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(54) **Method of manufacturing an electrical connector**

(57) A method is provided for manufacturing an electrical connector module (12). The method includes the steps of stamping from conductive sheet metal material a blank (36) including a plurality of circuits (18). At least two of the circuits are joined by a web (38) of the sheet metal material. The stamped blank (36) is placed

into a first molding die (46). A second molding die (58) is closed onto the first molding die and the web (38) is concurrently sheared. A dielectric housing (16) is molded about portions of the sheared circuits (18) to form the connector module (12).

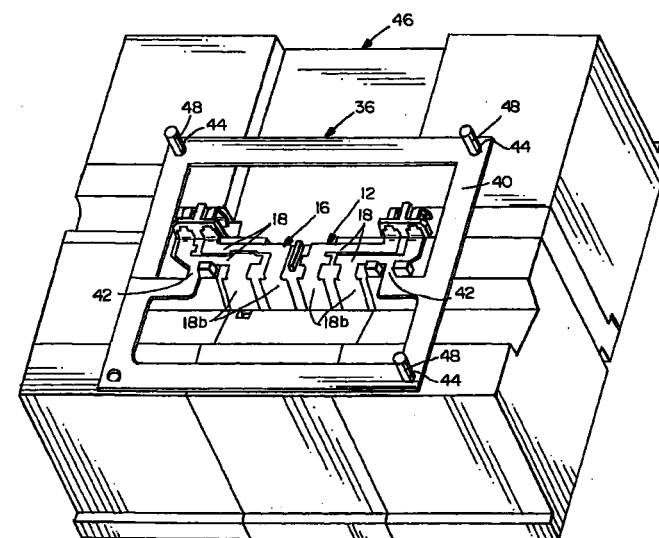


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