

In the Matter of:

CERTAIN LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE PRODUCTS, FIXTURES, AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

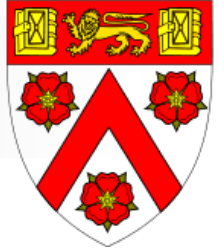
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Level of a Person of Ordinary Skill in the Art

- For both the '270 and '449 patents, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have had:
 - At least a bachelor's degree in materials science, mechanical electrical engineering, or an equivalent field of study; and
 - Three or more years of experience working with LED technology.
 - A more advanced degree reduces the threshold for years of experience in working with LED technology.

The '270 Patent

'270 Patent – Overview

(12) **United States Patent**
Ruud et al.

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 9,261,270 B2**

(45) **Date of Patent:** ***Feb. 16, 2016**

(54) **LED LIGHTING FIXTURE**

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Related U.S. Application Data

continuation of application No. 12/629,986, filed on Dec. 3, 2009, now Pat. No. 8,070,306, which is a continuation of application No. 11/860,887, filed on Sep. 25, 2007, now Pat. No. 7,686,469, which is a continuation-in-part of application No. 11/541,908, filed on Sep. 30, 2006, now abandoned.

'270 Patent – Claim Construction

'270 Patent

Preamble

Limiting

“air/water flow”

“a stream of fluid that contains air, water, or a combination of both”

'270 Patent – Asserted Claims 1-2

Claim 1

A light fixture comprising a chamber, at least one power-circuitry driver within the chamber, at least one LED module outside the chamber, and at least one air gap between the chamber and the at least one LED module, the air gap permitting air/water-flow therethrough.

Claim 2

The light fixture of claim 1 wherein the chamber is defined by a housing.

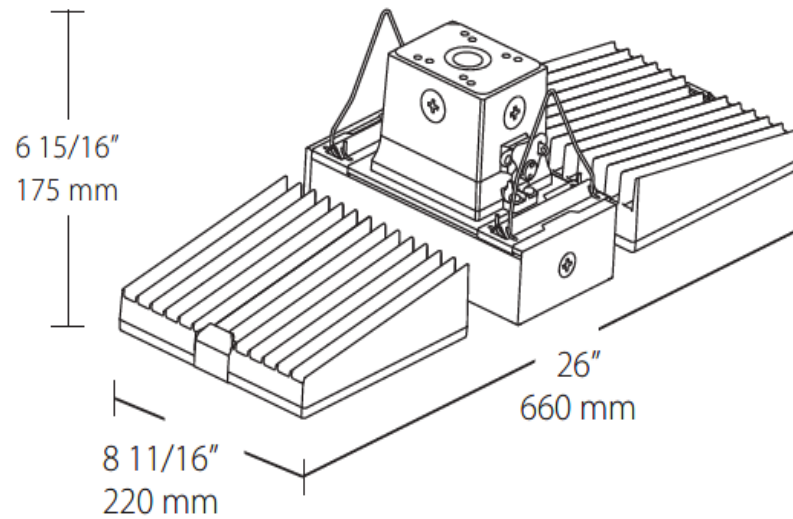
'270 Patent – Summary of Non-Infringement Opinions

Product	Limitation Missing
FALCOR	“at least one air gap between the chamber and the at least one LED module”
Canvas/EZLED	“at least one LED module outside the chamber”
FFLED	“at least one LED module outside the chamber”

The FALCOR Products

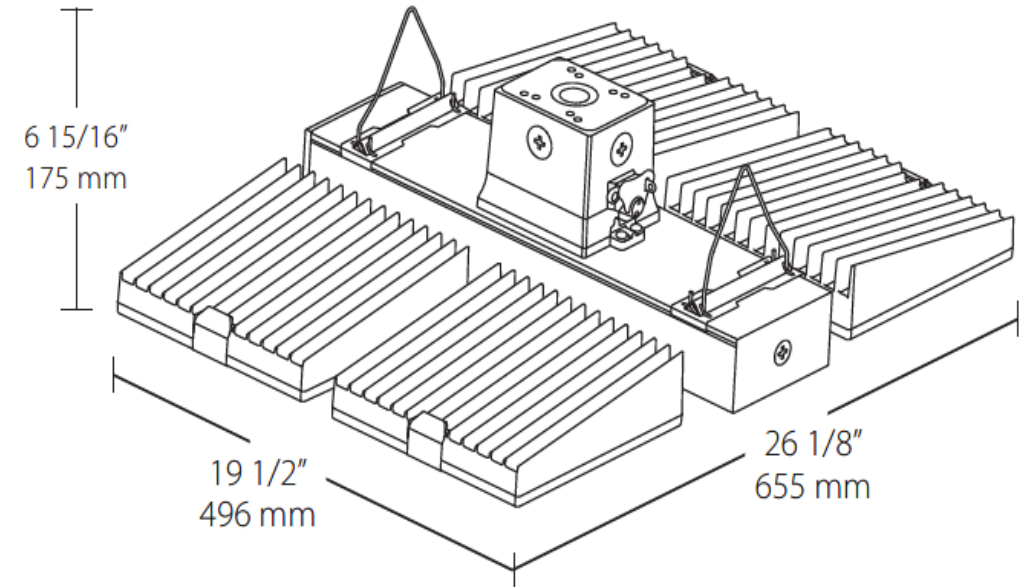
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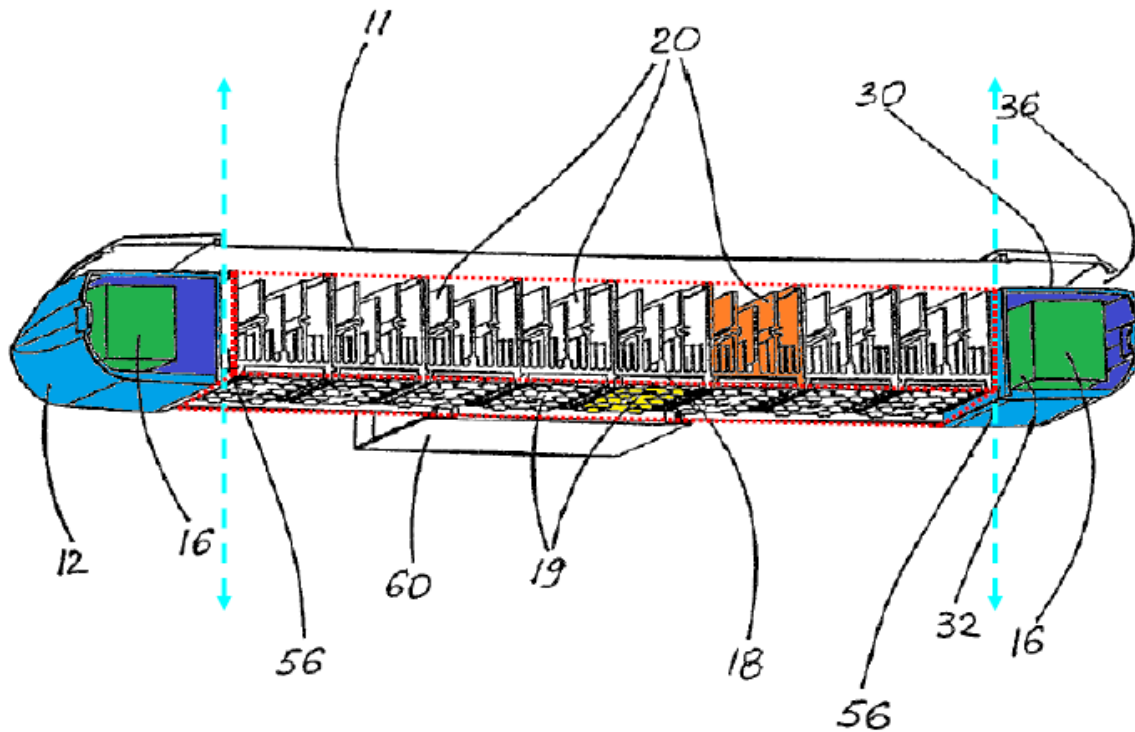
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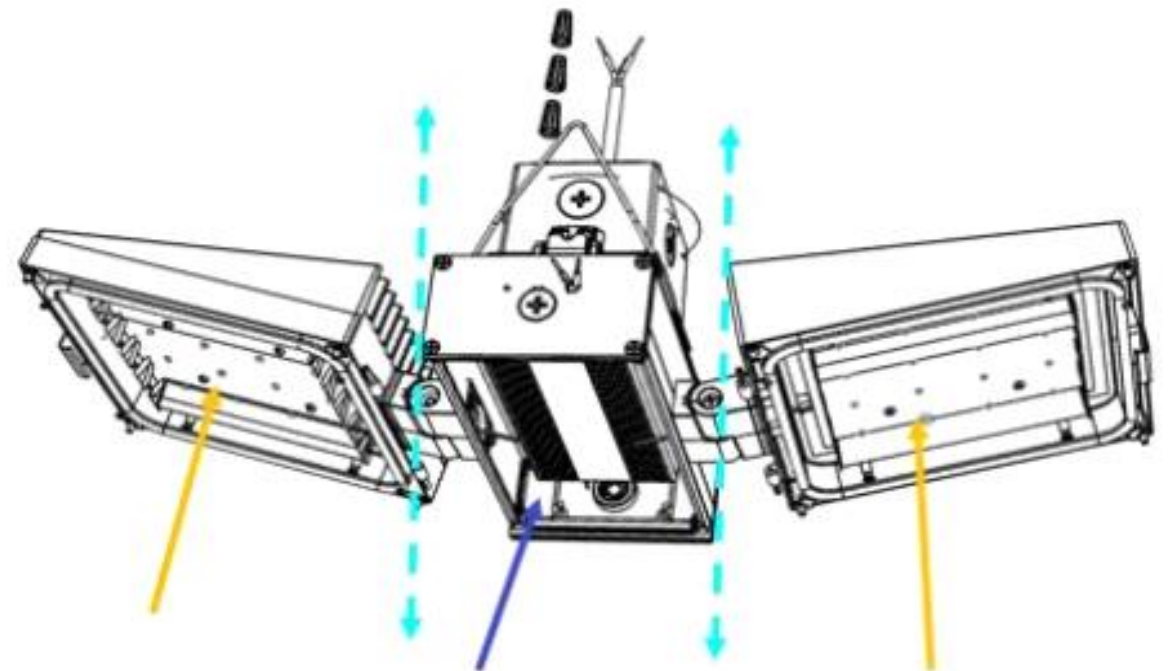


