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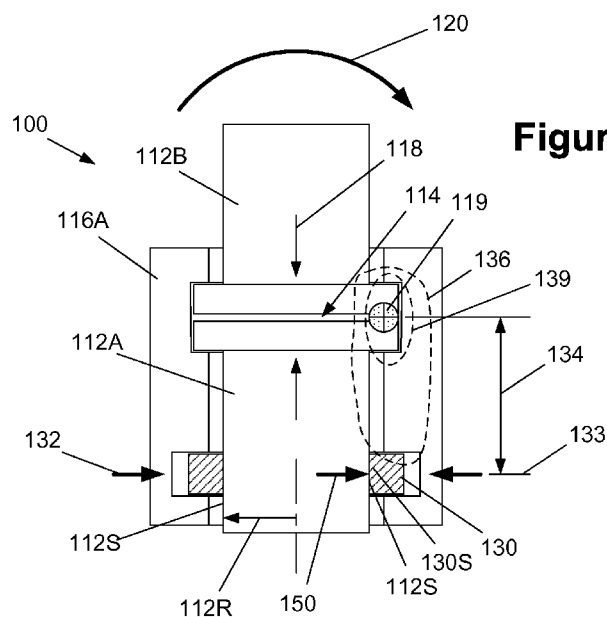


Figure 2C

(57) **Abstract:** A connector 116 comprised of a body 116A adapted to be positioned adjacent two hubs 112A, 112B, a primary locking means for connecting the two hubs 112A, 112B together and at least one actuatable reaction member 130 that is operatively coupled to the connector body 116A, wherein, when actuated, an inner surface 130S of the at least one actuatable reaction member 130 is urged toward an outer surface 112S of one of the two spaced apart hubs 112A, 112B and wherein a line of travel 133 of the at least one actuatable member 130 is axially spaced apart 134 from a sealing interface that is to be established between the two hubs 112A, 112B.