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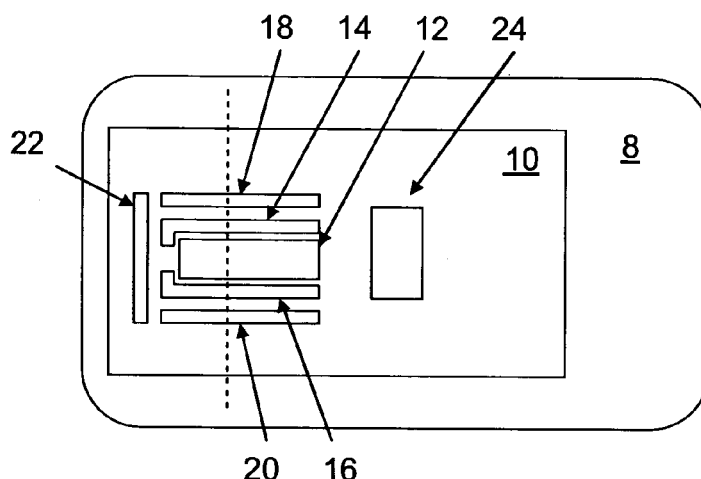


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A fingerprint reader comprising a fingerprint sensor adapted to output information relating to a fingerprint of a finger engaging a sensitive surface the sensor, and a stiff element comprising an indentation/cavity or through-hole, the sensor being positioned in the indentation/cavity/through-hole so that the sensitive surface is exposed to the surroundings. The stiff element will prevent breaking of the reader. Also, the stiff element may have one or more electrically conducting surface parts positioned adjacently to the sensitive surface of the sensor and being adapted to be contacted by a finger also contacting the sensor, so that the stiff element forms part of the reader.

