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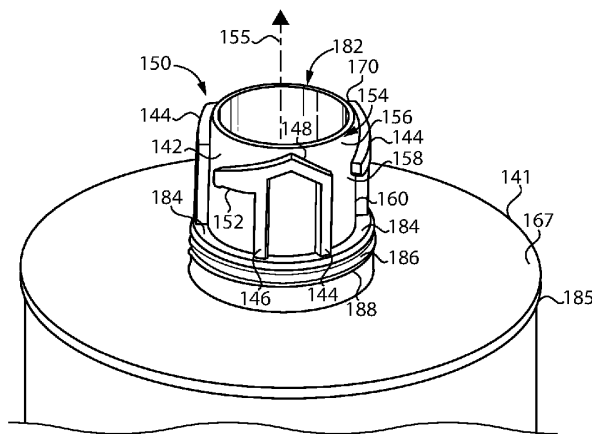


FIG. 8

(57) Abstract: A filter component (141) for a fluid system (10) includes a connector (182) having a peripheral surface (142) including a plurality of retention elements (144) each including a first tab stop surface (146), an end surface (148), and a rostrate overhang (151) including a second tab stop surface (152). A plurality of tab channels (154) are defined between adjacent ones of the retention elements and each include a tapered lead-in section (156), a middle section (158), and a securement section (160) extending in a circumferential direction from the middle section to the first tab stop surface.

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