Dr. Katona's FALCOR Infringement Analysis

'270 Patent, Figure 5 (Dr. Katona's Annotations)

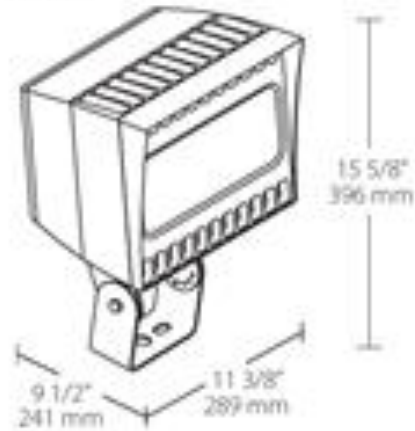


'270 Patent, Figure 5 (Dr. Katona's Annotations)

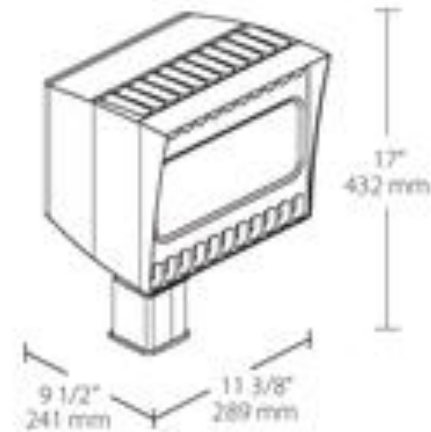


The Canvas/EZLED Products

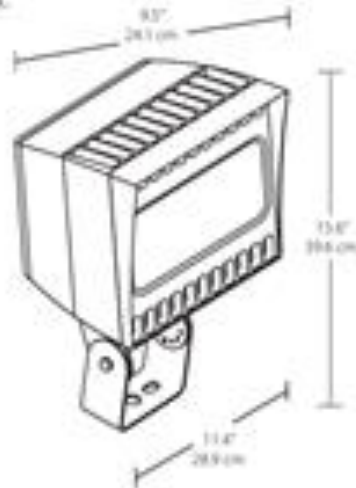
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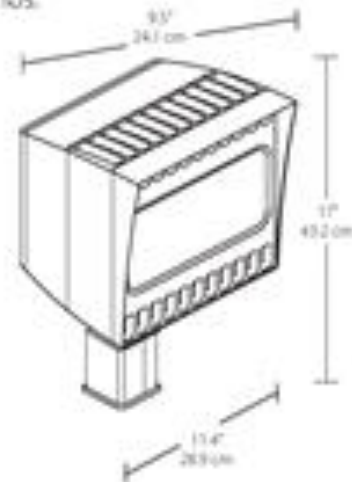
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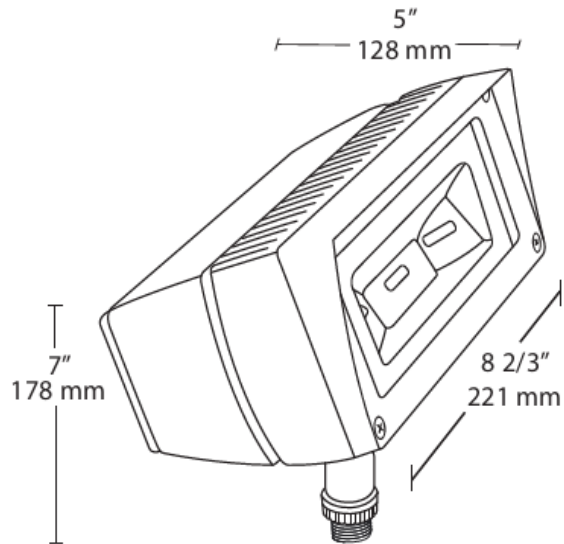
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The FFLED Products

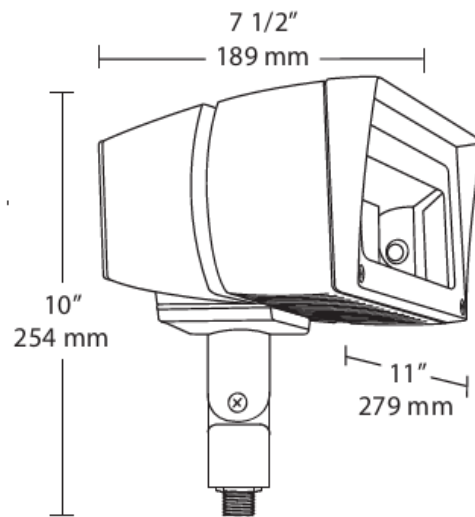
FFLED18

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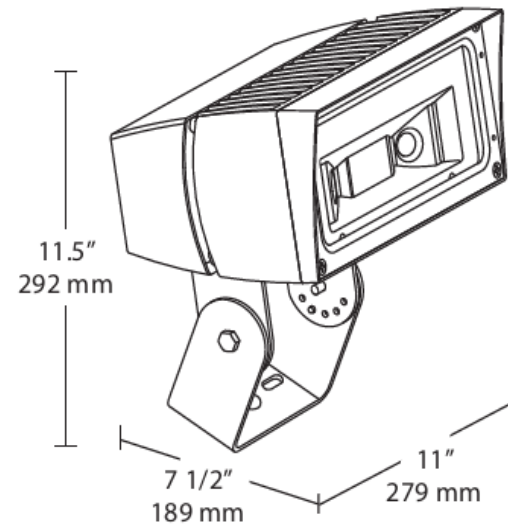
STANDARD SWIVEL ARM

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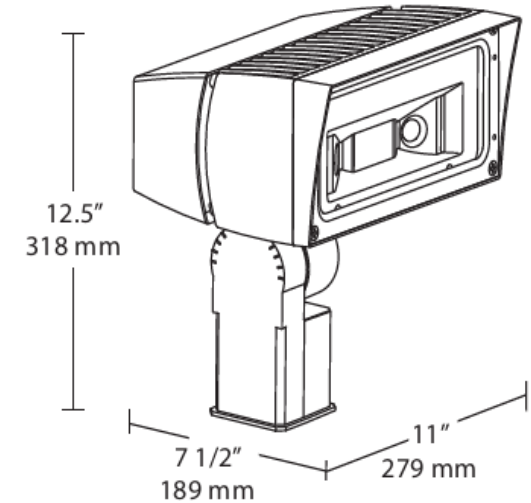
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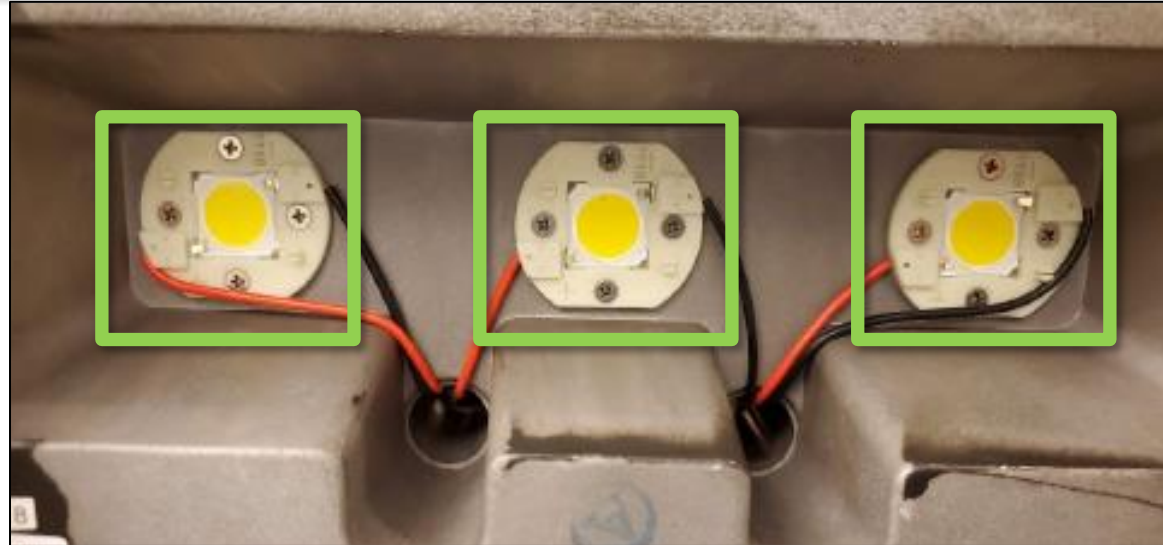


