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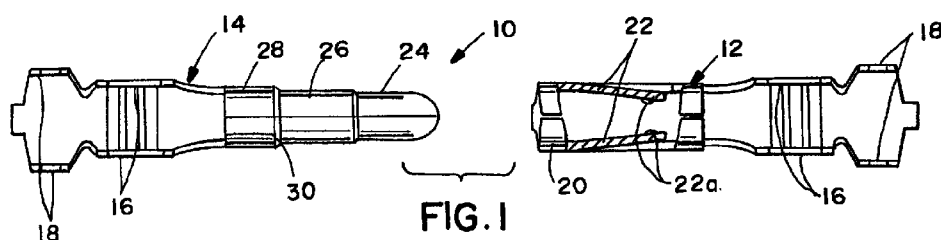
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(54) **Electrical terminals**

(57) An electrical terminal assembly (10) includes a male electrical terminal (14) having a forward contact end (24) with a given cross-sectional dimension. An interference section (26) is disposed rearwardly of the forward contact end and has a cross-sectional dimension greater than that of the forward contact end. At least a portion of only the forward contact end (24) of the male terminal is selectively plated with a conductive

material. A female terminal (12) has a forward mating end (20) for establishing a tight interference fit with the interference section (26) of the male terminal (14). The female terminal (12) has a contact section (22) rearwardly of the forward mating end (20) for receiving the forward contact end (24) of the male terminal (14) with a minimal interference fit.





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