

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No. R60999 1400US.C4 (1383.3)
	First Inventor: John Howard Robinson
	Title: TOBACCO-CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE
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Assignee of this invention is RAI Strategic Holdings, Inc.

1. The Filing Fee has been calculated as shown below:
2. Applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

		Small Entity		Large Entity		
	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee 0	Rate	Fee 1
BASIC FEE				\$ 0		\$ 280
SEARCH FEE				\$ 0		\$ 600
EXAMINATION FEE				\$ 0		\$ 720
TOTAL CLAIMS:		30 - 20 =	10	X 40 = \$ 0		x 80 = \$ 800
INDEP CLAIMS:		2 - 3 =	0	X 210 = \$ 0		x 420 = \$ 0
APPLICATION SIZE FEE	If the specification, drawings, and sequence listing exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$400 (\$200 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof.					
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED				+390 = \$		+780 = \$
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b. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 (National application processing fees) including any extension of time fees under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that are required for consideration of papers filed during prosecution.

- A check in the amount of \$ ___ for the filing fee is enclosed.
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3. Specification; Total Pages 49
4. 5 Sheets of Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)
5. Declaration and Power of Attorney; [Total Pages]
- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) & 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
 Landscape Table on CD
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing under 37 CFR § 1.821(e) and MPEP 2422.05 (must be compliant with new rules)
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- ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s) (including \$40.00 fee)
Name of Assignee
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement and General Power of Attorney by Assignee. OR
 Application Specific Power of Attorney by Assignee
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449; IDS Coversheet
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
 Foreign Priority is claimed as Application No. , filed
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
Applicant **must** attach form PTO/SB35 or its equivalent.
17. Request for Early Publication Under 37 CFR § 1.219. Fee of \$300.00 is enclosed.
18. **If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:**
 Continuation Divisional Continuation in Part (CIP)
of prior Application No: 14/527,287; Filed October 29, 2014
Prior Application Information: Examiner Phu Hoang Nguyen Group/Art Unit: 1747

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Application Data Sheet 37 CFR 1.76		Attorney Docket Number	R60999 1400US.C4 (1383.3)
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<p>The application data sheet is part of the provisional or nonprovisional application for which it is being submitted. The following form contains the bibliographic data arranged in a format specified by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as outlined in 37 CFR 1.76. This document may be completed electronically and submitted to the Office in electronic format using the Electronic Filing System (EFS) or the document may be printed and included in a paper filed application.</p>			

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Inventor Information:

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Title of the Invention	TOBACCO CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE		
Attorney Docket Number	R60999 1400US.C4 (1383.3)	Small Entity Status Claimed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Type	Nonprovisional		
Subject Matter	Utility		
Total Number of Drawing Sheets (if any)	5	Suggested Figure for Publication (if any)	1

Filing By Reference:

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For the purposes of a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b), the description and any drawings of the present application are replaced by this reference to the previously filed application, subject to conditions and requirements of 37 CFR 1.57(a).

Application number of the previously filed application	Filing date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Intellectual Property Authority or Country

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<input type="checkbox"/> Request Early Publication (Fee required at time of Request 37 CFR 1.219)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Not to Publish. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) and certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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Domestic Benefit/National Stage Information:

This section allows for the applicant to either claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, 365(c), or 386(c) or indicate National Stage entry from a PCT application. Providing benefit claim information in the Application Data Sheet constitutes the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120, and 37 CFR 1.78.

When referring to the current application, please leave the "Application Number" field blank.

Prior Application Status	Pending				Remove
Application Number	Continuity Type		Prior Application Number	Filing or 371(c) Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	
	Continuation of		14527287	2014-10-29	
Prior Application Status	Patented				Remove
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14527287	Continuation of	13297983	2011-11-16	8899238	2014-12-02
Prior Application Status	Patented				Remove
Application Number	Continuity Type	Prior Application Number	Filing Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Patent Number	Issue Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
13297983	Continuation of	12763890	2010-04-20	8079371	2011-12-20
Prior Application Status	Patented				Remove
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12763890	Continuation of	11550634	2006-10-18	7726320	2010-06-01
Additional Domestic Benefit/National Stage Data may be generated within this form by selecting the Add button.					Add

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Statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78 for AIA (First Inventor to File) Transition Applications

<p>This application (1) claims priority to or the benefit of an application filed before March 16, 2013 and (2) also contains, or contained at any time, a claim to a claimed invention that has an effective filing date on or after March 16, 2013.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NOTE: By providing this statement under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78, this application, with a filing date on or after March 16, 2013, will be examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.</p>
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Authorization or Opt-Out of Authorization to Permit Access:

When this Application Data Sheet is properly signed and filed with the application, applicant has provided written authority to permit a participating foreign intellectual property (IP) office access to the instant application-as-filed (see paragraph A in subsection 1 below) and the European Patent Office (EPO) access to any search results from the instant application (see paragraph B in subsection 1 below).

Should applicant choose not to provide an authorization identified in subsection 1 below, applicant **must opt-out** of the authorization by checking the corresponding box A or B or both in subsection 2 below.

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1. Authorization to Permit Access by a Foreign Intellectual Property Office(s)

A. Priority Document Exchange (PDX) - Unless box A in subsection 2 (opt-out of authorization) is checked, the undersigned hereby **grants the USPTO authority** to provide the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and any other foreign intellectual property office participating with the USPTO in a bilateral or multilateral priority document exchange agreement in which a foreign application claiming priority to the instant patent application is filed, access to: (1) the instant patent application-as-filed and its related bibliographic data, (2) any foreign or domestic application to which priority or benefit is claimed by the instant application and its related bibliographic data, and (3) the date of filing of this Authorization. See 37 CFR 1.14(h)(1).

B. Search Results from U.S. Application to EPO - Unless box B in subsection 2 (opt-out of authorization) is checked, the undersigned hereby **grants the USPTO authority** to provide the EPO access to the bibliographic data and search results from the instant patent application when a European patent application claiming priority to the instant patent application is filed. See 37 CFR 1.14(h)(2).

The applicant is reminded that the EPO's Rule 141(1) EPC (European Patent Convention) requires applicants to submit a copy of search results from the instant application without delay in a European patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

2. Opt-Out of Authorizations to Permit Access by a Foreign Intellectual Property Office(s)

A. Applicant **DOES NOT** authorize the USPTO to permit a participating foreign IP office access to the instant application-as-filed. If this box is checked, the USPTO will not be providing a participating foreign IP office with any documents and information identified in subsection 1A above.

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Applicant	1	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
<p>If the applicant is the inventor (or the remaining joint inventor or inventors under 37 CFR 1.45), this section should not be completed. The information to be provided in this section is the name and address of the legal representative who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.43; or the name and address of the assignee, person to whom the inventor is under an obligation to assign the invention, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter who is the applicant under 37 CFR 1.46. If the applicant is an applicant under 37 CFR 1.46 (assignee, person to whom the inventor is obligated to assign, or person who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest) together with one or more joint inventors, then the joint inventor or inventors who are also the applicant should be identified in this section.</p>		
<input type="button" value="Clear"/>		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Assignee	Legal Representative under 35 U.S.C. 117	Joint Inventor
Person to whom the inventor is obligated to assign.		Person who shows sufficient proprietary interest
If applicant is the legal representative, indicate the authority to file the patent application, the inventor is:		
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Organization Name	RAI STRATEGIC HOLDINGS, INC.	
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Assignee	1
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Complete this section if assignee information, including non-applicant assignee information, is desired to be included on the patent application publication. An assignee-applicant identified in the "Applicant Information" section will appear on the patent application publication as an applicant. For an assignee-applicant, complete this section only if identification as an assignee is also desired on the patent application publication.

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3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.
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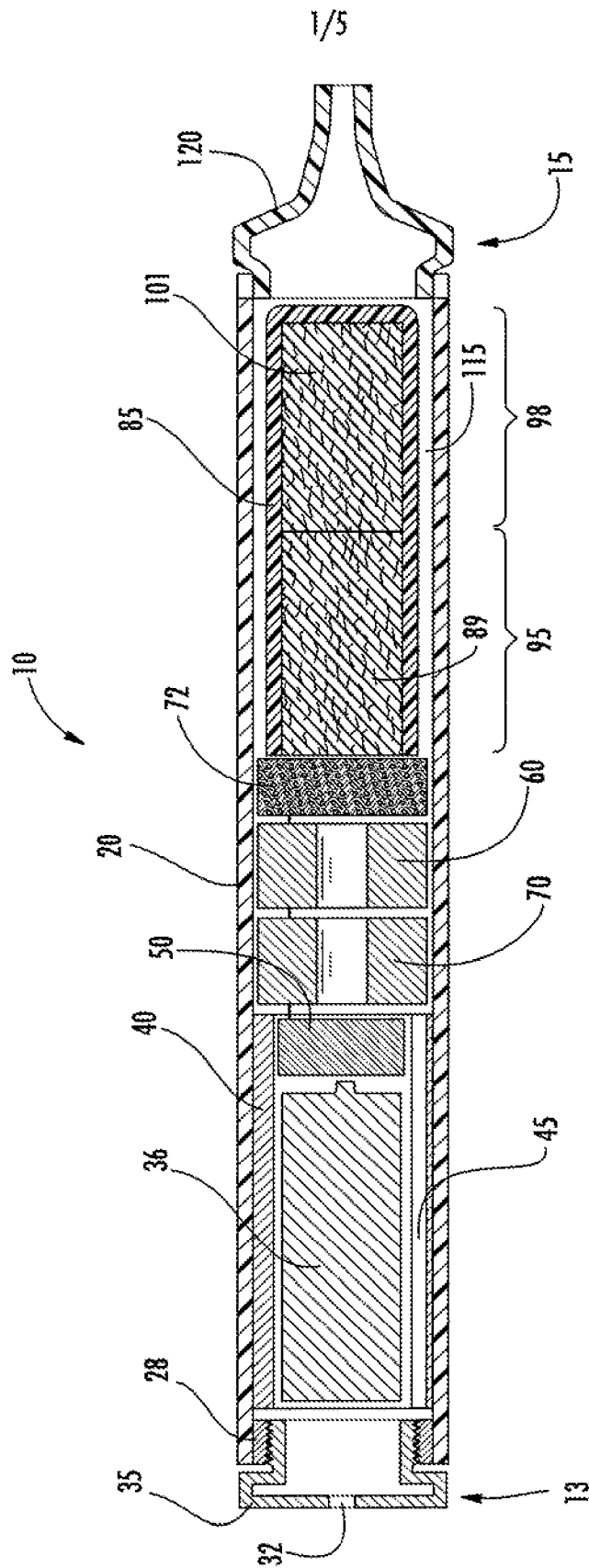


FIG. 1

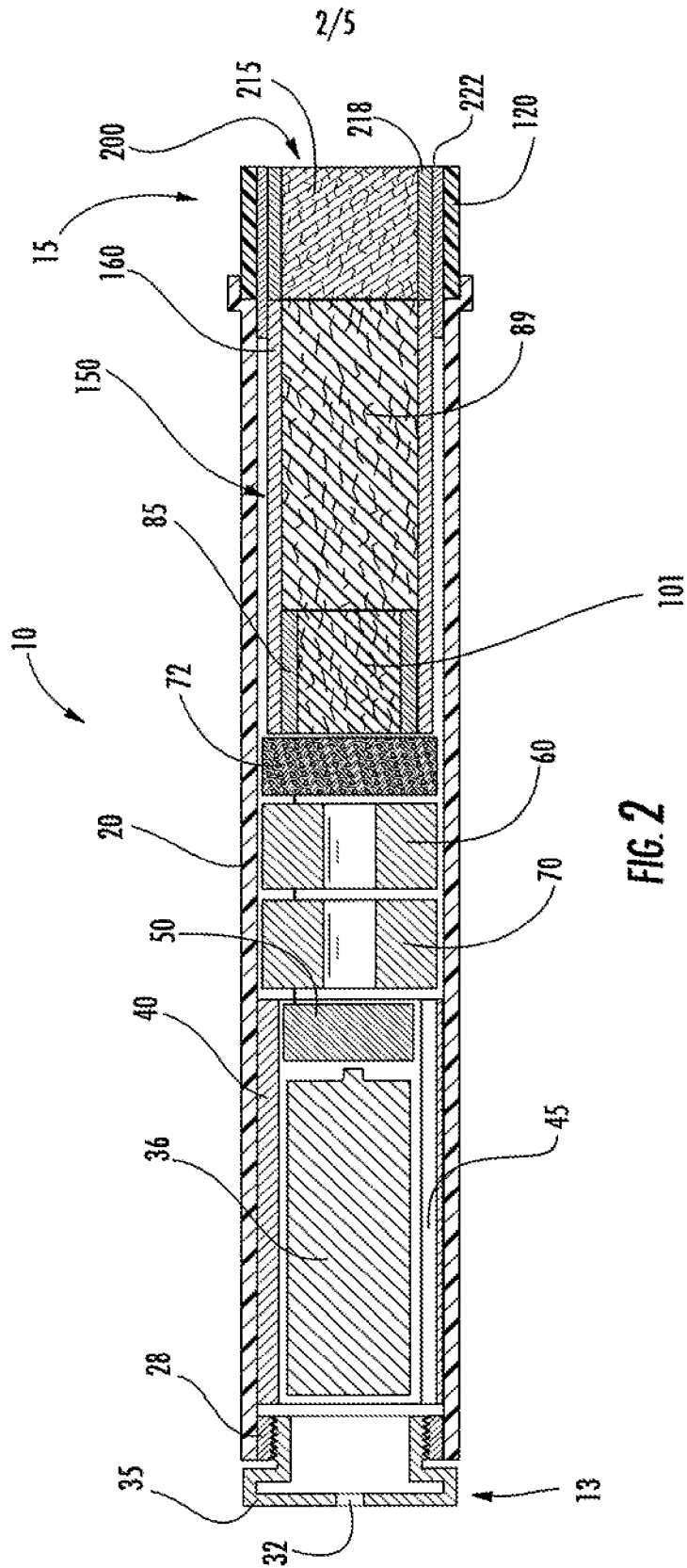


FIG. 2

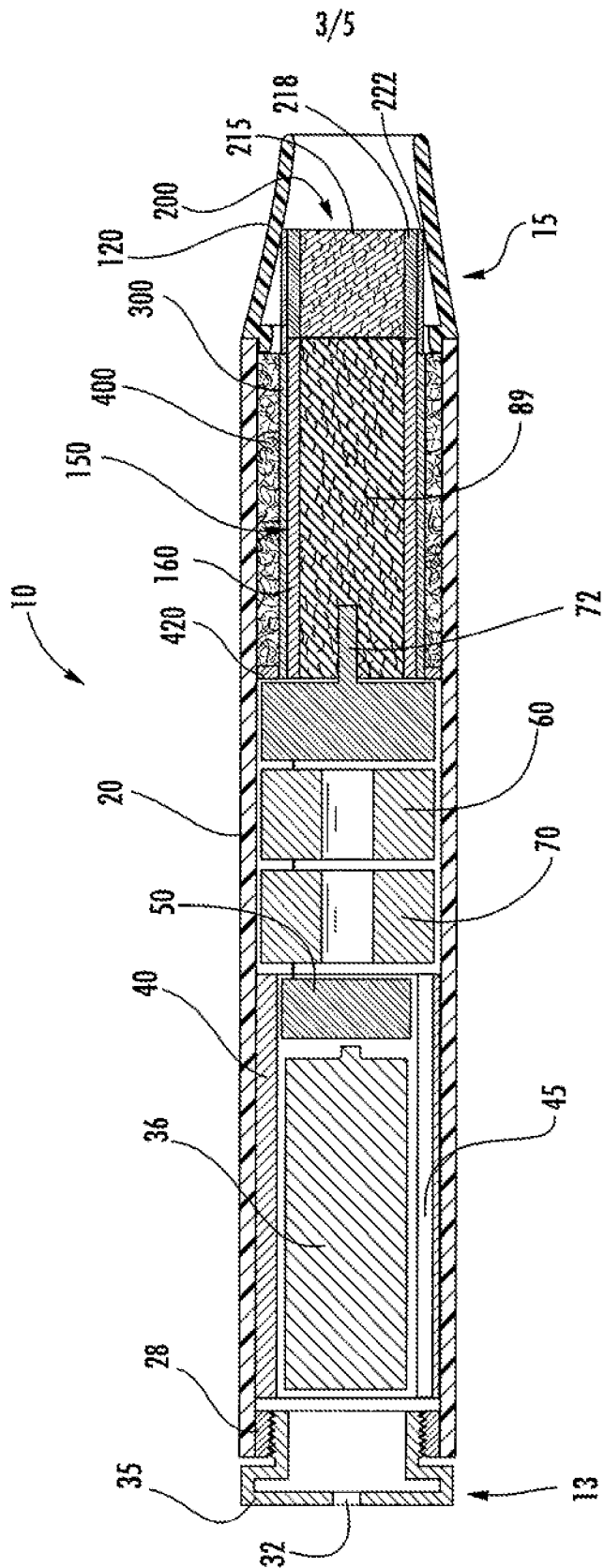


FIG 3

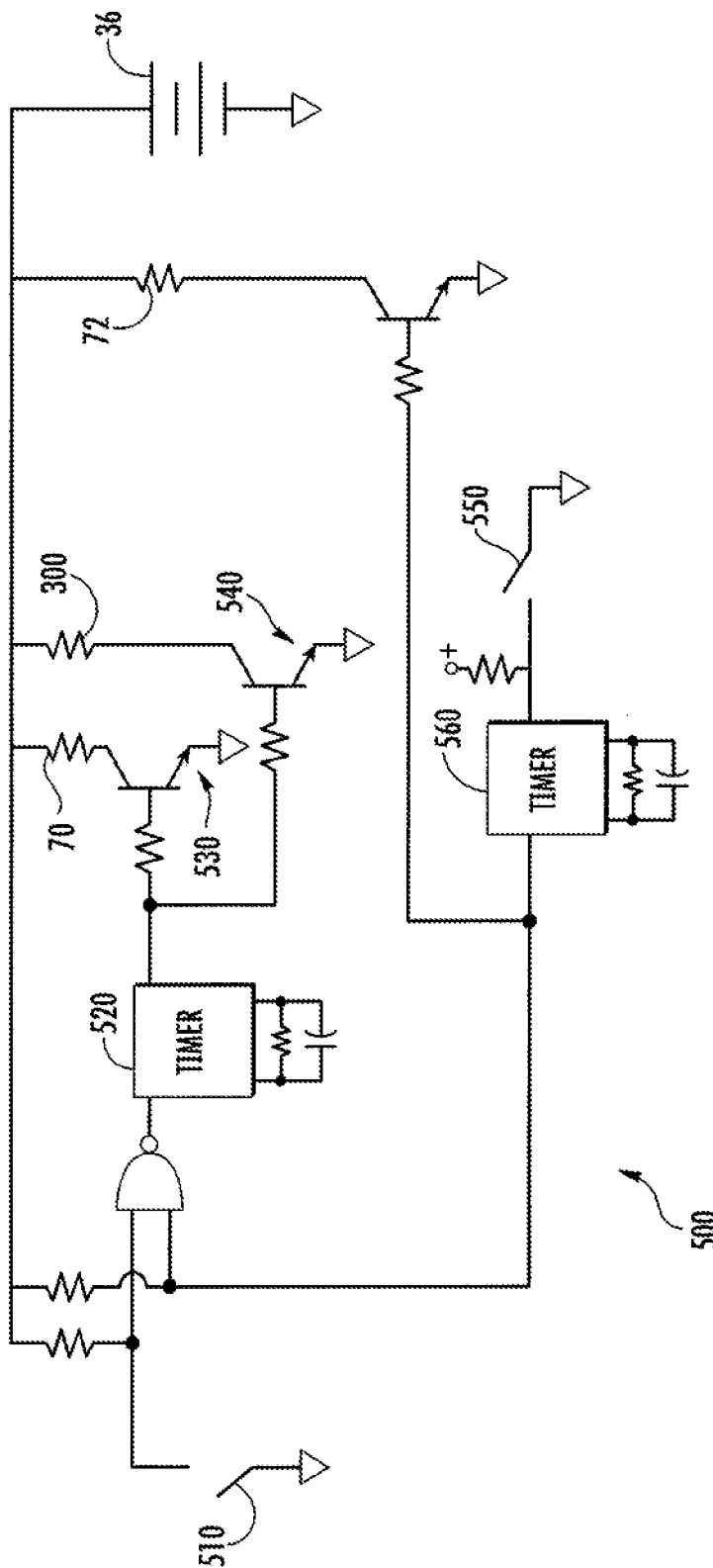


FIG. 4

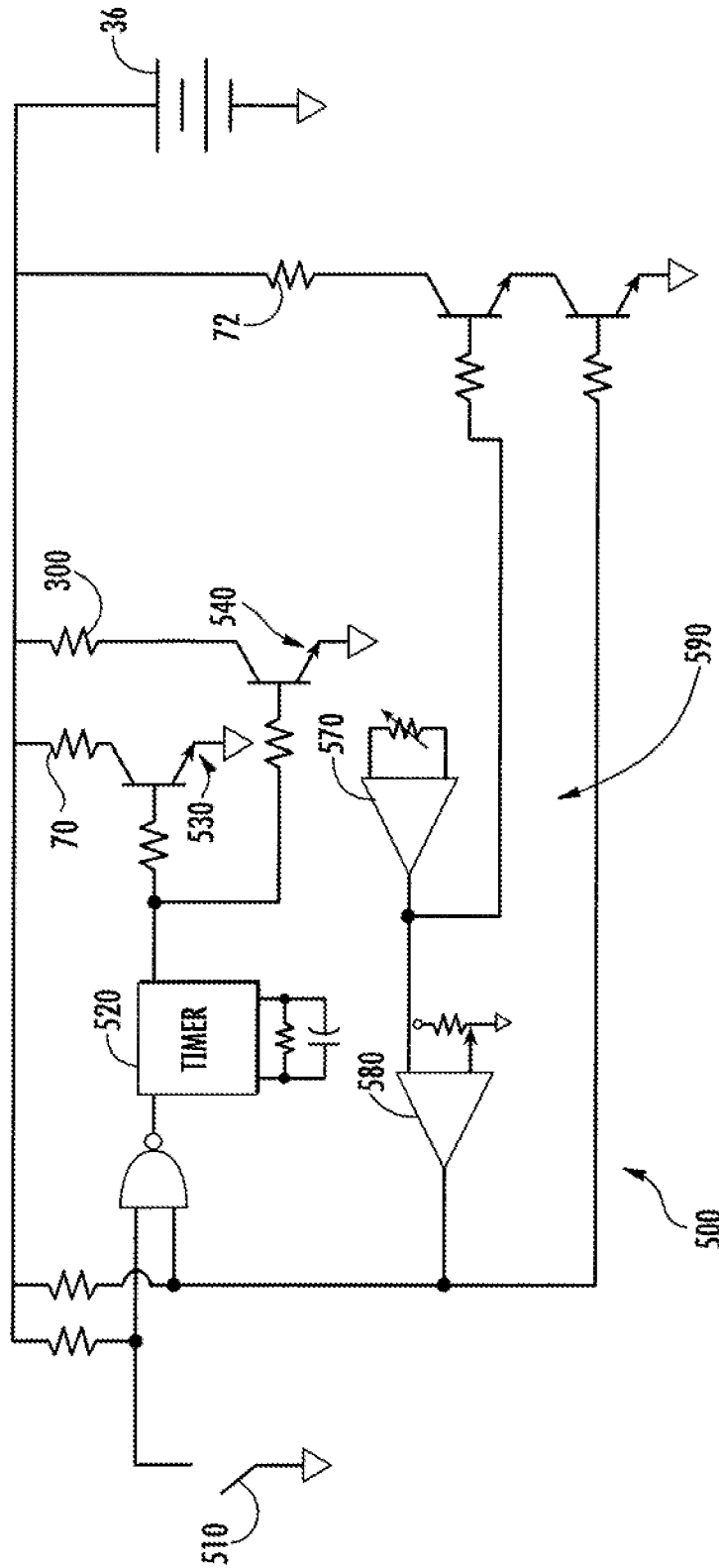


FIG. 5

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

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TOBACCO-CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. App. No. 14,527,287; filed October 29, 2014, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 13/297,983, filed November 16, 2011, issued on December 2, 2014, as U.S. Patent No. 8,899,238, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 12/763,890, filed April 20, 2010 and issued on December 20, 2011 as U.S. Patent No. 8,079,371, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 11/550,634, filed on October 18, 2006 and issued on June 1, 2010 as U.S. Patent No. 7,726,320, which are each incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to tobacco products, such as tobacco-containing smoking articles.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Popular smoking articles, such as cigarettes, have a substantially cylindrical rod shaped structure and include a charge, roll, or column of smokable material, such as shredded tobacco (e.g., in cut filler form), surrounded by a paper wrapper, thereby forming a so-called “smokable rod” or “tobacco rod.” Normally, a cigarette has a cylindrical filter element aligned in an end-to-end relationship with the tobacco rod. Preferably, a filter element comprises plasticized cellulose acetate tow circumscribed by a paper material known as “plug wrap.” Certain filter elements can incorporate polyhydric alcohols. See, for example, UK Pat. Spec. 755,475. Certain cigarettes incorporate a filter element having multiple segments, and one of those segments can comprise activated charcoal particles. See, for example, US Pat. Nos. 5,360,023 to Blakley et al. and 6,537,186 to Veluz. Preferably, the filter element is attached to one end of the tobacco rod using a circumscribing wrapping material known as “tipping paper.” It also has become desirable to perforate the tipping material and plug wrap, in order to provide dilution of drawn mainstream smoke with ambient air. Descriptions of cigarettes and the various components thereof are set forth in *Tobacco Production, Chemistry and Technology*, Davis et al. (Eds.) (1999). Traditionally, a cigarette of the most popular type is employed by a smoker by lighting one end

thereof and burning the tobacco rod. The smoker then receives mainstream smoke produced by the burning tobacco into his/her mouth by drawing on the opposite end (e.g., the filter end) of the cigarette.

