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(54) **Apparatus for collecting residual materials dispersed during imaging of flexographic printing plates**

(57) There is disclosed an apparatus for collecting residual material from a flexographic printing member on a Computer-To-Plate (CTP) system, that comprises a nozzle body, a nozzle tip attached to an end of the

nozzle body, an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the nozzle tip in proximity with a printing member on the CTP system, an exhaust blower and a conduit for communication with an end of the nozzle body and the exhaust blower.

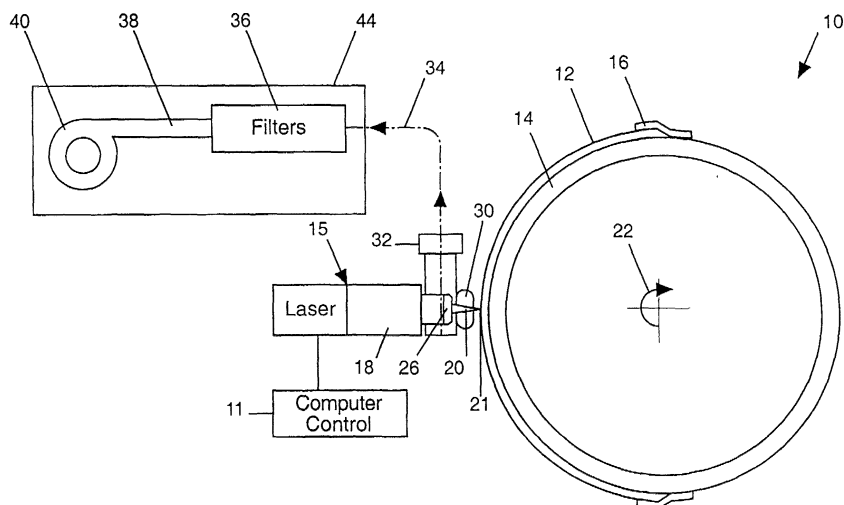


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