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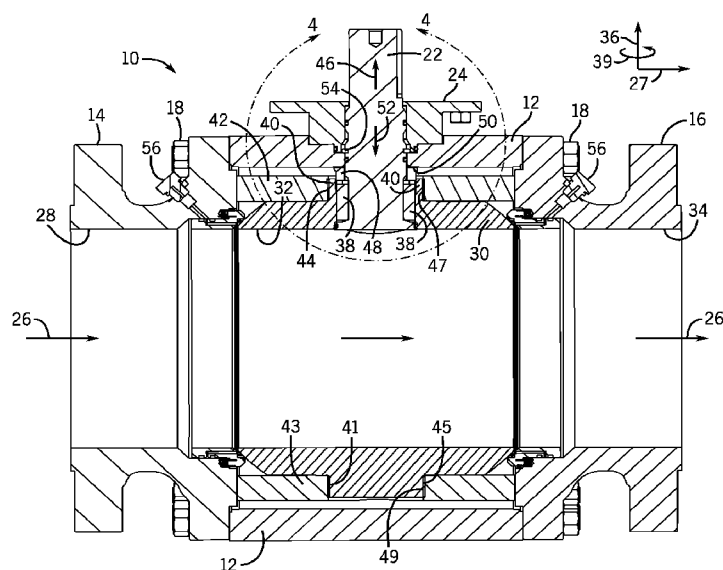
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FIG. 2



(57) Abstract: A system, in certain embodiments, includes a ball valve including a body (12) and a ball (30) disposed within the body. The ball valve also includes a stem (22) disposed within an opening in the ball. The stem is removable by passage through the opening into a bore (32) of the ball.