5 Through the years, various methods for altering the composition of mainstream tobacco smoke have been proposed. In PCT Appl. Pub. No. WO 02/37990 to Bereman, it has been suggested that metallic particles and/or carbonaceous particles can be incorporated into the smokable material of a cigarette in an attempt to reduce the amounts of certain compounds in the smoke produced by that cigarette. In US Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2005/0066986 to Nestor et al., it has been suggested that a smokable rod possessing tobacco wrapped in paper can incorporate
10 tobacco filler combined with an aerosol-forming material, such as glycerin. US Pat. No. 6,874,508 to Shafer et al. proposes a cigarette having a paper wrapped tobacco rod having a tip portion that is treated with an additive, such as potassium bicarbonate, sodium chloride or potassium phosphate.

Various tobacco substitute materials have been proposed, and substantial listings of
15 various types of those materials can be found in US Pat. Nos. 4,079,742 to Rainer et al. and 4,771,795 to White et al. Certain cigarette-type products that employ non-tobacco materials (e.g., dried vegetable leaves, such as lettuce leaves) as filler that is burned to produce smoke that resembles tobacco smoke have been marketed under the trade names “Cubebs,” “Triumph,” “Jazz,” and “Bravo.” See, for example, the types of materials described in US Pat. No.
20 4,700,727 to Torigian. Furthermore, tobacco substitute materials having the trade names “Cytrel” and “NSM” were introduced in Europe during the 1970s. Representative types of proposed synthetic tobacco substitute materials, smokable materials incorporating tobacco and other components, and cigarettes incorporating those materials, are described in British Pat. No. 1,431,045; and US Pat. Nos. 3,738,374 to Bennett; 3,844,294 to Webster; 3,878,850 to Gibson et al.; 3,931,824 to Miano et al.; 3,943,941 to Boyd et al.; 4,044,777 to Boyd et al.; 4,233,993 to
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30 ingredients are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,823,817 to Luke; 4,874,000 to Tamol et al.; 4,977,908 to Luke; 5,072,744 to Luke et al.; 5,829,453 to White et al.; and 6,182,670 to White et al.

Certain types of coaxial or concentric-type smoking articles have been proposed. There have been proposed cigarette-type smoking articles including tobacco smokable materials surrounding longitudinally extending cores of other materials. UK Pat. Appl. 2,070,409 proposes a smoking article having a rod of smoking material having at least one filament extending over at least a major portion of the length of the rod. US Pat. No. 3,614,956 to Thornton proposes a smoking article having an annular outer portion made of tobacco smoking material and a central cylindrical core of absorbent material. US Pat. No. 4,219,031 to Rainer et al. proposes a smoking article having a central core of carbonized fibers circumscribed by tobacco. US Pat. No. 6,823,873 to Nichols et al. proposes a cigarette including an ignition element surrounded by tobacco, which is in turn surrounded by a composite outer wrapper. One type of cigarette-type smoking article has included a rod of tobacco smokable material surrounded a longitudinally extending annulus of some other material. For example, US Pat. No. 5,105,838 to White et al. proposes a rod of smokable material, normally circumscribed by a layer of wrapping material, which is in turn circumscribed by an insulating material (e.g., glass filaments or fibers). PCT Appl. Pub. No. WO 98/16125 to Snaidr et al. proposes a smoking device constructed from a very thin cigarette designed to fit into a tubular ceramic cartridge.

Numerous references have proposed various smoking articles of a type that generate flavored vapor, visible aerosol, or a mixture of flavored vapor and visible aerosol. Some of those proposed types of smoking articles include tubular sections or longitudinally extending air passageways. See, for example, those types of smoking articles described in US Pat. Nos. 3,258,015 to Ellis et al.; 3,356,094 to Ellis et al.; 3,516,417 to Moses; 4,347,855 to Lanzellotti et al.; 4,340,072 to Bolt et al.; 4,391,285 to Burnett et al.; 4,917,121 to Riehl et al.; 4,924,886 to Litzinger; and 5,060,676 to Hearn et al. Many of those types of smoking articles have employed a combustible fuel source that is burned to provide an aerosol and/or to heat an aerosol-forming material. See, for example, the background art cited in US Pat. Nos. 4,714,082 to Banerjee et al. and 4,771,795 to White et al.; which are incorporated herein by reference. See, also, for example, those types of smoking articles described in US Pat. Nos. 4,756,318 to Clearman et al.; 4,714,082 to Banerjee et al.; 4,771,795 to White et al.; 4,793,365 to Sensabaugh et al.; 4,917,128 to Clearman et al.; 4,961,438 to Korte; 4,966,171 to Serrano et al.; 4,969,476 to Bale et al.; 4,991,606 to Serrano et al.; 5,020,548 to Farrier et al.; 5,033,483 to Clearman et al.; 5,040,551 to Schlatter et al.; 5,050,621 to Creighton et al.; 5,065,776 to Lawson; 5,076,296 to Nystrom et al.;

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10 *Biological Studies on New Cigarette Prototypes that Heat Instead of Burn Tobacco*, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Monograph (1988) and *Inhalation Toxicology*, 12:5, p. 1-58 (2000).

Certain proposed cigarette-shaped tobacco products purportedly employ tobacco in a form that is not intended to be burned. See, for example, US Pat. Nos. 4,836,225 to Sudoh;
15 4,972,855 to Kuriyama et al.; and 5,293,883 to Edwards; which are incorporated herein by reference. Yet other types of smoking articles, such as those types of smoking articles that generate flavored vapors by subjecting tobacco or processed tobaccos to heat produced from chemical or electrical heat sources, are described in US Pat. Nos. 4,848,374 to Chard et al.; 4,947,874 to Brooks et al.; 5,060,671 to Counts et al.; 5,146,934 to Deevi et al.; 5,224,498 to
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25 2005/0016549 to Banerjee et al.; and 2006/0185687 to Hearn et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. One type of smoking article that has employed electrical energy to produce heat has been commercially marketed by Philip Morris Inc. under the brand name “Accord.”

Certain attempts have been made to deliver vapors, sprays or aerosols, such as those
30 possessing or incorporating flavors and/or nicotine. See, for example, the types of devices set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,190,046 to Virag; 4,284,089 to Ray; 4,635,651 to Jacobs; 4,735,217 to

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5 Smoking articles that employ tobacco substitute materials and smoking articles that employ sources of heat other than burning tobacco cut filler to produce tobacco-flavored vapors or tobacco-flavored visible aerosols have not received widespread commercial success. Thus, it would be highly desirable to provide a smoking article that provides a smoker with an ability to enjoy using tobacco without the necessity of burning any significant amount of tobacco. In particular, it would be highly desirable to provide a tobacco-containing smoking article, such as an article having the general appearance of a cigarette, cigar, or pipe, that possesses the ability to provide to a smoker many of the benefits and advantages of conventional tobacco smoking without necessarily delivering considerable quantities of incomplete combustion and pyrolysis products.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to smoking articles for providing tobacco enjoyment, as well as manners and methods for providing tobacco enjoyment using such smoking articles. That is, the present invention relates to articles that produce aerosols incorporating components derived from, or provided by, tobacco. Preferred articles produce aerosols that are not necessarily produced as a result of burning of tobacco, but rather, produce an aerosol incorporating components derived from, or provided by, tobacco as a result of the application of heat upon tobacco or materials that are in contact with tobacco. Preferred articles produce visible aerosols that are “smoke-like” in nature, and exhibit many of the sensory characteristics associated with those types of smoking articles that burn tobacco. As a result, the present invention relates to tobacco smoking articles that produce aerosols without experiencing any necessary burning of tobacco or other component materials during periods in which the articles are used. Thus, the present invention relates to smoking articles, and in particular, to smoking articles that incorporates tobacco in some form. Of particular interest is generally rod-shaped smoking articles (e.g., a cigarette, a cigarillo, or a cigar), or smoking articles having shapes comparable to other traditional types of smoking products (e.g., pipes).

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A preferred smoking article of the present invention, when smoked, is capable of providing mainstream aerosol that may be characterized as being flavorful and satisfying. Highly preferred cigarettes provide certain of the flavors, sensations and satisfaction of popular cigarettes that burn tobacco cut filler, because those preferred cigarettes generate mainstream aerosol, at least in part, by the action of heat upon some form of tobacco.

In one embodiment, the present invention relates to a cigarette that is smoked by coupling that cigarette to an electrically powered aerosol generating device that acts as a holder for that cigarette. The cigarette possesses at least one form of tobacco, and that tobacco is wrapped in a paper wrapper. If desired, various forms of tobacco, or various forms of tobacco containing compositions, can be positioned at specific locations within the cigarette. The cigarette also incorporates aerosol-forming material, and that aerosol-forming material can be an ingredient that is employed in addition to the tobacco. The cigarette may also possess a mouth-end piece that is used by the smoker to inhale components of tobacco, components derived from tobacco, and other components, preferably in the form of a visible aerosol, generated at least in part by the action of heat upon components of that cigarette. A representative device possesses a source of electrical power (e.g., a battery), a controller mechanism including a sensor that is capable of selectively powering certain components of the device (e.g., electrical resistance heating elements) at least during periods of draw, and at least one heating device (e.g., an electrical resistance heating unit) for forming a thermally generated aerosol that incorporates components of tobacco. During use, the cigarette is positioned within the outer housing of the smoking article, and after use, the used cigarette is removed from the smoking article. When desired, another cigarette is positioned within the device for further use.

In another embodiment, the present invention relates to a smoking article that is smoked by incorporating that tobacco within an electrically-powered, aerosol-generating device. At least one form of tobacco can be positioned at one or more specific locations within the cigarette. Aerosol-forming material is employed in addition to the tobacco. A mouth-end piece is used by the smoker to inhale components of tobacco that are generated by the action of heat upon components of that smoking article. A representative smoking article possesses a source of electrical power (e.g., a battery), a controller mechanism including a sensor that is capable of selectively powering certain components of the device (e.g., electrical resistance heating elements) at least during periods of draw, and at least one heating device (e.g., an electrical

resistance heating unit) for forming a thermally generated aerosol that incorporates components of tobacco. During use, a cartridge containing some form of tobacco is positioned within the smoking article, and after use, the used cartridge is removed from the outer housing of the device. When desired, another cartridge is positioned within the device for further use.

5 In one preferred embodiment, a tobacco-containing, electrically-powered smoking article is provided, the smoking article comprising:

(a) an outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end, wherein the mouth-end comprises an opening adapted for egress of an aerosol generated within the smoking article and the distal end comprises an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;

10 (b) an electrical power source within the outer housing and operatively positioned downstream of the opening in the distal end of the outer housing such that air entering the smoking article passes the electrical power source;

(c) a first electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating air drawn through the opening in
15 the distal end of the outer housing;

(d) a tobacco material positioned within the outer housing;

(e) an aerosol-forming material positioned within the outer housing in fluid communication with said tobacco material such that air can be drawn through both the tobacco material and the aerosol-forming material;

20 (f) a second electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating the aerosol-forming material and tobacco material; and

(g) a puff-actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through at least one of said first and second electrical resistance heating elements during draw, the controller
25 comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw by the user on the smoking article.

The aerosol-forming material and tobacco can be positioned within a cartridge within the outer housing, the cartridge having an opening facing the second electrical resistance heating element such that aerosol generated within the cartridge initially flows in the direction of the second electrical resistance heating element. The cartridge containing the tobacco material and
30 the aerosol-forming material can be positioned between the second resistance heating element and the mouth-end of the outer housing, and the aerosol generated in the cartridge would initially

flow in the direction of the second electrical resistance heating element and then flow towards the mouth-end of the outer housing.

5 In one further embodiment, the tobacco material is in the form of a tobacco rod circumscribed by a wrapping material and positioned between the second resistance heating element and the mouth-end of the outer housing. A cartridge comprising an aerosol-generating material circumscribed by a wrapping material can be positioned between the tobacco rod and the second resistance heating element. Preferably, a filter element is attached to the end of the tobacco rod closest to the mouth-end of the outer housing.

10 The smoking article can further include, in certain embodiments, a third resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by the electrical power source, and operatively positioned to heat the tobacco rod. The third heating element can be, for example, a tubular heating element circumscribing all or a portion of the tobacco rod. When a third heating element is present, current through this heating element can also be selectively controlled and regulated by the puff-actuated controller.

15 In yet another preferred embodiment, a tobacco-containing, electrically-powered smoking article is provided which comprises:

(a) an outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end, wherein the mouth-end comprises an opening adapted for egress of an aerosol generated within the smoking article and the distal end comprises an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;

20 (b) an electrical power source within the outer housing and operatively positioned downstream of the opening in the distal end of the outer housing such that air entering the smoking article passes the electrical power source;

(c) a first electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating air drawn through the opening in the distal end of the outer housing;

25 (d) a cigarette rod (which is preferably removable so that the rod can be replaced within the smoking article) within the outer housing and comprising a tobacco rod circumscribed by a wrapping paper and an adjacent filter element, the cigarette rod being positioned downstream of the second resistance heating element;

(e) an aerosol-forming material positioned within the outer housing in fluid communication with said cigarette rod such that air can be drawn through both the cigarette rod and the aerosol-forming material;

5 (f) a second electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating the aerosol-forming material and the tobacco rod; and

(g) a puff-actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through at least one of said first and second electrical resistance heating elements during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw by the user on the smoking article.

10 The aerosol-generating material may be in intimate contact with the tobacco in the tobacco rod, or the smoking article may further include a cartridge comprising the aerosol-generating material circumscribed by a wrapping material, the cartridge positioned between the tobacco rod and the second resistance heating element. In this embodiment also, the device may further include a third resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said
15 electrical power source, and operatively positioned to heat the tobacco rod.

In a still further embodiment, the invention provides a tobacco-containing, electrically-powered smoking article comprising:

(a) an outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end, wherein the mouth-end comprises an opening adapted for egress of an aerosol generated within the smoking
20 article and the distal end comprises an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;

(b) a mouthpiece through which air can be drawn from the mouth-end of the outer housing, the mouthpiece being removably attached to the outer housing;

(c) an electrical power source within the outer housing and operatively positioned downstream of the opening in the distal end of the outer housing such that air entering the
25 smoking article passes the electrical power source;

(d) a first electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating air drawn through the opening in the distal end of the outer housing;

(e) a removable carrier device within the outer housing comprising a tobacco material
30 and an aerosol-forming material in fluid communication with the tobacco material such that air can be drawn through both the tobacco material and the aerosol-forming material;

(f) a second electrical resistance heating element within the outer housing, powered by said electrical power source, and operatively positioned for heating the aerosol-forming material and the tobacco material; and

5 (g) a puff-actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through at least one of said first and second electrical resistance heating elements during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw by the user on the smoking article.

An exemplary removable carrier device is a cigarette rod as described above, the cigarette comprising a tobacco rod circumscribed by a wrapping paper and an adjacent filter element, the cigarette rod being positioned between the second resistance heating element and the removable
10 mouthpiece. Another example of a removable carrier device is a removable cartridge enclosing the aerosol-forming material and tobacco material as described above, the cartridge having an opening facing the second electrical resistance heating element such that aerosol generated within the cartridge initially flows in the direction of the second electrical resistance heating element. The removable carrier device can be heated by a third resistance heating element
15 within the outer housing, the third heating element being powered by the electrical power source.

In any of the above embodiments, at least a portion of the tobacco in the tobacco rod can be in the form of tobacco cut filler, and the cut filler can be in intimate contact with the aerosol-forming material. In certain embodiments, at least a portion of the tobacco in the tobacco rod is in the form of an extract. In any embodiment, at least a portion of the tobacco in the tobacco rod
20 and the aerosol-forming material can be in the form of an intimate mixture, or the two components can be separately-located within the smoking article, such as in separate, adjacent regions in the cigarette rod or in a cartridge. Exemplary aerosol-forming materials include glycerin, propylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.

25 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In order to assist the understanding of embodiments of the invention, reference will now be made to the appended drawings, which are not necessarily drawn to scale. The drawings are exemplary only, and should not be construed as limiting the invention.

FIG. 1 through FIG. 3 depict longitudinal cross-sectional views of various embodiments
30 of an electrically powered, tobacco-containing smoking article; and

FIG. 4 and FIG. 5 each are representative schematic diagrams of electronic circuits for smoking articles.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

5 The present inventions now will be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings. The invention may be embodied in many different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein; rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will satisfy applicable legal requirements. Like numbers refer to like elements throughout. As used in this specification and the claims, the singular forms "a,"
10 "an," and "the" include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

 A smoking article of the present invention incorporates tobacco. The type of tobacco can vary. One type of tobacco can be employed, or combinations or blends of various types of tobacco can be employed. Furthermore, different types of tobaccos, or different blends of tobaccos, can be employed at different locations within the smoking article.

15 The tobacco that is employed can include, or can be derived from, tobaccos such as flue-cured tobacco, burley tobacco, Oriental tobacco, Maryland tobacco, dark tobacco, dark-fired tobacco and *Rustica* tobacco, as well as other rare or specialty tobaccos, or blends thereof. See, also, for example, the types of tobaccos set forth in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,730,832 to Dominguez et al.; and 7,025,066 to Lawson et al.; and US Pat. Appl. Serial No. 60/818,198, filed June 30, 2006, to
20 Stebbins et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Descriptions of various types of tobaccos, growing practices, harvesting practices and curing practices are set for in *Tobacco Production, Chemistry and Technology*, Davis et al. (Eds.) (1999). Most preferably, the tobacco that is employed has been appropriately cured and aged. Especially preferred techniques and conditions for curing flue-cured tobacco are set forth in Nestor et al., *Beitrag Tabakforsch. Int.*,
25 20 (2003) 467-475 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,895,974 to Peele, which are incorporated herein by reference. Representative techniques and conditions for air curing tobacco are set forth in Roton et al., *Beitrag Tabakforsch. Int.*, 21 (2005) 305-320 and Staaf et al., *Beitrag Tabakforsch. Int.*, 21 (2005) 321-330, which are incorporated herein by reference.

 The tobacco that is incorporated within the smoking article can be employed in various
30 forms; and combinations of various forms of tobacco can be employed, or different forms of tobacco can be employed at different locations within the smoking article. For example, the

tobacco can be employed in the form of cut or shredded pieces of lamina or stem; in a processed form (e.g., reconstituted tobacco sheet, such as pieces of reconstituted tobacco sheet shredded into a cut filler form; films incorporating tobacco components; extruded tobacco parts or pieces; expanded tobacco lamina, such as cut filler that has been volume expanded; pieces of processed tobacco stems comparable to cut filler in size and general appearance; granulated tobacco; foamed tobacco materials; compressed or pelletized tobacco; or the like); as pieces of finely divided tobacco (e.g., tobacco dust, tobacco powder, agglomerated tobacco powders, or the like); or in the form of a tobacco extract. See, for example, US Pat. App. Ser. Nos. 11/194,215 filed August 1, 2005, to Cantrell et al. and 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al.; which are incorporated herein by reference.

The smoking article can employ tobacco in the form of lamina and/or stem. As such, the tobacco can be used in forms, and in manners, that are virtually identical in many regards to those traditionally used for the manufacture of tobacco products, such as cigarettes. Traditionally, cut or shredded pieces of tobacco lamina and stem have been employed as so-called “cut filler” for cigarette manufacture. Pieces of water extracted stems also can be employed. As such, the tobacco in such a form introduces mass and bulk within the smoking article. Manners and methods for curing, de-stemming, aging, moistening, cutting, reordering and handling tobacco that is employed as cut filler will be apparent to those skilled in the art of tobacco product manufacture.

Processed tobaccos that can be incorporated within the smoking article can vary. Exemplary manners and methods for providing reconstituted tobacco sheet, including casting and paper-making techniques, are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,674,519 to Keritsis et al.; 4,941,484 to Clapp et al.; 4,987,906 to Young et al.; 4,972,854 to Kiernan et al.; 5,099,864 to Young et al.; 5,143,097 to Sohn et al.; 5,159,942 to Brinkley et al.; 5,322,076 to Brinkley et al.; 5,339,838 to Young et al.; 5,377,698 to Litzinger et al.; 5,501,237 to Young; and 6,216,707 to Kumar; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Exemplary manners and methods for providing extruded forms of processed tobaccos are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,821,749 to Toft et al.; 4,880,018 to Graves, Jr. et al.; 5,072,744 to Luke et al.; 4,874,000 to Tamol et al.; 5,551,450 to Hemsley; 5,649,552 to Cho et al.; 5,829,453 to White; 6,125,855 to Nevett et al.; and 6,182,670 to White; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Extruded tobacco materials can have the forms of cylinders, strands, discs, or the like. Exemplary expanded tobaccos (e.g.,

puffed tobaccos) can be provided using the types of techniques set forth in US Pat. Nos. Re 32,013 to de la Burde et al.; 3,771,533 to Armstrong et al.; 4,577,646 to Ziehn; 4,962,773 to White; 5,095,922 to Johnson et al.; 5,143,096 to Steinberg; 5,172,707 to Zambelli; 5,249,588 to Brown et al.; 5,687,748 to Conrad; and 5,908,032 to Poindexter; and US Pat. Pub. 2004/0182404 to Poindexter et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. One particularly preferred type of expanded tobacco is dry ice expanded tobacco (DIET). Exemplary forms of processed tobacco stems include cut-rolled stems, cut-rolled-expanded stems, cut-puffed stems and shredded-steam expanded stems. Exemplary manners and methods for providing processed tobacco stems are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,195,646 to Kite; 5,873,372 to Honeycutt et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Manners and methods for employing tobacco dust are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,341,228 to Keritsis et al.; 4,611,608 to Vos et al.; 4,706,692 to Gellatly; and 5,724,998 to Gellatly et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Yet other types of processed tobaccos are of the type set forth in US Pat. Pub. No. 2006/0162733 to McGrath et al.

The tobacco can be used in a blended form. Typically, the blends of various types and forms of tobaccos are provided in a blended cut filler form. For example, certain popular tobacco blends for cigarette manufacture, commonly referred to as “American blends,” comprise mixtures of cut or shredded pieces of flue-cured tobacco, burley tobacco and Oriental tobacco; and such blends, in many cases, also contain pieces of processed tobaccos, such as processed tobacco stems, volume expanded tobaccos and/or reconstituted tobaccos. The precise amount of each type or form of tobacco within a tobacco blend used for the manufacture of a particular smoking article can vary, and is a manner of design choice, depending upon factors such as the sensory characteristics (e.g., flavor and aroma) that are desired. See, for example, the types of tobacco blends described in *Tobacco Encyclopedia*, Voges (Ed.) p. 44-45 (1984), Browne, *The Design of Cigarettes*, 3rd Ed., p.43 (1990) and *Tobacco Production, Chemistry and Technology*, Davis et al. (Eds.) p. 346 (1999). See, also, the representative types of tobacco blends set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,836,224 to Lawson et al.; 4,924,888 to Perfetti et al.; 5,056,537 to Brown et al.; and 5,220,930 to Gentry; U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. Nos. 2004/0255965 to Perfetti et al.; and 2005/0066986 to Nestor et al.; PCT Appl. Pub. No. WO 02/37990 to Bereman; and Bombick et al., *Fund. Appl. Toxicol.*, 39, p. 11-17 (1997); each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Certain processed tobaccos can incorporate ingredients other than tobacco. However, it is preferred that processed tobaccos be composed predominantly of tobacco of some form, based on the dry weights of those processed tobaccos. That is, the majority of the dry weight of those processed tobaccos, and the majority of the weight of a mixture incorporating those processed tobaccos (including a blend of materials, or materials having additives applied thereto or otherwise incorporated therein), are provided by tobacco of some form. For example, those materials can be processed tobaccos that incorporate minor amounts of non-tobacco filler materials (e.g., calcium carbonate particles, spongy or absorbent materials, carbonaceous materials including carbon particles and graphite fibers, grains or wood pulp) and/or binding agents (e.g., guar gum, sodium alginate or ammonium alginate); and/or a blend of those materials can incorporate tobacco substitutes or extenders. Exemplary types of tobacco substitutes or extenders are set forth in US Pat. Appl. Serial No. 11/489,334, filed July 19, 2006, to Fagg et al., which is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing materials, and blends incorporating those materials, frequently include greater than about 70 percent tobacco, often are greater than about 80 percent tobacco, and generally are greater than about 90 percent tobacco, on a dry weight basis, based on the combined weights of the tobacco, non-tobacco filler material, and non-tobacco substitute or extender. However, those processed tobaccos also can be made of virtually all tobacco, and not incorporate any non-tobacco fillers, substitutes or extenders.

