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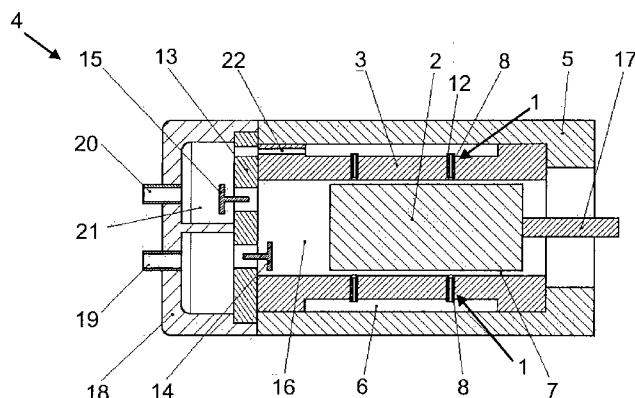


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to a flow restrictor (1) for use in bearing formation between a piston (2) and a cylinder (3) of a gas compressor (4). Such a gas compressor (4) comprises at least one protective pad (5) that externally surrounds the cylinder (3). Moreover, the gas compressor (4) also comprises at least one inner cavity (6) disposed between the protective pad (5) and the cylinder (3), fluidly fed by a discharge flow from a compression movement exerted by the piston (2) within the cylinder (3). Additionally, the gas compressor (4) further comprises at least one bearing formation gap (7) that separates an outer wall of piston (2) and an inner wall of the cylinder (3). Further, the gas compressor (4) also comprises at least one flow restrictor (1) provided with a housing (12) that fluidly associates the inner cavity (6) to the bearing formation gap (7). Such a flow restrictor (1) comprises at least one limiting tube (8) associated with the housing (12), provided with at least one restraining portion provided with a cross section sized to limit the gas flow that flows from the inner cavity (6) to the bearing formation gap (7). The present invention also refers to a gas compressor (4) comprising a flow restrictor (1) as described above.

