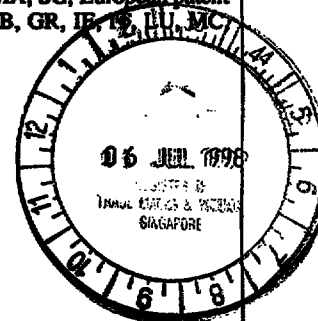


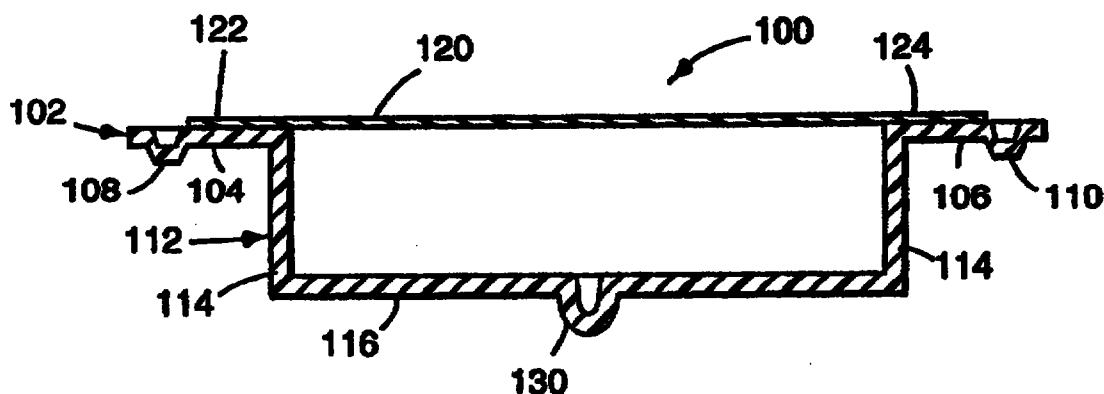
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(57) Abstract

A flexible carrier tape for storage and delivery of electronic components by an advancement mechanism comprises: (a) a strip portion having a top surface, a bottom surface opposite the top surface, and means for engagingly receiving the advancement mechanism; and (b) a plurality of aligned pockets for carrying the electronic components. The pockets are spaced along the strip portion and opening through the top surface. The means for engagingly receiving the advancement mechanism comprises a plurality of hollow protuberances that are spaced equally along the strip portion, open through the strip portion, and extend outwardly from the strip portion. The protuberances are adapted to receive the advancement mechanism within the hollow portion. Methods for manufacturing such carrier tapes are also disclosed.