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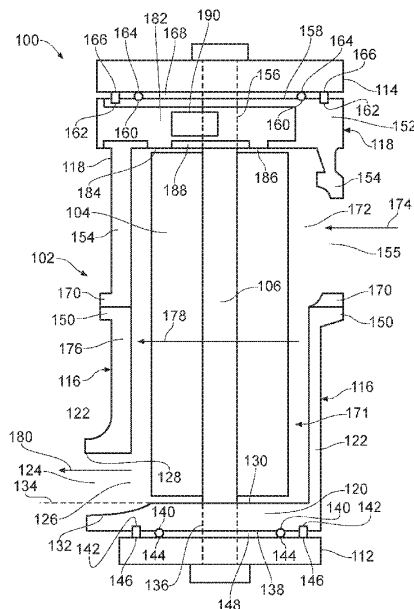


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: At least a part of a stator (116) for a vacuum pump (100), comprising: a first wall (120) and one or more sidewalls (122) extending therefrom, the first wall (120) and the one or more sidewalls (122) define an internal cavity, and an outlet channel (124) formed through a sidewall of the one or more sidewalls (122), the outlet channel (124) having an opening (126) at an internal surface of one or more of the sidewalls (122), the outlet channel (124) being for allowing a fluid to flow from the internal cavity to an outside of the at least a part of the stator (116). The internal surface of the first wall (120) is contiguous with the opening (126). Thus, liquid and particulate matter within the at least a part of a stator will tend to flow, due to gravity, out of the stator via the outlet channel (124).

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