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(54) **ALTERNATIVE TO THROUGH-HOLE-PLATING IN A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A printed circuit board (PCB) comprises a number of electrically conductive layers. Instead of coating, or plating, a PCB through-hole with an electrically conductive material to form a via (for the purpose of connecting together signal paths across the electrically conductive layers)—the via is formed by placing a conductive stake, or conductive pin, in the through-hole.

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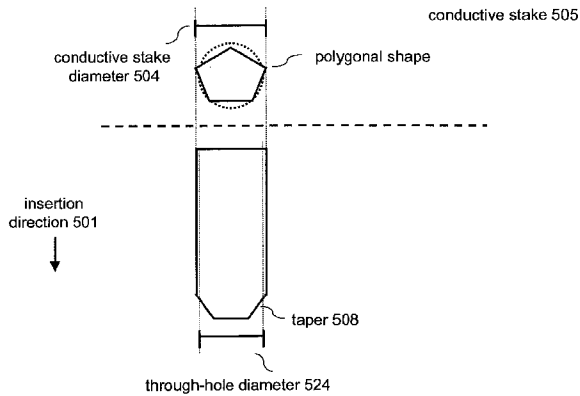
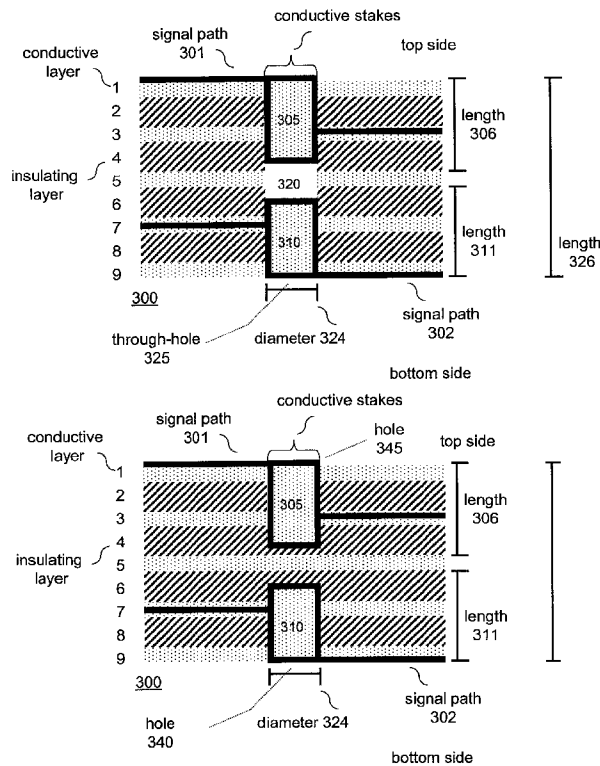
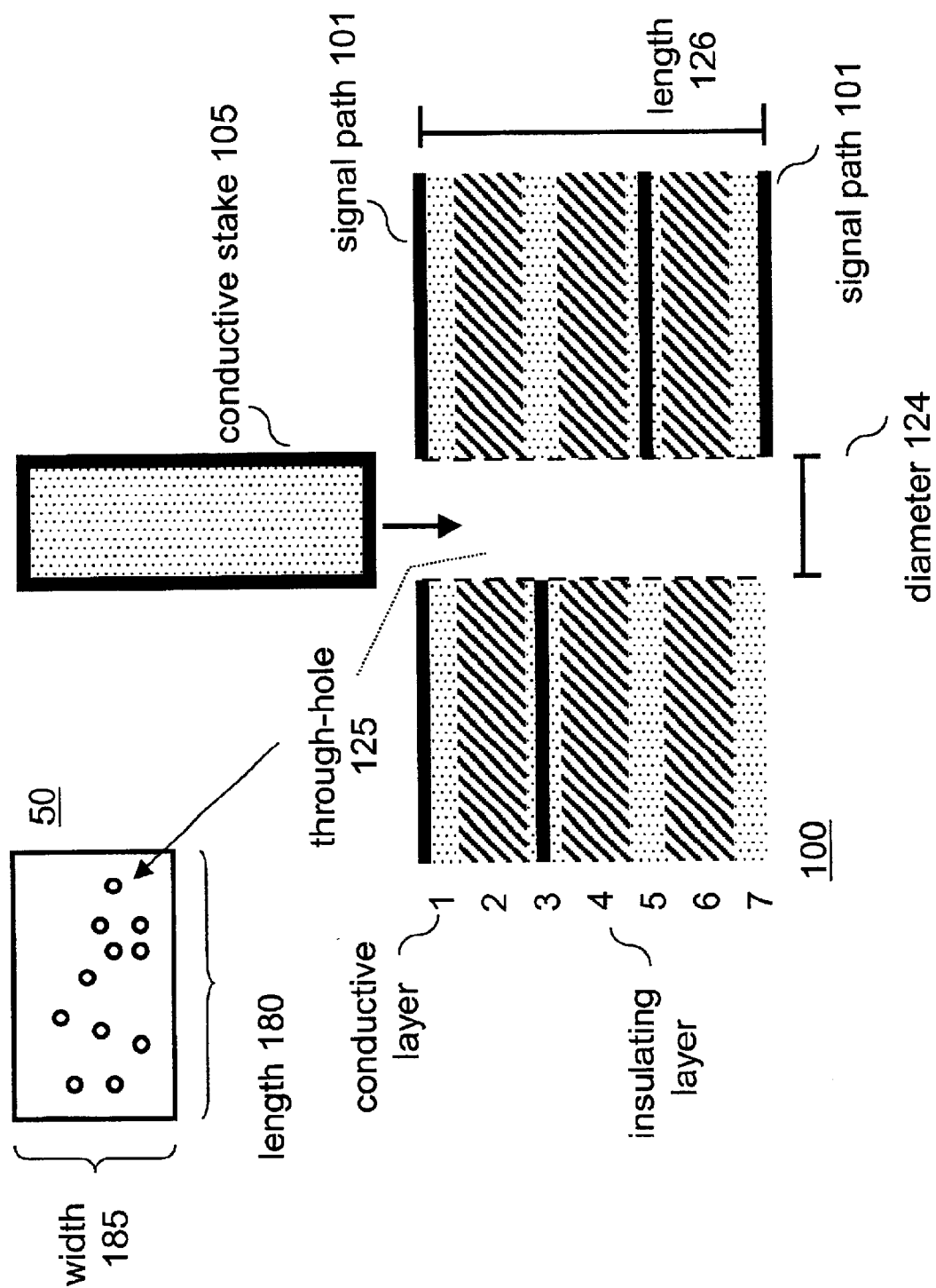


FIG. 1



