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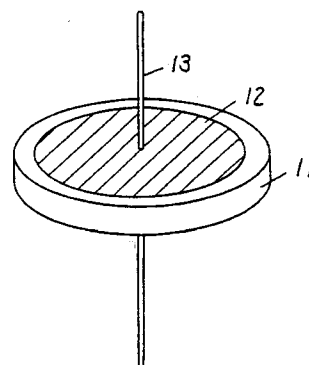
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(54) **A method for producing a ZnO Varistor.**

(57) A method for producing a ZnO-based varistor includes the steps of: heat-treating a mixture of TiO_2 powders and Bi_2O_3 powders so as to prepare composite powders; and adding the composite powders to ZnO varistor materials.

Fig. 1

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