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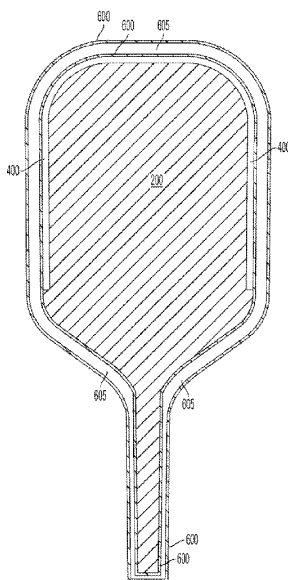


FIG. 7D

(57) Abstract: The present teachings generally include game paddles such as pickleball paddles. For example, a pickleball paddle disclosed herein may include a first surface, a second surface, and a core disposed therebetween, where the core defines a plurality of gaps that can accommodate one or more fillers, e.g., to provide vibration dampening and/or to otherwise affect performance, comfort, and enjoyment. In an example aspect, a gap is disposed on each side of the paddle near a throat portion thereof, where a first filler is inserted therein. The first filler may be viewable within such gaps — e.g., where an edge guard includes a window for viewing the first filler. A paddle according to the present teachings may have a frame (e.g., a frame that accommodates one or more gaps) or it may be frameless. In some aspects, a frame may also or instead include a filler disposed therein and/or adjacent thereto.

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