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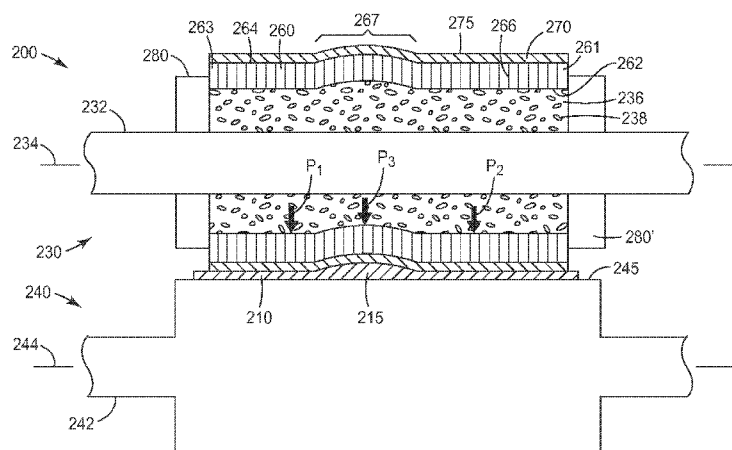


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: An improved contact nip roll, a method for assembling an improved contact nip roll, a system for nipping a web, and a method for nipping a web are provided. The improved contact nip roll integrates an inner softer core that can provide compliance to web caliper variations, while rigid annular rings and a harder outer skin can maintain a uniform contact area.



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