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(54) **Spray nozzle**

(57) A spray nozzle comprises a fluid tip (1), an air cap (2) seated on the body of the fluid tip (1) to form a fluid tip/air cap assembly (1, 2), and an annular passage (4) between the fluid tip (1) and the air cap (2). A plurality of tangentially arranged passages (3) are angled to the

exterior of the fluid tip/air cap assembly (1, 2). They extend from the exterior of the fluid tip/air cap assembly (1, 2) to the annular passage (4) and are located in the region of the connection between the air cap (2) and the fluid tip (1).

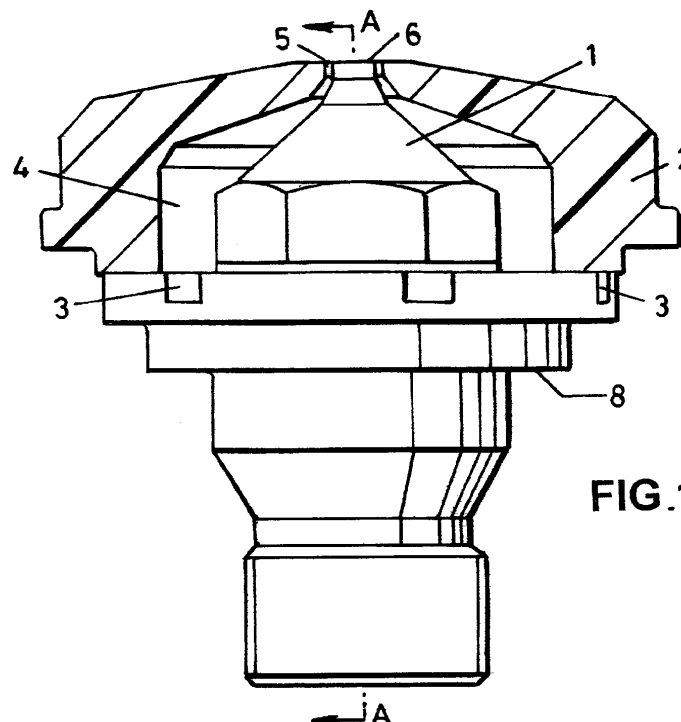


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