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(54) Bulb holder

(57) A bulb holder (10, 64) for a lamp assembly comprises bulb holding means (14) including electrical bulb contacts (36, 38), connection means (22) (e.g. a mating portion adapted to mate with an electrical connector) including electrical connectors (44, 60, 84, 86) for connecting the bulb contacts (36, 38) to an electric power source, and external circumferential sealing means (28, 34) for forming a substantially watertight seal between the bulb holder (10, 64) and the remainder of the lamp assembly (70). To minimise the circumferential length of the sealing means, the bulb holding means (14) and the connection means (22) are disposed at mutually opposed ends of the bulb holder (10, 64).

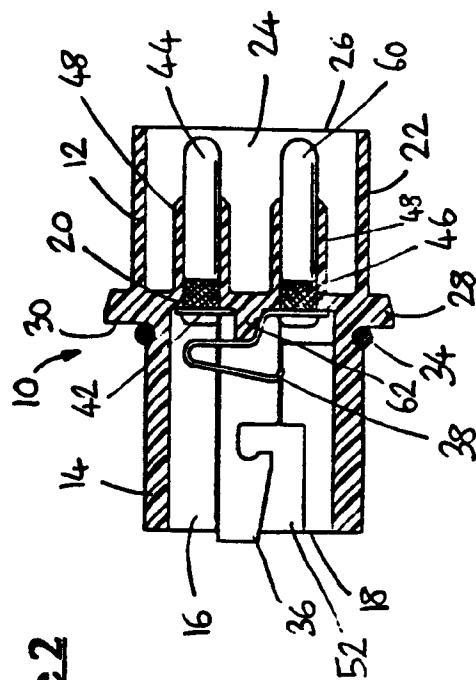


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