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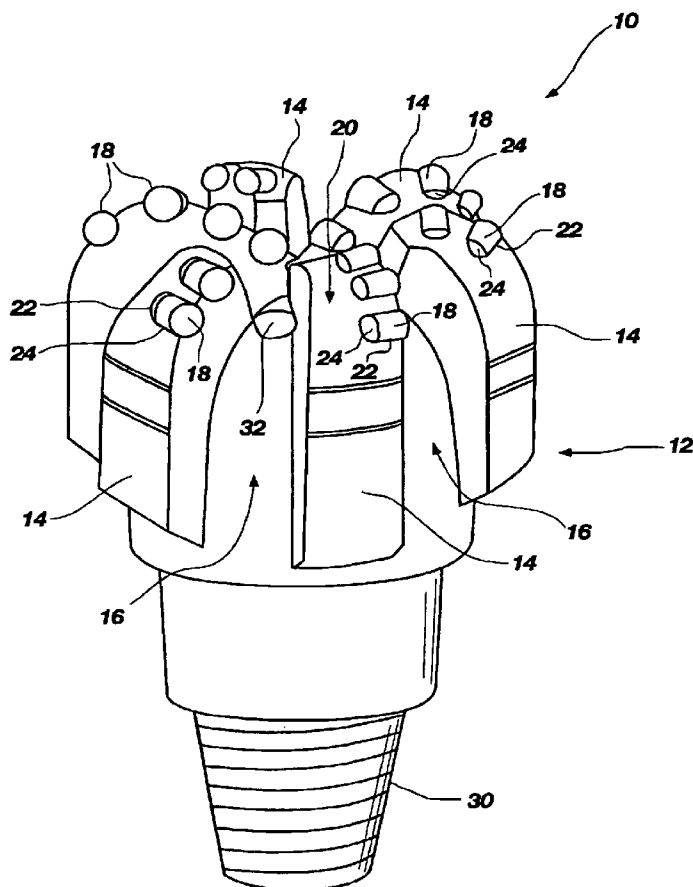
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(54) Title: **BACKUP CUTTING ELEMENT INSERT FOR ROTARY DRILL BITS**



(57) Abstract: Cutter inserts for rotary drill bits include a cutter insert body (50) having a cutter recess (54) configured to receive a backup cutter therein (18). Rotary drill bits for drilling a subterranean formation include at least one such cutter insert affixed to a blade (14) rotationally behind a cutter pocket for a primary cutter. Methods of manufacturing such drill bits include providing a bit body (12) having a plurality of blades (14). A cutter insert (50) is provided and secured within a cutter insert recess (54) formed in the face of a blade (14). A backup cutter (18) is secured within a cutter recess (54) of the cutter insert.



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