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(54) **Modular connector**

(57) Stackable connector modules (2,4) comprise adjacent interleaving wall portions (34,32). The interleaving wall portions (32,34) enable the modules to be stacked together at a small pitch, because only one wall thickness separates the modules. The wall portions

(32,34) are necessary for providing mechanical rigidity and electrical separation of rows of contacts in the cavities (6,8).

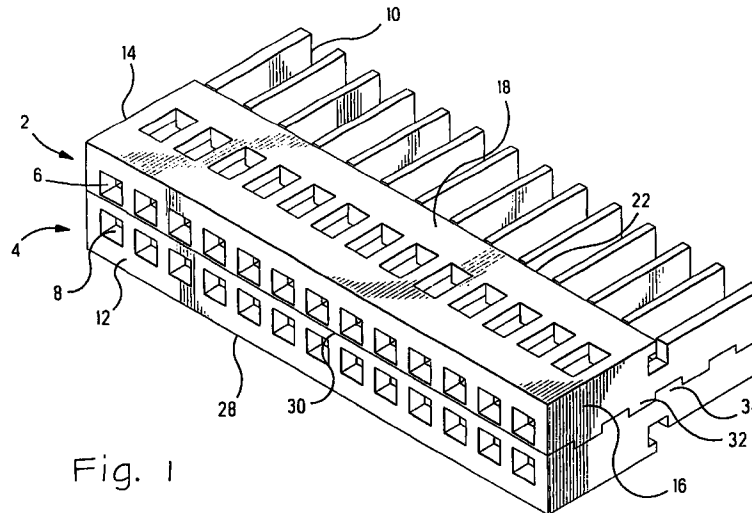


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