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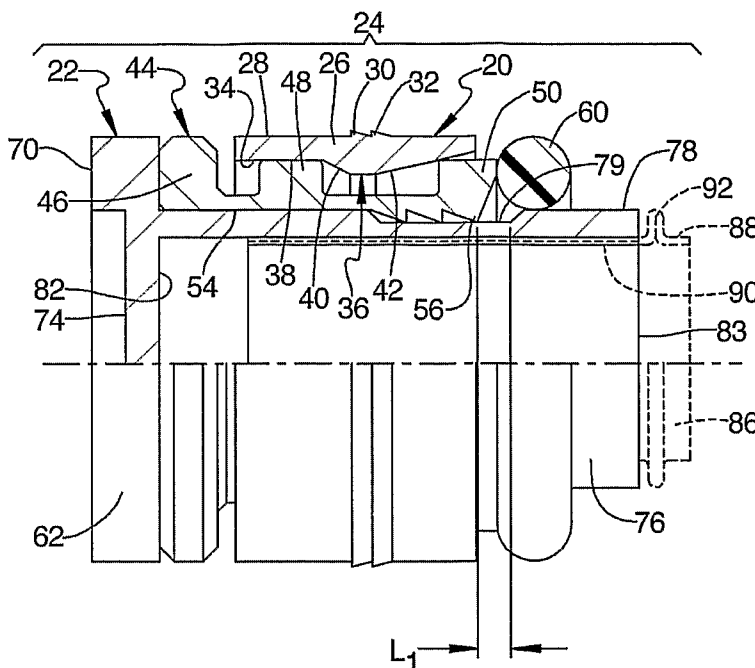
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(54) Title: QUICK-CONNECT CARTRIDGE ASSEMBLY WITH PLUG



(57) Abstract: A quick-connect cartridge as-
sembly (24) includes a ring (26), a collar (44)
disposed within the ring (26), and an annu-
lar seal (60) coaxially disposed with respect
to the ring (26) and the collar (44). A plug
(22) having a shank (76) with an outer diame-
ter substantially similar to the inner diameter
of the collar (44) is slidably received within
the collar (44) and is held within the collar
(44) by a friction fit. The plug (22) is also re-
ceived through the annular seal (60) so as to
establish a coaxial relationship with the ring
(26), the collar (44) and the annular seal (60).
The plug includes one or more features for fa-
cilitating installation of the ring (26), the col-
lar (44) and the annular seal (60) into a port
and subsequent removal of the plug from the
components after installation.

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