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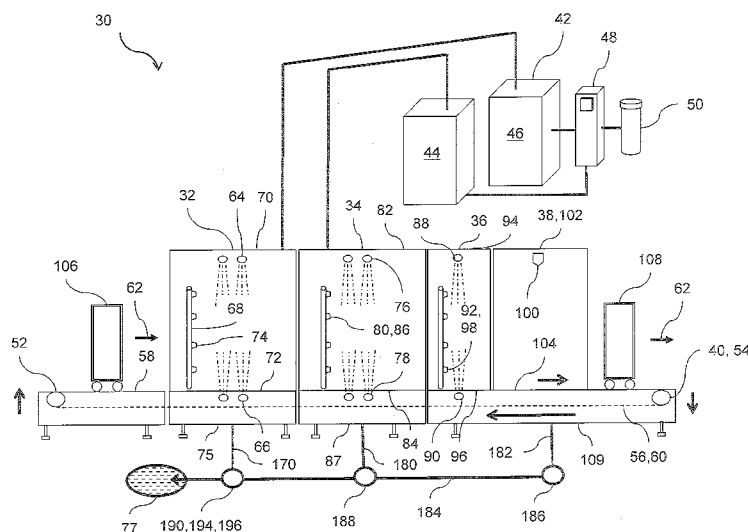


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A cart washer (30, 160, 200) comprises a detergent station (32) for cleaning soiled cart (106) with detergent; a sanitizing station (34) connected to the detergent station (32) for disinfecting the soiled cart (106) with sanitizing agent; and a prewash station (162) connected to the detergent station (32) or the sanitizing station (34) for deactivating the detergent, the sanitizing agent or both the detergent and the sanitizing agent. A method of using a cart washer (30, 160, 200) comprises a step of providing detergent to a detergent station (32); another step of supplying sanitizing agent to a sanitizing station (34); and a further step of deactivating the detergent, the sanitizing agent or both the detergent and the sanitizing agent by a neutralization station (162).