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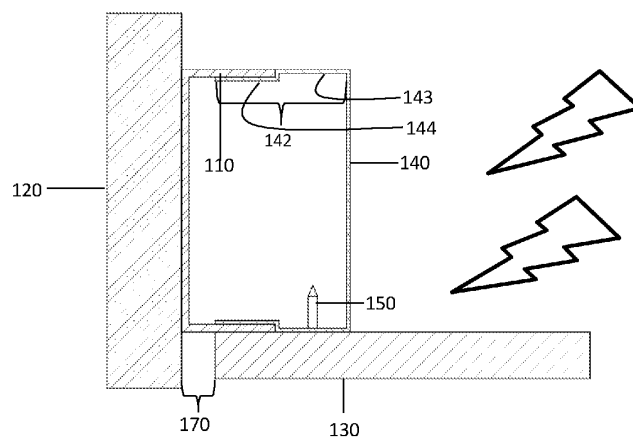


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: A guide-way stud 140 comprising a web 141 and two flanges 142 approximately parallel to each other and also approximately perpendicular to the web 141 is disclosed. Each of the flanges 142 is comprised of an upper portion 143 and a lower portion 144, wherein the distance between the flanges 142 in the lower portion 144 is lesser than the distance between the flanges 142 in the upper portion 143. The flanges 142 in the upper portion 143 and lower portion 144 are connected together by a connecting portion 145 approximately perpendicular to the upper portion 143 and lower portion 144. A partition wall structure 100 comprising the guide-way stud 140 is also disclosed wherein the reduced distance between the flanges 142 in the lower portion 144 of the guide-way stud 140 enables the lower portion 144 to be received within the wall channel 110 and the increased distance between the flanges 142 in the upper portion 143 of the guide-way stud 140 prevents the upper portion 143 from being received within the wall channel 110.

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