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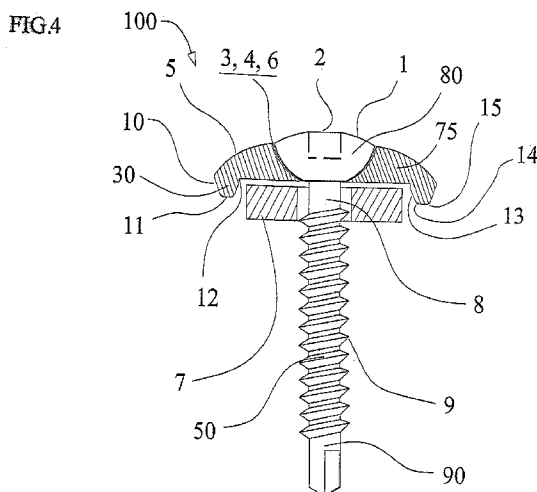
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(57) Abstract: A fastener includes a self-adjusting and automatically self-leveling head which is separate from the threaded shank. A head portion provides a frusto-hemispherical head, curved outer surface, base portion, and hollow center having the form of a rounded annular cup. Annular cup is designed to accept threaded shank portion through the hollow portion of the head. Shank portion has threads and a rounded ball head, a curved outer surface and a flat top surface bearing a tool fitting. When combined, annular cup head portion and rounded ball shank portion create a free moving ball joint which allows the free moving head to self level under compression of installation regardless of which angle the threaded shank portion is installed. The threaded shank has a thread-free portion so the large seal, when compresses, properly seats around the thread-free portion of the shank, and creates a water tight seal.