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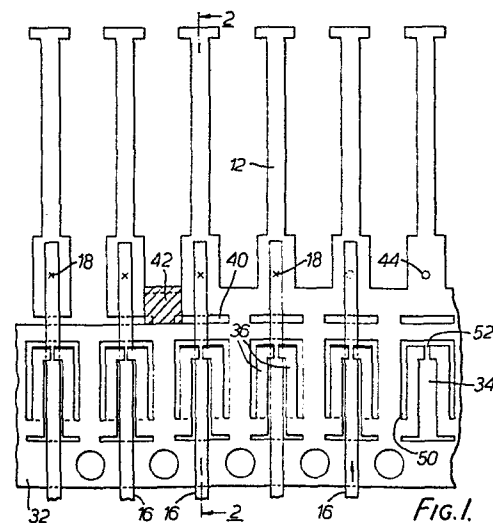
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**Improvements in or relating to methods of making electrical connectors.**

A carrier strip (32) for electrical contact members comprises an elongate metallic strip (32) in which are formed a plurality of orifices (34,50,52). The orifices (34,50,52) are shaped to produce cantilevered portions (36,38) in the metallic strip (32) which are deformable out of the plane of the metallic strip (32) to permit the insertion between the strip (32) and each cantilevered portion (36,38) of an electrical contact member. The cantilevered portions (36,38) may be U-shaped or L-shaped.

The invention also comprises a method of making a carrier strip and the electrical contact members. The method comprises producing an elongate metallic strip (32) having a number of contact portions (12) extending at right angles from the strip and a number of cantilevered portions (36,38). Contact legs (16) are inserted between the cantilevered portions (36,38) and the strip (32) in line with each contact portion (12) and welded in position. A portion of the strip (32) is then cropped out so that each contact portion (12) is supported by a contact leg (16) which, in turn, is supported on the strip (32) by the cantilevered portion (36,38).





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