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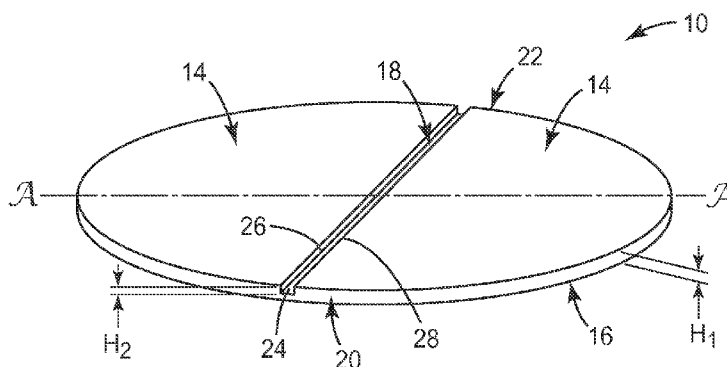


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: An abrasive article includes a support pad, a first abrasive element, a second abrasive element and a fixation mechanism. The support pad has a first major surface, a second major surface, a first edge, a second edge and a channel. The channel is formed within the first major surface and extends from the first edge to the second edge. The first and second abrasive elements are each positionable over a portion of the support pad. The fixation mechanism is positioned within the channel and secures an edge of the first abrasive element and an edge of the second abrasive element to the support pad.