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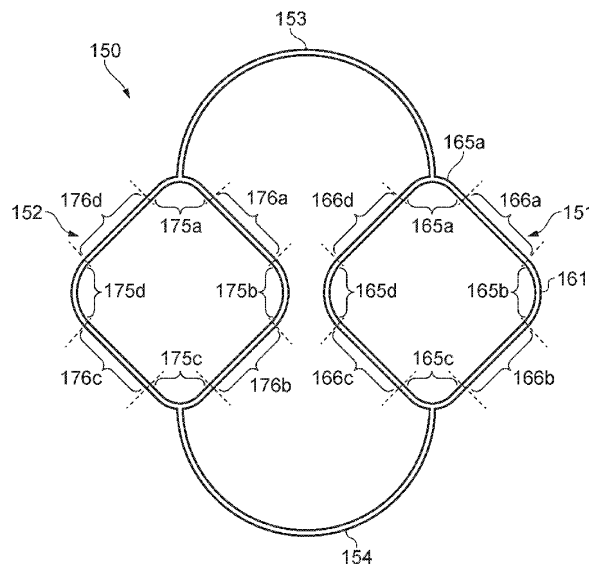


FIG. 15

(57) Abstract: A sealing gasket (20) for a vacuum pump comprising: a first sealing member (22) defining a closed shape (preferably a rounded square or rounded rectangle) and comprising: a first surface (30); a second surface (32) opposite the first surface (30); a first inner surface (34); and a first outer surface (36) opposite to the first inner surface (34), wherein the first inner surface (34) and the first outer surface (36) are disposed between the first surface (30) and the second surface (32); a second sealing member (24) defining a closed shape (preferably a rounded square) and comprising: a third surface (40); a fourth surface (42) opposite the third surface (40); a second inner surface (44); and a second outer surface (46) opposite to the second inner surface (44), wherein the second inner surface (44) and the second outer surface (46) are disposed between the third surface (40) and the fourth surface (42); a first longitudinal sealing member (26) connected between the first outer surface (36) and the second outer surface (46); and a second longitudinal sealing member

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(28) connected between the first outer surface (36) and the second outer surface (46).