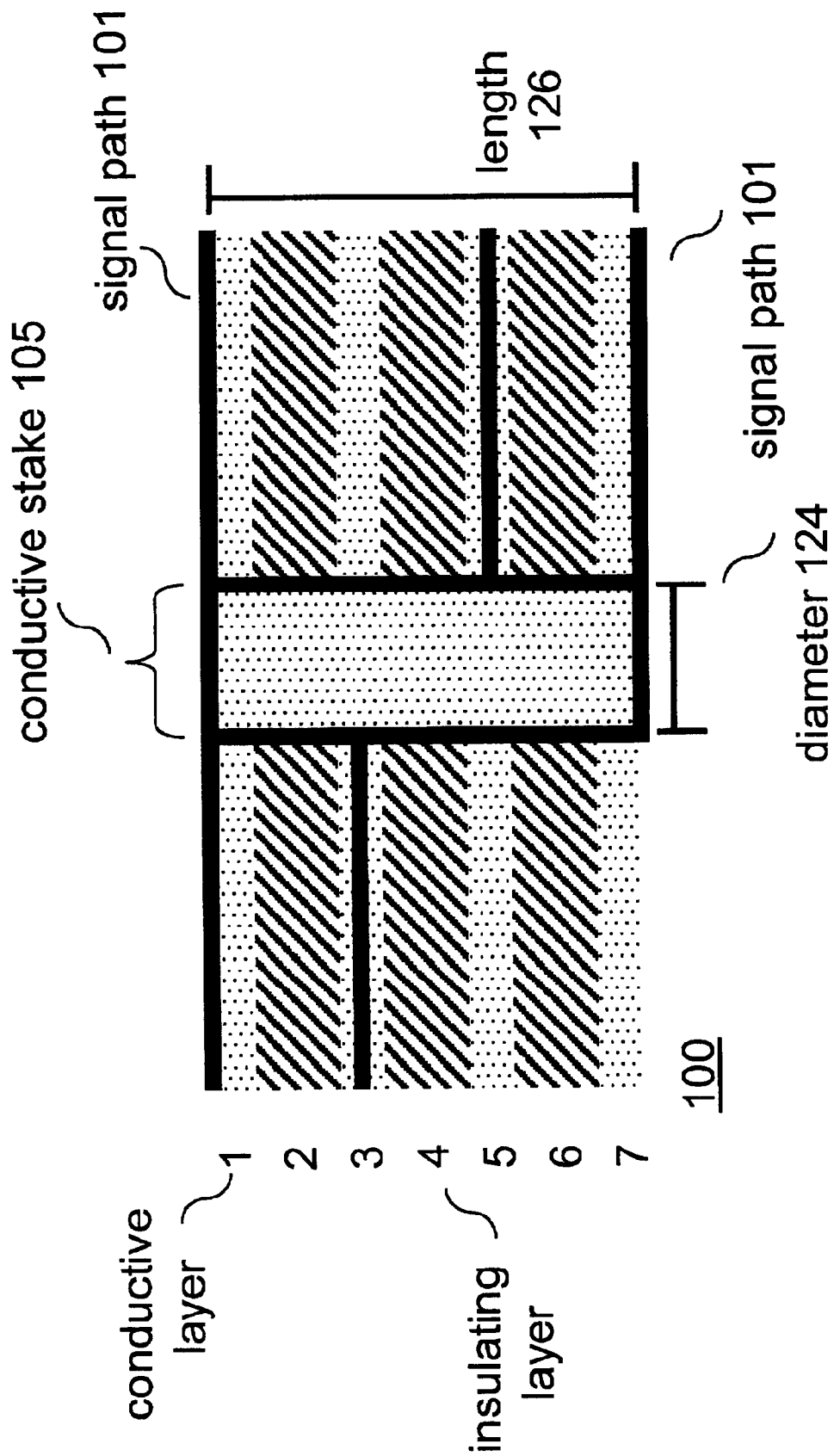


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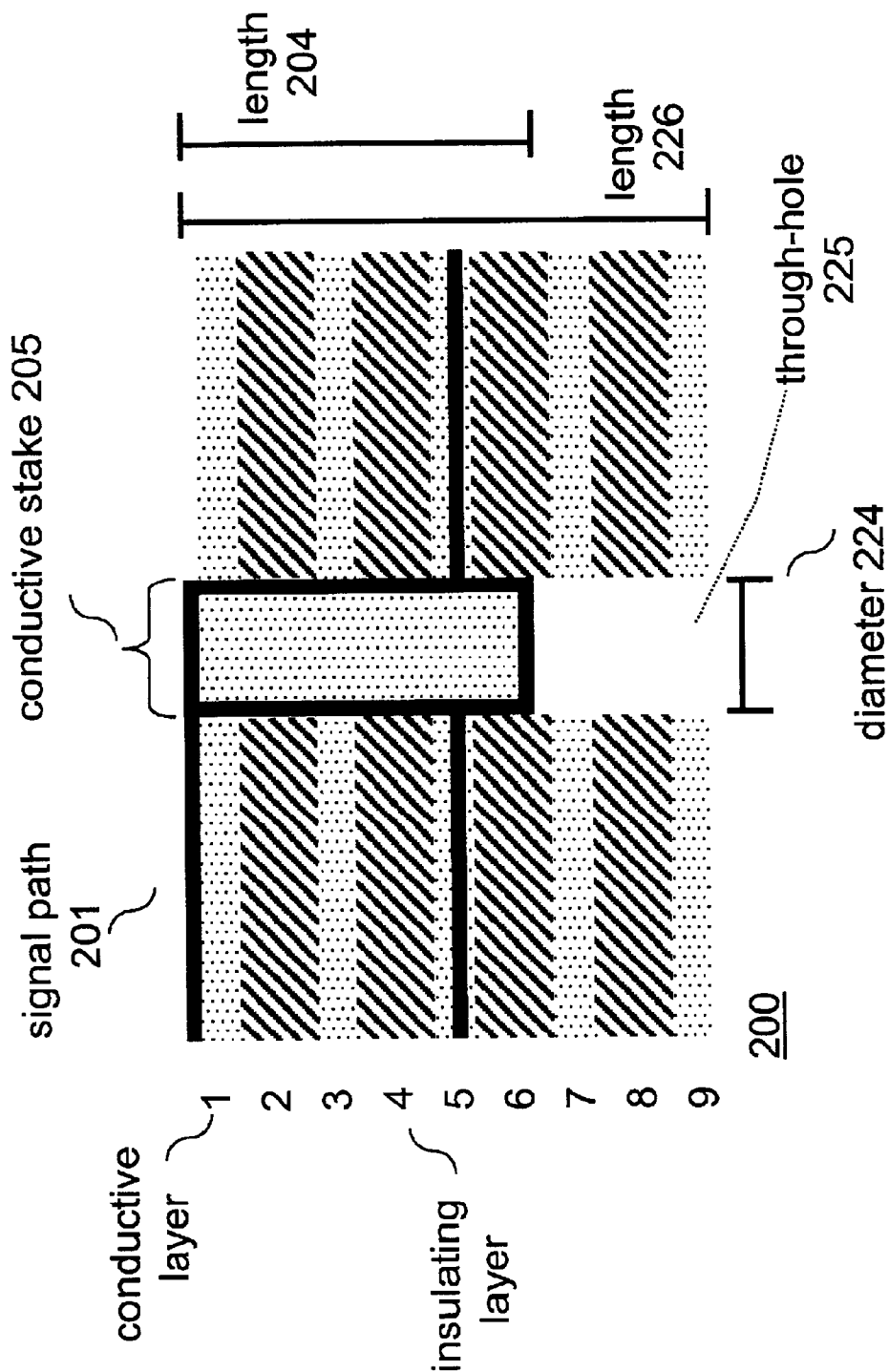
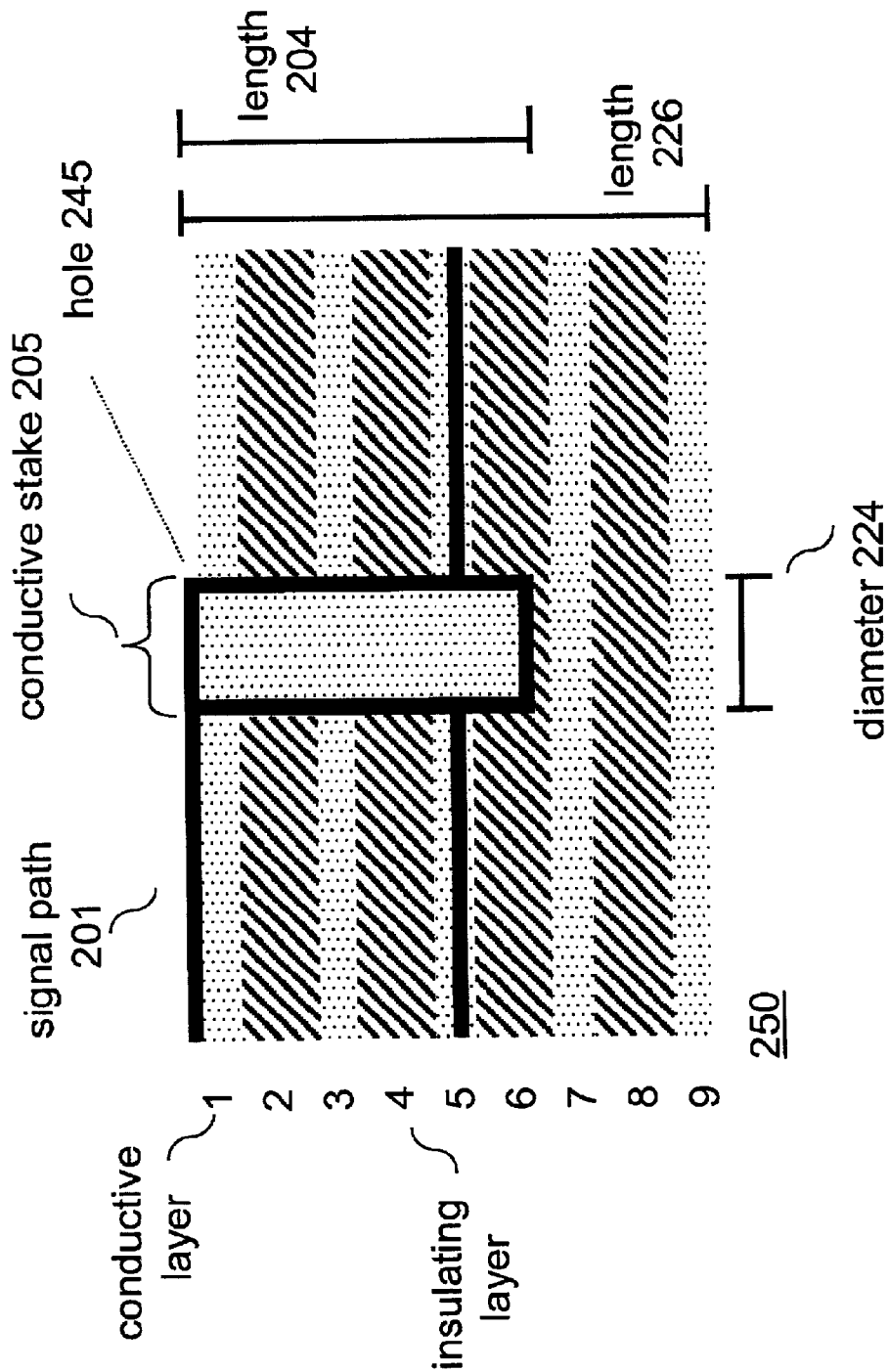


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