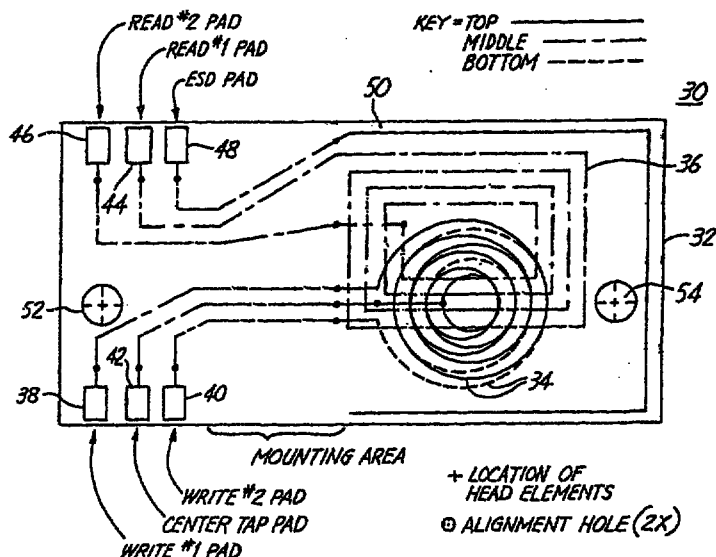


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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a head tester (30) for testing heads having a read element and a write element. The tester comprises a substrate (32) on which a read coil (36) is positioned to be sensitive to the write element of the head. A write coil (34) is also formed on the substrate and this coil is positioned such that the read element of the head to be tested is sensitive to the write coil.