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(54) **STATOR ASSEMBLY MADE FROM A MOLDED WEB OF CORE SEGMENTS AND MOTOR USING SAME**

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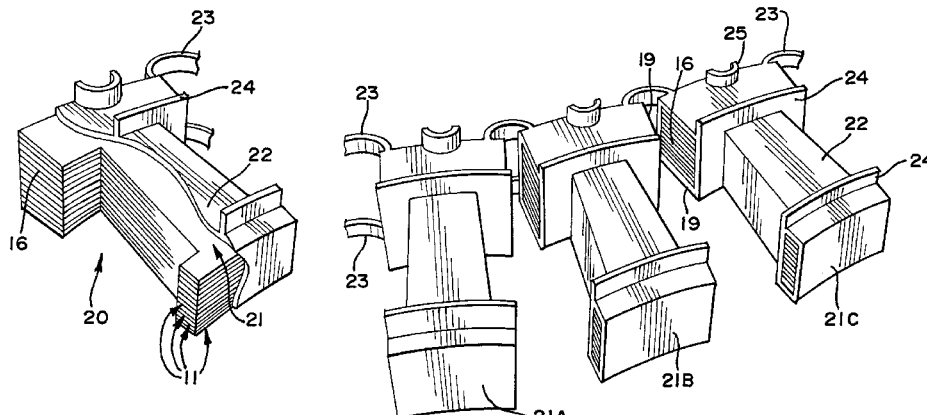
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A plurality of stator arc segments **20** are linked together by a phase change material **22** enabling simplified winding and higher slot fill. Once wound this continuous structure can be formed into a toroidal core **17** for a stator assembly **40** used to make a motor **100**. In a preferred embodiment, a monolithic body **42** of phase change material substantially encapsulates the conductors and holds the stator arc segments **20** in contact with each other in the toroidal core **17**. Hard disc drives using the motor **100**, and methods of constructing the motor **100** are also disclosed.

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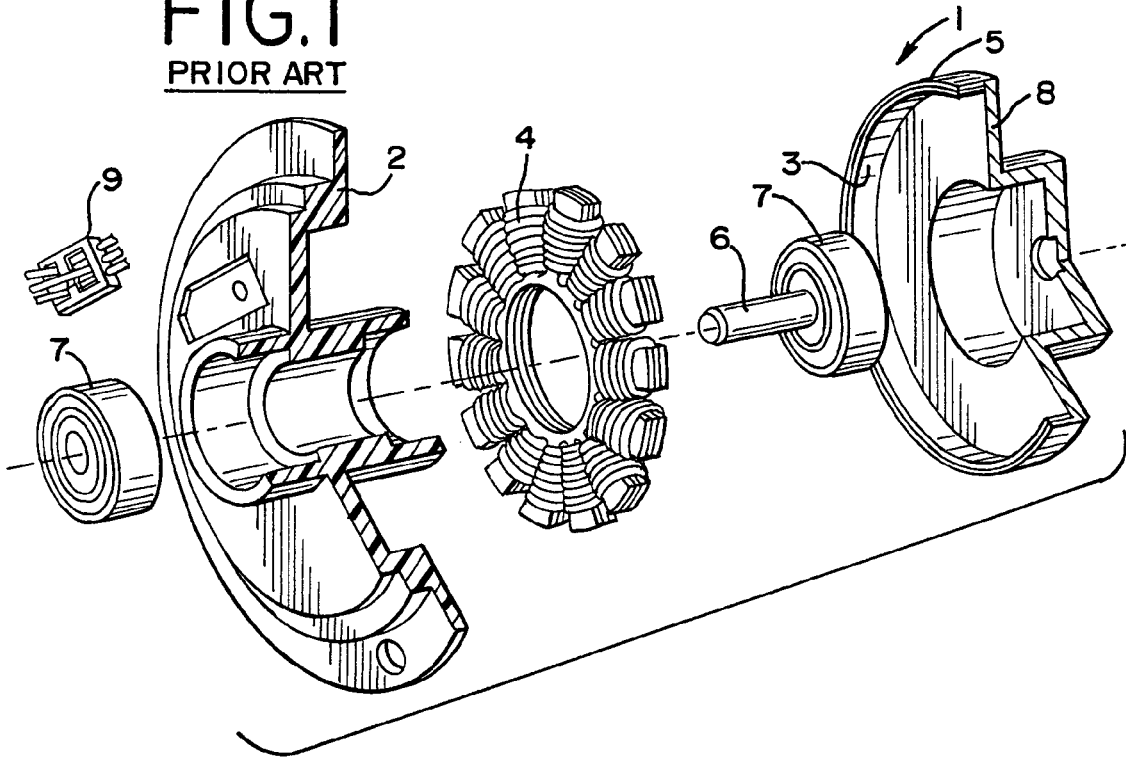
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**FIG. 1**  
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**FIG. 2**

