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(54) **TAPE MEASURE WITH TAPE BLADE PROFILE INCREASING TAPE STANDOUT**

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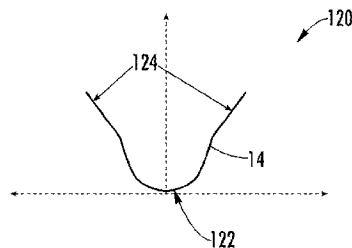
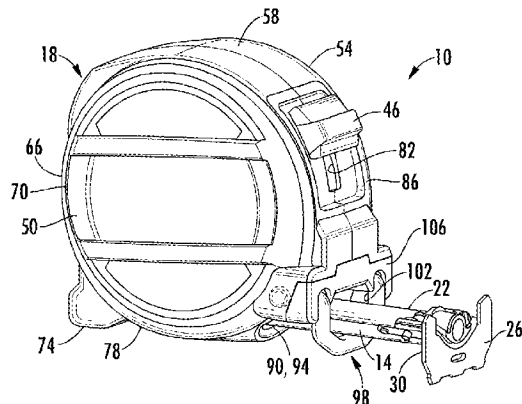
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A tape measure, including a tape measure blade having a cross-sectional profile to increase standout is provided. The profile has a curved shape that increases standout. The tape blade may have a flat width greater than or equal to 29 mm and less than 32 mm.

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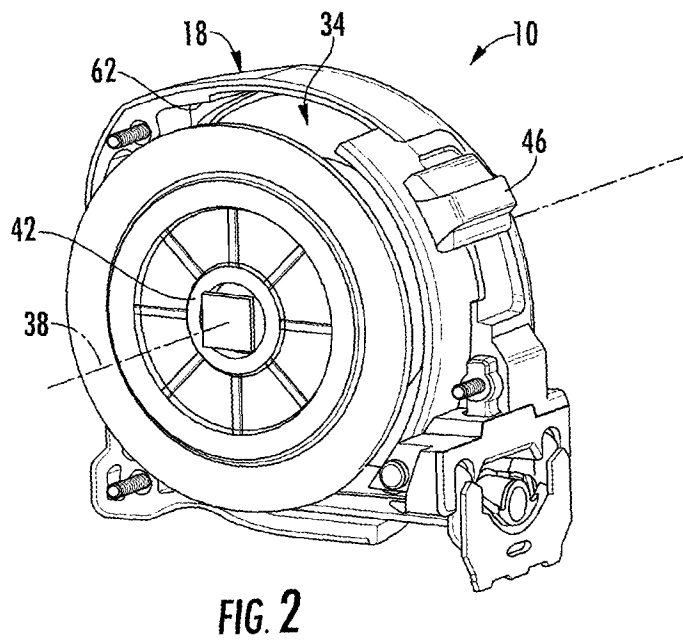
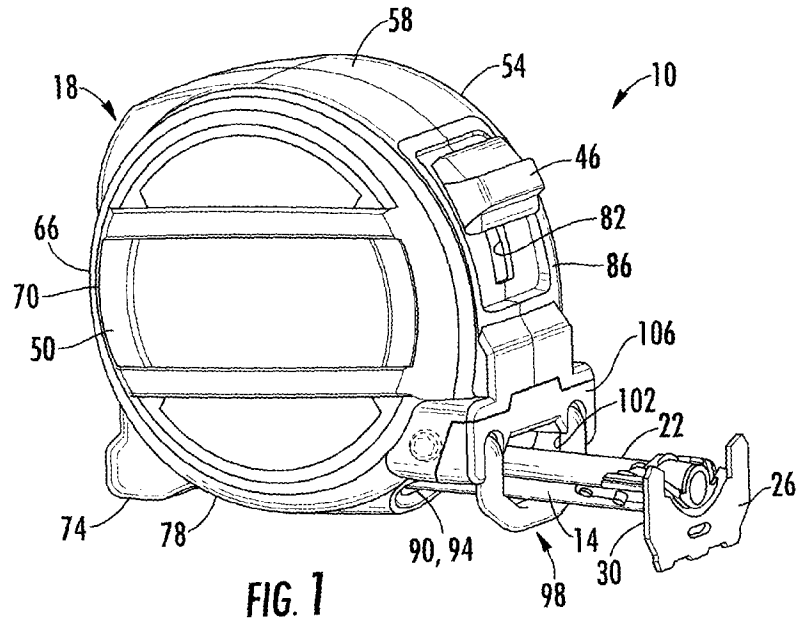
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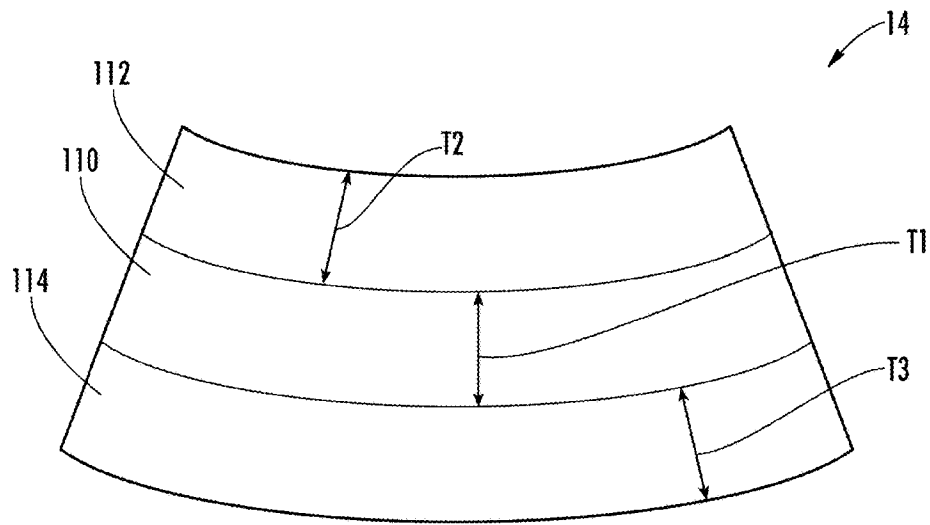


