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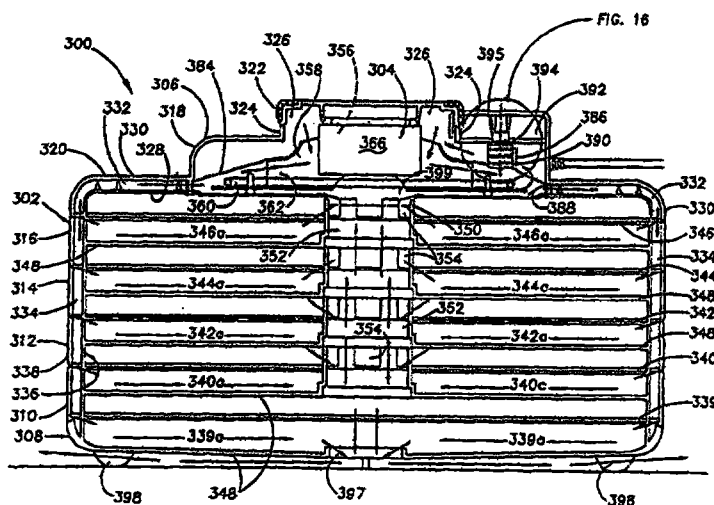
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(57) Abstract

A modular food dehydrator (380) utilizing a heater blower assembly located on a top surface of a dehydrator module is disclosed. The heater blower assembly includes a motor driven fan (358), a heating element and an air distribution portion for directing heated air across the support surfaces. The heater blower assembly (360) is preferably releasably attachable to the cover of the dehydrator module. In a preferred embodiment, the cover and the dehydrator module includes air ducts on an outer perimeter surface in fluid communication with the heater blower assembly for directing pressurized, heated air radially outward to the outer perimeter of the module and radially inward across the plurality of support surfaces. The dehydrator module includes a central opening extending generally vertically through the support surfaces in fluid communication with a space between each of the support surfaces for exhausting or recirculating heated air. The heater blower assembly is housed within the cover to provide a more compact unit.