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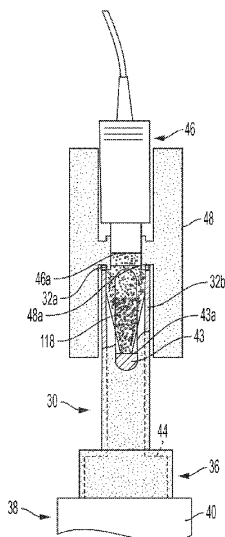


FIG. 11

(57) Abstract: A cleaning tip (30) has a spacer tube (32) having an open terminal end (32a) and one or more vent openings (34). Cleaning tip (30) is readily mounted onto and dismounted from a mounting pedestal (44) on the nozzle (40) of a cleaning device (38). Cleaning tips of various sizes and with different vent opening configurations may be interchanged to assure effective cleaning of differently configured fiber optic end faces and connectors by cleaning devices (38) utilizing a Coanda effect gas flow (118) attained by flowing a cleaning fluid over a tapered needle plug (42) contained within a needle housing (43).

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