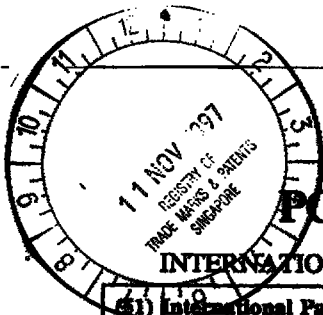




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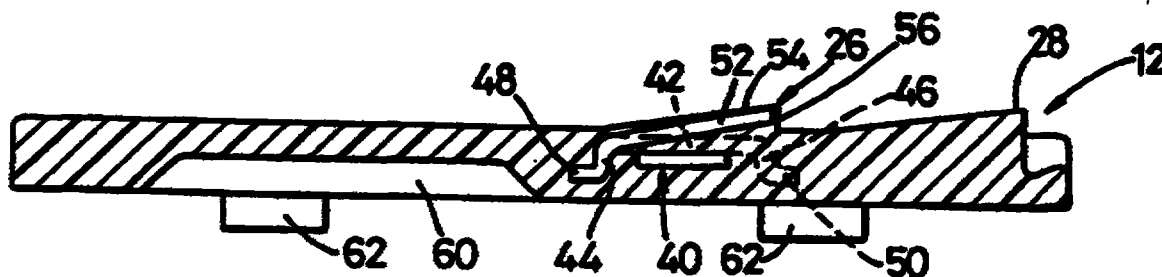
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A road pad (10) for a tracked vehicle such as a tank is disclosed. The pad consists of a plastics backing plate (12) and a rubber cushion (14) bonded to the backing plate (12). The plate (12) includes latching projections (26, 28) which engage with latching surfaces (30, 32) in a track link to retain the pad (10) in place. One or more pressed steel reinforcing elements (40) are encapsulated within the backing plate (12) or between the backing plate (12) and the rubber cushion (14) and extend into the latching projections (26, 28) to reinforce them. The reinforcing elements (40) are cheap to manufacture and, being encapsulated, are not prone to corrosion.