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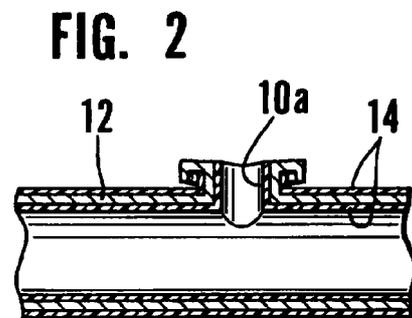
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(54) **A method for improving the resonance of a musical instrument, and a musical instrument made by the method**

(57) There is provided a method of improving a resonance of a sounding board (12) of a musical instrument (10) by coating a surface of the sound board with a lubricant (14) wherein after application, said lubricant (14) is dried on said surface (12) to form a temporary or permanent resonance layer (14) on said sounding board surface (12). Also provided is a musical instrument comprising a temporary or permanent resonance layer (14) formed from a lubricant on an inner and/or outer surface of the sounding board (12) of said instrument (10).



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