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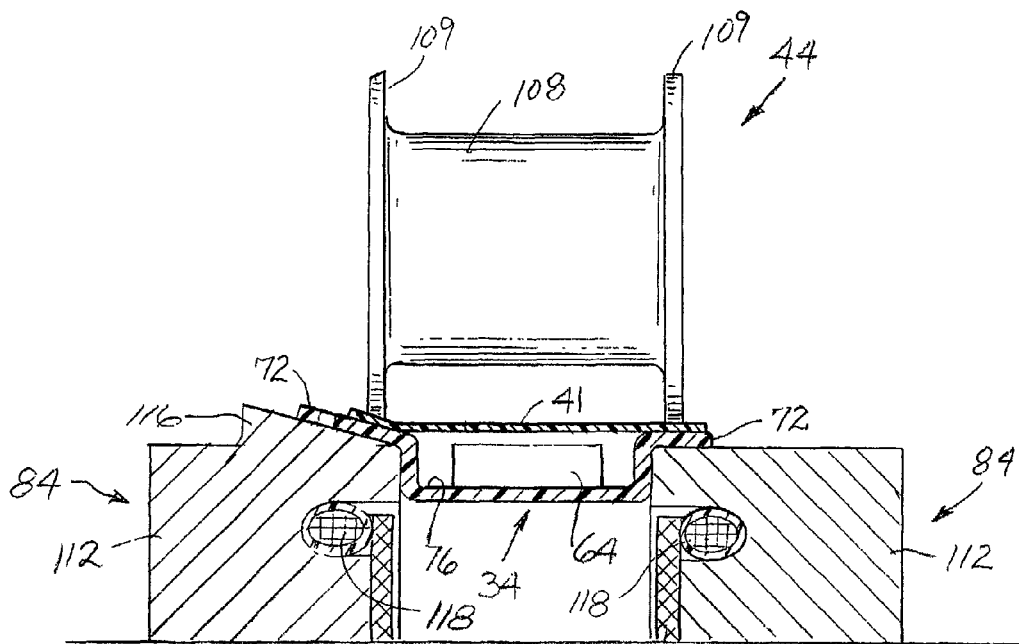
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for packaging parts (64) in compartments (76) of a carrier tape (34) and affixing a cover tape (41) over the carrier tape to trap the parts in the compartments. The method and apparatus provide for deflecting a flange (72) of the carrier tape and sealing the cover tape to the deflected flange. The cover tape is tightened across the carrier tape when the carrier tape flange returns to its undeflected condition.



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