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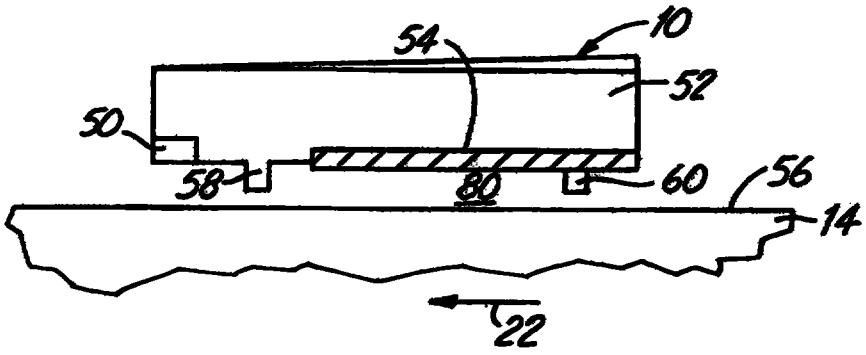
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(57) Abstract

A storage device for storing information includes a disc storage medium (14) having a disc surface (56). An armature (12) is positioned over the disc surface (56) and carries a head (50) proximate the disc surface (56). Transducing circuitry (20) is coupled to the head (50) for reading and writing information onto the disc surface (56). A slider (10) is coupled to the armature (12) near an end of the armature (12) for carrying the head (50) and is adapted to position the transducing head proximate the disc surface (56). The slider (14) includes an interface surface facing the disc surface (56) having an air bearing region adapted to form an air bearing (80) with the disc surface (56) and having a contact pad (58, 60, 62, 64, 80) extending from the air bearing region.