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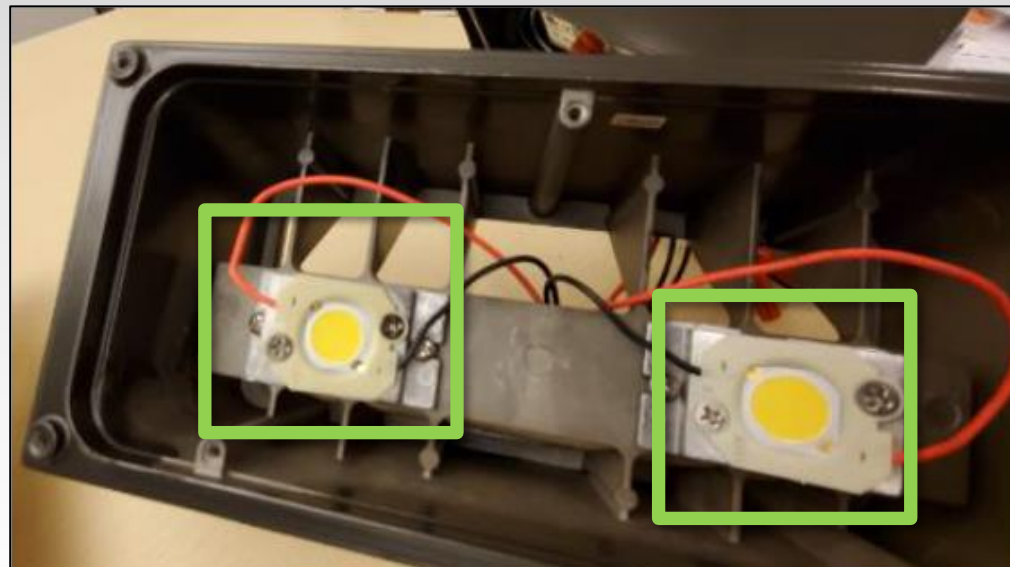
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COB LEDs



Canvas/EZLED



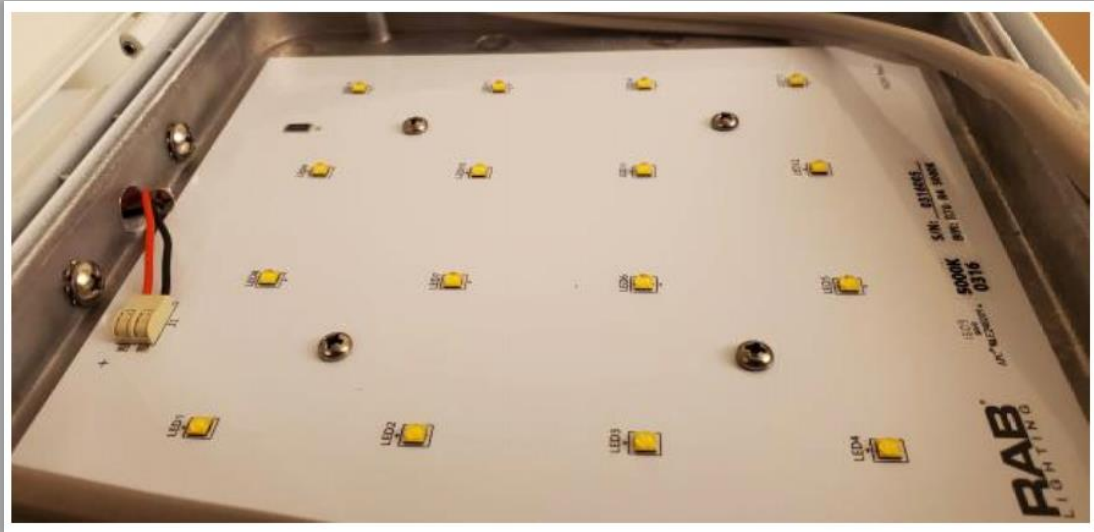
FFLED

An “LED array or module” is defined as:

- “A component part of an LED light source that includes one or more LEDs connected to the load side of an LED power source or LED driver. Electrical, electronic, optical, and mechanical components may also be part of an LED module. The LED module does not contain a power source and is not connected directly to the branch circuit.”

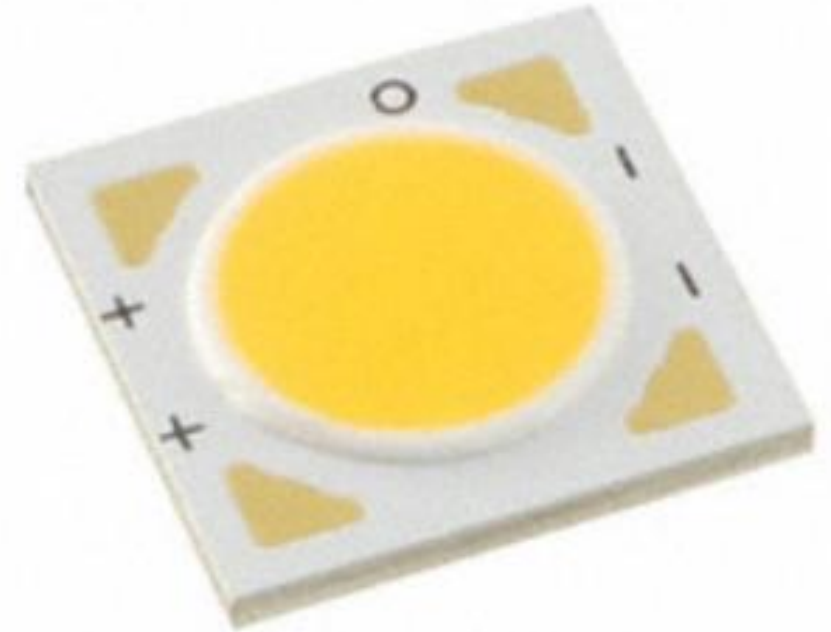
LED Module Versus COB LED

RX-0844, Katona Op., p. 32



LED Module

RX-0113



COB LED

COB LED vs. LED module: Samsung

LED

LIGHTING

AUTOMOTIVE

DISPLAY & MOBILE

SAMSUNG

Mid Power LEDs >

2835 LEDs

3030 LEDs

5630 LEDs

High Power LEDs >

3535 LEDs

5050 LEDs

CSP LEDs >

MP CSP

HP CSP

COB LEDs >

C Series

D Series

R Series

T Series

LED Modules >

Ambient Light Module

Downlight Module

Outdoor Light Module

Industrial Light Module

LED Drivers >

Indoor Driver

Outdoor Driver

Applications

Energizing Lighting

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Horticulture Lighting

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Indoor

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COB LED vs. LED module: Digi-Key

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'270 Patent – Asserted Claims 1-2

Claim 1

A light fixture comprising a chamber, at least one power-circuitry driver within the chamber, at least one LED module outside the chamber, and at least one air gap between the chamber and the at least one LED module, the air gap permitting air/water-flow therethrough.

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The light fixture of claim 1 wherein the chamber is defined by a housing.

Ewington – Overview

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Ewington et al.

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(43) **Pub. Date: Jun. 16, 2005**

(54) **LIGHTING MODULE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A lighting module comprising a light source arranged to emit light and a cooling chamber, which is provided adjacent to the light source. The cooling chamber is open to the atmosphere surrounding the light module but substantially sealed from the light source. The light source may comprise one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs).

