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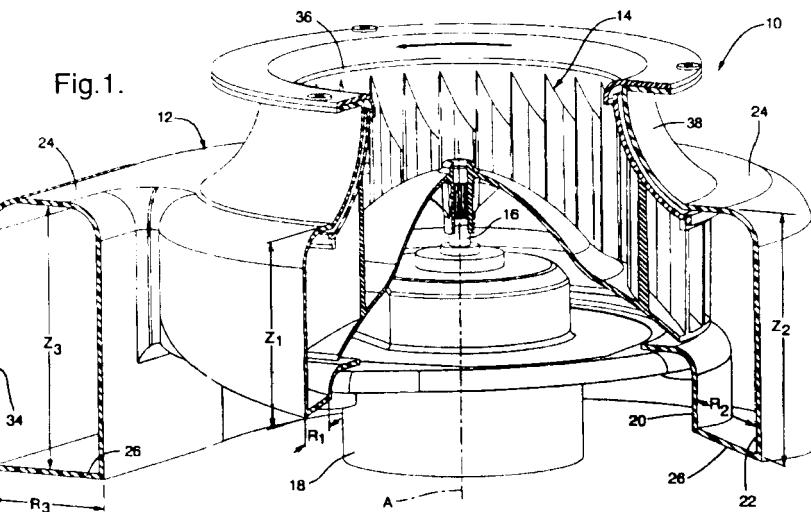
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(54) Centrifugal blower assembly

(57) A centrifugal blower assembly (10) includes a volute housing (12) of the axially asymmetrically expanding type, with an upper end wall (24) flattened off for ease of installation and a spiraling lower end wall (26) and tangential outlet (34) that are consequently both downwardly axially displaced relative to the flat end wall (24) and the cylindrical air inlet (28) into the housing (12). To counteract the flow inefficiency that normally results from the axial displacement of inlet (28) relative to outlet (34), the blower (12) is formed with a curved tip

ring (44) and correspondingly curved, axially opposed base rim (42) that shift axially downwardly from an air entrance (36) that is shifted axially above the flat end wall (24) and cylindrical inlet (28). Air drawn in through the entrance (36) by the blower (14) is thereby given a significant axially downward velocity component, which causes it to approach and better conform to the axially displaced end wall (26).





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