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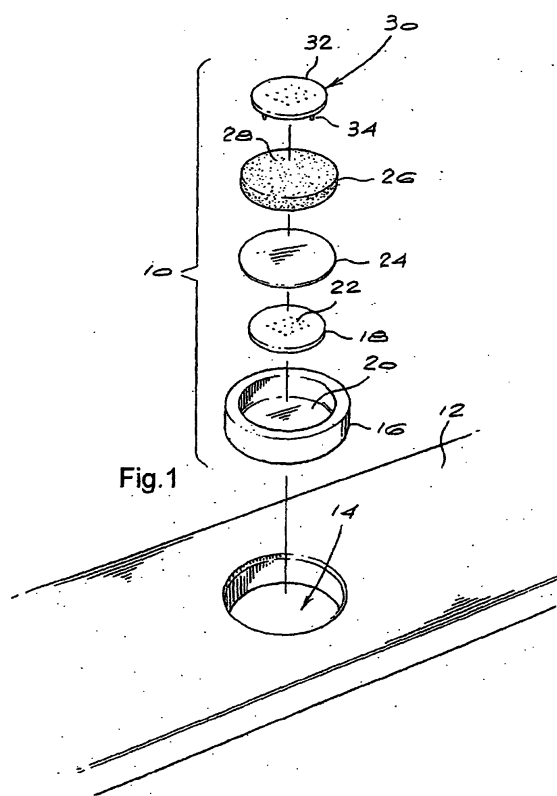
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(54) **Steel section tagging system**

(57) The invention concerns a steel section tagging system in which an identification mark, typically a computer-readable 2D code (22, 56), is applied to the steel section (12, 62). The mark is located in a recess in or on the steel section. In a preferred embodiment, the mark is carried by the base of a cup-shaped receptacle (16, 60) which is fixed in a hole (14) through the steel section. The mark is protected by a plug (26, 68) located over it in the receptacle. The plug is typically moulded or cast *in situ* of a material, such as a settable refractory cement, over the identification mark and is removable to expose the mark when identification of the steel section is necessary.



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