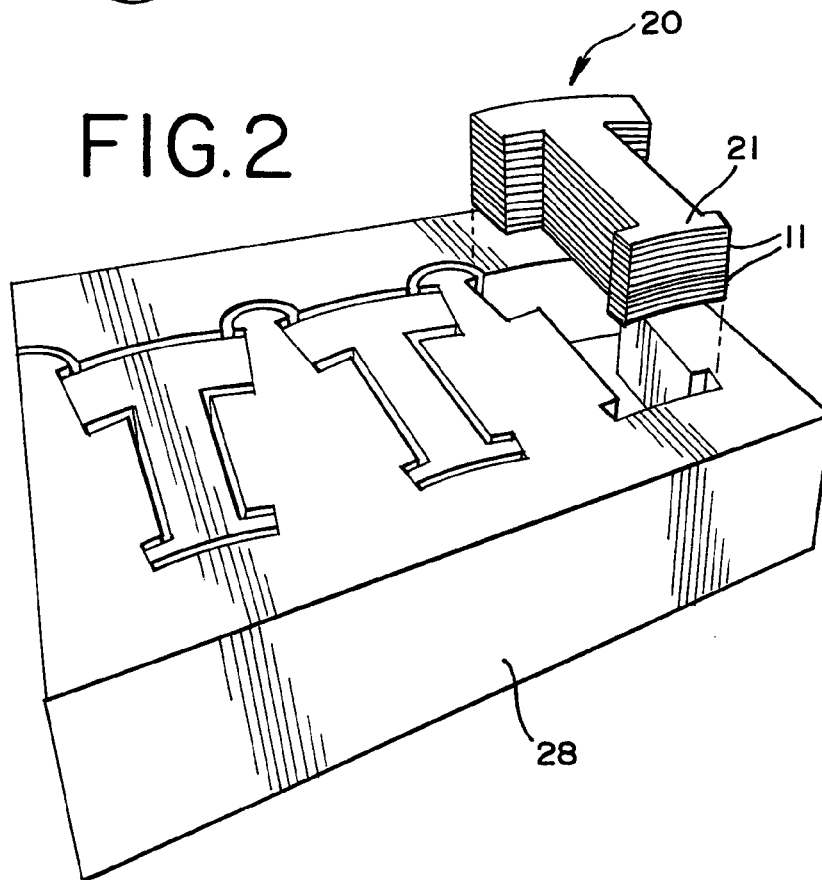


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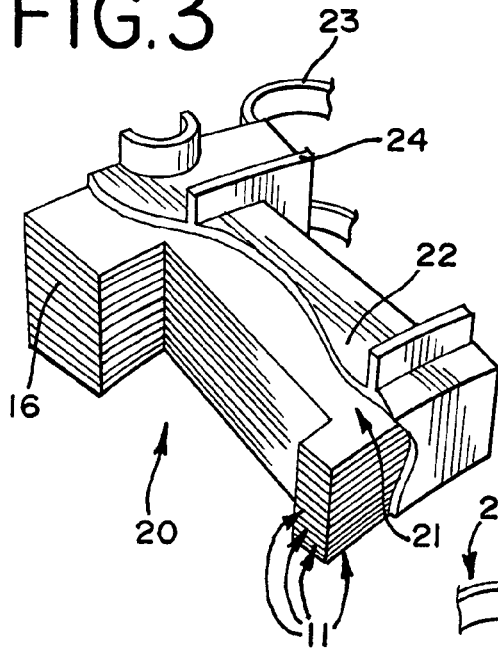