Ewington – Figure 1

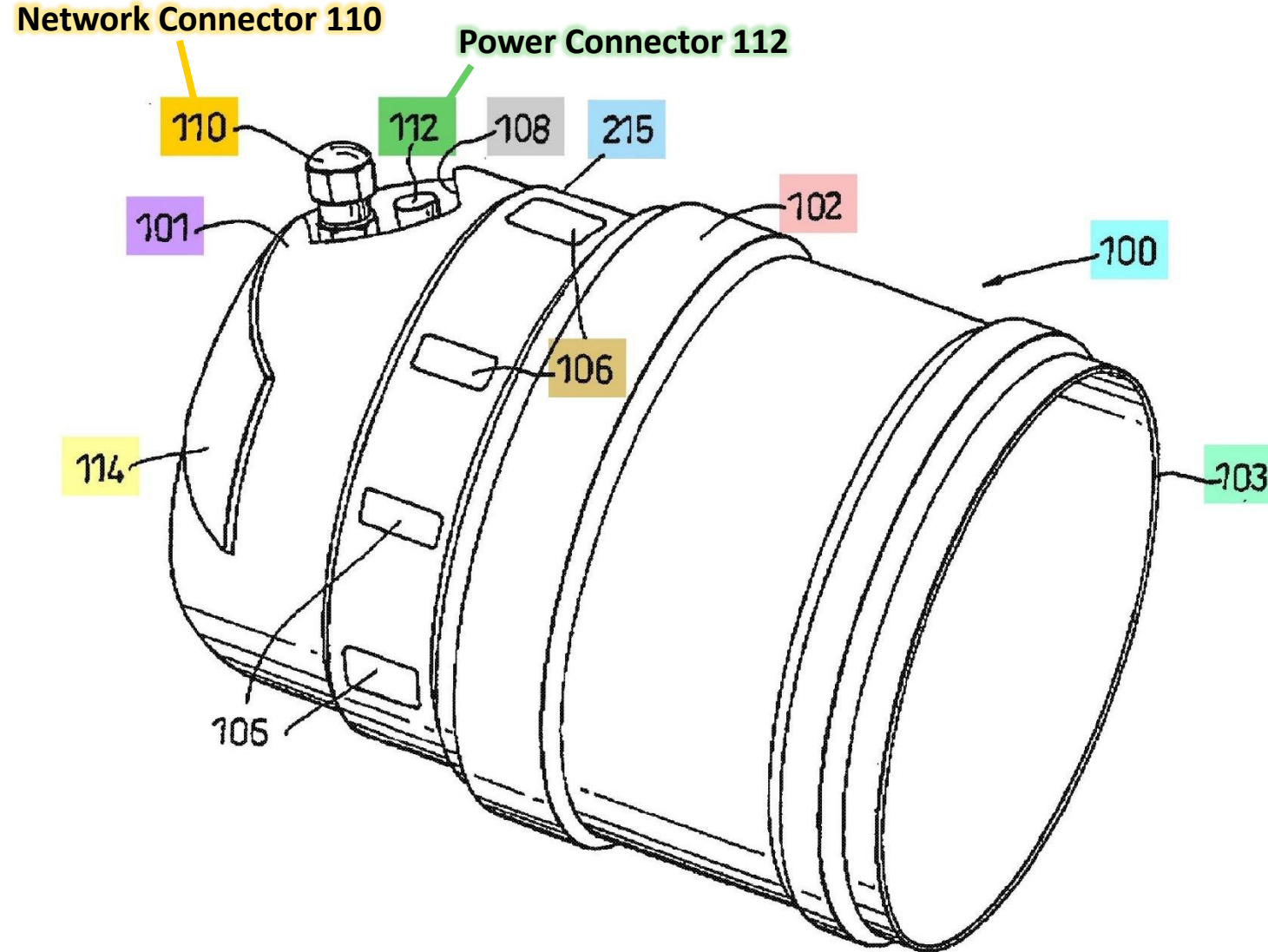


Fig. 1

[0091] FIG. 1 shows first embodiment of a lighting module 100 suitable for use as a spotlight at, for example, an open-air music concert. The lighting module 100 comprises an approximately cylindrical casing 102 having a first, closed, end 101 and a second, open, end 103 opposite the first. The casing is a spun aluminium, often referred to as a par can, construction providing weight advantages over other folded steel constructions. The casing 102 includes a cooling chamber 215 along a portion of its length roughly midway between the first and second ends. The casing 102 comprises a domed portion in the vicinity of the closed end 101 which continues the roughly cylindrical casing 102.

[0092] The cooling chamber 215 is defined by an area of the casing 102 with holes 106 equi-spaced about the circumference of the casing 102. A portion of the dome forming the closed end 101 of the casing 102 is cut away and an insert 108, providing a plate onto which connectors can be mounted, is placed therein. The insert 108 comprises a plastic support through which a network connector 110 and a power connector 112 pass in order that connections can be made to electronics contained within the casing 102. The closed end 101 of the casing 102 further comprises a second cut-away portion over which a touch panel 114 is placed such that a user may, by touching the touch panel 114, control electronics within the casing 102. The touch panel 114 may be constructed of Mylar, or of some other material for use in a touch-sensitive control device.

Ewington – Figure 2

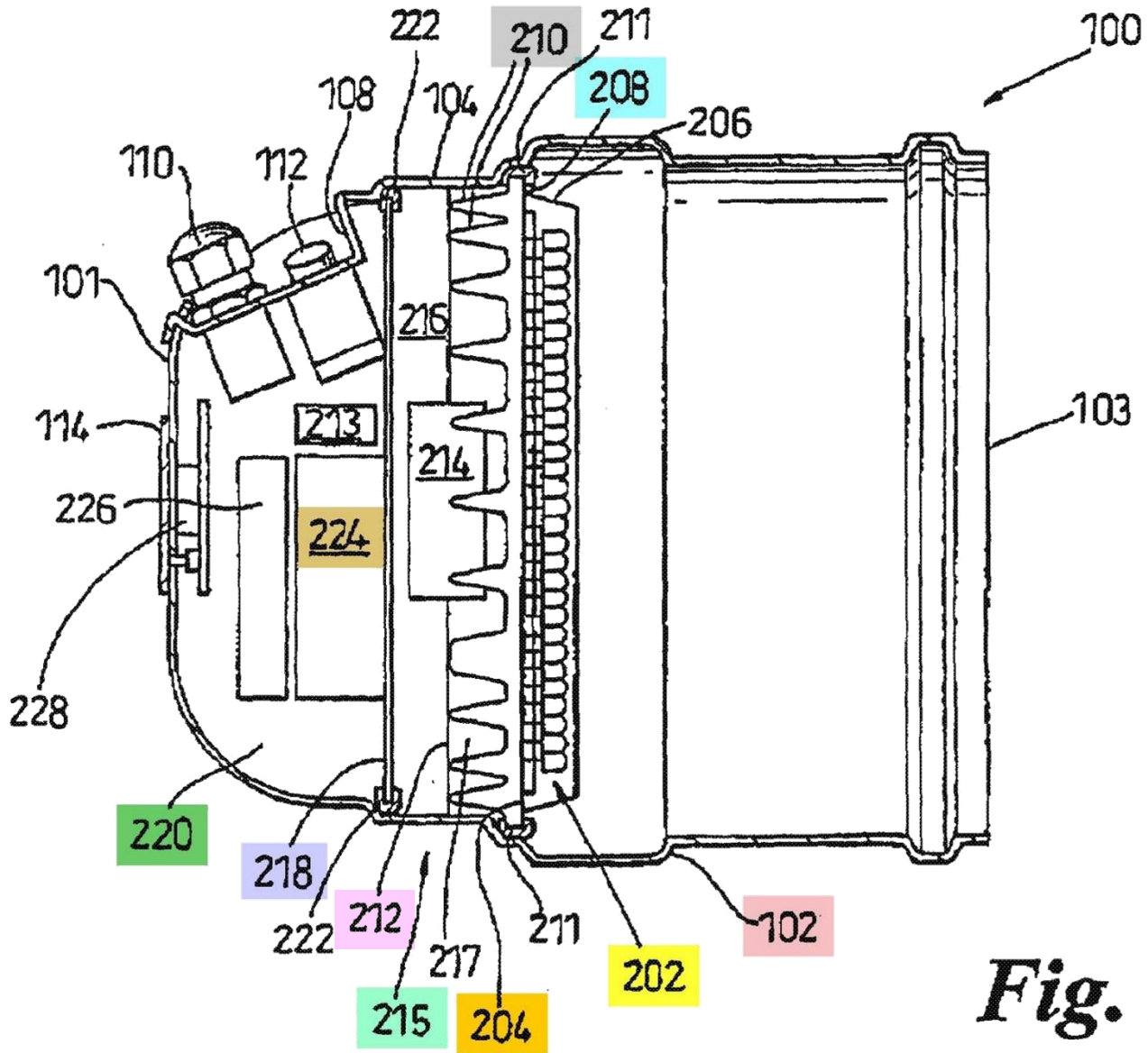


Fig. 2

[0095] Roughly two hundred LED's are provided of each red (i.e. produce red light when a current is applied), blue and green. The light from the LED array 202 passes through an acrylic dust cover 206 which is bonded to the circuit board 204 and also seals the LED array 202 such that moisture cannot contact the array 202 through the open end 103 of the casing 102. The circuit board 204 is backed on to and in thermal contact with a heat exchanger 208.

