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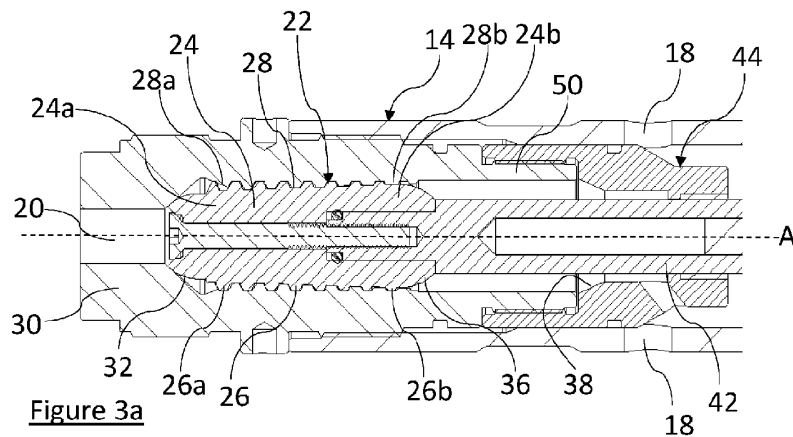


Figure 3a

(57) Abstract: A valve (10) comprising a housing (12) having housing wall (14) which encloses a interior space (16), an inlet port (18), an outlet port (20), and a valve member (22) which is located in the interior space (16) of the housing (12) and which is movable to control flow of fluid through the interior space (16) from the inlet port (18) to the outlet port (20), wherein the valve member (22) has a valve body (24) which is provided with a screw thread (26) which extends around and generally radially outwardly of a radially outward facing surface of the valve body (24) and which meshes with a corresponding housing screw thread (28) provided on a radially inwardly facing surface of the housing wall (14), wherein the radially outwardly facing surface of the valve body (24) is not parallel to the radially inwardly facing surface of the housing wall (14).

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