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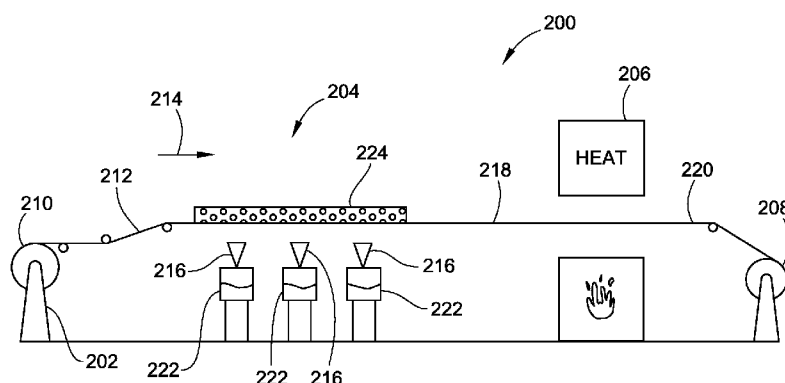


FIG. 14

(57) Abstract: A composite filter media includes an expanded substrate media carrying fine fibers, wherein the fine fibers are extended with the expanding substrate media, thereby improving dust holding capacity and slowing down pressure drop increase.