having a plurality of different widths *as measured between respective outer side edges thereof*, wherein when arranged on the tray *an outer side edge of each of said selected cassettes is directly adjacent an outer side edge of least one other selected cassette*, in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

The most applicable prior art, Sedor et al. (US 10,215,944 B2), addressed in the Office Action mailed 12/21/21, fails to disclose or reasonably suggest the claimed invention, specifically those portions *highlighted* above in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims. When widths are measured from the outer side edges of the cassettes, Sedor et al. fails to disclose cassettes having the sizes required by the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See the attached PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. PEACE whose telephone number is (571)272-8580. The examiner can normally be reached 9-5 pm.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an

interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at <http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice>.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Uyen-Chau Le can be reached on (571) 272-2397. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/RHONDA S PEACE/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2874
4/22/22

<i>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</i>	Application No. 17/010,113	Applicant(s) PILON, VINCENT		
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All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	Title	Type
R. PEACE	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
Hugh Mansfield (Reg. No. 55,757)	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 22 April 2022

Issues Discussed:

Other

Applicant approved an examiner's amendment to correct the dependency of claims 9-13.

/RHONDA S PEACE/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2874	
Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04 Please further see: MPEP 713.04 Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews, paragraph (b) 37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing	

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Examiner recordation instructions: Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

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*	B	US-10795107-B2	10-2020	Pilon; Vincent	G02B6/46	1/1
*	C	US-10768387-B2	09-2020	Pilon; Vincent	G02B6/4455	1/1
*	D	US-10656359-B2	05-2020	Fontaine; Marc	G02B6/3825	1/1
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