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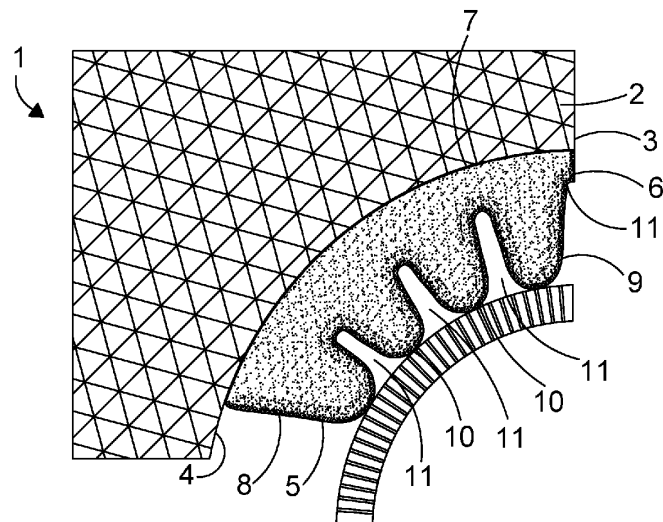


FIG. 2A

(57) Abstract: A spring (5;105;205;305;404;505) for a clamp suitable for attachment to a tubular member, the spring comprising a resilient body (6;106;206;306;406;506) having first and second ends (8;108;208;308;408;508) and an internal surface (7;107;207;307;407;507) adapted to seat within a clamp member and an external surface (9;109;209;309;409;509) adapted to contact the outer surface of a tubular member, the internal and external surfaces extending between the first and second ends and wherein the stiffness of the resilient body of the spring varies over the length of the body between the first and second ends.

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