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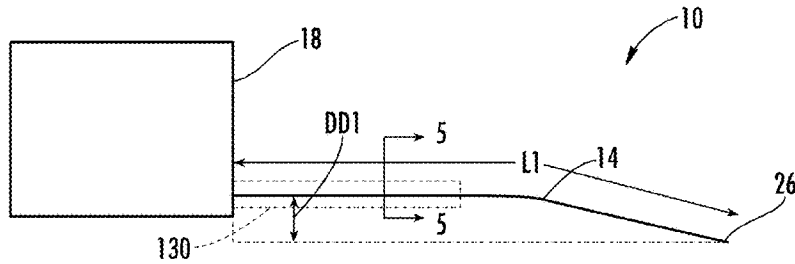


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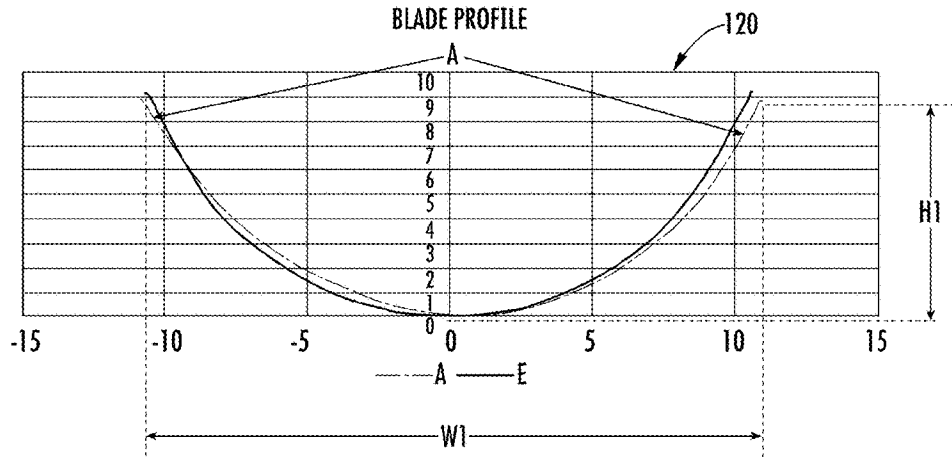


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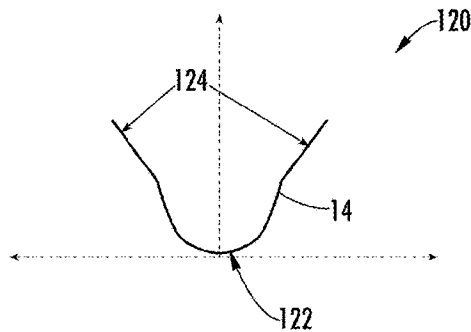


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