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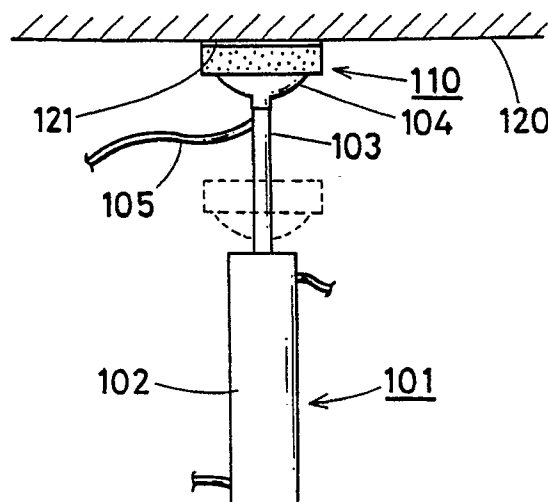
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(54) **A method of surface treatment.**

(57) A method for a surface treatment employing masking member(s) to protect part(s) of an article from said surface treatment is provided in the present invention.

Said method comprises sucking masking member(s) to sucker(s) to transport said masking member(s) to part(s) of an article which is(are) necessary to protect it from a surface treatment, attaching masking member(s) on(in) said part(s) of said article, removing said masking member(s) from said sucker(s), effecting said surface treatment on the surface of said article, and removing said masking member(s) from said part(s).

Fig. 1



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