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(54) **Electrical heater element**

(57) An electrical heater element (1) comprises, a first electrical contact member (2) having opposed sides, at least one second electrical contact member (10, 10') providing at least two electrical contact plates (36, 38), and at least one first frame member (4) on one with side of the first electrical contact member (2) and at least one second frame member (6) on the opposing side of the first electrical contact member (2). Each of the or each first and second frame members (4, 6) is adapted to position at least one PTC component (8). At least one PTC component (8) is positioned by the or each frame member (4, 6). The first electrical contact member (2), the or each first and second frame members (4, 6) and the or each PTC components (8) are retained between the at least two electrical contact plates (36, 38).

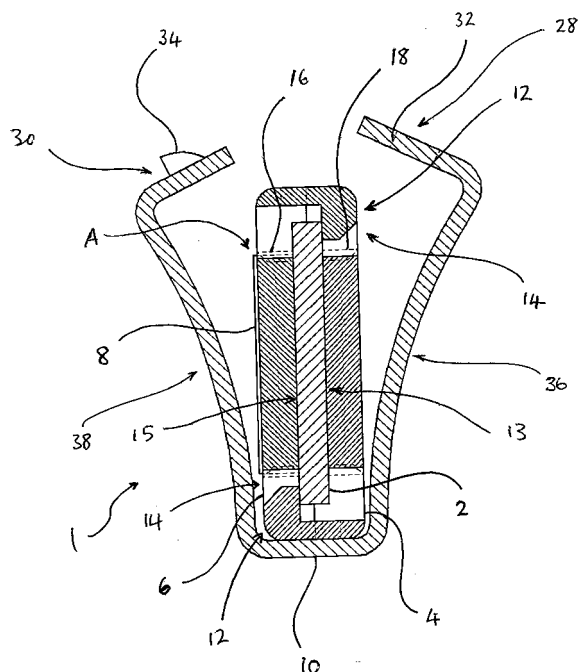


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