The tobacco can be treated with tobacco additives of the type that are traditionally used for the manufacture of tobacco products. Those additives can include the types of materials used to enhance the flavor and aroma of tobaccos used for the production of cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and the like. For example, those additives can include various cigarette casing and/or top dressing components. See, for example, US Pat. Nos. 3,419,015 to Wochnowski; 4,054,145 to Berndt et al.; 4,887,619 to Burcham, Jr. et al.; 5,022,416 to Watson; 5,103,842 to Strang et al.; and 5,711,320 to Martin. Preferred casing materials include water, sugars and syrups (e.g., sucrose, glucose and high fructose corn syrup), humectants (e.g. glycerin or propylene glycol), and flavoring agents (e.g., cocoa and licorice). Those added components also include top dressing materials (e.g., flavoring materials, such as menthol). See, for example, US Pat. No. 4,449,541 to Mays et al. Additives also can be added to the tobacco using the types of equipment described in US Pat. No. 4,995,405 to Lettau, or that are available as Menthol Application System MAS from Kohl Maschinenbau GmbH. The selection of particular casing

and top dressing components is dependent upon factors such as the sensory characteristics that are desired, and the selection and use of those components will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art of cigarette design and manufacture. See, Gutcho, *Tobacco Flavoring Substances and Methods*, Noyes Data Corp. (1972) and Leffingwell et al., *Tobacco Flavoring for Smoking Products* (1972). The tobacco also may be treated, for example, with ammonia or ammonium hydroxide or otherwise treated to incorporate ammonia (e.g., by addition of ammonia salts such as, for example, diammonium phosphate). Preferably, the amount of ammonia optionally incorporated into the smokable tobacco is less than about 5 percent, and generally about 1 to about 3 percent, based on the dry weight of the tobacco.

10 Tobacco can be incorporated with the smoking article in a form other than cut filler form. For example, tobacco leaf and/or reconstituted tobacco sheet can be used as a wrapper for a tobacco-containing component having the form of a cigar or an inner wrapper of a double wrapped cigarette rod. Alternatively, processed tobaccos, such as certain types of reconstituted tobaccos, can be employed as longitudinally extending strands. See, for example, the type of
15 configuration set forth in US Pat. No. 5,025,814 to Raker, which is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, certain types of reconstituted tobacco sheets can be formed, rolled or gathered into a desired configuration. In addition, molded, compressed or extruded segments or pieces of tobacco-containing materials that are formed into desired shapes (e.g., strands, tubes, cylinders, pellets, or the like) can be incorporated within the aerosol delivery article. See, for
20 example, US Pat. Nos. 4,836,225 to Sudoh; 4,893,639 to White; 4,972,855 to Kuriyama et al.; and 5,293,883 to Edwards; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. If desired, finely milled tobacco or tobacco dust can be incorporated within other types of processed tobaccos, such as extrudate formulations, reconstituted tobacco sheets, or the like. Furthermore, finely milled tobacco or tobacco dust can be contained on substrates, such as membranes or screens. If
25 desired, at least a portion of the tobacco can be heat treated prior to use within the smoking article (e.g., have the form of high temperature dried, toasted, pre-pyrolyzed, condensed volatiles collected after tobacco is heated, condensed tobacco smoke components, or the like).

At least a portion of the tobacco incorporated with the smoking article can be provided in the form of a tobacco extract. As used herein, the term “tobacco extract” means components
30 separated from, removed from, or derived from, tobacco using tobacco extraction processing conditions and techniques. Typically, tobacco extracts are obtained using solvents, such as

solvents having an aqueous nature (e.g., water) or organic solvents (e.g., alcohols, such as ethanol or alkanes, such as hexane). As such, extracted tobacco components are removed from tobacco and separated from the unextracted tobacco components; and for extracted tobacco components that are present within a solvent, (i) the solvent can be removed from the extracted tobacco components, or (ii) the mixture of extracted tobacco components and solvent can be used as such. For example, tobacco can be subjected to extraction conditions using water as a solvent; the resulting aqueous extract of tobacco then is separated from the water insoluble pulp; and then (i) the mixture of aqueous extract of tobacco within water can be used as such, or (ii) substantial amounts of the water can be removed from extracted tobacco components (e.g., using spray drying or freeze drying techniques) in order to provide a tobacco extract in powder form. Preferred tobacco extracts incorporate numerous components that are separated from, removed from, or derived from, tobacco; and are not obtained using tobacco extraction processes conditions that are highly selective to a single component (e.g., preferred extracts are not high nicotine content extracts, or extracts that can be characterized as relatively pure nicotine compositions). As such, exemplary preferred tobacco extracts possess less than 45 percent nicotine, often less than 35 percent nicotine, and frequently less than 25 percent nicotine, on the basis of the total extract weight with solvent removed (e.g., on a dry weight basis when the solvent is water). In addition, highly preferred tobacco extracts are highly aromatic and flavorful, and hence introduce desirable sensory characteristics to the aerosol produced by the smoking articles incorporating those extracts. Exemplary types of tobacco extracts, tobacco essences, solvents, tobacco extraction processing conditions and techniques, and tobacco extract collection and isolation procedures, are set forth in Australia Pat. No. 276,250 to Schachner; US Pat. Nos. 2,805,669 to Meriro; 3,316,919 to Green et al.; 3,398,754 to Tughan; 3,424,171 to Rooker; 3,476,118 to Luttich; 4,150,677 to Osborne; 4,131,117 to Kite; 4,506,682 to Muller; 4,986,286 to Roberts et al.; 5,005,593 to Fagg; 5,065,775 to Fagg; 5,060,669 to White et al.; 5,074,319 to White et al.; 5,099,862 to White et al.; 5,121,757 to White et al.; 5,131,415 to Munoz et al.; 5,230,354 to Smith et al.; 5,235,992 to Sensabaugh; 5,243,999 to Smith; 5,301,694 to Raymond; 5,318,050 to Gonzalez-Parra et al.; 5,435,325 to Clapp et al.; and 5,445,169 to Brinkley et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Tobacco extracts typically are carried by a substrate, or are otherwise contained within a carrier or material. The substrate for the tobacco extract can be provided by generally solid

substances, such as alumina beads, pieces of carbonaceous materials, paper or paper-type materials (e.g., shredded or gathered pieces of porous paper, papers incorporating tobacco materials such as tobacco stems or stalks, papers incorporating pieces of absorbent carbon particles, or the like), pieces of tobacco lamina and/or stem, pieces of processed tobacco, synthetic fibers, or the like. Alternatively, the tobacco extract can be mixed with generally liquid or fluid substances, such as solvents, aerosol-forming materials, flavor carrying agents, and the like. Mixtures of tobacco extracts and generally liquid or fluid substances, in turn, can be carried by generally solid substrate materials or can be contained within suitable containers, vials, cartridges, or the like.

Various manners and methods for incorporating tobacco into smoking articles, and particularly smoking articles that are designed so as to not purposefully burn virtually all of the tobacco within those smoking articles, are set forth in US Pat. No. 4,947,874 to Brooks et al.; U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0016549 to Banerjee et al.; and US Pat. App. Ser. Nos. 11/194,215 filed August 1, 2005, to Cantrell et al. and 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al.; which are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, tobacco has been incorporated with cigarettes that have been marketed commercially under the brand names “Premier” and “Eclipse” by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. See, for example, those types of cigarettes described in *Chemical and Biological Studies on New Cigarette Prototypes that Heat Instead of Burn Tobacco*, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Monograph (1988) and *Inhalation Toxicology*, 12:5, p. 1-58 (2000). Tobacco also has been incorporated within a smoking article that has been marketed commercially by Philip Morris Inc. under the brand name “Accord.”

The smoking article of the present invention further includes an aerosol-generating material, which can be in intimate contact with the tobacco material (e.g., in the form of an intimate mixture), or can be carried by a non-tobacco substrate and segregated from the tobacco in the smoking article (e.g., positioned in an adjacent region of the device). The aerosol-generating material is positioned in fluid communication with the tobacco material such that air can be drawing through both the tobacco and the aerosol-generating material, thereby generating an aerosol that includes volatilized portions of the aerosol-generating material and volatilized components derived from the tobacco. The aerosol-forming material can vary, and mixtures of various aerosol-forming materials can be used. Representative types of aerosol-forming materials are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,793,365 to Sensabaugh, Jr. et al.; and 5,101,839 to Jakob

et al.; PCT Appl. Pub. No. WO 98/57556 to Biggs et al.; EPO 1,618,803 to Hon; and *Chemical and Biological Studies on New Cigarette Prototypes that Heat Instead of Burn Tobacco*, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Monograph (1988); which are incorporated herein by reference.

5 A preferred aerosol-forming material produces a visible aerosol upon the application of sufficient heat thereto, or otherwise through the action of aerosol forming conditions using components of the smoking article. A highly preferred aerosol-forming material produces an aerosol that can be considered to be “smoke-like.” A preferred aerosol-forming material is chemically simple, relative to the chemical nature of the smoke produced by burning tobacco. A preferred aerosol-forming material is a polyol; and exemplary preferred aerosol-forming
10 materials include glycerin, propylene glycol, and mixtures thereof. If desired, aerosol-forming materials can be combined with other liquid materials, such as water. For example, aerosol-forming material formulations can incorporate mixtures of glycerin and water, or mixtures of propylene glycol and water. Exemplary aerosol-forming materials also include those types of materials incorporated within devices available through Atlanta Imports Inc., Acworth, Georgia,
15 USA., as an electronic cigar having the brand name E-CIG, which can be employed using associated Smoking Cartridges Type C1a, C2a, C3a, C4a, C1b, C2b, C3b and C4b; and as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Pipe and Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd., Beijing, China.

The aerosol-forming material can be maintained within the smoking article in a variety of
20 ways. For example, the aerosol-forming material can be contained within a container in liquid form, or soaked within absorbent fibrous materials or sponge-like materials. Exemplary absorbent materials can be composed of synthetic polymeric materials, such as fibers of polyethylene terephthalate. Alternatively, the aerosol-forming material can be incorporated within, or carried by, a material that acts as a substrate. For example, the substrate can be, at
25 least in part, a material that incorporates tobacco. Exemplary substrate materials, and exemplary formulations incorporating aerosol-forming materials, are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,793,365 to Sensabaugh et al.; 4,893,639 to White; 5,099,861 to Clearman et al.; 5,101,839 to Jakob et al.; 5,105,836 to Gentry et al.; 5,159,942 to Brinkley et al.; 5,203,355 to Clearman et al.; 5,271,419 to Arzonico et al.; 5,327,917 to Lekwauwa et al.; 5,396,911 to Casey, III et al.; 5,533,530 to
30 Young et al.; 5,588,446 to Clearman; 5,598,868 to Jakob et al.; and 5,715,844 to Young et al.; and U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0066986 to Nestor et al.; which are incorporated

herein by reference. See, also, *Chemical and Biological Studies on New Cigarette Prototypes that Heat Instead of Burn Tobacco*, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Monograph (1988).

Exemplary substrate materials have been incorporated within the types of cigarettes commercially marketed under the trade names “Premier” and “Eclipse” by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

5 The substrate material can incorporate tobacco of some form, normally is composed predominantly of tobacco, and can be provided by virtually all tobacco material. The form of the substrate material can vary; but most preferably that material is employed in an essentially traditional cigarette, cigar or pipe filler form (e.g., as cut filler). The substrate material can be otherwise formed into desired configurations. The substrate material can be used in the form of a gathered web or sheet, using the types of techniques generally set forth in US Pat. No. 10 4,807,809 to Pryor et al. The substrate material can be used into the form of a web or sheet that is shredded into a plurality of longitudinally extending strands, using the types of techniques generally set forth in US Pat. No. 5,025,814 to Raker. The substrate material can have the form of a loosely rolled sheet, such that a spiral type of air passageway extends longitudinally through the aerosol-generation segment. Representative types of tobacco containing substrate materials can be manufactured from mixtures of tobacco types; or from one predominant type of tobacco (e.g., a cast sheet-type or paper-type reconstituted tobacco composed primarily of burley tobacco, or a cast sheet-type or paper-type reconstituted tobacco composed primarily of Oriental 15 tobacco).

The substrate material also can be treated with tobacco additives of the type that are traditionally used for the manufacture of cigarettes, such as casing and/or top dressing components. The substrate material optionally can be ammoniated (e.g., by treatment with 25 anhydrous ammonia, aqueous ammonium hydroxide, or ammonium salts such as diammonium phosphate). Alternatively those materials can be absent, or virtually absent, of any type of added ammonia (e.g., whether by treatment with anhydrous ammonia, aqueous ammonium hydroxide, or ammonium salts such as diammonium phosphate). Those materials also can be treated with other additives, such as potassium carbonate or sodium bicarbonate. Other materials, such as catalytic agents, nanoparticle compositions, and the like, also can be incorporated within any of 30 the smokable materials of the smokable rod. See, for example, the types of components set forth in US Pat. Publication 2004/0173229 to Crooks et al. Preferably, the material is not treated with

more that about 10 percent of any of those types of additive agents other than aerosol-forming materials, based on the dry weight of tobacco material within that substrate material.

The manner by which the aerosol-forming material is contacted with the substrate material (e.g., the tobacco) can vary. The aerosol-forming material can be applied to a formed tobacco material, or can be incorporated into processed tobaccos during manufacture of those tobaccos. The aerosol-forming material can be dissolved or dispersed in an aqueous liquid, or other suitable solvent or liquid carrier, and sprayed onto that substrate material. See, for example, U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2005/0066986 to Nestor et al. The amount of aerosol-forming material employed relative to the dry weight of substrate material can vary. Materials including exceedingly high levels of aerosol-forming material can be difficult to process into cigarette rods using conventional types of automated cigarette manufacturing equipment.

Cast sheet types of processed tobaccos preferably can incorporate relatively high levels aerosol-forming material. Reconstituted tobaccos manufactured using paper-making types of processes preferably can incorporate moderate levels of aerosol-forming material. Tobacco lamina strip and tobacco cut fuller can incorporate lower amounts of aerosol-forming material. For processed materials, such as cast sheet materials and paper-type reconstituted tobaccos, tobacco pulp materials that are extracted with aqueous liquids can be used as components thereof. The removal of some fraction or essentially all of the water soluble components of tobacco can assist in providing a processed material that is capable of acting as an effective substrate for higher levels of aerosol-forming material. In addition, dusting processed tobaccos with dry tobacco powders can assist in providing processed materials having relatively high levels of glycerin while not demonstrating overly tacky or sticky characteristics. Alternatively, relatively high levels of aerosol-forming materials can be applied to, or incorporated within, tobacco substrate materials; and those resulting materials can be considered to be somewhat moist, wet, tacky, sticky or gooey in nature.

Cast sheet processes tobaccos, and particularly cast sheet tobaccos incorporating certain amounts of tobacco pulp that have been extracted with water, often can comprise up to about 65 percent, often up to about 60 percent, and frequently up to about 55 percent, aerosol-forming material, based on the dry weight of the tobacco and aerosol-forming material in the processed material so produced. Paper-type reconstituted tobaccos, and particularly those forms of tobacco incorporating certain amounts of tobacco pulp materials that have been extracted with water, and

not reapplying some or all of the water soluble extract components back to that pulp, often can comprise up to about 55 percent, often up to about 50 percent, and frequently up to about 45 percent, aerosol-forming material, based on the dry weight of the tobacco and aerosol-forming material in the material so produced. A tobacco material produced by spraying tobacco strip or cut filler with aerosol-forming material often does not comprise more than about 20 percent, and frequently does not comprise more than about 15 percent, aerosol-forming material, based on the dry weight of the tobacco and aerosol-forming material of the material so produced. Materials having relatively high loading levels of aerosol-forming material can be dried (e.g., by being subjected to a flow of hot air) to a moisture content of about 4 percent to about 5 percent, by weight; the dried material then can be processed to form the components of the designed configuration; and then those components can be re-equilibrated to a moisture content of about 12 to about 13 weight percent. Alternatively, those materials can be used in a somewhat moist or wet form.

Other types of materials incorporating relatively high levels of aerosol-forming material can be incorporated in the smoking article. Formed, encapsulated or microencapsulated materials can be employed. Such types of materials preferably include primarily of aerosol-forming material, and those materials most preferably incorporate some amount and form of tobacco. An example of such a type of material is a film produced by casting and drying an aqueous solution of about 65 to about 70 weight parts glycerin, and about 25 to about 30 weight parts binder (e.g., citrus pectin, ammonium alginate, sodium alginate or guar gum), and about 5 weight parts flavoring agent (e.g., vanillin, coffee, tea, cocoa and/or fruit flavor concentrates); and then surface-coating that film with about 2 to about 10 weight parts of a finely divided powder that is provided by milling tobacco lamina.

The amount of aerosol-forming material that is used within the smoking article is such that the cigarette exhibits acceptable sensory and organoleptic properties, and desirable performance characteristics. For example, it is highly preferred that sufficient aerosol-forming material, such as glycerin and/or propylene glycol, be employed in order to provide for the generation of a visible mainstream aerosol that in many regards resembles the appearance of tobacco smoke. Typically, the amount of aerosol-generating material incorporated into the smoking article is in the range of less than about 1.5 g, often less than about 1 g, and sometimes less than about 0.5 g. The amount of aerosol-forming material is dependent upon factors such as

the number of puffs desired per tobacco-containing cartridge or cigarette incorporated within the smoking article. The amount of aerosol-forming material also can be dependent upon factors such as the position or location of that material relative to the heat-producing components of the smoking article, the ability of that material to wick or transfer to heating regions within the
5 smoking article, the desired concentration of that material in the aerosol generated by the smoking article, and the like.

It is desirable for the aerosol-generating composition not to introduce significant degrees of unacceptable off-taste, filmy mouth-feel, or an overall sensory experience that is significantly different from that of a traditional type of cigarette that generates mainstream smoke by burning
10 tobacco cut filler. The selection of the particular aerosol-generating material and substrate material, the amounts of those components used, and the types of tobacco material used, can be altered in order to control the overall chemical composition of the mainstream aerosol produced by the cigarette.

Other types of flavoring agents, or materials that alter the sensory or organoleptic
15 character or nature of the mainstream aerosol of the smoking article, can be employed. Such flavoring agents can be provided from sources other than tobacco, can be natural or artificial in nature, and can be employed as concentrates or flavor packages. Of particular interest are flavoring agents that are applied to, or incorporated within, those regions of the smoking article where aerosol is generated. Exemplary flavoring agents include vanillin, ethyl vanillin, cream,
20 tea, coffee, fruit (e.g., apple, cherry, strawberry, peach and citrus flavors, including lime and lemon), maple, menthol, mint, peppermint, spearmint, wintergreen, nutmeg, clove, lavender, cardamom, ginger, honey, anise, sage, cinnamon, sandalwood, jasmine, cascarilla, cocoa, licorice; and flavorings and flavor packages of the type and character traditionally used for the flavoring of cigarette, cigar and pipe tobaccos. Syrups, such as high fructose corn syrup, also
25 can be employed. Flavoring agents also can include acidic or basic characteristics (e.g., organic acids, such as levulinic acid). Preferably, such flavoring agents constitute less than about 10 percent, and often less than about 5 percent of the total weight of tobacco, on a dry weight basis. The flavoring agents can be added to the tobacco material or to the aerosol-generating material or both.

30 The amount of tobacco incorporated within each smoking article can vary. For certain embodiments, the amount of tobacco cut filler incorporated within each smoking article is at

least about 20 mg, generally at least about 50 mg, often at least about 75 mg, and frequently at least 100 mg, on a dry weight basis. For certain embodiments, the amount of tobacco cut filler incorporated within each smoking article does not exceed about 400 mg, generally does not exceed about 350 mg, often does not exceed about 300 mg, and frequently does not exceed about 5 250 mg, on a dry weight basis. For segments or sections incorporating tobacco cut filler or processed tobacco in cut filler form, the packing density of the material within those segments or sections typically is less than about 400 mg/cm³, and generally is less than about 350 mg/cm³; while the packing density of the material within those segments or sections can exceed about 100 mg/cm³, and often can exceed about 150 mg/cm³. Preferably, each such segment or section is 10 composed entirely of tobacco and/or processed tobacco. Alternatively, each such segment or section can be composed of tobacco and/or processed tobacco mixed or blended with a non-tobacco substrate material. In either case, the tobacco material, and optional non-tobacco substrate material, can act as a substrate for aerosol-forming materials, flavoring agents, and the like.

15 The moisture content of the tobacco that is used within the smoking article can vary. Typically, the moisture content of the tobacco exceeds about 12 weight percent, and often can exceed about 15 weight percent. In certain circumstances, moist tobacco can be employed; and that tobacco can have a moisture content in excess of about 20 weight percent, often in excess of about 30 weight percent, and even in excess of about 40 weight percent.

20 Certain embodiments of the smoking article of the invention incorporate a cigarette rod as a necessary component. That is, the smoking article of the invention can incorporate a tobacco rod wrapped in paper or other wrapping material. The wrapping material used as a wrapper for containing the tobacco, and hence used for cigarette manufacture, can vary. Exemplary types of wrapping materials are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 4,938,238 to Barnes et al. 25 and 5,105,837 to Barnes et al. Wrapping materials, such as those set forth in U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2005/0005947 to Hampl, Jr. et al. and PCT Appl. Pub. No. WO 2005/039326 to Rasouli et al., can be employed as inner wrapping materials of a so-called “double wrap” configuration. An exemplary type of heat conductive wrapping material is set forth in US Pat. No. 5,551,451 to Riggs et al.; and other suitable wrapping materials are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 30 5,065,776 to Lawson et al. and 6,367,481 to Nichols et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Exemplary wrapping materials, such as laminates of paper and metal foil, and

papers used as the outer circumscribing wrapper of the heat generation segment, have been incorporated within the types of cigarettes commercially marketed under the trade names “Premier” and “Eclipse” by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Other representative wrapping materials, and processed wrapping materials, suitable for use for cigarette manufacture are set forth in US Pat. Nos. 5,220,930 to Gentry; 6,976,493 to Chapman et al.; and 7,047,982 to Seymour et al.; and US Pat. Application Ser. No. 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al.; each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Paper materials can be composed of materials, or treated with films, in order to provide resilience, particularly when the paper material is used to contain tobacco materials that are substrates for relatively high amounts of liquid materials (e.g., aerosol-forming materials). For example, such papers can be treated with coatings of nitrocellulose or ethylcellulose. Alternatively, paper materials can be highly absorbent in nature, and can act as substrates for liquid materials (e.g., aerosol-forming materials, liquid flavoring agents, or mixture of aerosol-forming materials and tobacco extracts).

The tobacco can be wrapped in at least one layer of tobacco lamina and/or reconstituted tobacco sheet. As such, the tobacco that is incorporated within the smoking article is configured in a type of form characteristic of a cigar. Outer wrappers for cigar type tobacco segments or sections can act as substrates for liquid materials (e.g., aerosol-forming materials, liquid flavoring agents, tobacco extracts, or mixtures thereof).

The tobacco can be wrapped in moisture permeable and air permeable pouches, sachets, packets, or the like. For example, finely divided tobacco pieces can be sealed in mesh-type pouches. Suitable pouches are of the type traditionally used for containment of certain types of smokeless tobacco products. See, for example, the types of pouches and types of contents of those pouches that are set forth in US Pat. Appl. Serial Nos. 11/233,399, filed September 22, 2005, to Holton et al.; 11/351,919, filed February 10, 2006, to Holton et al.; and 11/461,633, filed August 1, 2006, to Mua et al.; which are incorporated herein by reference. Such pouches and the contents thereof can act as substrates for significant amounts of aerosol-forming materials, flavoring agents and tobacco extracts. For example, relatively high levels of liquid materials can be applied to, or incorporated within, those substrates; and those resulting materials can be considered to be moist, wet, tacky, sticky or gooey in nature. If desired, those substrates can be soaked in liquid mixtures of aerosol-forming material and other components that provide tobacco flavor characteristics to the aerosol produced by the smoking article. The number of

such types of pouches that are incorporated within a representative smoking article can vary, and typically can range, for example, from 1 to about 5.

5 The smoking article typically possesses a mouth-end piece. Representative types of filter elements, such as those employed for cigarettes, including segmented cigarette filter elements, are set forth in US Pat. Appl. Serial No. 11/461,941, filed August 2, 2006, to Nelson et al., which is incorporated herein by reference. Mouth-end pieces also can be fashioned into desired shapes using plastic materials such as nylon, polypropylene, polystyrene, poly(butadiene/styrene/acrylonitrile), or the like.

10 Representative smoking articles can possess certain components comparable to, and operate in a manner generally comparable to, that type of device set forth in EPO 1,618,803 to Hon. Representative smoking articles, and exemplary components thereof, also can be provided using components of those nicotine aerosol delivery systems available through Atlanta Imports Inc., Acworth, Georgia, USA., as an electronic cigar having the brand name E-CIG, which can be employed using associated Smoking Cartridges Type C1a, C2a, C3a, C4a, C1b, C2b, C3b and 15 C4b. Exemplary components for representative smoking articles also have been available components of those devices available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Pipe and Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd., Beijing, China.

20 Aspects and embodiments of the present invention relating to various smoking articles now are described with reference to the illustrations contained in FIGS. 1-3. Referring to FIG. 1, an embodiment of a representative smoking article 10 is shown. The smoking article 10 has an overall shape that is generally rod-like or tubular in nature, generally akin to a cigarette-type or cigar-type smoking article. The smoking article 10 includes a distal end 13 and a mouth-end 15.

25 The smoking article 10 possesses an outer container or housing 20. Although the dimensions and shape of the outer container 20 can vary, a representative outer housing is generally tubular in shape (e.g., having an overall length of about 11 cm and an outer diameter of about 1.5 cm). The outer housing 20 can be provided using a variety of materials. For example, the outer housing 20 can be provided from metal (e.g., aluminum or stainless steel), heat-resistant plastic (e.g., polycarbonate), treated paperboard material, or the like. If desired, the 30 outer housing can possess an aesthetically pleasing cover (not shown). A representative outer housing can be of the type possessed by the Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette available

from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. As shown, the outer housing 20 includes a mouth-end 15 and an end 13 distal to the mouth-end, wherein the mouth-end comprises an opening adapted for egress of an aerosol generated within the smoking article and the distal end comprises an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article 10.

