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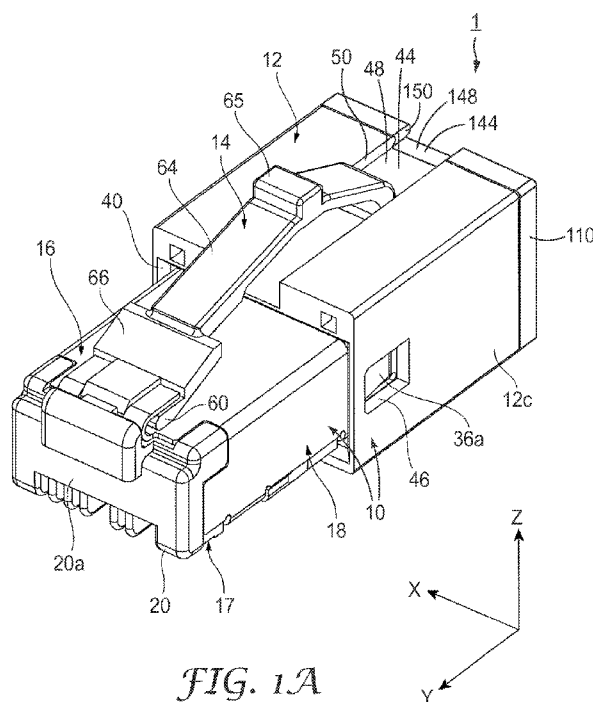


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: A connector including a first channel, a latching member and a second channel. A portion of the latching member is slidably attached to the first channel. The second channel is configured to align with the first channel or to misalign with the first channel. When the second channel is aligned with the first channel, the latch member is allowed to latch with and unlatch from a mating connector. When the second channel is misaligned with the first channel, the latching member is prevented from latching with and unlatching from a mating connector.



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