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(54) **Fuse combination, method of making the same, and fuse circuit including the same**

(57) A fuse combination in which a group of fused elements are placed on an insulative support. The support is bent into a U-shape carrying the fuse elements with it. Contacts at the ends of the fuse elements extend beyond the corresponding edges of the support and are adapted to be inserted into a socket. To make the combination, the fuse elements are stamped out of a metal

plate which has a thin central section. This thin section becomes the fusible portions of the fuse elements. A band at either end of the fuse elements connects them so that they can be handled as a unit. They are then placed on the support, secured thereto, and a preferably transparent cover is placed over the fusible portions.

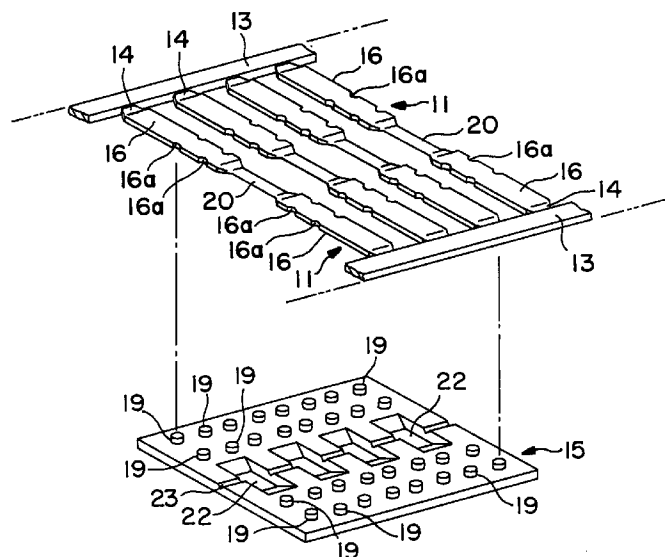


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