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(54) **INTERIOR TRIM GAP COVERING APPARATUSES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME**

(57) Interior trim gap covering apparatuses (16) for motor vehicles and methods for making interior trim gap covering apparatuses are provided. In one example, an interior trim gap covering apparatus comprises a first gap hider member (15). The first gap hider member comprises a substrate (40) having a forward edge (44) and a

rearward edge (46) and a plurality of openings (48, 50, 52) formed therethrough extending between the forward and rearward edges to facilitate the substrate (40) deforming in response to an applied force. A flexible covering (42) overlies the substrate.

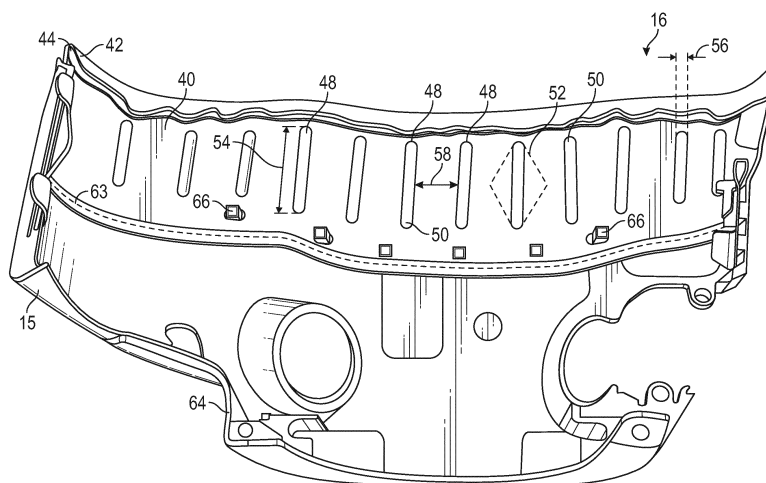


FIG. 3