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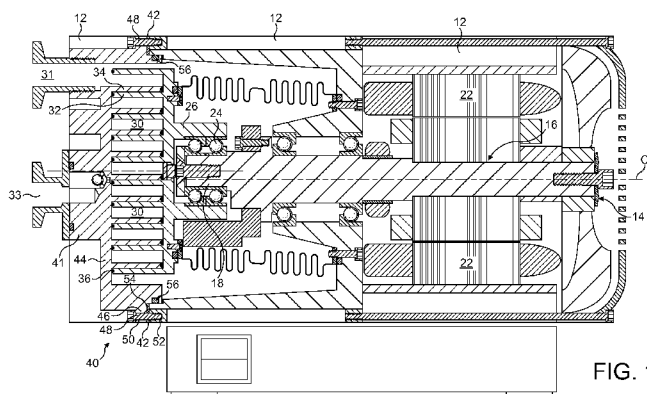


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A scroll compressor (40) comprises: housing (12), orbiting scroll (26) and fixed scroll (41). The drive shaft (14) has an eccentric shaft portion (18) so that rotation of the eccentric shaft portion imparts an orbiting motion to the orbiting scroll relative to the fixed scroll. Axial spacers (42) are located between the fixed scroll and the housing for spacing the fixed scroll relative to the orbiting scroll. When the scroll compressor (40) is assembled and tested and it is desired to perform shimming, the fixed scroll can be removed and a selected spacer placed in position prior to re-assembling the fixed scroll.