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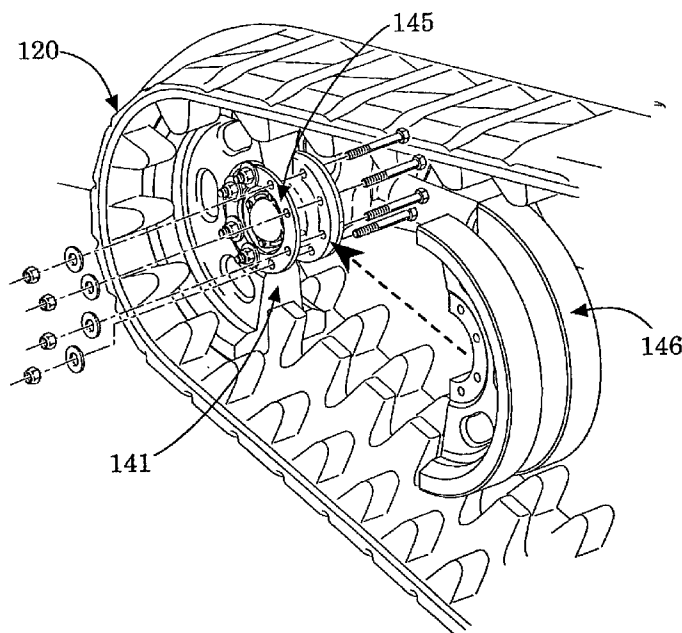
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(54) Title: SPLIT WHEEL AND METHOD FOR INSTALLING ENDLESS TRACK



(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to endless tracks (120) and systems used to propel tracked vehicles (i.e., vehicles which use endless tracks rather than tires to contact the terrain over which they are driven, e.g., tractors, tanks, bulldozers, etc.) and, more particularly, to an improved split wheel design and installation process therefore. The track (120) is made from a polymer adapted to travel over a drive sprocket (130), a plurality of guide wheels (150) and a tension wheel (140). A new step by step methodology allows the endless track (120) to be installed and used more efficiently when the tension wheel (140) or the drive sprocket (130) is replaced by a split wheel (141, 146).

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