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(54)	STAGED COMPRESSION MOLDING
	PROCESS

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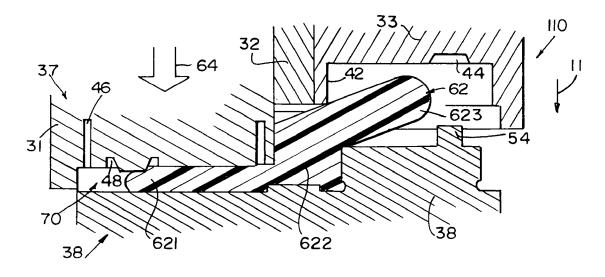
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### (57) ABSTRACT

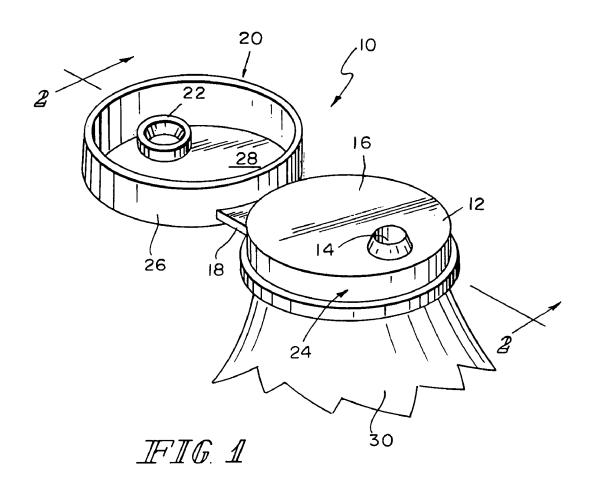
A process of molding a container closure comprises depositing a gob of thermoplastics material in a mold cavity and then moving mold plates in an upper mold portion relative to an opposing lower mold portion to form the container closure in the mold cavity.

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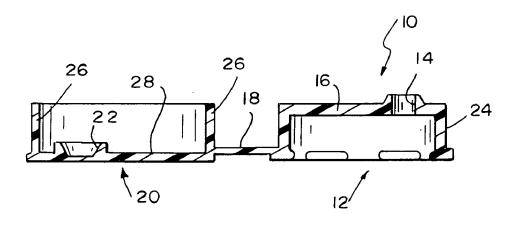
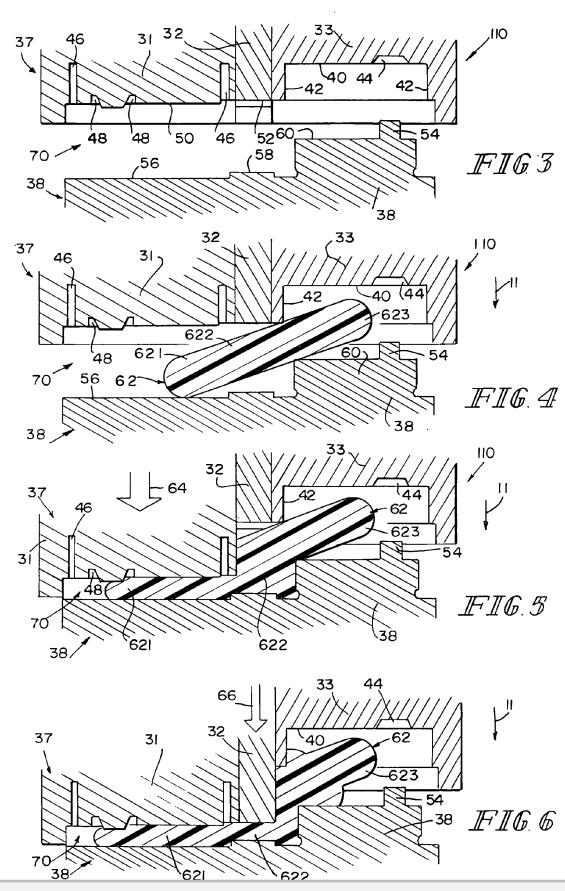


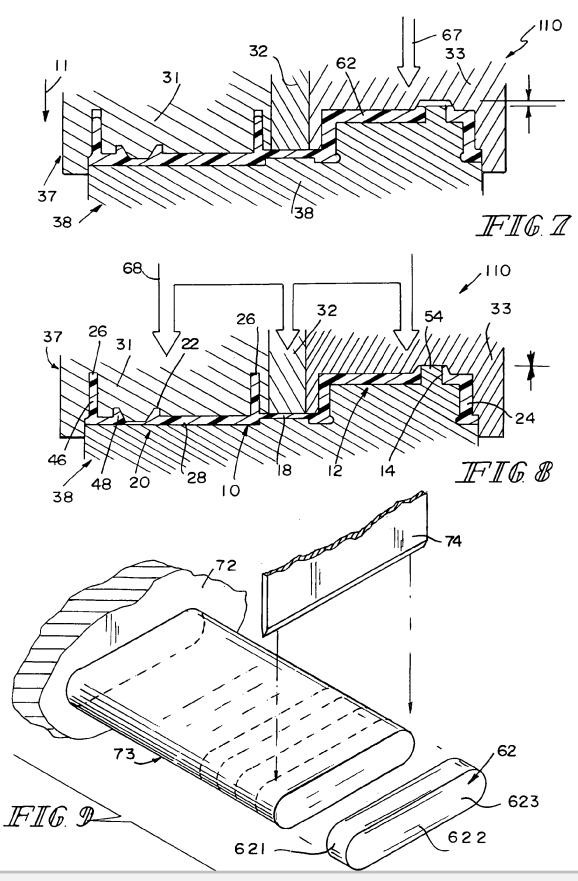
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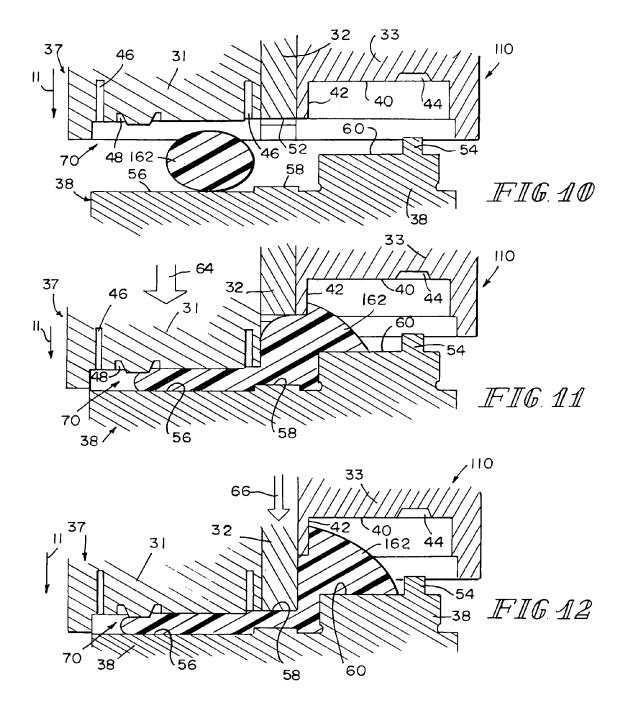


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