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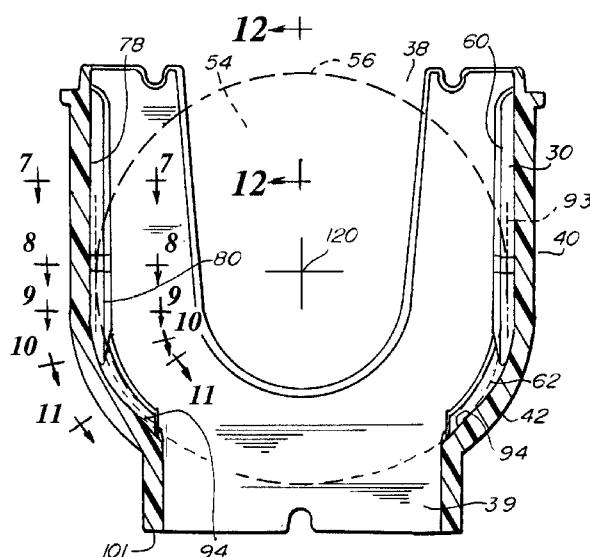
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(54) Title: UNIVERSAL DISK SHIPPER

**Fig. 6**

(57) Abstract: System, methods, and components includes an improved universal disk container for use in transporting, storing and processing data storage disks or other disk-shaped articles; a disk shipping system and method for shipping disks that allows stocking a minimal number of components while still allowing packaging and shipment of different thickness of disks and different capacities of disks in a container; and components that present universality while still minimizing particulate generation, disk damage and providing ease of assembly. A universal disk cassette with slots having a narrowed lower portion configured for handling different disks of the same diameter but different thicknesses while preventing disk to disk contact when the disks are tilted. A universal top cover configured for cassettes loaded with different thicknesses of disks, i.e., a cassette loaded with .025 inch disks, or the same cassette loaded with .050 inch disks. Also the universal top cover configured for use on different capacity disk cassettes, that is a 65 mm disk cassette with a 25 capacity or a 65 mm cassette with a 35 capacity. The universal top cover can readily accommodate disks that are tilted in the cassette, and with vacuum bagging, more securely fix the disks in place in the container.



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