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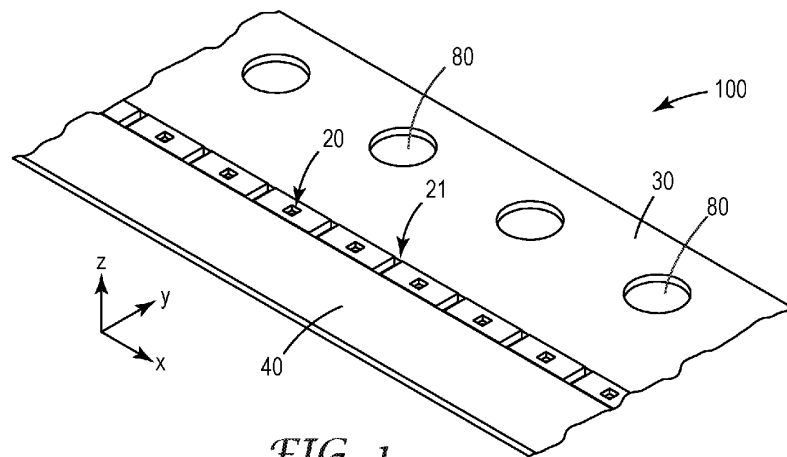


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A flexible carrier tape for transporting a plurality of components includes a plurality of spaced apart pockets configured to receive the components therein. Each of the pockets includes a pocket opening for receiving the component therethrough and into the pocket, a bottom wall, and one or more sidewalls extending from the pocket opening to the bottom wall. The carrier tape includes a flexible substrate joining the pockets to each other along a longitudinal direction. A substantially continuous heat-activatable adhesive layer conformably covers at least a top surface of the substrate and the bottom and side walls of each of the pockets.

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