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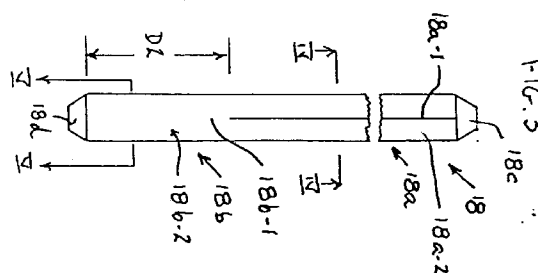
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(54) **Apparatus and method for electrical connection.**

(57) A terminal pin (18) for electrical connection, comprises an elongate body constituted of electrically conductive material in solid cross-section throughout the length of the body, the body having a first portion (18a) extending from adjacent one end of the body longitudinally to a location distal from an opposite end of the body and exhibiting at least one longitudinally extending marginal part defining an apex, the body having a second portion (18b) extending from adjacent the body opposite end to a location distal from the body one end and exhibiting a longitudinally extending marginal part defining an arcuate surface in alignment with the apex of the body member first portion.





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