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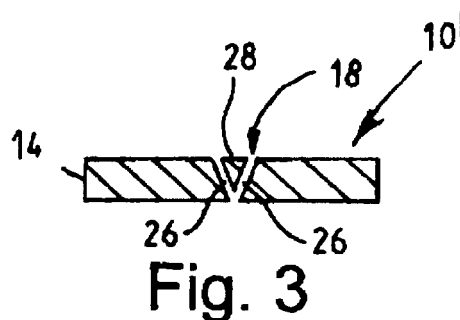
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(54) **Multi-tabbed orifice plates**

(57) An orifice plate for an ink jet printing system has improved fabrication. The orifice plates (10) are formed as part of a larger panel (12). They are mechanically attached to the larger panel and electrically connected to it by means a large number of uniformly space narrow

bridge members (18). These bridge members each converge to a narrow point at the edge of the orifice plate to cause the bridge to detach from the edge of the orifice plate when the orifice plate is to be removed from the larger panel at the time of orifice plate bonding.





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