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(54) **A bath arrangement**

(57) The bath arrangement 10 comprises a bath body 12 for bathing in and a tank 18 for storing water separately from the bath body 12. A fluid connection 20 is provided between the bath body 12 and the tank 18. A fluid connection valve 22 is provided to control the flow of water between the bath body 12 and the tank 18. The bath

arrangement 10 further includes a main bath water supply for supplying water to the bath body 12 at a main bath supply rate, wherein the fluid connection valve 22 is operable to effect filling of the bath body 12 from the tank 18 either alone or supplementary to filling by means of the main bathwater supply, so that the fill rate of the bath body 12 is higher than the main bath water supply rate.

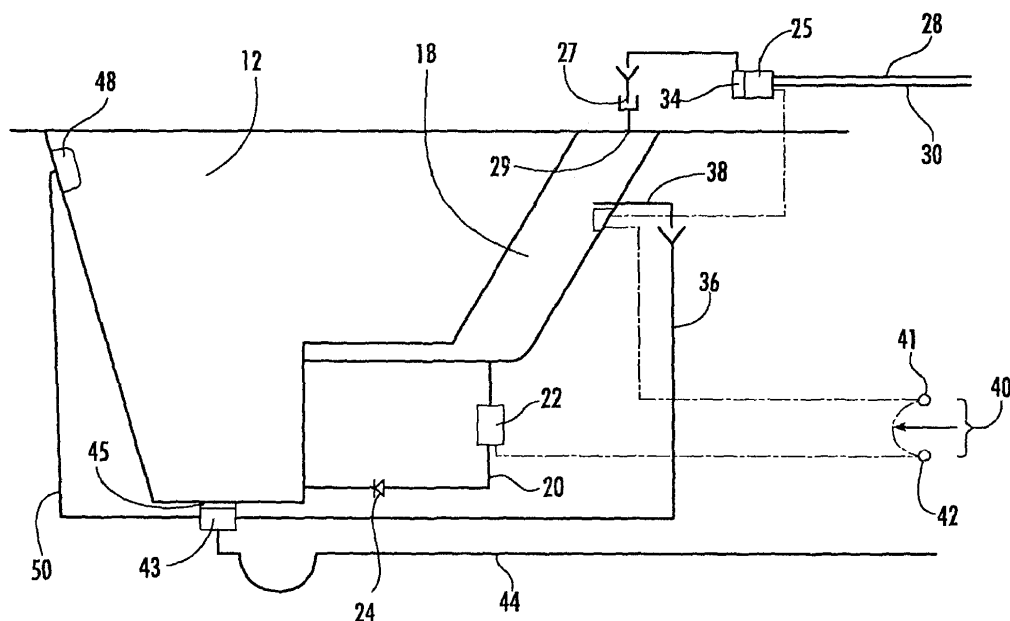


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1. claims: 1-6, 8-10, 19

Bath arrangement comprising a tank

2. claims: 7, 11-18, 20

Bath arrangement with at least one flow path

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