5 The distal end 13 of the outer container 20 of the smoking article 10 can possess an end cover or cap 35. The end cover or cap 35 can be maintained in place by friction fit, a threaded screw mechanism that cooperates with a complementing threaded mechanism 28 that is secured to the distal region of the outer container, or the like. The end cover 35 can act to assist in maintaining various components of the smoking article contained within the outer container.

10 The end cover preferably possesses at least one air passageway 32 to allow drawn air to enter the inner region of the outer container 20. A representative end cover or cap 35 can be of the type possessed by the Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette available from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd.

 Within the outer container 20 is located an electric power source 36, such as at least one

15 battery. The battery typically is maintained in place by a generally tubular battery holder 40 that is positioned and secured in place within the outer container 20. Typically, at least one longitudinally extending air passageway 45 allows for drawn air to pass by the battery towards the mouth-end 15 of the smoking article 10. As shown, the passageway 45 can be created by incorporation of one or more grooves in the battery holder 40 or, alternatively, by incorporating

20 ribs (not shown) extending into the interior of the battery holder in order to prevent the power source 36 from entering the passageway. The battery holder 40 also can act as a container for relevant electrical wiring (not shown) that passes from the battery to downstream regions of the smoking article 10. Representative types of power sources, and representative arrangements thereof within the outer container, are of the type incorporated within a device available as

25 Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. If desired, higher power electrical power sources can be employed.

 The smoking article 10 incorporates various electrically powered control components 50. For a representative embodiment, the control components 50 are positioned within the tubular battery holder 40 in a region downstream from the battery 36. Typically, the electrically-

30 powered control components 50 include microchips that provide control of time of operation, control of current, control of electrical resistance heat generation, and the like. Exemplary

circuits that can be included in the controller 50 are set forth in FIGS. 4-5. The electrically-powered components 50 are powered by the battery 36. Representative types of electronic control components are of the type can be of the type possessed by the Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette available from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. See, also, the types of electronic systems set forth in US Pat. No. 4,947,874 to Brooks et al.

The representative smoking article 10 incorporates suitably adapted sensing mechanism 60 in order to provide for operation of the electrically powered components during desired periods of time. Representative types of sensing mechanism components are incorporated within a device available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. See, also, those types of airflow sensing mechanisms proposed in EPO 1,618,803 to Hon; and US Pat. Nos. 4,735,217 to Gerth et al.; 4,947,874 to Brooks et al.; and 5,388,574 to Ingebrethsen. The sensing mechanism 60 also can be powered by the battery 36. Typically, the sensing mechanism components 60 are positioned within the outer container 20 in a location downstream from the electrically powered control components 50. The sensor 60, in concert with certain control circuitry within the controller 50, is preferably part of a puff-actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through one or more of the resistance heating elements discussed below. The sensor 60 is preferably adapted for sensing draw (i.e., intake of air from the smoking article) by the user of the smoking article. Representative types of draw sensors are set forth in US Pat. No. 4,947,874 to Brooks et al., wherein pressure sensitive switches are discussed, such as pressure sensitive differential switches available from Micro Pneumatic Logic, Inc. of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, pressure sensitive transducers, airflow-deflected vanes with motion sensors, and the like. See also, US Pat. No. 7,117,867 to Cox et al. The sensor 60 is configured to allow airflow through or around the sensor. In the embodiment shown, the sensor 60 is configured in an annular shape with a passageway through the center thereof. Other configurations are also possible, such as configurations with multiple passageways through or around the sensor 60.

The representative smoking article 10 also incorporates at least one electrical resistance heating element 70, 72. An optional first resistance heating element 70 can be located upstream from the sensing mechanism 60, and as such, can act to heat drawn air passing through the smoking article from the distal end 13 of the outer housing 20. A second resistance heating element 72 can be located downstream from the sensing mechanism 60. The resistance heating

elements 70, 72 also can be powered by the battery 36, and control of the operation of those heating elements can be controlled by the electrically powered control components 50. The heating elements 70, 72 are configured to allow airflow therethrough. The heating element 70 upstream of the sensor 60 is configured in the same manner as the sensor (i.e., in an annular shape); however, other configurations are possible as noted above.

Typically, the second resistance element 72 can be formed from relatively high surface area absorbent or wicking-type materials, such as graphite yarn, high surface area metallic cloth or screen, or the like. Resistance elements of such type are useful for supporting or holding sufficient aerosol-forming material for aerosol generation, as well as for wicking additional aerosol-forming material for aerosol generation during subsequent puffs. Alternatively, the second resistance element 72 can be employed in close proximity to an absorbent wicking material such that aerosol-forming material can be wicked or otherwise transferred so as to contact the second resistance element or contact an area in close proximity to the second resistance element (e.g., a region that is exposed to a the heat produced by the second resistance element). Representative types of resistance heating elements are incorporated within a device available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. If desired, each of the heating elements 70, 72 can be arranged to have current pass therethrough (and hence provide heat) in response to a signal provided by a puff-actuated controller that regulates current through one or more of the heating elements in response to signals from the sensor 60. For example, each heating element 70, 72 can be turned “on” and “off” in response to a signal provided in response to the sensing mechanism 60 and related control circuitry. Alternatively, current flow through the first heating element 70 can be controlled during periods of normal use of the smoking article 10, and current flow through the second heating element 72 can be controlled only during periods of draw (i.e., the second heating element will be energized when the sensor 60 detects draw by the user).

The representative smoking article 10 of FIG. 1 incorporates a cartridge 85. The cartridge can be manufactured from a variety of materials, such as metal (e.g., aluminum or stainless steel), paper (e.g., paperboard or paper coated with a hydrophobic film or coating), plastic (e.g., polyester, polypropylene, nylon, polycarbonate, or the like). The cartridge 85 contains tobacco 89 in some form. The cartridge 85 also most preferably contains aerosol-forming material. The tobacco 89 and the aerosol-forming material can be in the form of an

intimate mixture or provided in separate regions of the cartridge 85. Representative types of cartridges are of the type incorporated within a device available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. can be modified by adding tobacco extract thereto, or by removing at least a portion of the substrate and nicotine-containing material incorporated therein and replacing that removed portion with a tobacco composition. For example, for the embodiment shown in FIG. 1, the cartridge 85 can contain an upstream segment 95 composed of tobacco filler or processed tobacco filler material 89 incorporating aerosol-forming material, and a downstream segment 98 composed of a substrate 101, such as fibers of polyethylene terephthalate carrying flavors and/or aerosol-forming material. The representative smoking article 10 is assembled such that a certain amount of aerosol-forming material and tobacco components can be wicked or otherwise transferred to heating element 72 or the region in close proximity to the heating element. Optionally, as shown, the extreme mouth end region of the cartridge 85 is sealed, and as such, tobacco components and aerosol-forming material have a tendency to travel upstream towards the resistance heater 72. Typically, at least one air passageway 115 extends longitudinally between the inner surface of the outer container 20 and the outer surface of the cartridge 85. This air passageway 115 can be created using the same techniques noted above in connection with the passageway 45 in the batter holder 40.

A representative cartridge 85 is provided by modifying the components of a cartridge employed in a device available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. For example, the section or segment of the fibrous substrate and aerosol-forming material is removed from that cartridge and discarded, and that portion is replaced by a section or segment composed of tobacco cut filler saturated with a mixture of glycerin and spray dried tobacco extract. As another example, a web of reconstituted tobacco sheet that is gathered so as to possess a plurality of longitudinally extending passageways can be treated with a mixture of propylene glycol, flavoring agent and tobacco extract. As still another example, the whole section or segment of the fibrous substrate and aerosol-forming material is removed from that cartridge and discarded, and all of that material is replaced by a section or segment composed of aqueous extracted tobacco cut filler pulp saturated or nearly saturated with a mixture of glycerin, flavoring agent and spray dried tobacco extract. As a further example, the fibrous substrate and aerosol-forming material can be positioned in the upstream end of the cartridge, and the downstream end of the cartridge can be provided by a

plurality of formed tobacco pieces or pellets that act as a substrate for aerosol-forming material and flavoring agent.

The amount of aerosol-forming material, tobacco extract, flavoring agent, and the like that is carried by the substrate can vary; and the weight of those ingredients typically can be as much as at least equal to, often can be at least about twice that, and frequently can be at least about three times that, of the dry weight of the substrate. As such, the cartridge can be adapted to provide components, of types and in amounts, sufficient to provide aerosols demonstrating acceptable visual characteristics, acceptable mouthfeel and other organoleptic effects, acceptable tobacco flavor, and the like.

In a further embodiment, tobacco can be incorporated within a cartridge 85 having the ability to act as a type of liquid storage container of the smoking article. For example, powdered spray dried tobacco extract can be incorporated within the liquid storage container 85, or liquid tobacco extracts or essences can be combined within components contained within the liquid storage container (e.g., aerosol-forming materials) so as to be intimately combined with those components. In another embodiment, pieces of tobacco lamina, stems, or processed tobacco can be incorporated within the liquid storage container 85. For example, pieces of tobacco lamina cut filler, tobacco dust, or pieces of reconstituted tobacco sheet, can be incorporated within the liquid storage container. As such, the tobacco can be mixed with, or be part of, the aerosol-forming mixture within the cartridge 85. Most preferably, essentially pure nicotine, extracts composed predominantly of nicotine, or formulations composed predominantly of nicotine, are not incorporated within the liquid storage container 85 or elsewhere within the smoking article.

In another embodiment, the tobacco can be located within the smoking article 10 in a region that is physically separate from the cartridge 85. For example, the tobacco can be positioned so as to abut the cartridge 85, or positioned in a spaced apart relationship relative to the cartridge. As such, the tobacco is not mixed with the aerosol-forming mixture within the cartridge 85. In one embodiment, a charge or roll of tobacco cut filler wrapped in paper (e.g., so as to provide a generally cylindrical charge of tobacco) can be positioned either upstream or downstream from the cartridge 85. In another embodiment, tobacco-containing reconstituted tobacco sheet (e.g., a formed cast sheet or reconstituted tobacco paper) can be used as wrapping materials of various components (e.g., including the cartridge 85) within the smoking article 10. In another embodiment, tobacco cut filler can surround the cartridge 85 or other components

located within the smoking article 10. In another embodiment, tobacco extract can be carried by a substrate or positioned within a cartridge that is located within the smoking article 10 physically separate from the aforementioned cartridge 85 that contains the aerosol-forming material.

5 The number of puffs during the use of a single cartridge 85 can vary, depending upon factors such as the amount of aerosol-forming material, tobacco, and other associated components that is employed, the form of those components, the positioning of those components within the smoking article 10 relative to the resistance heating elements, and the like. The amount of those components can be sufficient to provide, for example, about 10 to 10 about 15 puffs per cartridge, when that cartridge is employed within a smoking article and smoked under FTC smoking conditions. However, amount of those components can be sufficient to provide, for example, greater than about 200 puffs per cartridge, often greater than about 400 puffs per cartridge, and frequently greater than about 600 puffs per cartridge, when that cartridge is employed within a smoking article and smoked under FTC smoking conditions. 15 For smoking articles employing cartridges containing sufficient components to provide a relatively large number of puffs, those smoking articles can be employed in conjunction with removable caps, or other suitable sealing means, in order that the smoking article can be sealed during periods of non-use. The smoking article 10 can be configured such that the cartridge 85 can be removed from the smoking article and replaced as needed.

20 The smoking article 10, at its mouth-end 15, possesses a mouth-end piece 120. The mouth-end piece 120, which is typically removable, can be maintained in place by friction fit, a threaded screw mechanism that cooperates with a complementing threaded mechanism that is secured to the outer container, or the like. A representative mouth-end piece can be of the type incorporated within a device available as Ruyan Atomizing Electronic Cigarette from Ruyan 25 SBT Technology and Development Co., Ltd. Alternatively, the mouth-end piece 120 can have the form of other types of holders that have been proposed for use with smoking articles. See, also, for example, the types of mouth-end pieces and cigarette-type filter elements set forth in US Pat. Appl. Serial No. 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al.

30 During use, the mouth-end 15 of the smoking article 10 is placed in the lips of the smoker. Air is drawn through the air passageways or openings 32 in the cap 35 located at the distal end 13 of the smoking article, and into the outer container 20. Drawn air passes through

air passageway 45 that extends along the length of the power source 36 and the electronic control components 50, through an air passageway area within the first heating element 70, through the air flow sensing region 60, past or through the second heating element 72, through air passageway 115 that extends along the length of the cartridge 85, and into the mouth-end piece 120. Typically, resistance heating elements provide surface region temperatures, and hence the ability to heat aerosol-forming materials and tobacco materials in surrounding regions in the vicinity of those heating elements. Typically, during relevant periods of use, those heating elements can provide surface region temperatures of at least about 200°C, and often at least about 300°C. Typically, those temperatures do not exceed about 600°C, often do not exceed about 500°C, and frequently do not exceed about 400°C. Aerosol that is formed by the action of drawn air passing heated tobacco components and aerosol-forming material in the region occupied by the second heating element 72 is drawn through the mouth-end piece 120, and into the mouth of the smoker. That is, when used, the smoking article 10 yields visible mainstream aerosol that preferably resembles the mainstream tobacco smoke of traditional cigarettes that burn tobacco cut filler. The aerosol may also contain flavors and other components provided by, or derived from, tobacco.

Referring to FIG. 2, another embodiment of a representative smoking article 10 is shown. The smoking article 10 has a rod-like shape, and includes a distal end 13 and a mouth-end 15. The smoking article 10 possesses certain components comparable to, and in certain regards operates in a manner generally comparable to, that smoking article described previously with reference to FIG. 1. However, the smoking article is adapted to incorporate a cigarette 150.

An exemplary type of cigarette 150 possesses a charge or roll of tobacco 89 (e.g., tobacco cut filler or processed tobacco material) wrapped in wrapping material 160 (e.g., paper). The length of the resulting tobacco rod can vary; with a typical tobacco rod having a length of at least about 30 mm, often at least about 40 mm, while a typical tobacco rod has a length that does not exceed about 60 mm, and often does not exceed about 50 mm. The circumference of the tobacco rod can vary; with a typical tobacco rod having a circumference of about 20 mm to about 35 mm, and often about 25 mm to about 30 mm. Depending upon factors such as the ingredients incorporated within the cigarette 150, the number of puffs of aerosol per cigarette than are expected, the configuration of the holder into which the cigarette is inserted, the amount of heat

generated by the resistance heating element, and the like, the physical dimensions of the cigarette can be smaller than those of conventional, commercially available cigarettes that burn tobacco.

Typically, the wrapping material 160 is wrapped around the tobacco 89 so as to form a generally cylindrical rod-shaped cigarette rod or tobacco rod. That is, the wrapping material 160 is formed into a generally tubular shape, and the tobacco is positioned within the hollow region within that tube. Preferably, the wrapping material 160 is formed such that each end of the tobacco rod is open to expose the tobacco contained therein, and to allow the passage of drawn air therethrough.

The wrapping material 160 can vary. The wrapping material 160 can be a paper wrapping material of the type traditionally used for cigarette manufacture. The wrapping material 160 also can be composed of a laminate of metallic foil and paper, and as such, heat generated by the second heating element can heat the metallic foil of the laminate and hence heat the tobacco contained within that laminate. See, for example, the types of wrapping materials, wrapping material laminates and wrapping material configurations set forth US Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al.

For the embodiment shown, the cigarette 150 possesses a type of cartridge 85 at its distal end within the wrapping material 160 and in fluid communication with the tobacco rod. That optional cartridge 85 contains an aerosol-generating material composition 101 therein. The components of the composition 101 can include a substrate material (e.g., polyethylene terephthalate fibers) that can be mixed or blended with tobacco filler. Typically, the substrate materials act as carriers for tobacco components and other aerosol-forming materials that can be delivered to the mouth of the smoker. The cartridge 85 can have a generally tubular shape with open ends such that air may flow therethrough. Cartridges can be manufactured from a variety of materials, such as paper or plastic, or heat conductive materials (e.g., metal foil, metal mesh or screen, ceramic non-woven web, or the like). Typically, when present, the length of the cartridge 85 does not exceed about 30 mm, and often does not exceed about 20 mm. Typically, when present, the cartridge 85 has a length of at least about 5 mm, and often at least about 10 mm. Optionally, an air passageway or gap (not shown) can exist downstream from the cartridge 85, or the cartridge 85 can abut the tobacco rod as shown in FIG. 2 such that some migration of material between the tobacco rod and the cartridge is possible. Such an air passageway, when present, typically has a length of up to about 10 mm.

In one embodiment, the cartridge 85 and/or the wrapping material 160 of the tobacco rod can be manufactured from materials that, to some degree, conduct electricity. As such, depending upon the positioning of the cigarette 150 within the smoking article 10, the cartridge 85 and/or the wrapping material 160 can be in electrical contact with the electrical circuitry associated with the electrical resistance heating element 72. As a result, it is possible that some degree of electrical resistance heating also can be provided by the cartridge 85 and/or the wrapping material 160.

In one embodiment, the cartridge 85 can be virtually devoid or free of nicotine. For example, the cartridge 85 can contain aerosol-forming materials, non-tobacco flavoring agents, and optionally, tobacco (e.g., as pieces of tobacco or as an extract) that has been de-nicotinized (e.g., using de-nicotinization processes or by using tobaccos virtually devoid of nicotine). As such, visible aerosol or flavored visible aerosol that is produced solely using components incorporated within the container 85 possesses virtually no nicotine. Rather, nicotine provided to the smoker of the smoking article within the mainstream aerosol delivered by the smoking article is provided by action upon tobacco 89 located in another region of the smoking article 10 rather than from nicotine incorporation within the cartridge 85.

In one embodiment, the cartridge 85 can contain a gathered web of paper that incorporates carbon particles (e.g., about 10 to about 60 weight parts carbon and about 40 to about 90 weight parts wood pulp or flax fiber). See, for example, the types of carbon-containing papers set forth in US Pat. No. 5,360,023 to Blakley et al., which is incorporated herein by reference. For example, a gathered sheet of carbon paper weighing about 40 mg, and having a length of about 10 mm to about 20 mm, can be saturated with a liquid mixture of glycerin, tobacco extract, and flavoring agent (e.g., with about 40 mg to about 120 mg of liquid mixture).

In a further embodiment, the cartridge 85 can contain a gathered web of paper that incorporates calcium carbonate particles (e.g., about 10 to about 40 weight parts calcium carbonate and about 60 to about 90 weight parts wood pulp or flax fiber). For example, a gathered sheet of carbon paper weighing about 40 mg, and having a length of about 10 mm to about 20 mm, can be saturated with a liquid mixture of glycerin, tobacco extract, and flavoring agent (e.g., with about 40 mg to about 100 mg of liquid mixture).

In yet another embodiment, the cartridge 85 can contain a fibrous carbonaceous material (e.g., graphite fibers). For example, a segment formed from about 40 mg to about 100 mg of

those fibers, and having a length of about 10 mm to about 20 mm, can be saturated with a liquid mixture of glycerin, tobacco extract, and flavoring agent (e.g., in an amount of about 3 times of the dry weight of those fibers).

5 In a still further embodiment, the cartridge 85 can contain a reconstituted tobacco material (e.g., a cast sheet type material, an extruded material, or a paper-type reconstituted tobacco material) that incorporates particles or pieces of highly heat conductive materials (e.g., a matrix of aluminum wires, aluminum foil, copper wire, copper tubing, metal beads, or the like). Representative pieces or beads can have lengths, thicknesses or diameters of about 0.01 micrometers to about 1 mm. That material can act as a substrate for aerosol-forming material, 10 tobacco extract, flavoring agents, and the like, and also can act as a conductor of heat produced by electrical resistance heating to regions within the cigarette 150.

If desired, the region of the cigarette 150 that is wrapped in the paper wrapper 160 can be composed entirely of tobacco material, processed tobacco material, or a blend of tobacco material and other substrate material, and those materials is treated in such a manner so as to act 15 as substrates for aerosol-forming materials. For such an embodiment, the previously described cartridge 85 is not incorporated within the cigarette 150, and the components contained within the wrapping material 160 are not necessarily positioned or arranged therein in a segmented fashion.

The cigarette 150 also can possess an optional filter element 200 located at the 20 downstream end of the tobacco rod. The filter element can be composed of filter material 215 (e.g., cellulose acetate tow, gathered polypropylene web, plasticized cellulose acetate tube, or the like) wrapped in circumscribing plug wrap 218. The filter element can be attached to the tobacco rod using a tipping material 222 that circumscribes the length of the filter element 200 and an adjacent region of the tobacco rod.

25 The mouth-end piece 120 of the smoking article 10 can be adapted to act as a support for the filter element 200 of the cigarette 150, and can be removably attached to the outer housing 20 of the smoking article. That is, the mouth-end piece 120 can be removed from the outer housing 20 of the smoking article 10, the filter element 200 of the cigarette 150 can be secured within the mouth-end piece (e.g., by friction fit), and the cigarette can be inserted into the downstream end 30 of the outer housing. In such a circumstance, the mouth-end piece 120 can have a generally

tubular shape. As such, the mouth-end piece can act as a type of support for the cigarette 120 while that cigarette is positioned within the outer housing 20 for use.

During use, the mouth-end 15 of the smoking article 10 is placed in the lips of the smoker. Air is drawn through the through the air passageways or openings 32 in the cap 35 located at the distal end 13 of the smoking article, and into the outer container 20. Draw air passages through air passageway 45 that extends along the length of the power source 36 and the electronic control components 50, through an air passageway area within the first optional heating element 70, through the air flow sensing region 60, past or through the second heating element 72, through the cigarette 150 (including through cartridge 85), and into the mouth-end piece 120. Heat generated by the heating elements acting upon the tobacco and components thereof acts to volatilize components of the tobacco or otherwise cause components of tobacco to be entrained in drawn air. As such, the resulting aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components is drawn into the mouth of the smoker. After use, the spent cigarette 150 is removed from the outer container 20 and disposed of, and when desired, a new cigarette is replaced within the outer container.

Referring to FIG. 3, yet another embodiment of a representative smoking article 10 is shown. The smoking article possesses a distal end 13 and a mouth-end 15. The smoking article 10 possesses certain components comparable to, and in certain regards operates in a manner generally comparable to, that smoking article described previously with reference to FIG. 1. The smoking article 10 is adapted to incorporate a type of cigarette 150. The tobacco segment 89, circumscribed with a wrapping material 160, can be provided so as to provide tobacco components or tobacco derived components by the action of heat. Components of the tobacco segment 89 can be treated (e.g., by contact with metal salts, moisture, or other suitable materials) in order that the tobacco (e.g., as cut filler, reconstituted tobacco sheet, or the like) that is subjected to heating by the action of the electrically generated heat exhibits desirable heat resistance, does not burn to an undesirable extent, experiences a controlled smolder, or the like. The tobacco segment 89 can also incorporate an aerosol-generating material. As shown, the cigarette 150 may include a filter element 200 as noted in connection with FIG. 2.

The smoking article 10 possesses a third optional resistance heating element 300 that is powered by the power source 36. The third resistance heating element is operated in essentially the same manner as the first and second resistance heating elements 70, 72 that have been

described previously with reference to FIG. 1. As such, the third resistance heating element 300 is powered by the power source 36 and controlled by the electrically powered control components 50, through suitable electrical connections, such as conductive wires, or the like (not shown). The third resistance heating element 300 can be provided by a suitable conductive material that can be suitably used as a resistance heating element, such as non-woven graphite yarn or web, ceramic material, metallic cloth or screen, metal alloy sheet, or the like. The physical size and shape of the third resistance heating element is such that the heating element can provide heat to at least a portion of the tobacco 89 of the cigarette 150. For example, the third resistance heating element 300 can have the general shape of a tube that is adapted to fit snugly around a portion of a tobacco rod 89 inserted therein. Alternatively, the third resistance heating element 300 can have a form so that aerosol-forming material and extracted tobacco components can be wicked from a tobacco substrate or a substrate paper material that is wrapped around that tobacco 89. If desired, at least one of the resistance heating elements (e.g., the first and/or third resistance elements) can be equipped with a separate on/off timing mechanisms and/or switching mechanisms in order that the cigarette 150 can be pre-heated or heating can be otherwise controlled during certain desired periods of use of the smoking article 10. In other words, each heating element can be selectively and separately controlled in certain embodiments. If desired, each of the heating elements can be arranged to have current pass therethrough (and hence provide heat) in response to a signal provided by response to the sensing mechanism component 60. For example, each heating element can be turned “on” and “off” in response to a signal provided by response to the sensing mechanism 60. Alternatively, current flow through the first heating element 70 can be controlled during periods of normal use of the smoking article 10, and current flow through the second heating element 72 can be controlled only during periods of draw. Thus, each resistance heating element can provide differing amounts of heat, and can be operated to provide heat during differing periods.

Optionally, the size and shape of the second resistance heating element 72 can be altered. For example, as shown in FIG. 3, at least a portion of the second resistance heating element can be elongated, and at least a portion thereof can extend downstream within the outer container 20. As such, at least a portion of the second resistance heating element can extend into the tobacco segment 89, and hence be in close contact with a significant amount of substrate and aerosol-forming material within the tobacco.

Preferably, a thermally insulated region 400 circumscribes the resistance heating element 300 of the smoking article 10 as shown, although the insulation can extend further down the smoking article and circumscribe, for example, the first and second heating elements as well. Representative types and configurations of insulation are set forth in US Pat. Appl. Ser. Nos. 5 11/194,215 filed August 1, 2005, to Cantrell et al. and 11/377,630 filed March 16, 2006 to Crooks et al. As such, there is provided a way to prevent the outer regions of the outer container 20 from becoming unduly hot to the touch during use of the smoking article 10. In addition, a series of substantially non-permeable walls or like structural regions 420 can assist in ensuring that drawn air has a tendency to pass through the tobacco 89 during use of the smoking article 10. The insulating material 400 also can be positioned elsewhere within the smoking article 10. For example, insulating material 400 can be used as a substrate material for tobacco extract, tobacco dust, aerosol-forming material, flavoring agent, and the like. In addition, insulating material 400 can be positioned at the locations or regions near the distal end 13 of the smoking article 10, around the power source 36, around the electronic and/or puff control components of 15 the smoking article 10, or elsewhere.

