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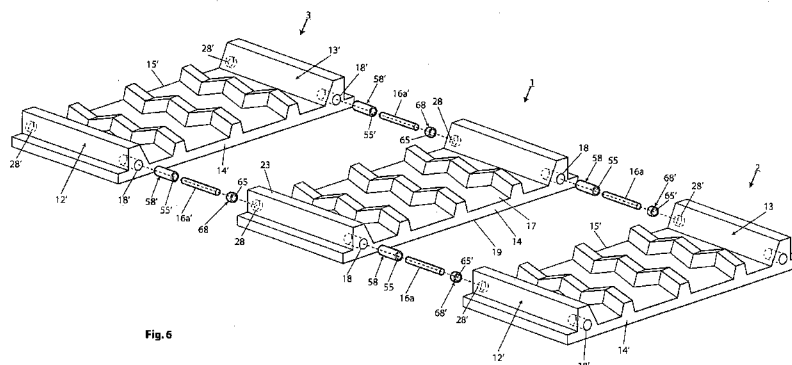


Fig. 6

(57) Abstract: This invention relates generally to a mould segment used in the production of premoulded and precured tyre thread in a flat moulding process wherein the mould segment (1) is provided with an indexing means to align adjacent mould segments to avoid discontinuity in thread pattern. In this invention the indexing means is provided on the opposing longitudinal edges (14, 15) of the mould segment (1). Various embodiments of the indexing means are described. The invention also relates to a method of aligning mould segments in a mould matrix using indexing means on the opposing longitudinal edges (14, 15) of the mould segments.