[0098] The cooling chamber 215 is divided in two separated by the baffle plate 212 to produce an inlet region 217, which contains the fins 210 of the heat exchanger 208, and an outlet region 216. The fan 214 is arranged such that air is drawn into the inlet region 217 of the cooling chamber 217, through the holes 106, passes through the fan 214, into the outlet region 216 and is expelled through the holes 106. Thus, the fins 210 are cooled by air being drawn across them, which in turn removes heat from the circuit board 204 and the LED array 202 mounted on the circuit board 204.

[0100] The electronics chamber 220 contains a power supply unit 224, a controller 226, a thermostat 213 and a user interface unit 228, all of which run at twenty four volts (as does the fan 214). Thus, when the lighting module 100 is

[0101] The power supply unit 224 is mounted on the partition plate 218 so that cooling fluid circulating in the cooling chamber 215 cools the plate 218 and consequently helps to cool the power supply unit 224.

'270 Patent – Claim 1

Claim 1

A light fixture comprising a chamber,
at least one power-circuitry driver within the chamber,
at least one LED module outside the chamber, and
at least one air gap between the chamber and the at least one LED module,
the air gap permitting air/water-flow therethrough.

Claim 1 Preamble: “A light fixture”

Claim 1

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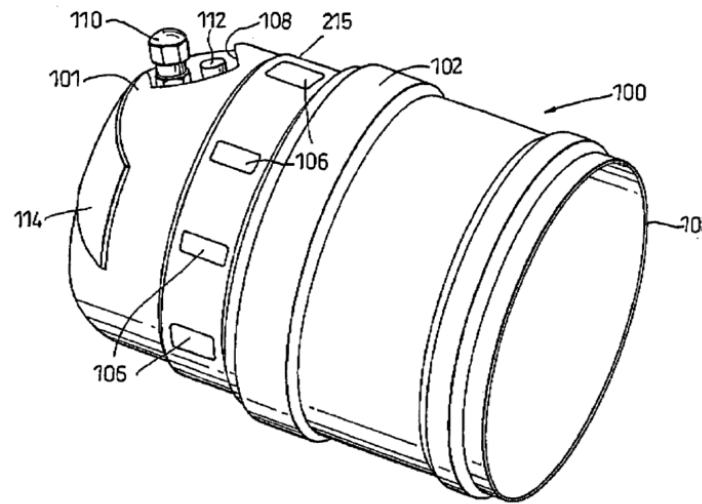


Fig. 1

[0091] FIG. 1 shows first embodiment of a lighting module 100 suitable for use as a spotlight at, for example, an open-air music concert.

Claim 1(a): “a chamber”

[0100] The electronics chamber 220 contains a power supply unit 224, a controller 226, a thermostat 213 and a user interface unit 228, all of which run at twenty four volts (as does the fan 214).

[0099] . . . Thus, the lighting module 100 may be thought of as comprising three areas: The water tight area in which the LED array 202 is mounted between the planar surface of the heat exchanger 208 and the dust cover 206; the cooling chamber 215 which is open to the atmosphere through the holes 106; and the electronics chamber 220 between the domed portion of the casing and the partition plate 218.

