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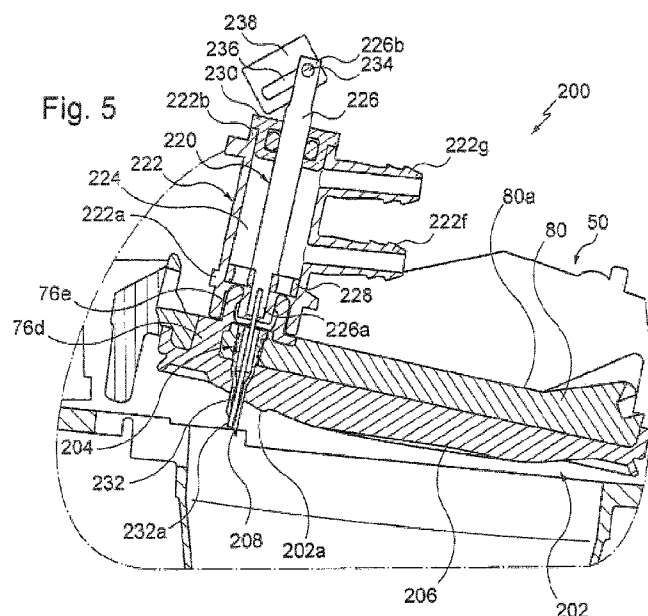
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(54) **Title:** A BEVERAGE PREPARATION MACHINE WITH AUTOMATIC CLEANING SYSTEM



(57) **Abstract:** The invention concerns a beverage preparation system (1) for preparing a beverage by injection of a liquid into an ingredient capsule, the beverage system comprising an ingredient capsule (54) and a beverage preparation machine (2, 200) having: - an injection unit (73; 204) with at least one inner through channel (75; 210) for injecting a liquid into the ingredient capsule; - operating means for causing the machine to prepare a beverage, characterized in that the machine further comprises a cleaning device (90; 220) for automatically cleaning said at least one inner through channel, said cleaning device being actuated by said operating means.



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