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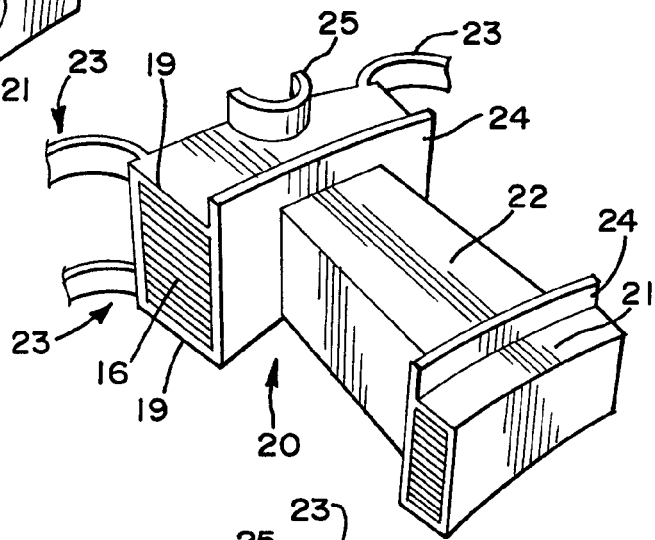
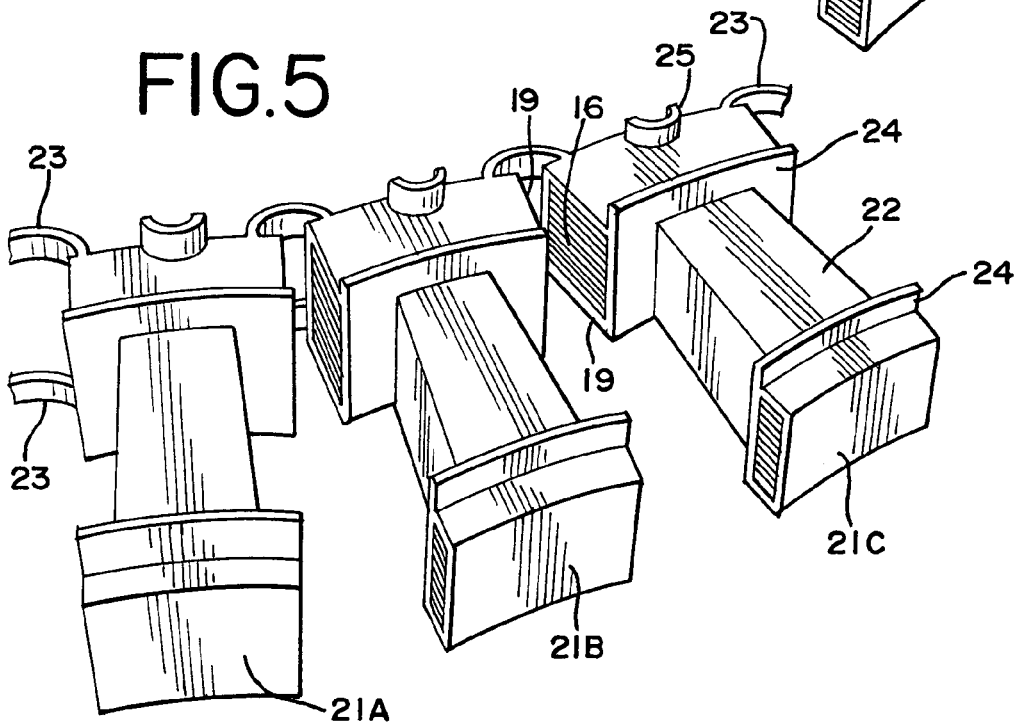


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