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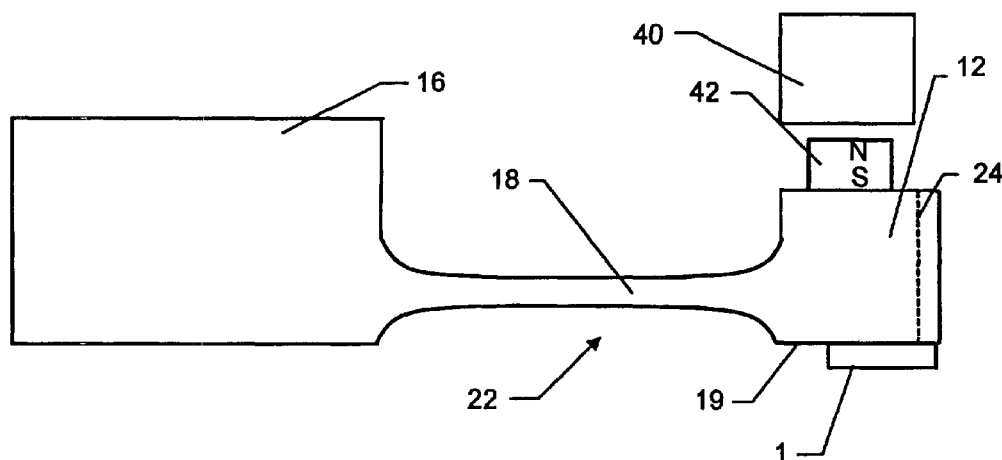
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(57) Abstract: A lapping carrier for machining a row of magneto-resistive elements is disclosed. The lapping carrier includes a plurality of movable elements, the movable elements terminating at an outer surface to form a generally planar mounting surface for a row of magneto-resistive elements. The lapping carrier is formed of a ceramic material. A method for lapping or machining a row of magneto-resistive elements is also disclosed.



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