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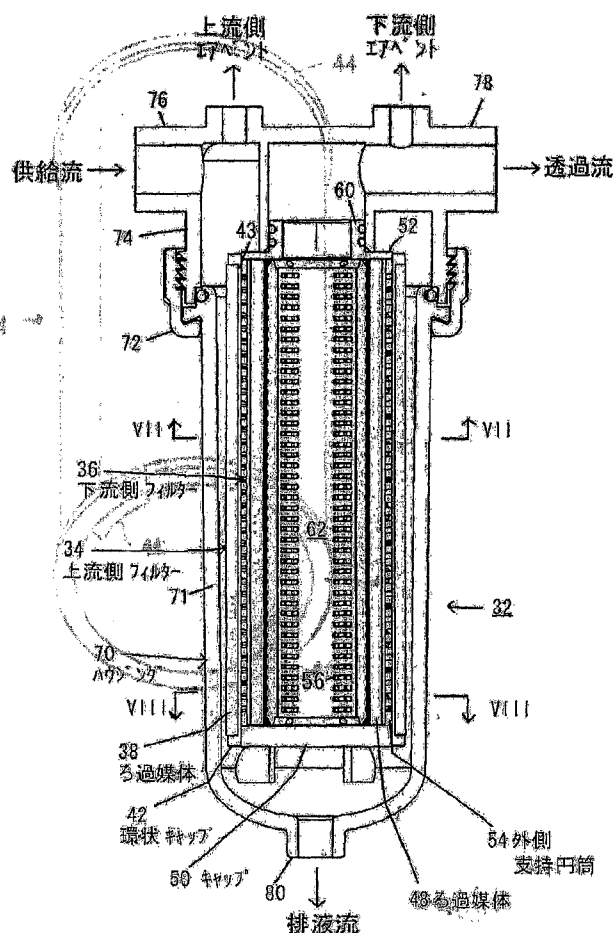
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(57) Abstract: A filter device (32) is disclosed herein. The filter device (32) includes an upstream filter (34) and a downstream filter (36) made of the same or different material. The filters (34, 36) are coaxially arranged and are installed into housing (70). The downstream filter (36) is releasably fixed to the housing (70) and to the upstream filter (34) such that when the downstream filter (36) is not contaminated, only the upstream filter (34) can be replaced with fresh one.

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