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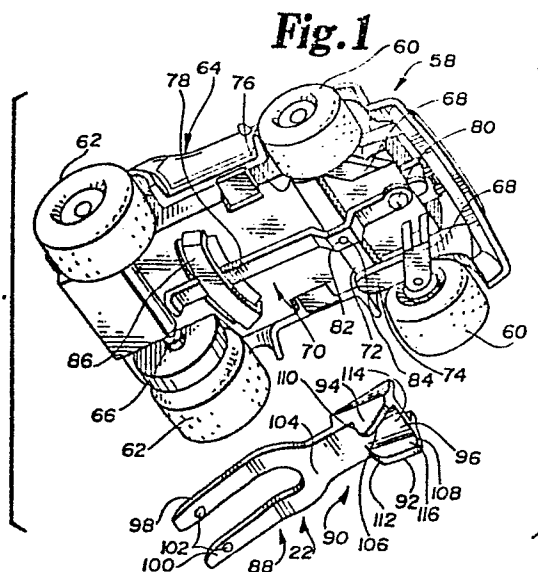
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(54) **Toy vehicle guidance system.**

(57) A toy vehicle guidance system is disclosed that is especially designed to confine a toy vehicle (58) to a predetermined path of travel, while minimizing the repetitiousness of operation characteristics of previous toy vehicle track systems. The guidance system hereof comprises segments (20) of flexible tubing, links for interconnecting the tubing segments (20) into a vehicle track, a tube capturing guidance element (22) connectable to a self-powered toy vehicle (58), and a variety of mechanisms for randomly and selectively altering the path of travel of the toy vehicle along the track.





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