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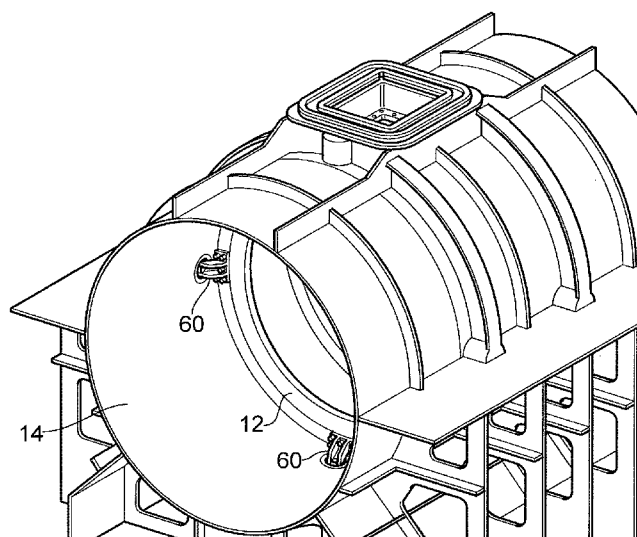


FIG. 9

(57) Abstract: A thruster for a vessel comprising a hull, which thruster comprises at least one tunnel element and at least one thruster unit. The tunnel element constitutes at least a part of a through tunnel in the hull when arranged in the hull. The at least one thruster unit and the at least one tunnel element are constructed with cooperating fastening devices for detachably fixing the at least one thruster unit in the at least one tunnel element so that the at least one thruster unit can be passed in through the tunnel and mounted to the at least one tunnel element, or demounted from the at least one tunnel element and passed out of the tunnel. A method for mounting and demounting a thruster in a tunnel element arranged in the vessel of a hull is also described.