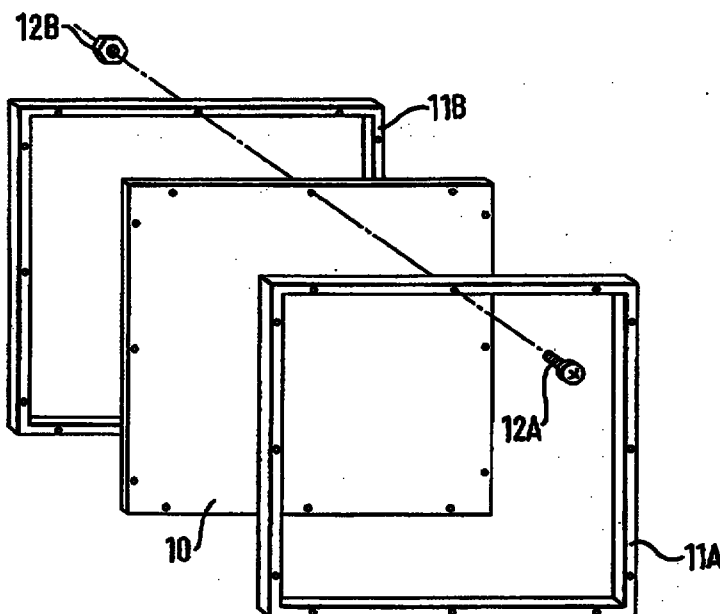




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Acoustic device comprising a member relying on bending wave action with beneficial distribution of resonant modes thereof, wherein the member has its acoustically active area at least partly bounded by means having a substantially restraining nature in relation to bending wave vibration. Operation can be below coincidence, or above if desired for active acoustic device further having beneficial location of bending wave transducer means determined with reference to and taking account of such bounding means.