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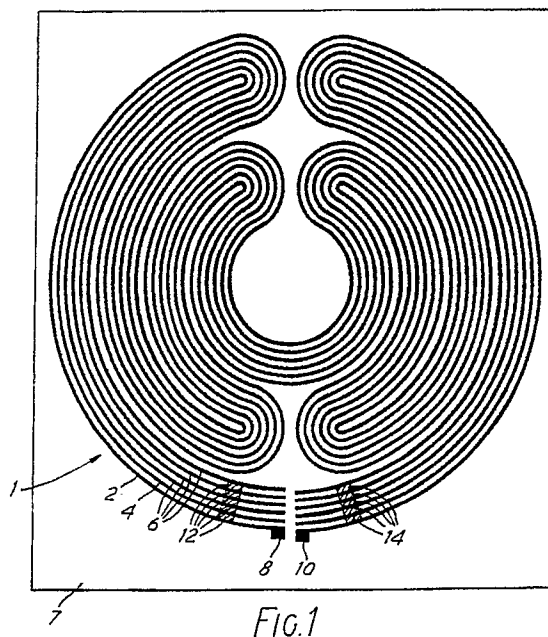
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(54) **Current source limitation for thick film heating elements.**

(57) A heating element (1) comprises a plurality of thick film electrically resistive tracks (2, 4, 6), of which at least one has a temperature coefficient of resistance in excess of 0.006 per degree C. A first track (2) is for electrical connection to a power supply. Means (12, 14) for electrically connecting the

first track (2) to a second track (4, 6) comprise a component which depends on temperature such that, in use, the current flowing in the second track (4, 6) increases with the temperature of the first track (2).



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