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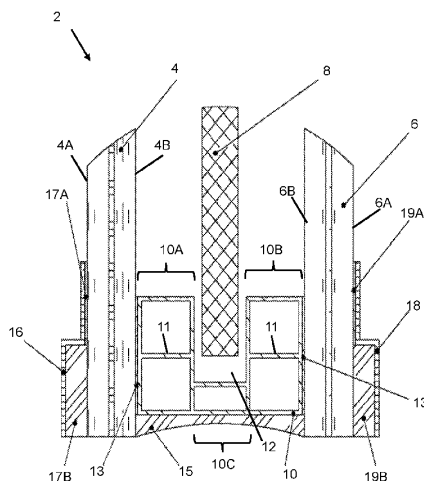


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The application describes a frame assembly. The frame assembly comprises: first and second glass panels substantially parallel to each other; and an intermediate ballistic panel positioned between the first and second glass panels. A spacer element is positioned between the first and second glass panels and adapted to receive the intermediate ballistic panel. The spacer element comprises a recess adapted to receive the intermediate ballistic panel therein. The recess is larger than the intermediate ballistic panel in at least one dimension by a tolerance value to accommodate thermal expansion of the intermediate ballistic panel.

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