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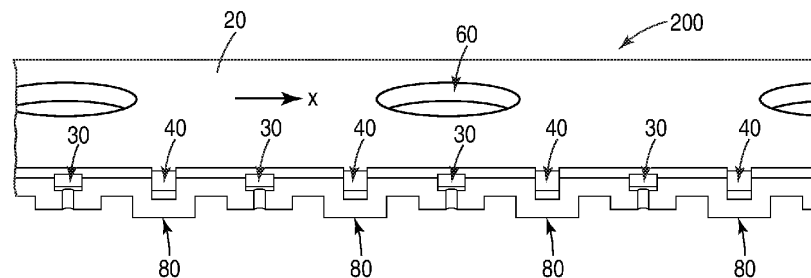


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: A flexible carrier tape for transporting a plurality of components includes a flexible substrate extending along a longitudinal direction of the carrier tape. Pluralities of first and second pockets are formed in the flexible substrate and are arranged along the longitudinal direction of the carrier tape. At least each of the first pockets are configured to receive one of the components therein. Each of the first and second pockets include a pocket opening for receiving the component therethrough and into the pocket and a bottom wall including a major inner surface facing the pocket and an opposing major outer surface lower than the substrate. The major inner and outer surfaces are spaced apart from the pocket opening by respective pocket height and pocket thickness. The pocket heights and thicknesses of the first pockets are smaller than the respective pocket heights and pocket thicknesses of the second pockets.

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