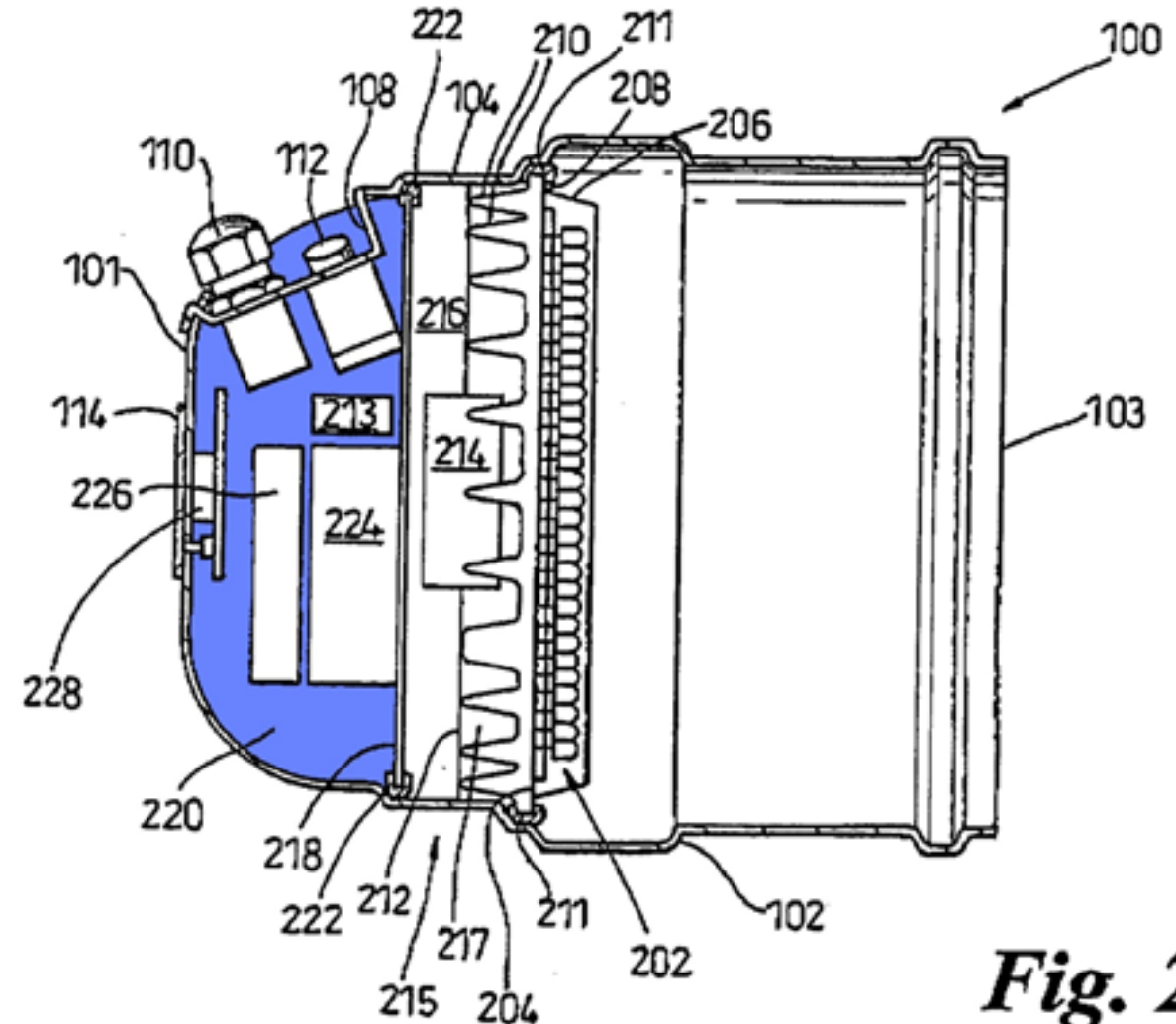


Fig. 2

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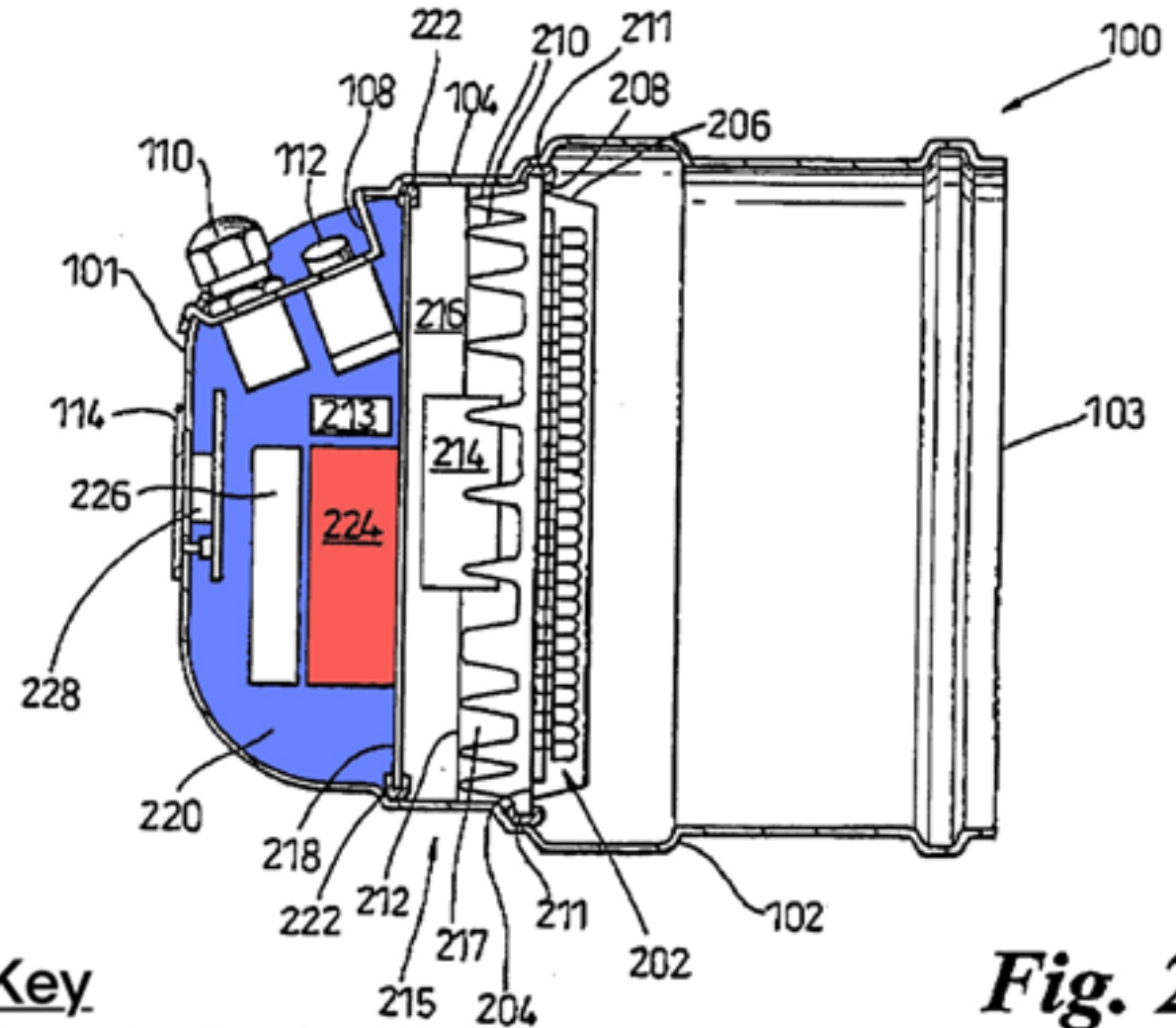
Electronics Chamber 220

Claim 1(b): “at least one power-circuitry driver within the chamber”

[0100] The electronics chamber 220 contains a power supply unit 224, a controller 226, a thermostat 213 and a user interface unit 228, all of which run at twenty four volts (as does the fan 214).

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The power supply unit 224 is connected to the power connector 112 and to the controller 226. An external current source is then connected to the power connector 112.



Key

Electronics Chamber 220

Power Supply Unit 224

Fig. 2

Claim 1(c): “at least one LED module outside the chamber”

[0094] The lighting module 100 comprises a Light Emitting Diode (LED) array 202 providing a light source and arranged on a circuit board 204 mounted perpendicularly to a longitudinal axis of the lighting module 100 such that in use the light produced by the LED array 202 is directed towards the open end 103 of the casing 102. . . .

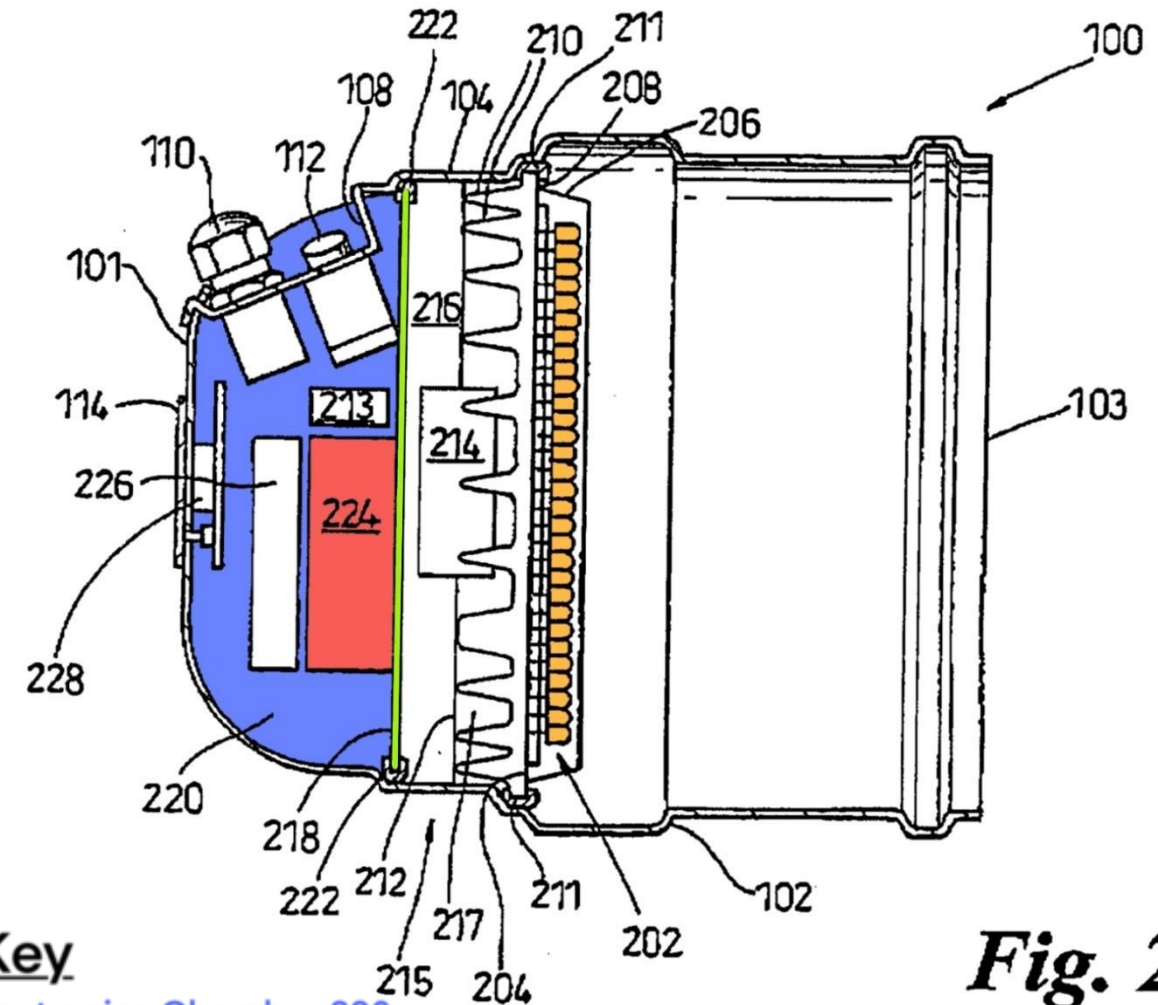
The LED array 202 comprises a plurality of polymer encapsulated LED's and in this example, six hundred and twenty LED's are provided.

[0095] . . .

The rubber seal 211 isolates the circuit board 204 and the LED array 202 from the cooling chamber 215

[0099] . . .

Thus, the lighting module 100 may be thought of as comprising three areas: The water tight area in which the LED array 202 is mounted between the planar surface of the heat exchanger 208 and the dust cover 206;



Key

Electronics Chamber 220

Power Supply Unit 224

LED Array 202

Partition Plate 218

Fig. 2

Claim 1(d): “at least one air gap between the chamber and the at least one LED module”

