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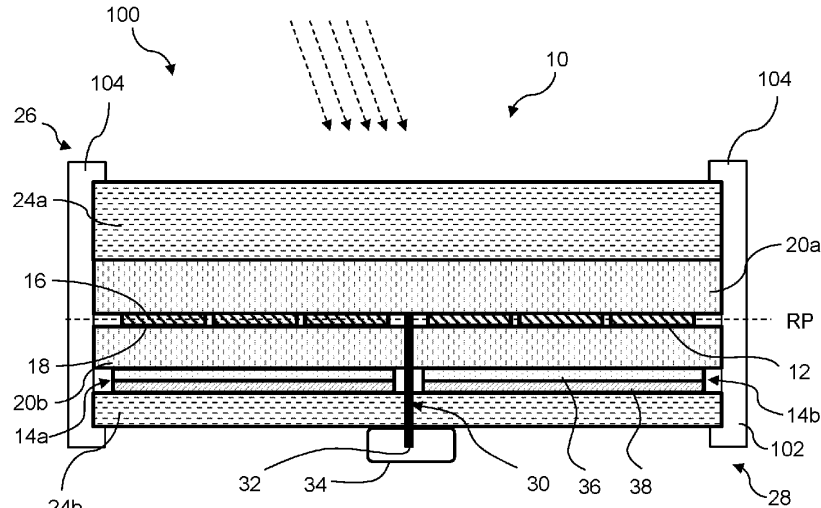


FIG 1B

(57) Abstract: A solar module comprising: one or more solar cells having a front face and a back face, said solar cells being electrically connected to a terminal via one or more electrically conductive interconnect members, and surrounded by an encapsulant; an insulating backsheet arranged to overlay the one or more solar cells and encapsulant on a back face side of the module; and a laminate interlayer interposed between the encapsulant and the backsheet, the laminate interlayer comprising an electrically insulating layer and a metallic barrier film arranged in that order from a front face side of the module to the back face side of the module; wherein the laminate interlayer has a lateral extent less than the lateral extent of the backsheet.

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