During use, the mouth-end 15 of the smoking article 10 is placed in the lips of the smoker. Air is drawn through the air passageways or openings 32 in the cap 35 located at the distal end 13 of the smoking article, and into the outer container 20. Draw air passages through air passageway 45 that extends along the length of the power source 36 and the electronic control 20 components 50, through an air passageway area within the first heating element 70, through the air flow sensing region 60, past or through the second heating element 72, through the cigarette 150, and into the mouth-end piece 120. Heat generated by the three heating elements 70, 72, 300 acting upon the tobacco and components thereof act to volatilize components of the tobacco or otherwise cause components of tobacco to be entrained in drawn air. Typically, resistance 25 heating elements provide surface region temperatures, and hence the ability to heat aerosol-forming materials and tobacco materials in surrounding regions in the vicinity of those heating elements. Typically, during relevant periods of use, those heating elements can provide surface region temperatures of at least about 200°C, and often at least about 300°C. Those temperatures typically do not exceed about 600°C, often do not exceed about 500°C, and frequently do not 30 exceed about 400°C. As such, the resulting aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco derived components is drawn into the mouth of the smoker. After use, the spent

cigarette 150 is removed from the outer container 20 and disposed of, and when desired, a new cigarette is replaced within the outer container. Removal of the cigarette 150 can be accomplished by removing the mouthpiece 120, which is typically removably attached to the outer housing 20.

5 For all the embodiments described above, the selection of battery and resistance heating elements can vary, and can be a matter of design choice. For example, the battery voltage, amount of electrical current and resistance provided by the various resistance heating elements can be selected to provide sufficient power for initial heating (e.g., sufficient to provide virtually immediate aerosol formation and delivery of tobacco derived components upon draw), adequate heating of relevant components within the smoking article (i.e., sufficient heat to generate aerosol formation), adequate power source lifetime, and the like. Typically, the various components of the various control circuitry acts to ensure that current is controlled in order that resistance heating heats relevant components to a desired temperature or within a desired temperature range (i.e., a preferred smoking article does not overheat). Selection of the power source and resistance heating elements can be a matter of design choice, and will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art of design and manufacture of electrical resistance heating systems.

10 If desired, the smoking articles 10 of the present invention optionally can be air diluted. For smoking articles 10 that optionally are air diluted or ventilated, the amount or degree of air dilution or ventilation can vary. Frequently, the amount of air dilution for an air diluted cigarette is greater than about 10 percent, generally is greater than about 20 percent, often is greater than about 30 percent, and sometimes is greater than about 40 percent. Preferably, the upper level for air dilution for an air diluted cigarette is less than about 80 percent, and often is less than about 70 percent. As used herein, the term “air dilution” is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the volume of air drawn through the air dilution means to the total volume and air and aerosol drawn through the cigarette and exiting the mouth end portion of the cigarette. Higher air dilution levels can act to reduce the transfer efficiency of aerosol-forming material into mainstream aerosol.

25 Preferred smoking articles 10 of the present invention exhibit desirable resistance to draw. For example, an exemplary smoking article exhibits a pressure drop of between about 50 and about 200 mm water pressure drop at 17.5 cc/sec. air flow. Preferred smoking articles

exhibit pressure drop values of between about 60 mm and about 180, more preferably between about 70 mm to about 150 mm, water pressure drop at 17.5 cc/sec. air flow. Preferably, pressure drop values of smoking articles are measured using a Filtrona Cigarette Test Station (CTS Series) available from Filtrona Instruments and Automation Ltd.

5 Aerosols that are produced by smoking articles of the present invention are those that comprise air-containing components such as vapors, gases, suspended particulates, and the like. Aerosol components can be generated by the action of heat upon tobacco of some form; and in certain circumstances, by thermally decomposing tobacco caused by heating tobacco, smoldering tobacco, and charring tobacco; and by vaporizing aerosol-forming agent. As such, the aerosol
10 can contain volatilized components, combustion products (e.g., carbon dioxide and water), incomplete combustion products, and products of pyrolysis. Aerosol components may also be generated by the action of heat from burning tobacco of some form (and optionally other components that are burned to generate heat), upon substances that are located in a heat exchange relationship with tobacco material that is burned and other components that are burned.
15 Aerosol components may also be generated by the aerosol generation system as a result of the action of heat of the heat generation system. Most preferably, components resulting from the aerosol generation system have an overall composition, and are positioned within the smoking article, such that those components have a tendency not to undergo a significant degree of thermal decomposition (e.g., as a result of combustion, smoldering or pyrolysis) during
20 conditions of normal use.

Referring to FIG. 4, there is shown a diagram of an embodiment of an electronic circuit 500 that can be incorporated within a smoking article of the present invention. The control circuitry for the smoking articles of the invention can be assembled as discrete electronic components or functionally as an integrated microprocessor device. The representative circuit
25 includes a power source 36, an actuation mechanism 510 (e.g., an actuation switch), and at least one resistance heating element; and for the embodiment shown, a first resistance heating element 70, a second resistance heating element 72, and a third resistance heating element 300. Such a circuit that incorporates three resistance heating elements can be incorporated within the type of smoking article described previously with reference to FIG. 3. It is noted that the circuit 500 of
30 FIG. 4 can be readily adapted for use in a smoking article comprising two heating elements by

simply removing the circuit pathways involving heating element 300, and thus would be suitable for use in the embodiments of FIGS. 1 and 2.

5 The actuation mechanism 510 typically is a switching mechanism that can be engaged by activity of the smoker. That is, such a switch can be activated by pressing or other type of movement by the smoker using his/her finger, by activation by contact with the lips of the smoker, or by at least one other type of sensing mechanism located at an appropriate location on the smoking article. A representative switch can be manually operated by the smoker.

10 The circuit preferably incorporates a timing mechanism 520. Such a timing mechanism can be programmed to provide for a controlled period of operation. For example, after the circuit has been activated by activity resulting in the switching of the current actuation mechanism 510 to an “on” position, the timing mechanism operates for a selected period of time (e.g., 1 minute, 2 minutes, 4 minutes, or the like). In the event that the remaining portion of the circuit is reactivated within the selected period of time, the timing mechanism 520 is reset and begins operating again. In the event of the occurrence a certain period of inactivity or non-use, the
15 timing mechanism then can act to turn the circuit “off,” until reactivation of the cycle.

During operation of the circuit, current passes through the first resistance heating element 70 and the third resistance heating element 300, and as such, those resistance heating elements produce heat. Control of the temperatures generated by each resistance heating element is provided by control mechanisms 530, 540, respectively.

20 A puff control mechanism 550, such as a suitable air flow sensing switch, acts to complete the circuit that provides current to the second resistance heating element 72. That is, during periods of draw, the circuit that provides current through the second resistance heating element is closed, and hence that heating element produces heat. A predetermined quantity of heat can be produced by current controlled by a timer (e.g., a fixed pulse set at about 0.5 second to about 2 seconds in duration). Alternatively, a series of “on/off” types of pulses can be
25 provided during draw periods. When draw is complete, that circuit is broken. A control mechanism 560, such as a timer, acts to provide for control of the current passing through the circuit, and hence the amount of heat generated by heating element. For example, for longer puff periods, current supplied to the heating element, and hence power for aerosol generation, can be
30 provided by a controlled sequential “on” and “off” signal provided by the timer. Typically, the timed period for current flow ranges from about 0.1 second to about 1 second, and about 0.2

second to about 0.6 second generally can be employed; while the “off” period for between periods of periodic current flow often can range from about 0.1 second to about 0.6 second.

Referring to FIG. 5, there is shown a diagram of another embodiment of an electronic circuit 500 that can be incorporated within a smoking article of the present invention. It is again
5 noted that the control circuitry for the smoking articles of the invention can be assembled as discrete electronic components or as an integrated microprocessor device. The representative circuit includes a power source 36, an actuation mechanism 510, and at least one resistance heating element; and for the embodiment shown, a first resistance heating element 70, a second resistance heating element 72, and a third resistance heating element 300. Such a circuit that
10 incorporates three resistance heating elements can be incorporated within the type of smoking article described previously with reference to FIG. 3. Again, simply removing the third heating element 300 could produce a circuit useful in other smoking article embodiments set forth herein.

The circuit preferably incorporates a timing mechanism 520. Such a timing mechanism
15 can be programmed to provide for a controlled period of operation. For example, after the circuit has been activated by activity resulting in the switching of the current actuation mechanism 510 to an “on” position, the timing mechanism operates for a selected period of time. In the event that the remaining portion of the circuit is activated, the timing mechanism is reset and begins operating again. In the event of the occurrence a certain period of inactivity or non-use, the
20 timing mechanism then can act to turn the circuit “off.”

During operation, current passes through the first resistance heating element 70 and the third resistance heating element 300, and as such, those resistance heating elements produce heat. Control of the temperatures generated by each resistance heating element is provided by control mechanisms 530, 540, respectively.

25 A puff control mechanism 590 acts to complete the circuit that provides current to the second resistance heating element 72. That is, during periods of draw, the circuit that provides current through the second resistance heating element is closed, and hence that heating element produces heat. When draw is complete, that circuit is broken. In the embodiment shown, the puff control mechanism 590 is provided by a pressure sensor 570 and a threshold detector 580
30 (e.g., a Schmitt trigger), which can provide for control of the current passing through the second resistance heating element 72, and hence for heat generation by heating element 72 that is

proportional to the period and magnitude of the draw. For example, for longer puff periods, current supplied to the heating element 72, and hence power for aerosol generation, can be provided for longer periods of time. As another example, for deeper or more rigorous puffs, a sensing of stronger draw can be used to provide for greater current flow to the appropriate
5 resistance heating element, and hence provide for a correspondingly greater aerosol generation. Alternatively, a separate switch (not shown) can be selected by the smoker to provide control of current to at least one of the resistance heating elements; and as such, during periods of draw (e.g., whether or not the draw or puff is intense, long, short, deep, shallow, large in volume, small in volume, or the like) the conditions associated with heat generation for aerosol formation
10 are controlled, and hence, consistent aerosol formation can be provided during each puff.

Many modifications and other embodiments of the invention will come to mind to one skilled in the art to which this invention pertains having the benefit of the teachings presented in the foregoing description; and it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that variations and modifications of the present invention can be made without departing from the scope or spirit of
15 the invention. Therefore, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the specific embodiments disclosed and that modifications and other embodiments are intended to be included within the scope of the appended claims. Although specific terms are employed herein, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation.

What is claimed is:

1. A tobacco-containing, electrically-powered smoking article comprising:
 - (a) a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end, the housing comprising an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;
 - (b) an electrical power source within the outer housing;
 - 5 (c) at least one electrical resistance heater within the outer housing, the heater being configured to allow air flow therethrough and being powered by said electrical power source;
 - (d) a controller adapted for regulating current flow through the heater; and
 - (e) a rod-shaped carrier device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the outer housing and comprising a tubular mouth-end piece and a tubular cartridge with two open ends
 - 10 allowing air to flow therethrough, wherein the cartridge includes a substrate that comprises a tobacco material and an aerosol-generating material, wherein the cartridge is operatively positioned within the outer housing and adjacent to the heater such that the electrical resistance heater is adapted for heating at least a portion of the tobacco and the aerosol-generating material and such that air drawn into the outer housing passes through at least a portion of the heater,
 - 15 through the cartridge, and through the mouth-end piece.

2. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the aerosol-forming material comprises glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof.

- 20 3. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises an absorbent material.

4. The smoking article of claim 3, wherein the absorbent material comprises a paper material.

- 25 5. The smoking article of claim 3, wherein the absorbent material comprises a paper-type reconstituted tobacco.

6. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a paper material with a tobacco extract and the aerosol-generating material absorbed thereon.

5 7. The smoking article of Claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises polyethylene terephthalate fibers.

8. The smoking article of claim 7, wherein polyethylene terephthalate fibers are blended with tobacco cut filler.

10 9. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate further comprises a flavoring agent.

10. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate further comprises carbon particles or calcium carbonate particles therein.

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11. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate further comprises a fibrous carbonaceous material.

20 12. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a laminate of metallic foil and paper.

13. The smoking article of claim 12, wherein the paper comprises reconstituted tobacco.

25 14. The smoking article of claim 12, wherein the paper includes a tobacco extract and the aerosol-generating material absorbed thereon.

15. The smoking article of claim 14, wherein the paper further includes a flavoring agent absorbed thereon.

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16. The smoking article of claim 1, further comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw on the smoking article.

5 17. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the heater is tubular in shape and positioned around the cartridge.

18. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the heater comprises at least one elongated portion extending downstream therefrom.

10 19. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the cartridge is circumscribed by a wrapping material.

15 20. The smoking article of claim 1, wherein the cartridge is conductive and in electrical contact with an electrical circuitry within the smoking article such that electrical resistance heating can be provided by the cartridge.

21. The smoking article of claim 20, wherein the substrate incorporates a conductive material that conducts heat produced by electrical resistance heating.

20 22. The smoking article of claim 21, wherein the conductive material comprises aluminum or copper.

23. A tobacco-containing, electrically-powered smoking article comprising:
25 (a) a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end, the housing comprising an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;
(b) an electrical power source within the outer housing;
(c) at least one electrical resistance heater within the outer housing, the heater being configured to allow air flow therethrough and being powered by said electrical power source, and wherein the heater comprises at least one elongated portion extending downstream
30 therefrom;

(d) a puff-actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through the heater during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw by the user on the smoking article; and

5 (e) a rod-shaped carrier device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the outer housing and comprising a tubular mouth-end piece and a tubular cartridge with two open ends allowing air to flow therethrough, wherein the cartridge includes a tobacco-containing absorbent material with an aerosol-generating material absorbed thereon, wherein the cartridge is operatively positioned within the outer housing and adjacent to the heater such that the heater is adapted for heating at least a portion of the tobacco and the aerosol-generating material and such
10 that air drawn into the outer housing passes through at least a portion of the heater, through the cartridge, and through the mouth-end piece.

24. The smoking article of claim 23, wherein the aerosol-forming material comprises glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof.

15 25. The smoking article of claim 23, wherein the tobacco-containing absorbent material is a paper material.

26. The smoking article of claim 25, wherein the tobacco-containing absorbent material is a paper material with a tobacco extract absorbed thereon.

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27. The smoking article of claim 23, wherein the tobacco-containing absorbent material is a paper-type reconstituted tobacco.

28. The smoking article of Claim 23, wherein the tobacco-containing absorbent
25 material comprises polyethylene terephthalate fibers.

29. The smoking article of claim 28, wherein the polyethylene terephthalate fibers are blended with tobacco cut filler.

30. The smoking article of claim 23, wherein the tobacco-containing absorbent material further comprises a flavoring agent absorbed thereon.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A smoking article may include a cigarette incorporated within an electrically powered aerosol generating device that acts as a holder for that cigarette. The smoking article possesses at least one form of tobacco. The smoking article also possesses a mouth-end piece that is used by the smoker to inhale components of tobacco that are generated by the action of heat upon components of the cigarette. A representative smoking article possesses an outer housing incorporating a source of electrical power (e.g., a battery), a sensing mechanism for powering the device at least during periods of draw, and a heating device (e.g., at least one electrical resistance heating element) for forming a thermally generated aerosol that incorporates components of tobacco. During use, the cigarette is positioned within the device, and after use, the used cigarette is removed from the device and replaced with another cigarette.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the patent application being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as set forth herein.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, the present amendment is submitted in separate sections as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **8** of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1-30 (Cancelled)

31. (New) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:
an electrical power source within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source;
a puff-actuated controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw on the smoking article by a user; and

a rod-shaped carrier device engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a cartridge providing a liquid storage compartment containing a mixture comprising a tobacco extract and an aerosol-forming material absorbed within an absorbent fibrous material, the cartridge having a generally tubular shape and adapted for airflow therethrough;

wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is operatively positioned such that, during draw, the mixture comprising the tobacco extract and the aerosol-forming material can be wicked into contact with the electrical resistance heater and volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

32. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the aerosol-forming material comprises glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof.

33. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture further comprises a flavoring agent.

34. (New) The smoking article of claim 33, wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthol.

35. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture further comprises an organic acid.

36. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture comprises essentially pure nicotine, extracts composed predominantly of nicotine, or formulations composed predominantly of nicotine.

37. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent fibrous material comprises a synthetic polymeric material.

38. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the amount of aerosol-forming material is sufficient to provide greater than about 200 puffs per cartridge.

39. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge is made from paper, plastic, or heat conductive materials.

40. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge has a length that does not exceed about 30 mm.

41. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge is electrically conductive.

42. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing.

43. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture comprises glycerin, tobacco extract, and a flavoring agent.

44. (New) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent fibrous material is in contact with the electrical resistance heater.

45. (New) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:
an electrical power source in the form of a battery within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source;
a puff-actuated controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw on the smoking article by a user; and

a rod-shaped carrier device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a cartridge providing a liquid storage compartment containing a mixture comprising a tobacco extract comprising nicotine and an aerosol-forming material selected from glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof, the mixture absorbed within an absorbent wicking material, the cartridge having a generally tubular shape and adapted for airflow therethrough;

wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is operatively positioned such that, during draw, the mixture comprising the tobacco extract and the aerosol-forming material can be wicked into contact with the electrical resistance heater and volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

46. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture further comprises a flavoring agent.

47. (New) The smoking article of claim 46, wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthol.

48. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture further comprises an organic acid.

49. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture comprises essentially pure nicotine, extracts composed predominantly of nicotine, or formulations composed predominantly of nicotine.

50. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the amount of the aerosol-forming material is sufficient to provide greater than about 200 puffs per cartridge.

51. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge is made from paper, plastic, or heat conductive materials.

52. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge has a length that does not exceed about 30 mm.

53. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge is electrically conductive.

54. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the absorbent wicking material is in contact with the electrical resistance heater.

55. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the absorbent wicking material is positioned in proximity to the at least one electrical resistance heater.

56. (New) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein an air passageway extends along the length of the cartridge.

57. (New) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:
an electrical power source in the form of a battery within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source, wherein at least a portion of the resistance heating element is elongated and extending downstream toward the mouth-end of the outer housing, the elongated portion of the resistance heating element positioned proximal to the center of the outer housing;

a controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater; and

a cigarette-type device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a tobacco segment circumscribed by a wrapping material and comprising a tobacco material and an aerosol-forming material, wherein the elongated portion of the resistance heating element extends into the tobacco segment when the cigarette-type device is engaged with the mouth-end of the outer housing, such that during draw, aerosol-forming material can be volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

58. (New) The smoking article of claim 57, wherein the cigarette-type device further comprises a filter element downstream from the tobacco segment.

59. (New) The smoking article of claim 57, further comprising an actuation mechanism in the form of a switching mechanism that can be manually operated by the user in order to heat the cigarette-type device.

60. (New) The smoking article of claim 57, wherein the electrical resistance heating element provides surface region temperatures of at least 200°C and less than 600°C such that the tobacco material does not burn during use.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are cancelled herewith. Claims 31-60 are now pending in this application. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and drawings.

Applicants respectfully requests that the above Preliminary Amendment be entered into the above-referenced application prior to examination thereof on the merits and prior to the calculation of the claim fees.

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Applicant 1

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Assignee Legal Representative under 35 U.S.C. 117 Joint Inventor

Person to whom the inventor is obligated to assign. Person who shows sufficient proprietary interest

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Assignee 1				
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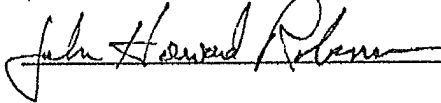
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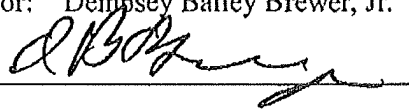
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Filing Date	October 5, 2016
First Named Inventor	John Howard Robinson
Title	Tobacco-Containing Smoking Article
Art Unit	1747
Examiner Name	TBD
Attorney Docket Number	R60999-1400US-C4 (1385.0)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CON of 14/527,287 10/29/2014
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which is a CON of 11/550,634 10/18/2006 PAT 7726320

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Projected Publication Date: 01/26/2017

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Signature	/christopher h. orders/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2017-01-06
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Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The closest prior art of Counts et al. (U.S Patent No. 5692525) discloses a tobacco containing, electrically powered smoking article comprising:

(a) a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end (by reference sign 37, fig. 2) and an end distal to the mouth end, the housing comprising an opening adapted for intake of air into the smoking article;

(b) an electrical power source (35a, fig.2) within the outer housing;

(c) at least one electrical resistance heater (37, fig. 3) within the outer housing, the heater being configured to allow air flow therethrough and being powered by said electrical power source; and wherein the heater comprises at least one elongated portion extending downstream therefrom.

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(d) a puff actuated controller adapted for regulating current flow through electrical resistance heating elements during draw, the controller comprising a sensor capable of selectively powering electrical components of the smoking article (column 7, lines 32-49);

(e) a rod-shaped carrier device (23, fig. 2 and column 5, line 65 to column 6, line 5) removably engaged with the mouth-end of the outer housing and comprising a tubular mouth-end piece (by reference sign 104, fig. 4A) and a tubular cartridge (houses inside reference sign 71, fig. 4A or any one of the equivalence in alternative embodiments in figs. 7A, 10, 11) with two open ends allowing air to flow therethrough, wherein the cartridge includes a substrate that comprises a tobacco material (reference sign 80, fig. 4A, 220", fig. 7A) and glycerin (corresponding to the claimed "an aerosol forming material") added to the tobacco material as a humectant and as an aerosol precursor (column 12, lines 33-37); wherein the cartridge is capable of operatively positioned within the outer housing and adjacent to the heater such that the electrical resistance heater is adapted for heating at least a portion of the tobacco and the aerosol-generating material and such that air drawn into the outer housing passes through at least a portion of the heater, through the cartridge, and through the mouth-end piece.

However, Counts does not teach or suggest that the rod-shaped carrier device is operatively positioned such that, during draw, the mixture comprising the tobacco extract and the aerosol-forming material can be wicked into contact with the electrical resistance heater and volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating

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tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

Therefore the claimed invention is distinguished from the prior art of Counts.

Claims 31-60 are allowed.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the claims at issue are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

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Claims 31-60 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 57-81 of copending Application No. 14527287 (reference application). Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they have the same scope of invention with the same features of a smoking article has an outer housing, an electrical power source, resistance heating element, puff actuated controller and a rod-shaped carrier device.

This is a provisional nonstatutory double patenting rejection because the patentably indistinct claims have not in fact been patented.

Claims 31-60 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S Patent No. 8899238, claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 8079371 and claims 1-9 of Patent No. 7726320. Although the claims at issue are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they have the

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same scope of invention with the same features of a smoking article has an outer housing, an electrical power source, resistance heating element, puff actuated controller and a rod-shaped carrier device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHU NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-5931. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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S33	65	(polyethylene near2 terephthalate near2 fiber) same (carbon near2 fiber) and absorbent	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/01/29 17:34
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S42	14	A24F\$/ \$ and paper and base near2 web and calcium near carbonate	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/02/03 15:41

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In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2017:

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

PENDING CLAIMS

1-30 (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:

an electrical power source within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source;

a puff-actuated controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw on the smoking article by a user; and

a rod-shaped carrier device engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a cartridge providing a liquid storage compartment containing a mixture comprising a tobacco extract and an aerosol-forming material absorbed within an absorbent fibrous material, the cartridge having a generally tubular shape and adapted for airflow therethrough;

wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is operatively positioned such that, during draw, the mixture comprising the tobacco extract and the aerosol-forming material can be wicked into contact with the electrical resistance heater and volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

32. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the aerosol-forming material comprises glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof.

33. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture further comprises a flavoring agent.

34. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 33, wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthol.

35. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture further comprises an organic acid.

36. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture comprises essentially pure nicotine, extracts composed predominantly of nicotine, or formulations composed predominantly of nicotine.

37. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent fibrous material comprises a synthetic polymeric material.

38. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the amount of aerosol-forming material is sufficient to provide greater than about 200 puffs per cartridge.

39. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge is made from paper, plastic, or heat conductive materials.

40. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge has a length that does not exceed about 30 mm.

41. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the cartridge is electrically conductive.

42. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing.

43. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the mixture comprises glycerin, tobacco extract, and a flavoring agent.

44. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent fibrous material is in contact with the electrical resistance heater.

45. (Previously Presented) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:

an electrical power source in the form of a battery within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source;

a puff-actuated controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater during draw, the controller comprising a sensor adapted for sensing draw on the smoking article by a user; and

a rod-shaped carrier device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a cartridge providing a liquid storage compartment containing a mixture comprising a tobacco extract comprising nicotine and an aerosol-forming material selected from glycerin, propylene glycol, or a mixture thereof, the mixture absorbed within an absorbent wicking material, the cartridge having a generally tubular shape and adapted for airflow therethrough;

wherein the rod-shaped carrier device is operatively positioned such that, during draw, the mixture comprising the tobacco extract and the aerosol-forming material can be wicked into contact with the electrical resistance heater and volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

46. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture further comprises a flavoring agent.

47. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 46, wherein the flavoring agent comprises menthol.

48. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture further comprises an organic acid.

49. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the mixture comprises essentially pure nicotine, extracts composed predominantly of nicotine, or formulations composed predominantly of nicotine.

50. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the amount of the aerosol-forming material is sufficient to provide greater than about 200 puffs per cartridge.

51. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge is made from paper, plastic, or heat conductive materials.

52. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge has a length that does not exceed about 30 mm.

53. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the cartridge is electrically conductive.

54. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the absorbent wicking material is in contact with the electrical resistance heater.

55. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein the absorbent wicking material is positioned in proximity to the at least one electrical resistance heater.

56. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 45, wherein an air passageway extends along the length of the cartridge.

57. (Previously Presented) An electrically-powered, aerosol-generating smoking article comprising:

an electrical power source in the form of a battery within a tubular outer housing having a mouth-end and an end distal to the mouth-end;

at least one electrical resistance heater powered by said electrical power source, wherein at least a portion of the resistance heating element is elongated and extending downstream toward the mouth-end of the outer housing, the elongated portion of the resistance heating element positioned proximal to the center of the outer housing;

a controller within the tubular outer housing and adapted for regulating current flow through the electrical resistance heater; and

a cigarette-type device removably engaged with the mouth-end of the tubular outer housing and comprising a tobacco segment circumscribed by a wrapping material and comprising a tobacco material and an aerosol-forming material, wherein the elongated portion of the resistance heating element extends into the tobacco segment when the cigarette-type device is engaged with the mouth-end of the outer housing, such that during draw, aerosol-forming material can be volatilized to produce a visible mainstream aerosol incorporating tobacco components or tobacco-derived components that can be drawn into the mouth of the user of the smoking article.

58. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 57, wherein the cigarette-type device further comprises a filter element downstream from the tobacco segment.

59. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 57, further comprising an actuation mechanism in the form of a switching mechanism that can be manually operated by the user in order to heat the cigarette-type device.

60. (Previously Presented) The smoking article of claim 57, wherein the electrical resistance heating element provides surface region temperatures of at least 200°C and less than 600°C such that the tobacco material does not burn during use.

REMARKS

In light of the following remarks, reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as presented are earnestly solicited. In this Office Action, Claims 31-60 are pending and are now rejected. Claims 1-30 were previously canceled.

Double Patenting

Claims 31-60 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over Claims 57-81 of co-pending US App. No. 14/527,287 (the '287 Application). Claims 31-60 are also rejected on grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over Claims 1-40 of US Patent No. 8,899,238 (the '238 Patent), Claims 1-35 of US Patent No. 8,079,371 (the '371 Patent), and Claims 1-9 of US Patent No. 7,726,320 (the '320 Patent). Although Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections, in order to expedite allowance, Applicant has filed an electronic terminal disclaimer for each of the '287 Application, which has recently been allowed, the '238 Patent, the '371 Patent, and the '320 Patent. Applicant submits that the rejections are thus moot, and Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

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Application Number:	15286087			
Filing Date:	05-Oct-2016			
Title of Invention:	TOBACCO-CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE			
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	John Howard Robinson			
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Attorney Docket Number:	R60999 1400US.C4 (1385.0)			
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ENTITY: LARGE SMALL MICRO

APPLICATION AS FILED – PART I

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
<input type="checkbox"/> BASIC FEE <small>(37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))</small>	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION SIZE FEE <small>(37 CFR 1.16(s))</small>	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$310 (\$155 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).			
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <small>(37 CFR 1.16(j))</small>				
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.			TOTAL	

APPLICATION AS AMENDED – PART II

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AMENDMENT	09/26/2017	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			
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	Independent <small>(37 CFR 1.16(h))</small>	* 3	Minus	***3	= 0	X \$420 = 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <small>(37 CFR 1.16(j))</small>						
					TOTAL ADD'L FEE	0

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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

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15/286,087 10/05/2016 John Howard Robinson R60999 1400US.C4 (1385.0) 2741
TITLE OF INVENTION: TOBACCO-CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE

Table with 7 columns: APPLN. TYPE, ENTITY STATUS, ISSUE FEE DUE, PUBLICATION FEE DUE, PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE, TOTAL FEE(S) DUE, DATE DUE

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

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II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.

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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
NGUYEN, PHU HOANG	1747	131-200000

<p>1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.</p>	<p>2. For printing on the patent front page, list</p> <p>(1) The names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively, _____ 1</p> <p>(2) The name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed. _____ 2</p> <p>_____ 3</p>
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3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE _____ (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent) : Individual Corporation or other private group entity Government

<p>4a. The following fee(s) are submitted:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advance Order - # of Copies _____</p>	<p>4b. Payment of Fee(s): (Please first reapply any previously paid issue fee shown above)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credits any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number _____ (enclose an extra copy of this form).</p>
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5. **Change in Entity Status** (from status indicated above)

Applicant certifying micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29

Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(Applications filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether disclosure of these records is required by the Freedom of Information Act.
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4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).
7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 15/286,087	Applicant(s) ROBINSON ET AL.	
	Examiner PHU NGUYEN	Art Unit 1747	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 9/26/2017.
 A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-60. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

- a) All b) Some *c) None of the:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. | |

/PHU NGUYEN/
Examiner, Art Unit 1747

/MICHAEL H WILSON/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1747

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The approved Terminal Disclaimer filed 9/26/2017 overcame the Double Patenting Rejection in Office Action filed 6/26/2017. Therefore, the claimed invention is in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHU NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-5931. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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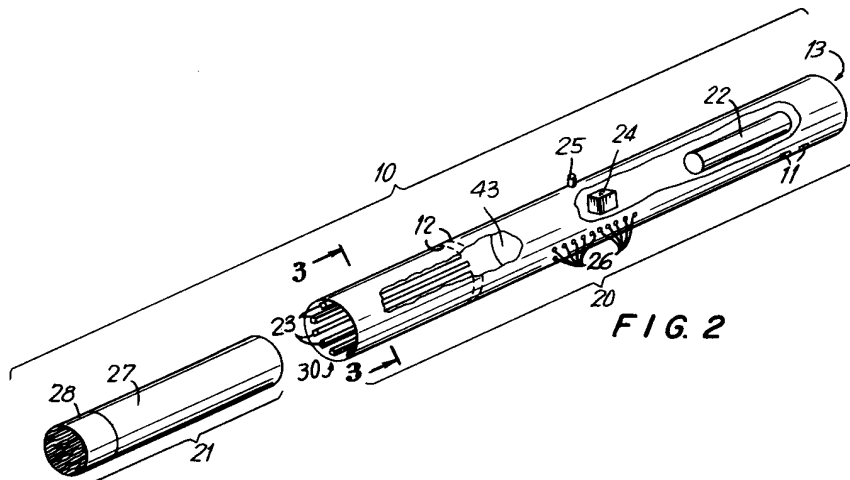
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Flavor generating article.

An article is provided in which a replaceable flavor generating medium (27) is electrically heated by a set of permanent reusable heaters (23) to evolve inhalable flavors or other components in vapor or aerosol form. Each heater heats only a portion of the available flavor generating medium so that a

plurality of individual puffs of flavour-containing substance can be delivered sequentially to the consumer. The flavor generating medium is a compressible foam which abuts heater elements mounted in a cavity (30) in the article and cleans the elements on insertion.



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This invention relates to articles in which flavor generating media are heated but not burned to release tobacco flavors. More particularly, this invention relates to electrically heated articles.

An electrically heated flavor generating article is described in copending European Patent Application EP-A-0430566 claiming priority from commonly-assigned United States patent application Serial No: 07/444,746, filed December 1, 1989, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. That application describes an electrically heated flavor generating article which is provided with a disposable set of electrical heating elements on each of which is deposited an individual charge of flavor generating medium containing, for example, tobacco or tobacco-derived material. The disposable heater/flavor unit is mated to a more or less permanent unit containing a source of electrical energy such as a battery or capacitor, as well as control circuitry to actuate the heating elements in response to a puff by a consumer on the article or the depression of a manual switch. The circuitry is designed so that at least one but less than all of the heating elements are actuated for any one puff, so that a pre-determined number of puffs, each containing a premeasured amount of flavor-containing substance, is delivered to the consumer. The circuitry also preferably prevents the actuation of any particular heater more than once, to prevent overheating of the flavor generating medium thereon and consequent production of undesired compounds yielding off tastes.

In such an article, the heating elements are disposed of along with the spent flavor generating medium. This results in increased costs to the consumer, who must buy new heating elements with each refill of flavor generating medium. The volume of material disposed of is also greater when the heating elements must be disposed of.

In addition, when the heating elements are not permanently attached to the article, there is sometimes excessive contact resistance where the removable heaters are electrically connected to the source of electrical energy, resulting in increased power consumption.

Also, when the heating elements are disposable, the resistance may vary from heater to heater, resulting in variations in power consumption which in turn lead to variations in temperature. As it is the temperature to which the flavor generating medium is heated that determines the characteristics of the flavor containing substance, those characteristics will also vary.

The present invention aims to overcome the above mentioned disadvantages with the article described in EP-A-0430566 and accordingly provides an article for delivering to a consumer an inhalable flavor-containing substance, comprising a

plurality of electrical heating means disposed in a cavity, a source of electrical energy for powering the electrical heating means, control means for controlling the heating of the electrical heating means by the source to heat at any one of a pre-determined number of times, at least one but fewer than all of the electrical heating means, and a removable portion of flavor generating medium received in the cavity in proximity to the plurality of electrical heating means, whereby on activation of any one of the electrical heating means a respective fraction of the removable portion of flavor generating medium in contact therewith is heated, delivering a predetermined quantity of flavor-containing substance to the consumer.

An article embodying the invention has the advantage of reusable heating elements and the further advantage that all disposable portions are biodegradable.

An article embodying the invention may have the further advantage that electrical contact resistance between the heaters and the source of electrical energy is minimized, and the advantage that variations from use to use in the temperature of the heating elements is minimized.

Preferred and advantageous features are defined in the sub-claims to which reference should be made.

Embodiments of the invention will now be described, by way of example and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a flavor generating article embodying the invention;

Figure 2 is a partially fragmentary, exploded perspective view of the flavor generating article of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a radial cross-sectional view of the flavor generating articles of FIGS. 1 and 2, taken from line 3-3 of Figure 2;

Figure 3A is radial cross-sectional view of the flavor generating article of Figures 1-3, taken from line 3A-3A of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the flavor cartridges received cavity of the flavor generating article of Figures 1-3A, taken from line 4-4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a radial cross-sectional view similar to Figure 3 showing an alternative heater embodiment;

Figure 6 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the flavor cartridge receiving cavity of the flavor generating article of Figure 5, taken from line 6-6 of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a radial cross-sectional view similar to Figures 3 and 5 showing another alternative heater embodiment;

FIG. 8 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the flavor cartridge receiving cavity of the flavor

generating article of FIG. 7, taken from line 8-8 of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of a flavor cartridge embodying the invention; and

FIG. 10 is an end elevational view of the flavor cartridge of FIG. 9, taken from line 10-10 of FIG. 9.

A flavor generating article according to the present invention can be used, for example, to simulate a cigarette. In such a case, the flavor generating medium would be a material containing tobacco or tobacco derivatives. In accordance with the invention, the flavor generating article would include a removable disposable portion which included the flavor generating medium and, if desired, a filter, and a reusable "permanent" portion including a source of electrical energy, a set of reusable heating elements, and control circuitry for energizing the heaters in an appropriate sequence, in response to manual actuation or puff-induced actuation. Suitable control circuitry is described in EP-A-0430566 referred to above.

The reusable or permanent portion includes a cavity at the mouth end thereof for insertion of the disposable portion. The reusable heaters are disposed in the cavity in such a way that they make thermal contact with the disposable portion when the disposable portion is inserted into the cavity. This can be accomplished by having the heaters protrude from the sides of the cavity and making the disposable portion compressible, so that the heaters press into the material. Alternatively, the heaters can protrude from the end of the cavity, so that they actually pierce and extend into the disposable portion.

When reusable heaters are used, it is important that they be cleaned before each use. Otherwise, residues from the previous use, which might include partially oxidized, pyrolyzed or thermally decomposed constituents of the flavor generating medium, might be reheated, possibly giving rise to undesired compounds and off tastes being delivered to the consumer. Such residues are not of concern when the heaters are part of the disposable portion because they are never reheated, but may be of concern where reusable heaters are provided. In the present invention, the cleaning of the heaters is accomplished by the wiping action of the disposable portion against the heaters as the disposable portion is inserted. Thus the insertion end of the disposable portion pushes any residues on the heater surfaces toward the mouth end of the cavity, to, and preferably past, the ends of the heaters. For this reason, the disposable portion, while compressible, should be relatively firm, and the heaters should preferably have a smooth surface finish to assure that the wiping action is effec-

tive.

The parameters of the heaters are chosen to allow delivery of an effective amount of flavor-containing substance -- e.g., an aerosol containing tobacco flavors -- to the consumer under standard conditions of use. For example, it may be desirable to deliver 2 mg of aerosol to a consumer during a 35 ml puff having a two-second duration.

It has been found that in order to achieve such delivery, the heaters should be able to reach a temperature of between about 150°C and about 500°C when in contact with the flavor generating medium. Further, the heaters should consume between about 1 calorie (4.19 Joules) and about 6 calories (25.12 Joules) given the limitations of power sources.

Heaters having such characteristics preferably have a ratio of active surface area (surface area in contact with the flavor generating medium) to mass of between about 3 mm²/mg and about 6 mm²/mg, an active surface area of between about 3 mm² and about 50 mm², a mass of between about 1 mg and about 30 mg, and a resistance of between about 0.5 ohm and 3.0 ohms. More preferably, the heaters should have an active surface area of between about 3 mm² and about 20 mm² and a resistance of between about 1.0 ohm and 1.6 ohms. These requirements are interrelated, because heater power consumption is determined by resistance, which in turn is determined by resistivity and size.

The materials of which the heaters are made are chosen to assure reliable repeated uses of up to 3,600 on/off cycles without failure. The heater materials are also chosen based on their reactivities, to assure that they will not react with the flavor generating medium at any temperature likely to be encountered to form any undesired compounds.

Similarly, the heaters themselves should not evolve any undesired compounds when heated out of the presence of the flavor generating medium. Alternatively, heater materials that might otherwise give rise to undesired compounds could be encapsulated in an inert heat-conducting material such as a suitable ceramic material.

Based on these criteria, preferred materials for the electric heating means of the present invention include carbon, graphite, stainless steel, tantalum, metal ceramic matrices, and metal alloys, such as aluminum alloys, iron alloys, and chromium alloys. Suitable metal-ceramic matrices include silicon carbide aluminum and silicon carbide titanium. Of the listed materials, stainless steel and the aluminum, iron or chromium alloys should be encapsulated in a suitable ceramic material because of their reactivity. Suitable ceramic materials for encapsulation include silica, alumina, and sol gels.

A particularly preferred material for use in the electrical heating means of this invention is tantalum.

A first preferred embodiment of a flavor generating article 10 is shown in FIGS. 1-4. Article 10 includes reusable or "permanent" portion 20 and disposable filter/flavor portion or cartridge 21 which is received in a cavity 30 at the mouth end of portion 20.

Reusable portion 20 includes, at the end remote from the mouth end, a power source 22, which could include a battery, a capacitor or both. The battery could be replaceable, rechargeable or both. If the battery is rechargeable, or if power source 22 is a capacitor alone, then article 10 is provided with charging contacts 11 on its outer surface, for connection to an external power supply (not shown) for charging power source 22. Power source 22 provides power for heating elements 23, which are energized under the control of control circuit 24, which is in turn actuated by pushbutton 25 or by a puff-actuated sensor (not shown). Indicators 26, which could be light-emitting diodes or other visual indicators, reflect the status of the various heaters 23. The functions of power source 22, control circuit 24, pushbutton 25 (or a puff-actuated sensor), and indicators 26 are described in more detail in EP-A-0430566 referred to above.

Portion 20 is preferably covered by cigarette wrapping paper 31, to give it the appearance of a conventional cigarette. Perforations 12 may be provided in the wall of portion 20 to allow outside air to be drawn in during puffing, or outside air may be drawn through all of portion 20 via openings (not shown) at its far end 13.

In this embodiment, heating elements 23 are linear, extending from a point slightly spaced away from the mouth end of cavity 30 to a point slightly spaced away from the rod end of cavity 30. As seen in FIG. 4, heating elements 23 are bowed slightly away from the wall of cavity 30, for reasons to be discussed below. At one of the two ends, all of heating elements 23 are connected in common to ground, while at the other end each element 23 is connected separately to control circuitry 24 for individual actuation of heating elements 23. The curvature of ends 40 of heating elements 23 at the mouth end of cavity 30 provides a lead-in for the insertion of disposable portion 21. Heating elements 23 are preferably distributed substantially uniformly around the circumference of cavity 30, and should preferably be spaced apart sufficiently that the regions of disposable portion 21 heated by neighboring heating elements 23 do not overlap, which could lead to reheating and the production of undesired compounds and off tastes.

Disposable portion 21 preferably includes a flavor segment 27 and a filter segment 28, attached

by a plug wrap or other fastening means (not shown). Filter segment 28 is preferably a conventional cellulose acetate filter segment, and preferably is very short, being provided mostly for the sake of appearance and to give article 10 a "mouth feel" similar to a conventional cigarette.

Flavor segment 27 can be any material that liberates flavors when hot air passes over or through it. Preferably, flavor segment 27 is a cylindrical portion of an extruded open-cell foamed tobacco product of the kind described in commonly-assigned United States Patent No. 4,510,950, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, except that approximately 10% of an aerosol precursor such as glycerine is added to the composition. It is desirable to add an aerosol precursor to deliver the flavor-containing substance as an aerosol, so that when the consumer exhales the flavor-containing substance, the visible condensed aerosol may mimic the appearance of cigarette smoke.

The diameter of filter/flavor portion 21 is at most equal to the inner diameter of cavity 30, and should be at least somewhat greater than the diameter of the cylindrical space between heating elements 23, which are bowed out from the wall of cavity 30 as discussed above, so that elements 23 press into flavor segment 27 for intimate thermal contact. To that end, flavor segment 27 should be firm but compressible. The open-cell foamed structure described in above-incorporated Patent No. 4,510,950 is particularly well-suited for that purpose, but other compressible structures may be used.

The compression of flavor segment 27 by heating elements 23 is illustrated in FIG. 3A, which shows a radial cross-sectional view of article 10 with disposable portion 21 inserted. FIG. 3A also shows regions 32 of flavor segment 27 adjacent heaters 23, each region 32 representing that fraction of segment 27 that is heated by each respective heater 23 to provide an individual charge of flavor-containing substance.

The length of portion 21 is preferably such that some part of filter segment 28 protrudes from cavity 30 to aid removal of spent portions 21. However, portion 21 could be inserted flush into cavity 30, and a separate ejection mechanism (not shown) could be provided. Whatever length portion 21 is made, the relative lengths of segments 27, 28 preferably should be such that all of filter segment 28 is closer to the mouth end of cavity 30 than the ends 40 of heating elements 23, so that no energy is wasted heating filter segment 28.

As discussed above, a wiping action cleans residue from previous uses off heating elements 23 as each new disposable portion 21 is inserted, and that preferably is aided by smooth surface finish 41

on the surface of heating elements 23. (Although drawn separately from elements 23, surface finish 41 need not be, and preferably is not, a separate layer.) The resilience of firm but compressible portion 21 assures firm contact for the wiping action. Preferably also, the ends 42 of heating elements 23 remote from the mouth end are connected to the side wall of cavity 30 adjacent to, but spaced away from, end wall 43 of cavity 30. That allows the residue that is wiped off heating elements 23 to be pushed past ends 42 of heating elements 23 so that residue is not reheated.

As discussed above, in embodiment 10 of FIGS. 1-4, the electrical connections to heating elements 23 are made at both ends 40, 42 thereof, requiring the extension of wires or other conductors to the mouth end of cavity 30. That requirement is eliminated in a more particularly preferred embodiment 50, which is identical to embodiment 10 except for the arrangement of heating elements 51 as illustrated in FIGS. 5 and 6.

Each heating element 51 is in the shape of an elongated "U", each having both of its ends 52, 53 connected to the side wall of cavity 30 adjacent end wall 43 of cavity 30. Each respective end 52 is individually connected to control circuitry 24 for individual actuation of heating elements 51, while ends 53 are connected in common to ground. While ends 54 adjacent the mouth end of cavity 30 are not electrically connected, and thus need not touch the side wall of cavity 30, they are nonetheless turned toward the side wall of cavity 30, as shown in both FIGS. 5 and 6, to provide a lead-in for disposable portion 21 as discussed above. It should be noted that in FIG. 6, the uppermost and lowermost elements 51 are shown cut through their U-shaped tips 54.

In another embodiment 70 shown in FIGS. 7 and 8, heating elements 71 are spaced somewhat further from the wall of cavity 30, and each is provided with a somewhat sharper "V" tip 72, as well as with fold 73 to increase their rigidity. In this way, heating elements 71 actually pierce and extend into disposable portion 21 to provide the desired intimate thermal contact. The open-cell foam structure described above is particularly well-suited for such an embodiment. In this embodiment, because heating elements 71 are spaced further from the side wall of cavity 30, ends 52, 53 are not attached to the side wall of cavity 30, but to its end wall 43. Preferably, the connections of ends 52, 53 to end wall 43 are made through spacers 80 which are not conductive of either heat or electricity. In this way, the wiping action referred to above wipes residue past ends 52, 53 and onto spacers 80, where the residues are not reheated.

An alternative embodiment of flavor segment 27 of disposable portion 21 is shown in FIGS. 9

and 10. Flavor segment 90 includes a fiber bundle 91 around which is wrapped a layer 92 of metallic foil, such as aluminum foil, onto which has been coated a slurry 93 of flavor generating medium. Fiber bundle 91 gives segment 90 the necessary compressibility. This alternative avoids the inefficient use of tobacco that occurs in segment 27, where the tobacco foam region 33 (FIG. 3A) in the center of segment 27 provides bulk and compressibility but is never heated to deliver flavor to the consumer. Furthermore, if this embodiment 90 is used, fiber bundle 91 could be made of cellulose acetate or other suitable filter material, and could be extended to form filter segment 28, thereby providing disposable portion 21 as a unitary body.

Thus it is seen that an electrically heated flavor generating article is provided in which the heating elements are reusable, and of which all disposable portions can be biodegradable. In addition, electrical contact resistance between the heaters and the source of electrical energy is eliminated, as the heaters are permanently attached.

Claims

1. An article for delivering to a consumer an inhalable flavor-containing substance, comprising a plurality of electrical heating means (23;51;71) disposed in a cavity (30), a source of electrical energy (22) for powering the electrical heating means, control means (24) for controlling the heating of the electrical heating means by the source (22) to heat at any one of a pre-determined number of times, at least one but fewer than all of the electrical heating means, and a removable portion of flavor generating medium (21) received in the cavity (30) in proximity to the plurality of electrical heating means, whereby on activation of any one of the electrical heating means (23;51;71) a respective fraction of the removable portion of flavor generating medium in contact therewith is heated, delivering a predetermined quantity of flavor-containing substance to the consumer.
2. An article according to Claim 1, wherein the removable portion of flavor generating medium contains a sufficient quantity of flavor generating medium for delivery of the predetermined quantity of flavor containing substance to the consumer by a single activation of each electrical heating means after which the removable portion is spent and is replaceable by the consumer.
3. An article according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the cavity (30) and the removable portion (21) are substantially cylindrical and of substantially

equal diameter.