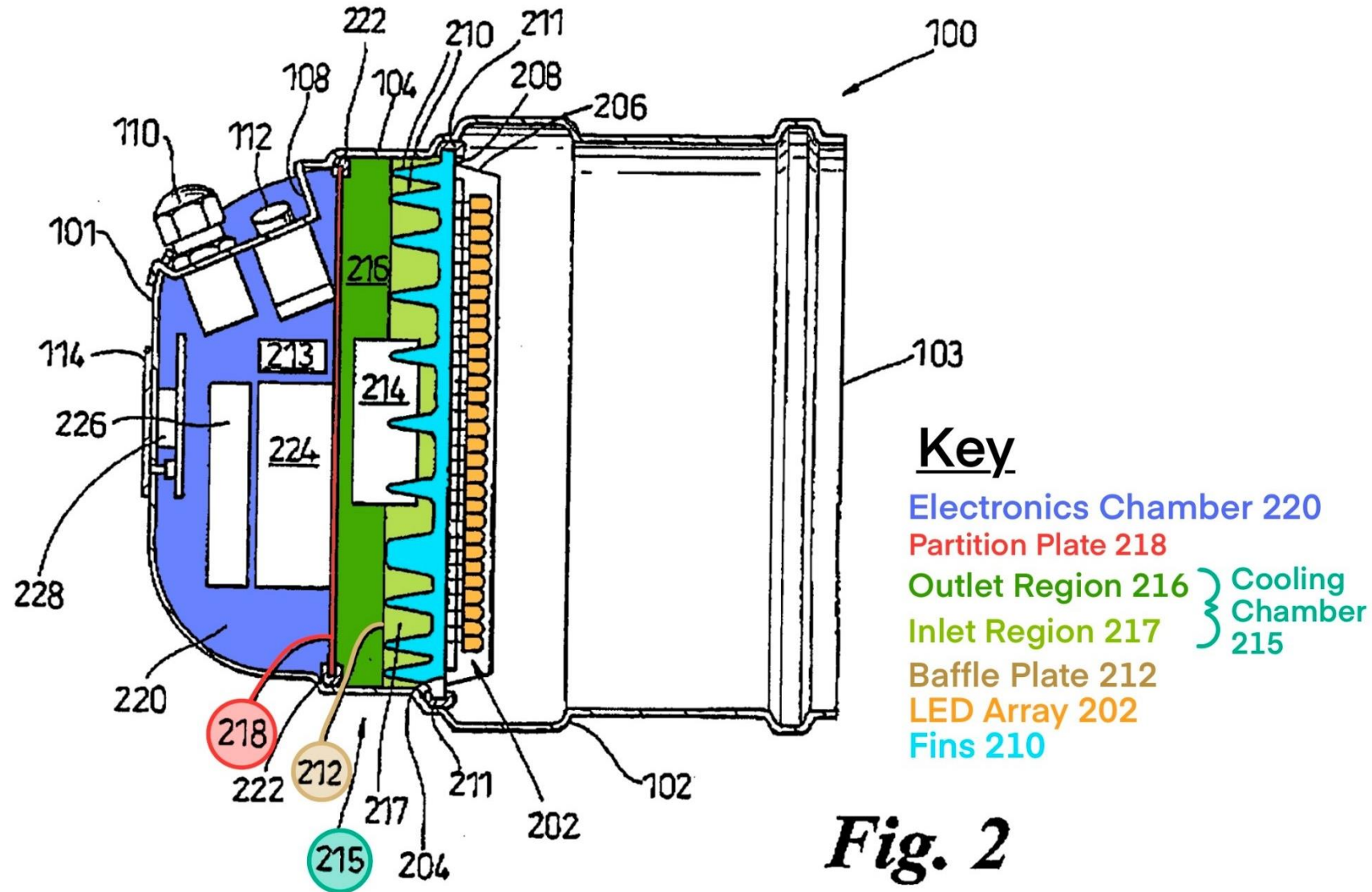
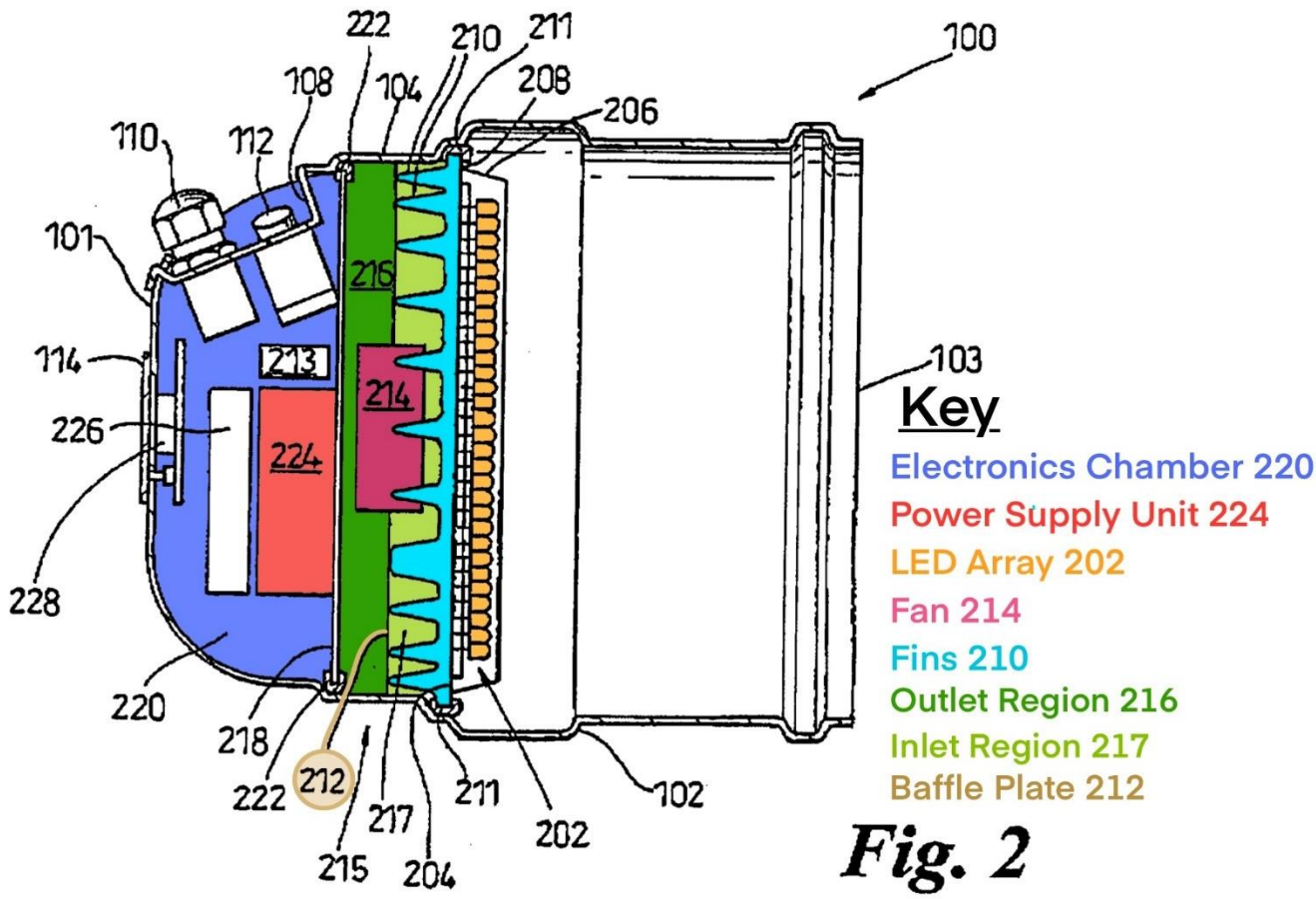
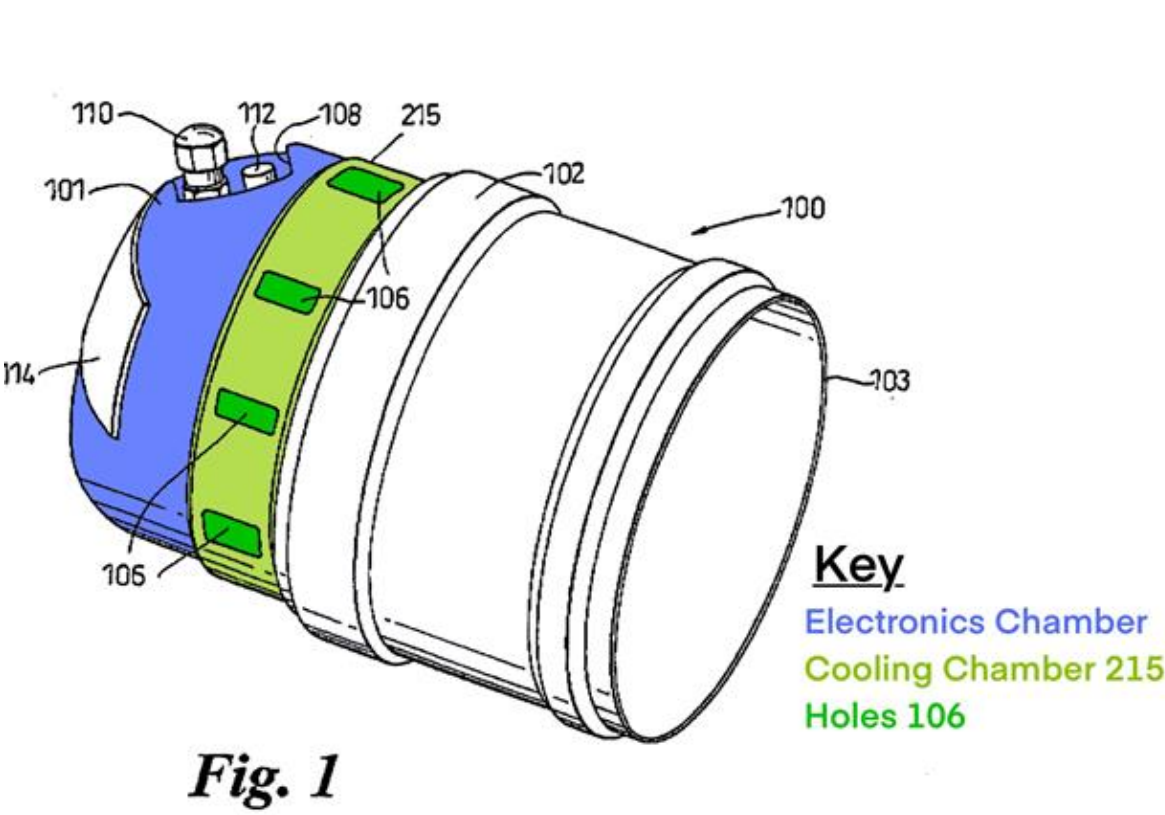


