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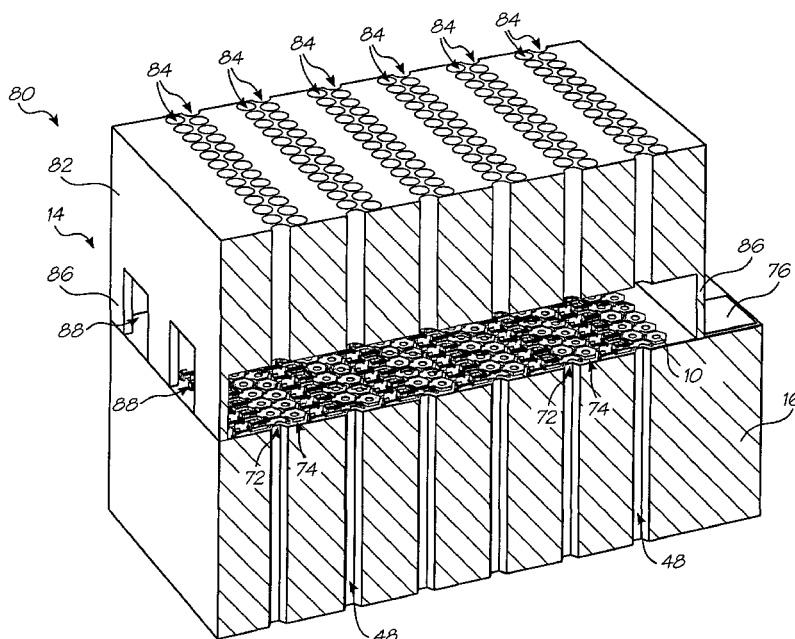
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(57) Abstract: A printhead for an ink jet printer that has a collimator [84] associated with each of the ink nozzles [22] to retain any misdirected ink droplets [150] ejected from damaged nozzles [22]. The collimators [84] are formed in a nozzle guard [80] covering the exterior of the nozzle array. Each collimator [84] is an aperture in the form of an elongate passage where lengthwise dimension far exceeds the bore of the passage.

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