

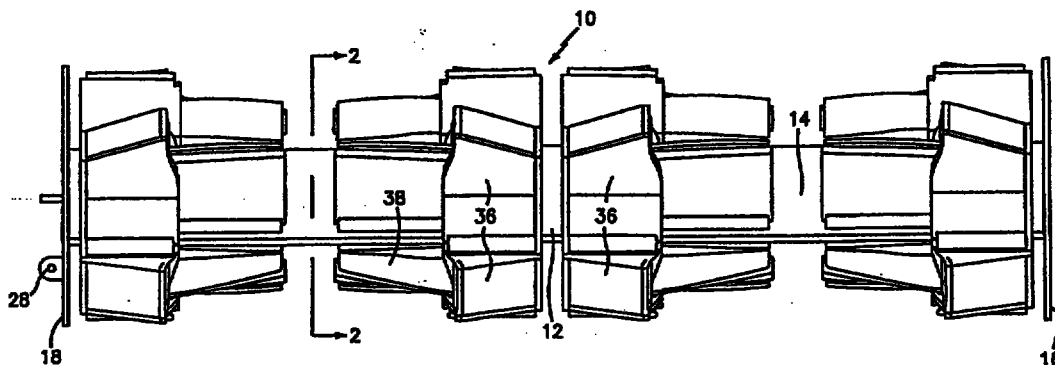


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(54) Title: MODULAR COATING FIXTURE**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to an improved fixture (10) for facilitating the coating of workpieces (38) such as turbine blades and vanes. The fixture (10) has a hollow core member (12) and a plurality of workpiece receptacles (36) positioned along the length of and about the periphery of the core member (12). Each of the workpiece receptacles (36) comprises an open sided workpiece support structure (46) and a cover (48) for closing the open side of the support structure (46). During the coating operation, the fixture (10) of the present invention is rotated about its longitudinal axis (14) while the workpieces (38) being coated remain stationary within the receptacle (36).