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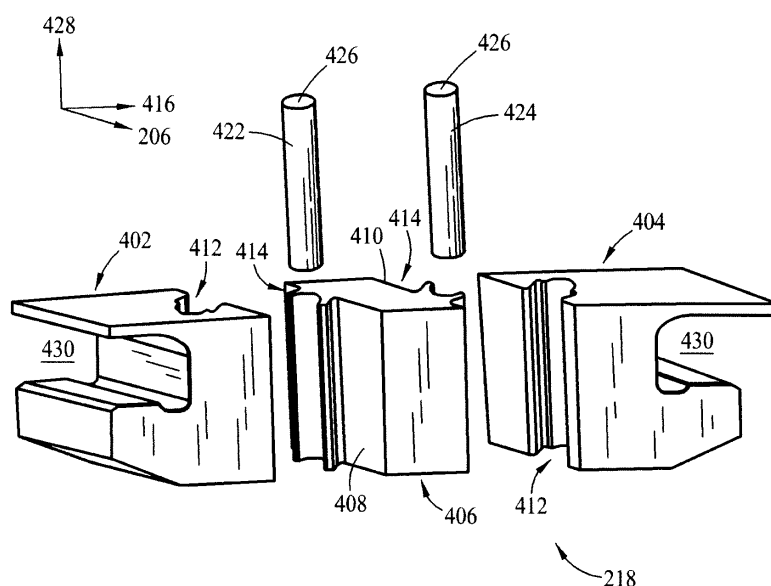
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(54) **Locking spacer assembly for circumferential attachment of rotor blades**

(57) A locking spacer assembly (218) for use with a rotor blade assembly (200) is provided. The locking spacer assembly including a first end portion (40), a second end portion (404), at least one securing device (422,424), and a center portion (406) positioned between the first

end portion (402) and the second end portion (404) such that an opening (418,420) is defined between the center portion and at least one of the first end portion and the second end portion, the opening is sized to receive the securing device therein.



**FIG. 4**



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