4. An article according to Claim 3, wherein the removable portion (21) is longer than the cavity (30) and, in position has an end protruding there from providing a grip for the consumer for insertion and removal. 5
5. An article according any of claims 1 to 4, wherein each electrical heating means (23;51) protrudes into the cavity, and the removable portion is compressible, whereby the electrical heating means are adjacent the removable portion in the cavity and compress the removable portion to provide intimate thermal contact therebetween. 10 15
6. An article according to any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein each electrical heating means protrudes (71) into the cavity, and the removable portion is compressible whereby the electrical heating means extend into said removable portion, providing intimate thermal contact therebetween. 20 25
7. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the cavity (30) has an insertion end through which the removable portion (21) is inserted and a far end remote from said insertion end, and insertion of the removable portion into the cavity, wipes from the electrical heating means (23;51;71) any residue remaining from a previously heated removable portion. 30 35
8. An article according to Claim 7, wherein each of the electrical heating means (23;51;71) is spaced from the far end, whereby on insertion of the removable portion into the cavity, the residue is wiped beyond the electrical heating means in the direction of the far end. 40
9. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the flavor generating medium comprises an extruded tobacco material. 45
10. An article according to Claim 9, wherein the extruded tobacco material is a tobacco foam material. 50
11. An article according to Claim 10, wherein the tobacco foam material is an open-cell foam.
12. The article of any preceding claim, wherein the flavor generating medium comprises an aerosol-forming material, which on heating forms an aerosol. 55
13. The article of Claim 12, wherein the aerosol-forming material comprises glycerine.
14. The article of Claim 16 or 17, wherein said aerosol-forming material comprises water.
15. An article according to any of Claims 9 to 14, wherein said flavor generating medium comprises tobacco and an aerosol-forming material, and on heating the flavor generating medium an aerosol comprising tobacco components is formed.
16. An article according to Claim 15, wherein the flavor generating medium further comprises tobacco solubles.
17. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the electrical heating means has a resistance of between about 0.5 ohms and about 3.0 ohms.
18. An article according to Claim 17, wherein the electrical heating means has a resistance of between about 1.0 ohms and 1.6 ohms.
19. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the electrical heating means produces a temperature of between about 150 °C and about 500 °C when in contact with the flavor generating medium.
20. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the electrical heating means consumes between about 1 calorie (4.10 Joules) and about 6 calories (25;12 Joules) each time it is heated.
21. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the electrical heating means has a ratio of active surface area to mass of between about 3 mm²/mg and about 6 mm²/mg.
22. An article according to Claim 21, wherein the electrical heating means has an active surface area of between 3mm² and about 50 mm², and a mass of between 1 mg and about 30 mg.
23. An article according to Claim 22, wherein the electrical heating means has an active surface area of between about 3 mm² and about 20 mm².
24. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the electrical heating means comprises a material selected from the group consisting of carbon, graphite, stainless steel, tantalum, metal ceramic matrices, and metal al-

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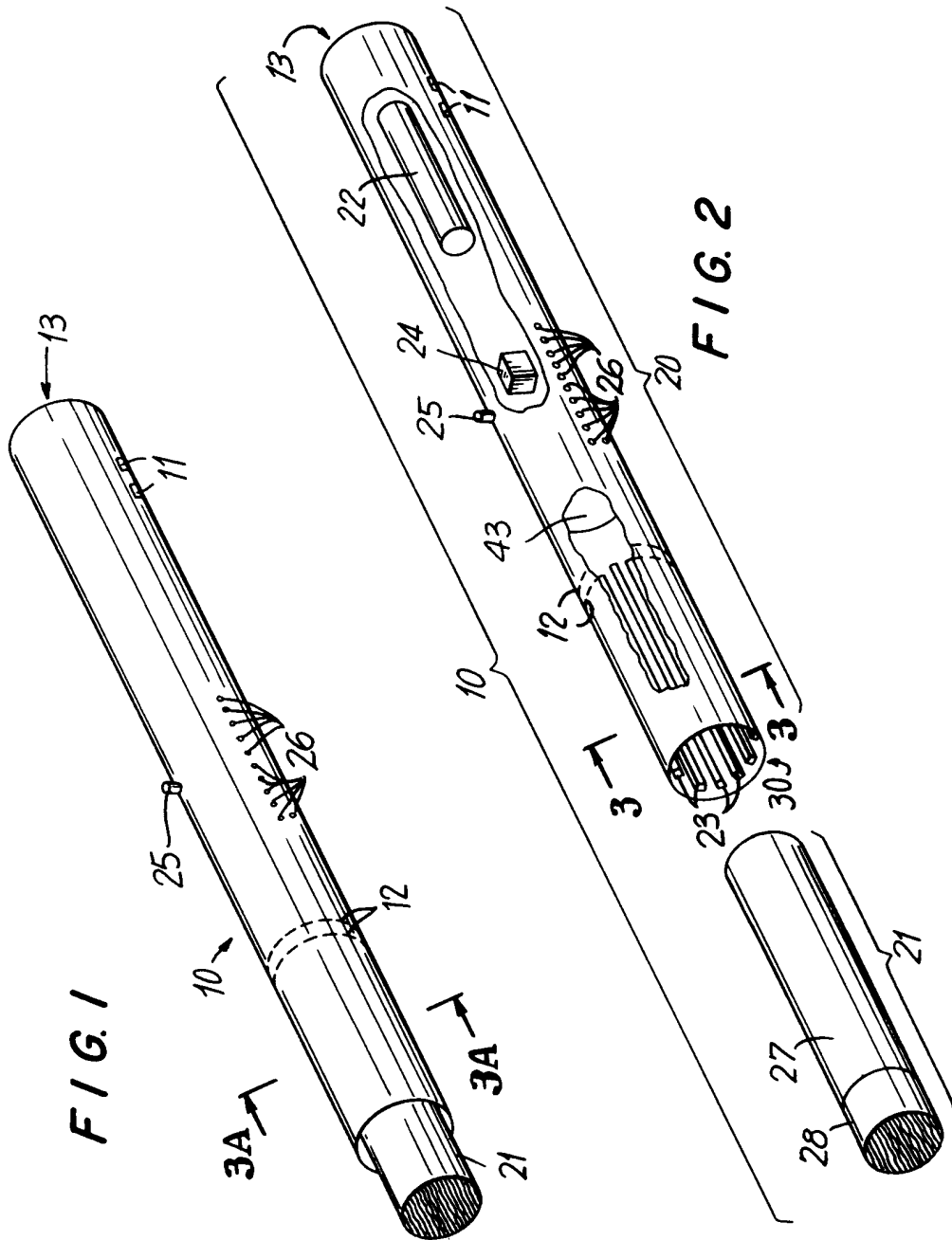
25. An article according to Claim 24, wherein the metal alloys are selected from the group consisting of aluminium alloys, iron alloys, and chromium alloys. 5
26. An article according to Claim 24, wherein the metal ceramic matrices are selected from the group consisting of silicon carbide aluminium, silicon carbide titanium, and mixtures thereof. 10
27. An article according to Claim 24, wherein the material comprises tantalum. 15
28. An article according to Claim 25, wherein the material is encapsulated in a ceramic coating.
29. An article according to any preceding claim, wherein the removable portion has a mouth end and a rod end, the removable portion (21) further comprising a filter at the mouth end. 20
30. An article for delivering to a consumer an inhalable flavor containing substance, comprising a plurality of electrical heating elements (23;51;71), an electrical energy source (22) for powering the heating elements, control means (24) for controlling the heating of the heating elements by the power source to heat at least one, but not all the elements a predetermined number of times, and a flavor generating medium arranged proximate the heating elements, whereby heating of the elements by the power source releases a flavor containing substance from the flavor medium to the consumer characterised in that the heating elements are disposed in a cavity in the article and the flavor generating medium is removably received within the cavity, and in that heating of the elements releases a predetermined quantity of flavor containing substance from the portion of flavor generating medium in contact with the one or more elements heated. 25
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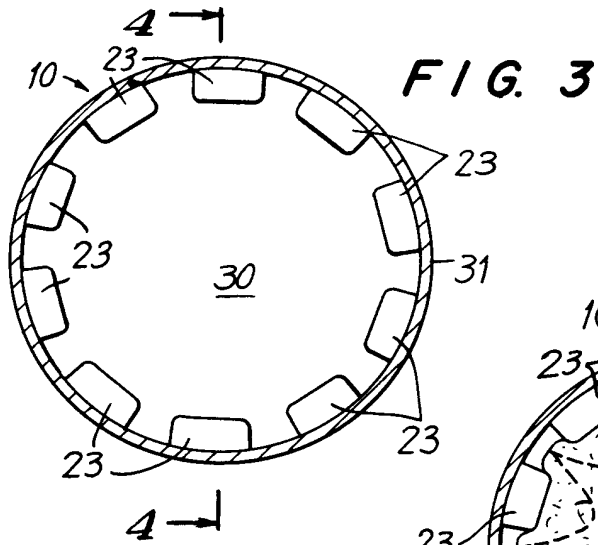


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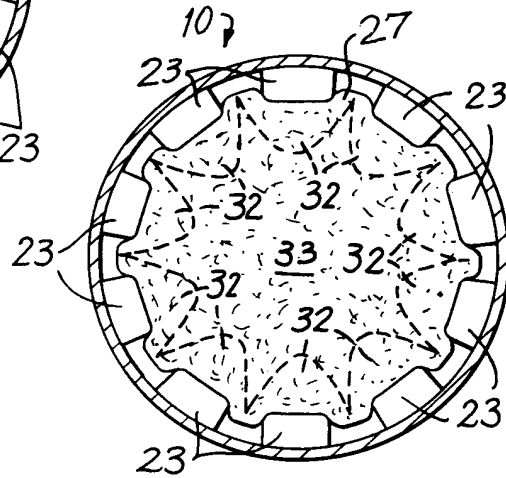


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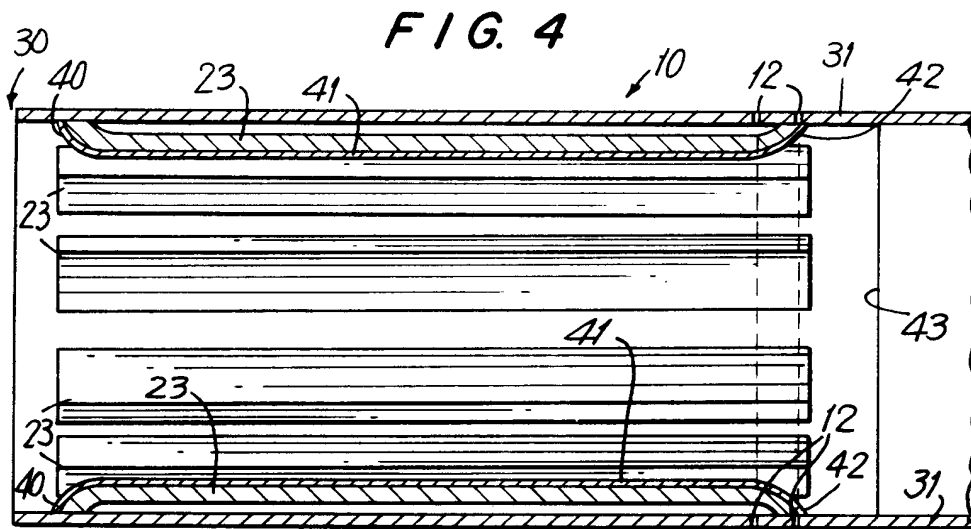
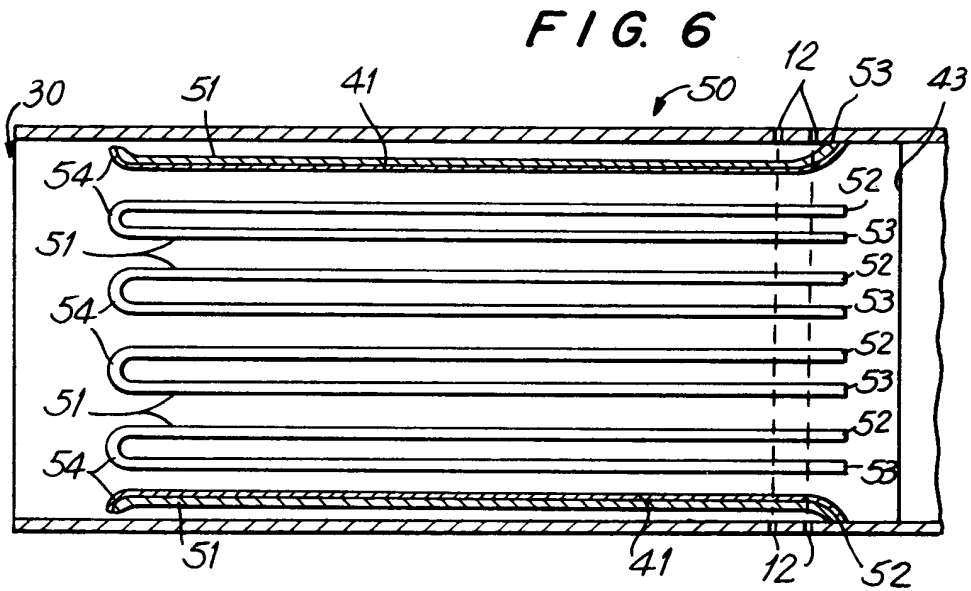
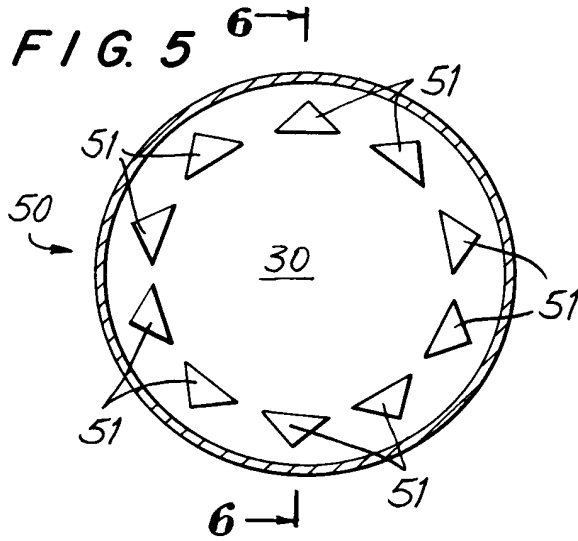


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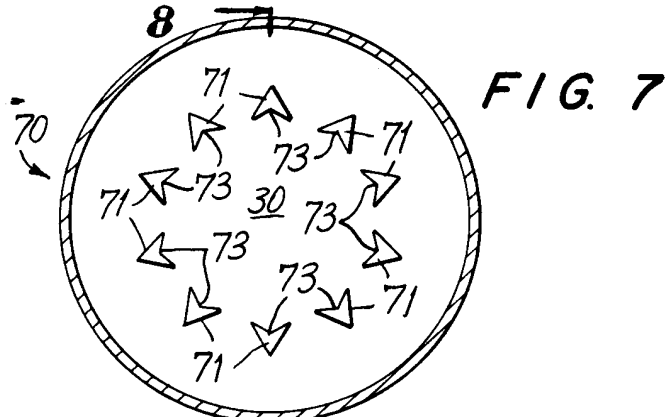


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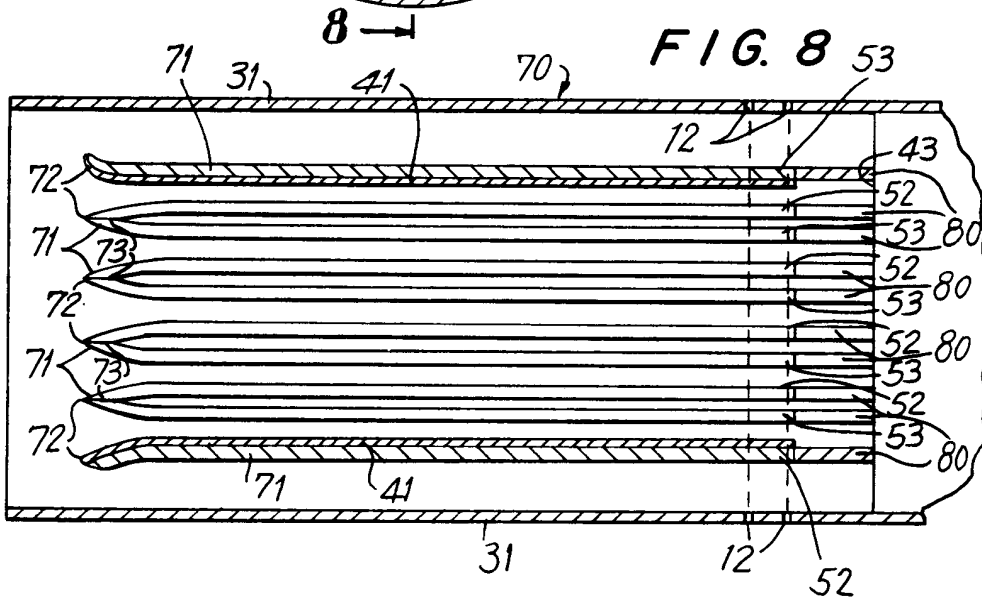


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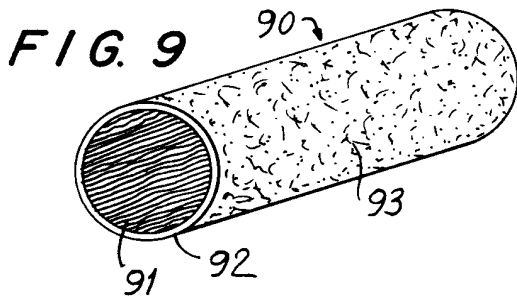


FIG. 9

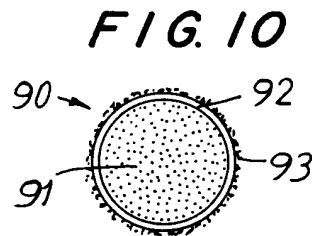


FIG. 10



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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide the subject system designed to control the heating temperature for a flavor-productive article without using any thermosensor.

SOLUTION: This electric heating control system for a flavor-productive article 20 is specifically such one as to be equipped with constant voltage generating means 2, 3 for generating direct current constant voltage, a heater 1 with its electrical resistance variable in response to the temperature as a result of heating during energization under being subjected to the direct current constant voltage, a circuit 6 for detecting the electrical resistance value based on the magnitude of current through the heater in energization, a circuit 9 for setting a specified electrical resistance value corresponding to such a desired temperature of the heater as not cause the flavor thermal decomposition of the flavor-productive article 20, a comparative arithmetic circuit 10 for comparing a detected electrical resistance value with the above specified value and outputting a relevant signal when both the values coincide with each other, and a sequence control circuit 11 for performing an ON/OFF control of the energization path to the heater following receiving the above signal.

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(57)【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 香味生成物品を所定温度に加熱制御する電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置において、直流定電圧を発生する定電圧発生手段の出力側に発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する香味生成物品用発熱体を接続し、温度センサを用いることなく、通電時に前記発熱体に流れる電流値から前記電気抵抗値を検出し、この検出電気抵抗値が所定の電気抵抗値に達したとき、前記発熱体への通電路を所定時間ごとにオン・オフ制御することを特徴とする電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置。

【請求項2】 香味生成物品を所定温度に加熱制御する電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置において、直流定電圧を発生する定電圧発生手段と、この定電圧発生手段の直流定電圧を受けている通電時の発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する発熱体と、通電時に発熱体に

流れる電流値から電気抵抗値を検出する抵抗検出手段と、前記香味生成物品の香味熱分解の生じない発熱体の所望温度に応じた所定の電気抵抗値に設定する抵抗設定手段と、この所定の電気抵抗値と前記抵抗検出手段による検出電気抵抗値とを比較し、両値が一致したときに一致信号を出力する比較演算手段と、この比較演算手段からの一致信号を受けた後、前記発熱体への通電路をオン・オフ制御するシーケンス制御手段とを備えたことを特徴とする電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置。

【請求項3】 前記発熱体は、通電時に昇温速度が速く、かつ、前記香味生成物品の香味熱分解が起らない所望温度に加熱可能なセラミックヒータを用いることを特徴とする請求項1または請求項2に記載の電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置。

【請求項4】 前記定電圧発生手段は、香味生成物品

の未挿入時、通電初期時の通電時間10秒以内に発熱体の所望温度が300°Cとなるような直流定電圧を発生し、また前記シーケンス制御手段は、香味生成物品の未挿入時、前記発熱体の所望温度300°Cに対して±60°Cの温度変化範囲となるように前記発熱体への通電路をオン・オフ制御することを特徴とする請求項2に記載の電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置。

【請求項5】 前記シーケンス制御手段は、前記香味生成物品の香味の熱分解を考慮しつつ予め前記発熱体への通電路のオフ時間およびオン時間のシーケンス制御時間が設定され、前記比較演算手段から一致信号を受けたとき、前記シーケンス制御時間に従って発熱体への通電路をオン・オフ制御することを特徴とする請求項2または請求項3に記載の電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】 本発明は香味生成物品の加熱温度を制御する電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】 被加熱物体を加熱制御する場合、その被加熱物体の温度を直接温度センサで検出し、この検出温度に基づいて被加熱物体の温度を制御するのが一般的であるが、エアロゾルシガレットのごとき香味生成物品では物性上の要因から温度センサを使用するのが難しい。しかも、香味生成物品は、一定温度以上の熱を与えたとき、熱分解等の悪影響を受けて所要の香味性能が得られなくなる。そこで、香味生成物品を加熱制御するために、間接的にヒータの発熱温度を制御することにより香味生成物品の加熱温度を制御する必要がある。

【0003】 従来、温度センサを使用しない電気ヒータの加熱制御装置は、一定温度上昇後に発熱体であるヒータの電源回路をオフする構成のものもあるが、温度の急降下および電源回路のオン時の急上昇の変化が激しく、被加熱物体の温度を安定に維持することが困難である。

【0004】 また、上記以外の加熱制御技術としては、自己制御タイプのヒータを使用するか、ヒータ表面またはヒータ内部に温度センサを設置し、この温度センサの検出温度を加熱制御装置内に取込んでヒータの温度を制御するものが考えられている。

【0005】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】 しかしながら、香味生成物品を加熱する加熱用ヒータは、その適用物品である香味生成物品が外観的に小さいことからおのずとヒータサイズが小型となり、これに伴って加熱用ヒータの昇温速度も比較的速くなる。その結果、温度センサを利用した加熱制御装置は、センサの応答性や熱容量の関係から安定した制御特性が得られないばかりか、特定の温度で安定条件が得られても、香味生成物品にとって最適な温度に設定するのが難しいといった問題がある。

【0006】 本発明は上記事情に鑑みてなされたもので、通電時の発熱体の電気抵抗値を利用して香味生成物品の加熱温度を適切に制御する電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置を提供することにある。

【0007】

【課題を解決するための手段】 上記課題を解決するために、本発明は、香味生成物品を所定温度に加熱制御する電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置において、直流定電圧を発生する定電圧発生手段の出力側に発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する香味生成物品用発熱体を接続し、温度センサを用いることなく、通電時に前記発熱体に流れる電流値から前記電気抵抗値を検出し、この検出電気抵抗値が所定の電気抵抗値に達したとき、前記発熱体への通電路を所定時間ごとにオン・オフ制御する構成である。

【0008】 このような手段を講じたことにより、通電により香味生成物品用発熱体の発熱温度が上昇すると、この温度上昇に伴って電気抵抗値が増加するので、この電気抵抗値を有効に利用すれば、発熱体の発熱温度、ひいては香味生成物品の所定温度を把握でき、また発熱体の発熱温度が香味生成物品の所定温度に達したとき、温度センサを用いることなく、発熱体への通電路をオン・オフ制御することにより、香味生成物品を所定の加熱温度に制御できる。

【0009】 また、別の発明は、直流定電圧を発生する定電圧発生手段と、この定電圧発生手段の直流定電圧を受けている通電時の発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する発熱体と、通電時に発熱体に流れる電流値から電気抵抗値を検出する抵抗検出手段と、前記香味生成物品の香味熱分解の生じない発熱体の所望温度に応じた所定の電気抵抗値に設定する抵抗設定手段と、この所定の電気抵抗値と前記抵抗検出手段による検出電気抵抗値とを比較し、両値が一致したときに一致信号を出力する比較演算手段と、この比較演算手段からの一致信号を受けた後、前記発熱体への通電路をオン・オフ制御するシーケンス制御手段とを設けた電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置である。

【0010】 このような手段を講じたことにより、通電時に発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する発熱体の電流値から電気抵抗値を検出し、一方、香味生成物品の香味熱分解が生じない発熱体の所望温度に応じた所定の電気抵抗値に設定し、これら設定電気抵抗値と前記検出電気抵抗値とを比較すれば、その両値の一致から発熱体が所望温度に達したことを検出でき、しかも温度センサを用いることなく、确实、かつ、高精度に検出できる。さらに、両値の一致信号を受けてシーケンス制御手段が発熱体への通電路を適切にオン・オフ制御することにより、発熱体を安定な状態で所望温度に制御できる。

【0011】 さらに、前記発熱体としては、通電時に昇温速度が速く、かつ、香味生成物品の香味熱分解が起

ない所望温度に加熱可能なセラミックヒータを用いることにより、速やかに香味生成物品の香味性能が発揮され、香味生成物品の香味を得ることができる。

【0012】さらに、前記定電圧発生手段としては、香味生成物品の未挿入時、通電初期時の通電時間10秒以内に発熱体の所望温度が300°Cとなるような直流動電圧を発生し、また前記シーケンス制御手段としては、香味生成物品の未挿入時、前記発熱体の所望温度300°Cに対して±60°Cの温度変化範囲となるように前記発熱体への通電回路をオン・オフ制御することにより、現在の香味生成物品において速やかに香味生成物品の香味が得られ、しかもある時間の間安定した状態で香味を確保できる。

【0013】さらに、前記シーケンス制御手段としては、香味生成物品の香味の熱分解を考慮しつつ予め前記発熱体への通電回路のオフ時間およびオン時間のシーケンス制御時間が設定され、前記比較演算手段から一致信号を受けたとき、前記シーケンス制御時間に従って発熱体への通電回路をオン・オフ制御することにより、安定、かつ、継続的に所要の香味を確保できる。

【0014】

【発明の実施の形態】以下、本発明装置の一実施の形態を説明するに先立ち、香味生成物品の概略構成について説明する。

【0015】(1) 香味生成物品について。

【0016】香味生成物品は、本出願人において既に出願済みであり(特願平9-335743号)、具体的には図5に示すような構成のものが提案されている。

【0017】この香味生成物品20は、通常のシガレットとほぼ同じ使用感および香味性能が得られるように、使用材料、外観、寸法等が市販のシガレットに準じて作られている。すなわち、香味生成物品20は、通常のシガレットのたばこ巻きに相当する部分となる主管21と、その主管21の一端部にチップペーパー22を介して接続されるフィルタ23とによって構成されている。主管21は硬質の厚紙からなり、その先端部分には後述するように香味成分等を含む固体状原料の筒状成形体30が同心状に内蔵され、一方、フィルタ23はプラグ巻取紙で巻かれたセルロースジアセテートなどの繊維濾過材が用いられている。

【0018】主管21およびチップペーパー22は香味生成物品20のガス流路24を規定するためのケーシング25を構成する。このケーシング25は主管21の先端側に空気を取込む空気取込口26が設けられ、一方、フィルタ23の端部には使用者において香味を吸引する吸引口27が設けられている。そして、空気取込口26と吸引口27との間のケーシング25内にガス流路24が設けられている。

