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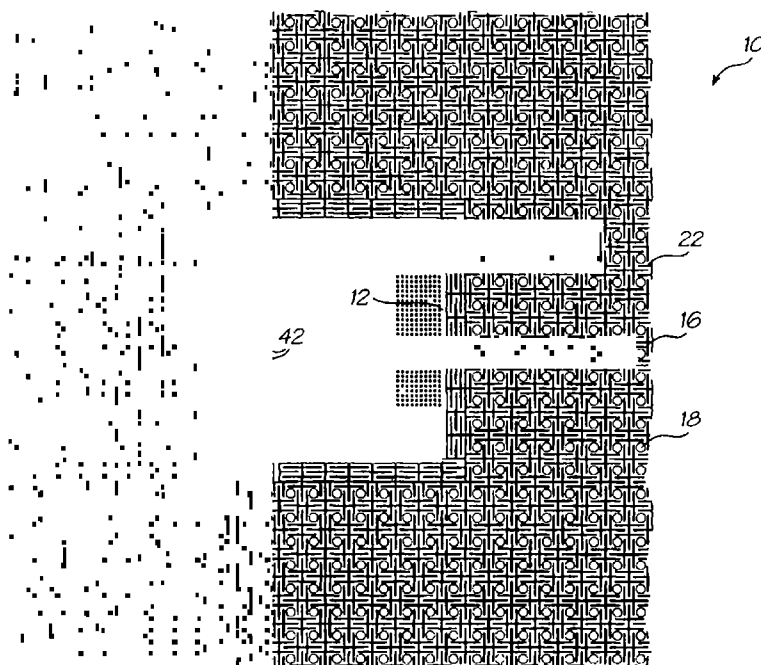
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(57) Abstract: An integrated circuit carrier (10) includes a receiving zone (12) including electrical contacts for receiving an integrated circuit. Island-defining portions (16) are arranged about the receiving zone (12). Each island-defining portion (16) has an electrical terminal (18) electrically connected to one of the contacts of the receiving zones (16). A rigidity-reducing arrangement (22) connects each island-defining portion (16) to each of its neighboring island-defining portions (16).

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