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(54) Title: METHOD FOR PRE-STRESSING CRT TENSION MASK MATERIAL**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to a method for pre-stressing a CRT tension mask (24) to induce creep. The method includes the steps of applying a suitable force to the mask material to induce stress therein; heating the mask material to an ultimate temperature, for a sufficient time, while under stress, to induce creep; and cooling the material.