【0019】ケーシング25は、市販のシガレットと同じ外径、すなわち使用者がシガレットと同様に口に自然

にくわえることができる程度の外径をもった直線的な円筒形となっている。なお、ケーシング25の材料としては、通常のシガレットとほぼ同じ使用感を生み出すように紙が使用されるが、香味生成物品を燃焼させずに原料を加熱して吸引対象物である香味を生成することから、香味生成物品20の使用温度に応じて種々の材料が選択使用される。ケーシング25の材料として、例えば使用温度が200°C以下の場合には紙、200°C~400°Cの場合には耐熱性プラスチック、400°C以上の場合にはセラミックス、金属などが使用される。

【0020】前記筒状成形体30は、図5に示すような形状、つまり通気性の低い緻密な円筒体として形成されている。この成形体30の中心にはヒータ挿入穴31が形成され、この挿入穴31には成形体30を加熱する加熱用ヒータ1が着脱自在に挿入される。この挿入穴31の後端面中心にはヒータ挿入穴31よりも十分小径の透孔32が形成され、さらに成形体中実部分である円筒壁33の外側面の相対向する2箇所には軸方向にそって溝34が形成されている。

【0021】これらヒータ挿入穴31、透孔32および溝34は、成形体30で生成される香味やエアロゾルの成分を含む加熱ガスを搬送するための通路の機能の他、香味やエアロゾルの成分を含む加熱ガスを効率よく生成するように成形体30上の蒸発面積を確保する機能をもっている。

【0022】28はケーシング25に形成されたガス流路24に冷却空気を導入する小径の透孔である。成形体30で生成される香味やエアロゾルの成分を含む加熱ガスは透孔28により導入された外気と混合冷却され、エアロゾルの生成が助長される。なお、外気導入用の透孔28に代え、ケーシング25の一部を通気性の材料で形成し、ケーシング25の壁の通気特性を利用して外気を導入することもありうる。

【0023】ところで、燃焼せずに加熱により香味を生成する媒体である原料の成形体30は、熱分解の影響を受けるバインダー、香味成分の揮散を防止する担持素材、香味成分、エアロゾル基剤および水などが含有されている。この成形体30は、押出し、プレス(金型、ラバー)、鋳込み、射出成形等の圧力による成形方法の何れを用いて、通気性の低い緻密な固体物として形成される。

【0024】前記バインダーは内容成分を混合後に固結し、成形体30に必要な機械的強度を付与するために用いられ、有機、無機に拘らず種々の材料を選択することができ、例えば鉱物系粘土、珪酸塩、リン酸塩、セメント、シリカ、石膏、石灰、でん粉、糖、海藻、蛋白、たばこ粉末等を挙げることができる。香味を生成する香味成分およびエアロゾル煙を生成するエアロゾル基剤は、用途に応じて種々の天然物からの抽出物質および/またはそれらの構成成分を選択することができる。香味成分

としては、例えばメンソール、カフェイン、或いは熱分解により香味を生成する配糖体等の前駆体或いはたばこ抽出物成分やたばこ煙凝縮物成分等のたばこ成分を用いることができる。

【0025】(2) 次に、以上のような香味生成物品20を装着して成形体30を加熱制御する加熱制御装置について説明する。

【0026】図1は本発明に係わる加熱制御装置の一実施の形態を示す構成図である。

【0027】同図において1は前述した香味生成物品20を加熱する加熱用ヒータ(発熱体)であって、この加熱用ヒータ1には直流電源2が定電圧発生回路3を介して印加されている。

【0028】この加熱用ヒータ1は、通電時の抵抗損失により発熱するヒータであって、図2に示すように発熱温度Tの上昇に伴って抵抗値Rが上昇する特性のものを使用される。加熱用ヒータ1は、具体的には成形体30のヒータ挿入穴31の穴径よりも小さい外径をもった円筒棒状の金属ヒータ(ステンレス鋼管)やセラミックヒータなどが用いられる。セラミックヒータは、昇温速度が速いこと、50°Cから800°Cの温度範囲まで発熱可能である一方、例えば30秒以内に香味生成物品を熱分解させない最高温度300°C程度に昇温加熱できるなどのメリットがある。以上のような昇温速度の点を考えれば、ニクロム線は昇温速度が遅いので、この種の香味生成物品の加熱用には不適當なものである。

【0029】前記直流電源2は例えば3.8V~12.0V内の何れかの直流電圧を発生する電池などが用いられる。この直流電源2の直流電圧は香味生成物品20を熱分解させずに所要の時間内に所望の香味性能を得るかに応じて決定される。因みに、香味生成物品20を熱分解させずに30秒以内に300°Cの温度に加熱するには7.2Vの直流電圧が必要となる。

【0030】前記定電圧発生回路3は、例えば三端子レギュレータが用いられ、加熱用ヒータ1などの負荷変動による電源電圧の変動を回避し常に加熱用ヒータ1に一定の電圧を印加する機能をもっている。

【0031】この定電圧発生回路3の両出力端子間には、加熱用ヒータ1、電流検出回路4およびスイッチ手段5からなる直列回路が接続されている。

【0032】この電流検出回路4は、例えば温度係数が小さく、かつ、温度依存性をもたない抵抗体が用いられ、加熱用ヒータ1の発熱温度の上昇による抵抗値の上昇に伴って変化する電流値を検出し、この検出電流に応じた電圧に変換して出力する。前記スイッチ手段5は、リレーまたは半導体スイッチング素子で構成され、外部からのオン・オフ制御信号を受けてオン・オフ動作する。

【0033】なお、定電圧発生回路3は加熱用ヒータ1に対し変動の伴わない一定の電圧印加状態に設定するこ

と、つまり適切な抵抗測定条件を作り出す機能をもっていること、一方、電流検出回路4は加熱用ヒータ1の加熱により変化する抵抗値にのみ依存して変化する電流値を検出する機能をもっていることから、これら定電圧発生回路3および電流検出回路4は加熱用ヒータ1の変化する抵抗値を検出する機能をもった抵抗検出回路6と呼ぶことができる。

【0034】また、加熱制御装置には温度設定回路7および電圧変換回路8が設けられている。この温度設定回路7は、図2に示すように加熱用ヒータ1の最適発熱温度 T_s のときの加熱用ヒータ1の抵抗値 R_s が設定されるが、この最適発熱温度は香味成分物品20の成分含有量によって異なるものであり、そのため設定抵抗値 R_s も任意に可変可能な構成とする。電圧変換回路8は温度設定回路7の設定抵抗値に応じた電圧を発生させるものである。これら温度設定回路7および電圧変換回路8は、具体的には例えば可変抵抗器の両端に所定の電圧を印加し、当該可変抵抗器のうち設定抵抗値 R_s に相当する部分に予め設定される可動端子から設定抵抗値 R_s にのみ依存する電圧を取り出す構成によって実現でき、これら温度設定回路7および電圧変換回路8は抵抗設定回路9と呼ぶことができる。

【0035】10は電流検出回路4から出力される検出電流に応じた電圧と電圧変換回路8から出力される電圧とを比較する比較演算回路であって、これら両電圧の比較結果がシーケンス制御回路11に送られる。このシーケンス制御回路11は、タイマーが内蔵され、電圧変換回路8から出力される電圧に一致する電圧が電流検出回路4で検出されたとき、つまり一致信号をうけたとき、香味生成物品20の熱分解を考慮しつつ予め設定された所定の時間のタイミングでオン・オフ制御を行うためのシーケンス制御信号を出力する機能をもっている。シーケンス制御回路11は、比較演算回路10から一致信号を受けたとき、例えば具体的には0.2秒~2秒間オフとするシーケンス制御信号を出力した後、本来の比較結果を取込んで同様の処理を繰り返すとか、或いは前記一致信号を受けたとき、所定の時間ごとにオフ・オンを繰り返し実行するシーケンス制御信号を出力することが挙げられる。

【0036】12はスイッチ駆動制御回路であって、これはシーケンス制御回路11から入力されるシーケンス制御信号に基づいてスイッチ手段5をオン・オフ制御するものである。

【0037】これら比較演算回路10、シーケンス制御回路11、スイッチ駆動制御回路12およびスイッチ手段5はヒータ電源制御装置13を構成するものである。

【0038】次に、以上のように構成された装置の動作について説明する。

【0039】先ず、抵抗設定回路9を用いて、香味生成物品の熱分解を起こさず、かつ、香味性能が得られる図

2に示す加熱用ヒータ1の最適加熱温度 T_s に対応する抵抗値 R_s に設定する。

【0040】この状態において装置に電源を投入すると、シーケンス制御回路11が所定のシーケンス制御動作を開始し、スイッチ手段5をオンとするためのシーケンス制御信号を出力し、スイッチ駆動制御回路12を介してスイッチ手段5をオンに設定する。

【0041】ここで、スイッチ手段5がオンとなると、加熱用ヒータ1には定電圧発生回路3から予め定める一定の直流電圧が印加される。その結果、加熱用ヒータ1は、通電による抵抗損失で発熱し、この発熱温度の上昇に伴って加熱用ヒータ1の電気抵抗値が増大する。このとき、加熱用ヒータ1は常に一定の直流電圧が印加されているので、通電による発熱温度の上昇とともに抵抗値が増大し、逆に加熱用ヒータ1に流れる電流値が低下する。電流検出回路4は、発熱用ヒータ1に流れる電流を検出し、この検出電流を電圧値に変換し比較演算回路10に送出する。

【0042】ここで、比較演算回路10は、基準抵抗設定側となる電圧変換回路8から入力される設定抵抗に依存する所定電圧と電流検出回路4から出力される電圧とを比較し、電流検出回路4から出力される電圧が所定電圧に一致したとき、つまり設定温度に相当する抵抗値と加熱用ヒータ1の抵抗値とが等しくなったとき、例えばハイレベル信号Hを出力しシーケンス制御回路11に送出する。

【0043】このシーケンス制御回路11は比較演算回路10からハイレベル信号Hを受けると、オフとするシーケンス制御信号を出力し、スイッチ駆動制御回路12を介してスイッチ手段5をオフ制御にすると同時にタイマーを作動させる。これにより加熱用ヒータ1への低電圧電源の供給が停止する。

【0044】以後、シーケンス制御回路11は、所定のシーケンスプログラムに基づき、香味生成物品20の香味熱分解を考慮しつつ予め設定される所定の時間、例えばタイマーが例えば1秒経過した後、スイッチ駆動制御回路12を介してスイッチ手段5をオンとし、その後、比較演算回路10の比較結果に基づき、スイッチ手段5のオフ・オンを繰り返すとか、或いはハイレベル信号Hを受けてスイッチ手段5をオフとした後、予め定める所定時間ごとにオン・オフ制御を繰り返し実行する。

【0045】なお、スイッチ手段5のオン・オフ制御時間は、短時間であればあるほど制御時の温度範囲が狭くなるが、抵抗検出回路6側のオン・オフ接点の種類（リレー、半導体スイッチング素子）および被加熱物体の物性（比熱・熱伝達率）などの条件を考慮し、さらに香味生成物品20の熱分解および香味性能等を考慮し、0.2～2秒程度のインターバルで行うのが望ましいが、この時間も香味生成物品20の成分含有量の状態によって異なるものである。

【0046】また、筒状成形体30として例えば前述したようにバインダー、良伝熱素材、担持素材、香味成分、エアロゾル基剤および水などを含有成分とし、さらにバインダーとして例えば鉱物系粘土、珪酸塩、リン酸塩、セメント、シリカ、石膏、石灰、でん粉、糖、海藻、蛋白、たばこ粉末等を適宜選択することにより、その香味生成物品の最適な加熱温度がほぼ 300°C 程度であるので、望ましくは $300^{\circ}\text{C}\pm 30^{\circ}\text{C}$ の温度変化範囲であれば香味の熱分解がなく安定な香味性能が得られるが、例えばバインダーとして例えば鉱物系粘土を主成分とする場合には $\pm 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ の温度変化範囲であってもよい。

【0047】従って、以上のような実施の形態によれば、加熱用ヒータ1に定電圧発生回路3から常に一定の直流電圧を印加し、この通電時の抵抗損失による発熱温度の上昇に伴って変化する加熱用ヒータ1の抵抗値を利用し、当該加熱用ヒータ1の発熱温度を検出するので、温度センサを用いる必要がなく、また小形でかつ速い昇温速度を必要とする香味生成物品の加熱温度制御に非常に有効なものである。

【0048】また、通電時に発熱温度に応じて抵抗値が変化する加熱用ヒータ1の電流値から得られる抵抗値と予め香味生成物品の香味熱分解が生じない加熱用ヒータ1の所望温度に応じた所定の設定抵抗とを比較し、両抵抗値の一致から加熱用ヒータ1の所望の発熱温度を検出するので、確実、かつ、高精度に加熱用ヒータ1の所望の発熱温度、ひいては香味生成物品に最適な加熱温度に設定できる。

【0049】さらに、比較演算回路10から両抵抗値の一致信号を受けたとき、シーケンス制御回路11は、予め定めた任意のインターバルで加熱用ヒータ1の通電回路をオン・オフ制御するので、香味生成物品の物性を考慮しつつ香味性能を安定、かつ、継続的に得ることができる。

【0050】なお、上記実施の形態では、加熱用ヒータ1として、金属ヒータまたはセラミックヒータなどを用いた例を説明したが、例えば図3および図4に示すような白金線や熱電対を用いてもよい。図3は、白金線の加熱用ヒータ1を用い、かつ、香味生成物品の挿入時のオン・オフ制御およびPID（P：比例、I：積分、D：微分）制御を行ったときの経過時間とヒータ発熱温度との慣例をプロットした図である。この図から明らかのように、オン・オフ制御およびPID制御とも通電時の昇温速度が速い点において迅速に香味生成物品の香味性能を得ることができるが、PID制御の場合には加熱用ヒータ1の発熱温度が 250°C ないし 300°C に上昇した後PID制御を実行すると、P、D制御パラメータがきいて発熱温度が大きく変化するのに対し、オン・オフ制御の場合には $250^{\circ}\text{C}\pm 20^{\circ}\text{C}$ の温度変化幅に入るように加熱温度を制御することができ、安定した

状態で香味生成物品の香味性能を得ることができる。

【0051】図4に示す熱電対の加熱用ヒータ1の場合においても同様であって、通電時の昇温速度が速く、オン・オフ制御を採用すれば、安定した加熱温度制御を実施できる。

【0052】

【発明の効果】以上説明したように本発明によれば、次のような種々の効果を奏する。

【0053】請求項1の発明では、発熱体の発熱温度の変化に対応して変化する抵抗値を有効に利用することにより、発熱体の発熱温度を正確に検出でき、温度センサを用いることなく、香味生成物品を所定の加熱温度に制御できる。

【0054】請求項2の発明では、通電時の発熱体の発熱温度に応じて変化する抵抗値と予め定める香味生成物品にとって最適な所望温度に対応する設定抵抗値とを比較し、その両値の一致から発熱体の最適な発熱温度の到達を検出するので、温度センサを用いることなく、確実、かつ、高精度に加熱温度を制御できる。また、シーケンス制御手段により、発熱体への通電路を適切にオン・オフを適宜選択的な時間を用いてオン・オフ制御することにより、発熱体を安定した状態で適切な温度変化範囲で制御できる。

【0055】請求項3の発明では、発熱体としてセラミックヒータを用いることにより、香味生成物品にとって香味性能の得やすい最適な発熱温度に設定できる。

【0056】請求項4の発明では、発熱体に所要の定電圧を印加し、かつ、シーケンス制御手段を用いて発熱体への通電路のオン・オフ時間を適宜調整可能とすることにより、香味生成物品の香味熱分解を起こすことなく、また香味生成物品の種々の含有成分に対しても適用可能である。

【0057】請求項5の発明では、香味生成物品の香味の熱分解を考慮しつつ発熱体への通電路のオフ・オン時間を設定できる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明に係わる電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置の一実施の形態を示す構成図。

【図2】図1に示す加熱制御装置に用いる加熱用ヒータ

の発熱温度と電気抵抗値との関係を示す図。

【図3】加熱用ヒータとして白金線を用いた時のオン・オフ制御とPID制御における経過時間と発熱温度との制御特性を示す図。

【図4】加熱用ヒータとして熱電対を用いた時のオン・オフ制御とPID制御における経過時間と発熱温度との制御特性を示す図。

【図5】香味生成物品の部分断面図。

【図6】香味生成物品の筒状成形体を示す横断面図および縦断面図。

【符号の説明】

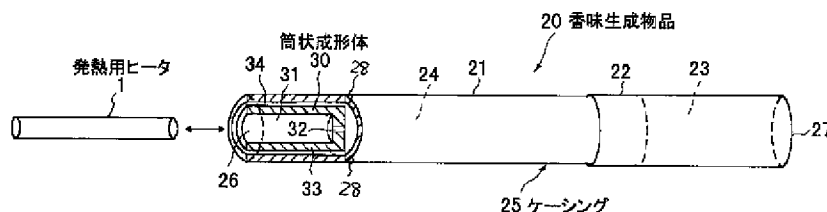
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- 6…抵抗検出回路
- 9…抵抗設定回路（温度設定回路+電圧変換回路）
- 10…比較演算回路
- 11…シーケンス制御回路
- 20…香味生成物品
- 30…筒状成形体

【要約】

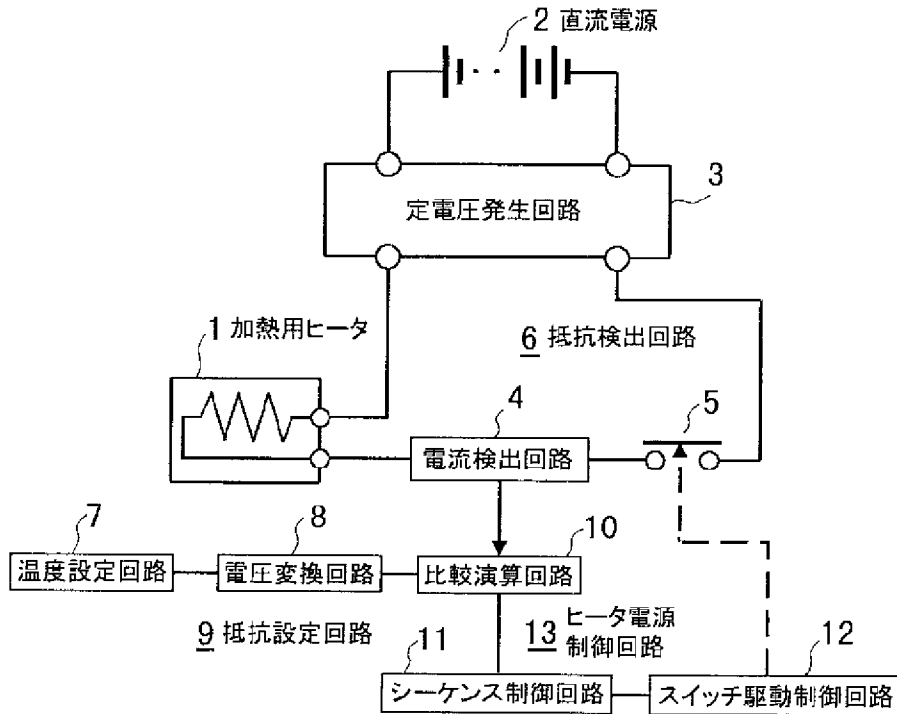
【課題】 温度センサを用いずに、香味生成物品の加熱温度を高精度に制御することにある。

【解決手段】 香味生成物品20を加熱制御する物品加熱制御装置であって、具体的には直流定電圧を発生する定電圧発生手段2、3と、この定電圧直流定電圧を受けている通電時の発熱温度に応じて電気抵抗値が変化する加熱ヒータ1と、通電時に加熱ヒータに流れる電流値から電気抵抗値を検出する抵抗検出回路6と、香味生成物品の香味熱分解の生じない加熱ヒータの所望温度に応じた所定の電気抵抗値に設定する抵抗設定回路9と、この所定の電気抵抗値と検出電気抵抗値とを比較し、両値が一致したときに一致信号を出力する比較演算回路10と、この一致信号を受けた後、加熱用ヒータへの通電路をオン・オフ制御するシーケンス制御回路11とを設けた電気式香味生成物品加熱制御装置である。

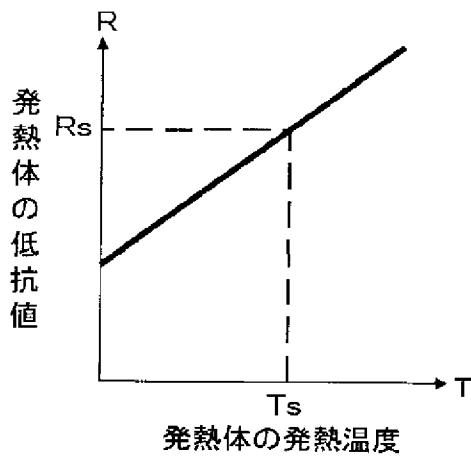
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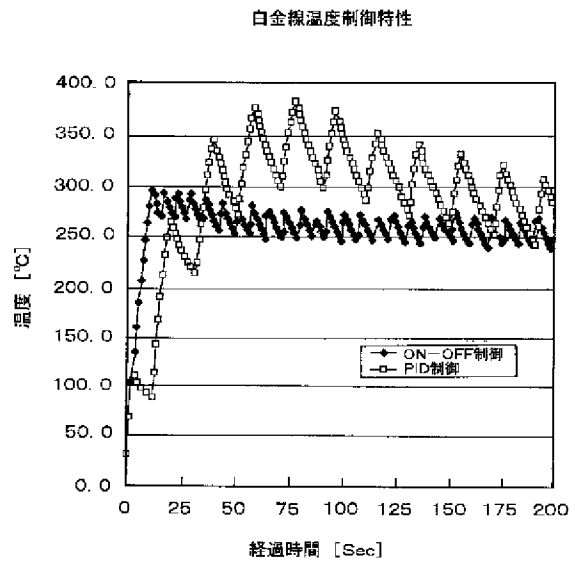
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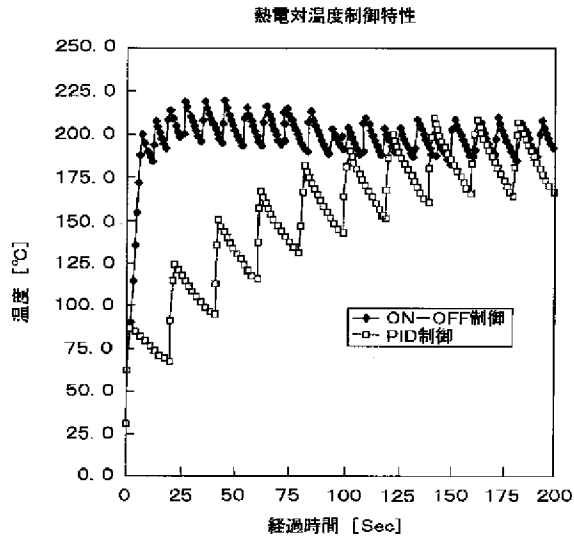
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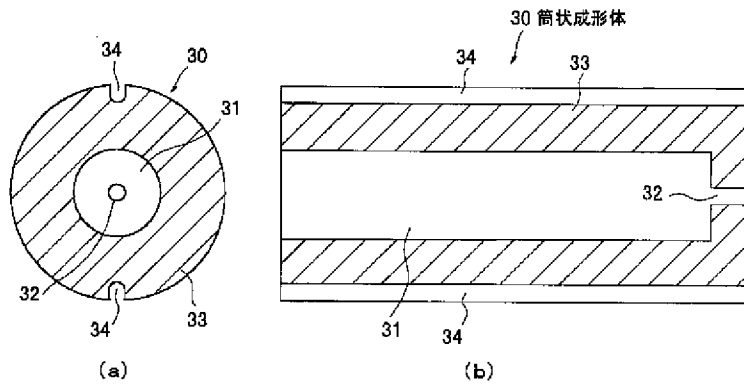
【図3】



【图 4】



【图 6】



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Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449 along with any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). Also enclosed is a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document.

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15/286,087	10/05/2016	John Howard Robinson	R60999 1400US.C4 (1385.0)	2741

TITLE OF INVENTION: TOBACCO-CONTAINING SMOKING ARTICLE

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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**Corrected
Notice of Allowability**

Application No. 15/286,087	Applicant(s) ROBINSON ET AL.	
Examiner PHU NGUYEN	Art Unit 1747	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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 A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-60. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
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/PHU NGUYEN/
Examiner, Art Unit 1747

/MICHAEL H WILSON/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1747

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The approved Terminal Disclaimer filed 9/26/2017 overcame the Double Patenting Rejection in Office Action filed 6/26/2017. Therefore, the claimed invention is in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHU NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-5931. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wilson can be reached on 571-270-3882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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S33	65	(polyethylene near2 terephthalate near2 fiber) same (carbon near2 fiber) and absorbent	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/01/29 17:34
S34	28	(polyethylene near2 terephthalate near2 fiber) same bio	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/02/02 00:35
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S40	22	A24F\$/ \$ and paper same "metallic foil"	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/02/02 01:32
S42	14	A24F\$/ \$ and paper and base near2 web and calcium near carbonate	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/02/03 15:41
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S44	7	cigarette near2 paper and carbon near2 fiber and carbon near2 particle and carbonate near2 particle	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/08/02 23:31
S45	0	(A24B15/165).cpc. and controller and aerosol and heater	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2014/08/02 23:32
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S53	122	smoking near2 article and tobacco near extract and heater	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2016/10/02 20:40
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S55	0	(smoking and puff and carrier and wick and heater and controller).clm.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2016/10/02 21:55
S56	1	(smoking and puff and carrier and wick\$3 and heater and controller).clm.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT	OR	ON	2016/10/02 21:55
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