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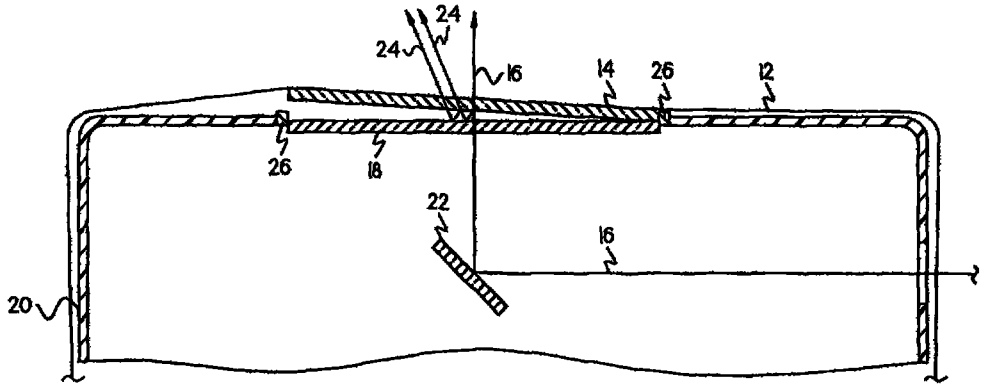
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(57) Abstract

A sterile drape (10) serving to preserve the sterile integrity of an operating field is disclosed. The drape (10) has a rigid optically clear window (14) which allows a visible light beam, such as a laser beam, to exit a targeting device without refraction or distortion that could result in misalignment of the visible light beam relative to a targeted object. The rigid optically clear window (14) is made of a material having an ability to transmit light, and which ability remains substantially unchanged after the drape has undergone a gamma radiation sterilization process.