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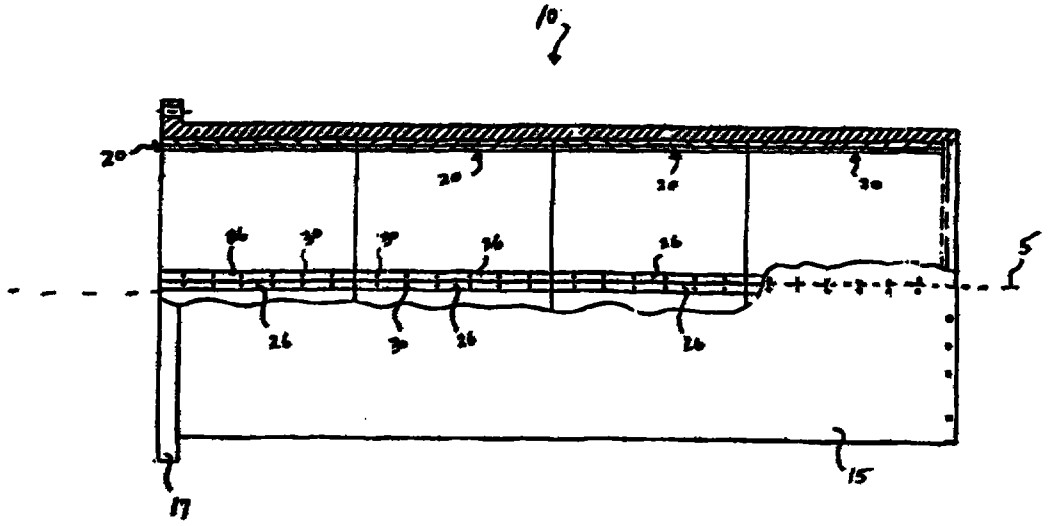

(57) Abstract

A bearing assembly for supporting a drive shaft includes a cylindrical housing (15), and a plurality of elastomeric bearing sections (20) disposed within the housing. The bearing sections (20) are bonded to the housing (15) by first applying a pattern of alternating parallel lines of adhesive to the inner diameter of the housing, installing the bearing sections (20), and inflating an airbag within the housing to thereby apply a uniform radial pressure to the inside of the housing while the adhesive cures.