

1. Claim 16

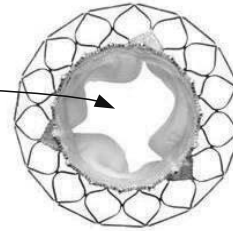
16. An aortic valve for regulating a blood flow through an aortic channel surrounded by an aortic wall upon placement therein, said valve comprising:
- (a) a ring member having
 - (1) a circumference adapted to seat about an aortic wall surrounding an aortic channel, said ring including
 - (2) an aperture for blood flow therethrough;
 - (b) a membrane having
 - (1) first and
 - (2) second spaced-apart open ends, said membrane
 - (3) made of a material resistant to a fluid flow therethrough; and
 - (c) means for mounting said first open end of said membrane about said ring aperture with said second open end displaced therefrom, said means moving said membrane second end between
 - (1) a first open position to allow a blood flow therethrough and
 - (2) a second closed position to preclude a blood flow therethrough.

The Accused Devices infringe Claim 16 of the '228 Patent because all of the limitations of Claim 16 are literally found in the Accused Devices. Below are pictures and illustrations of the CoreValve with each of the limitations identified.

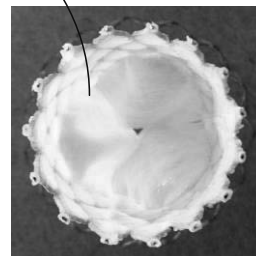
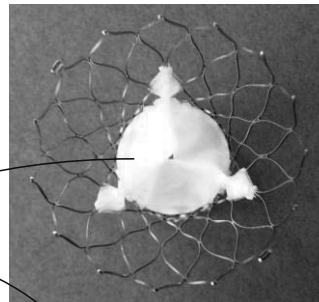
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16(a)(2) an aperture for blood flow therethrough



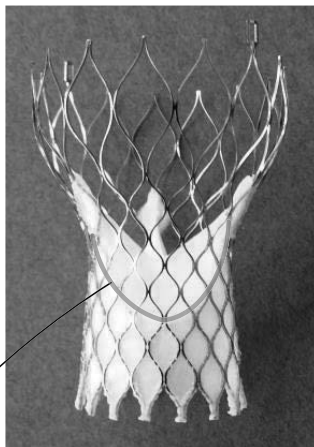
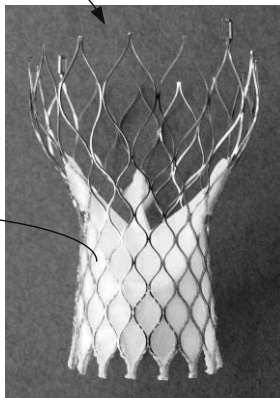
16(b) a membrane



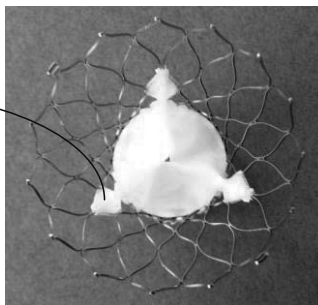
16(b)(2) second space-apart open end[s]

16(b)(3) made of a material resistant to a fluid flow therethrough

16(b)(1) first [open end]



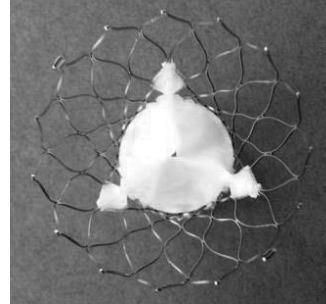
16(c) means for mounting said first open end of said membrane about said ring aperture with said second open end displaced therefrom



16(c)(1) a first open position to allow a blood flow therethrough



16(c)(2) a second closed position to preclude a blood flow therethrough



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