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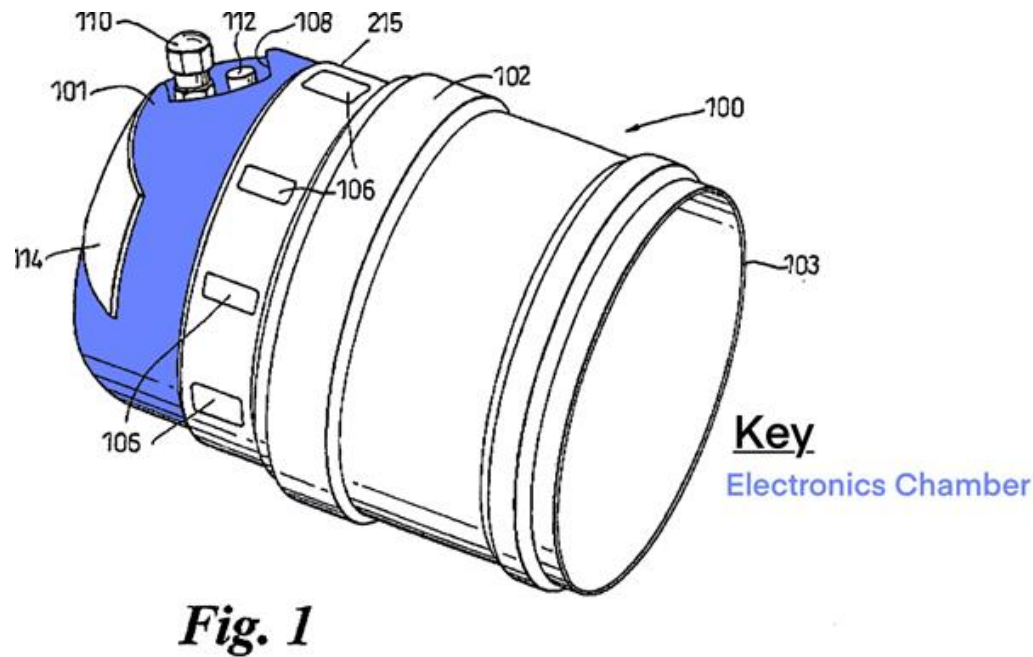
Claim 1(e): “the air gap permitting air/water-flow therethrough.”



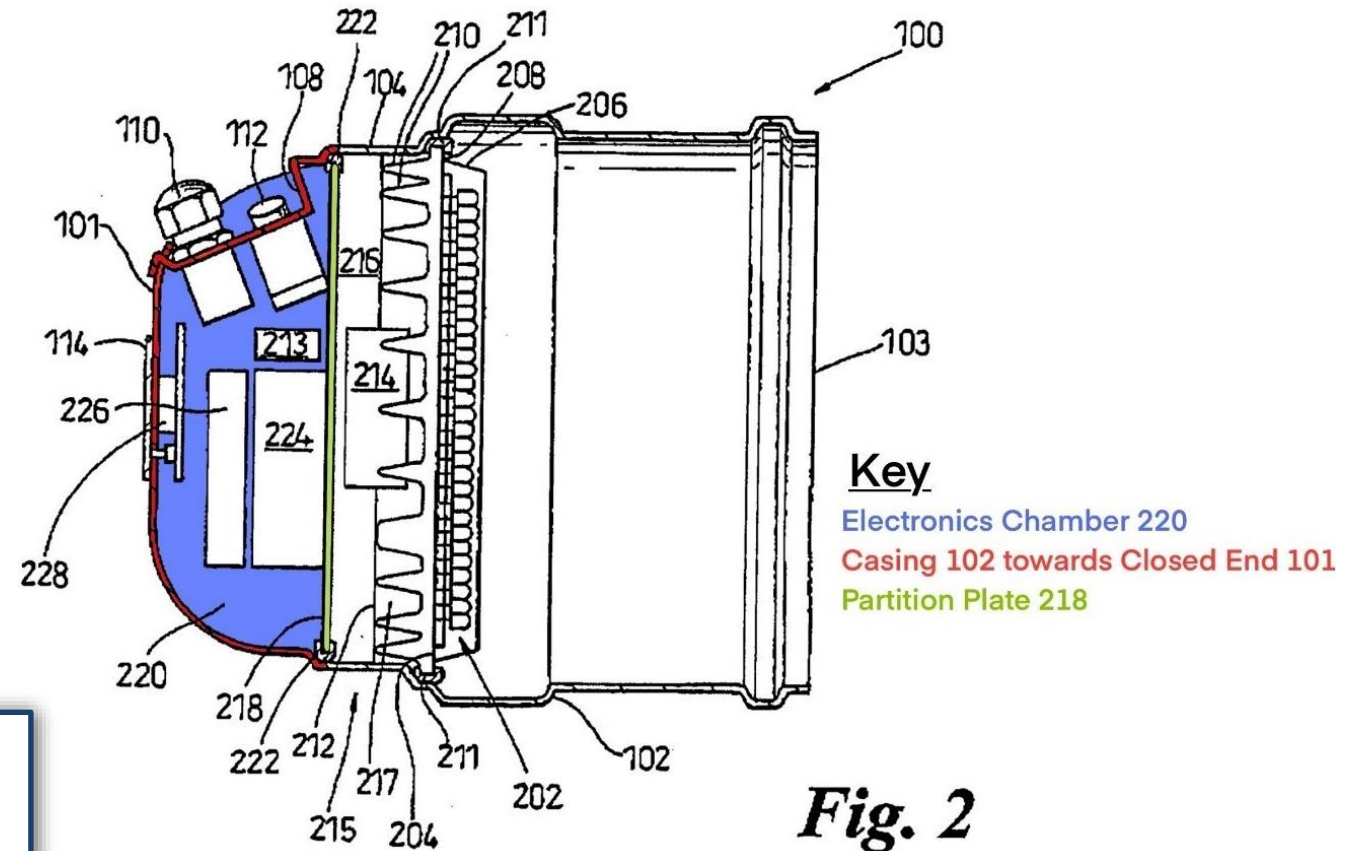
Claim 2

Claim 2

The light fixture of claim 1 wherein the chamber is defined by a housing.



[0099] Electronics to control the lighting module 100 are contained within an electronic chamber 220 which are separated from the cooling chamber 215 by a partition plate 218 and the dome shaped portion of the casing 102 towards the closed end 101 thereof.



The '449 Patent

'449 Patent – Overview

(12) **United States Patent**
Van De Ven et al.

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 8,777,449 B2**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Jul. 15, 2014**

(54) **LIGHTING DEVICES COMPRISING SOLID
STATE LIGHT EMITTERS**

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(21) Appl. No.: **12/566,861**

(22) Filed: **Sep. 25, 2009**

'449 Patent – Claim Construction

'449 Patent

“trim element”

“A structure that forms a flange wherein the flange is configured to abut against a mounting surface and defines an outward-facing surface of the lighting device and is configured to be inserted into an opening in the mounting surface.”

“trim element space”

“A volume of space defined by the interior of the trim element and planes orthogonal to the device axis at the upper-most and lower-most points of the trim element.”

“at least a first driver component”

“Any component that is part of the driver and is involved in performing the functions of the driver.”

'449 Patent – Asserted Claim 10

Claim 10

A lighting device, comprising: a trim element; an electrical connector; at least a first driver component; and at least one solid state light emitter, the lighting device weighing less than 750 grams, at least one of the at least one solid state light emitter mounted on the trim element, the trim element defining a trim element space, the first driver component in the trim element space, wherein if not more than about 15 watts is supplied to the electrical connector, the at least one solid state light emitter will illuminate so that the lighting device will emit white light of at least 500 lumens.

'449 Patent – Summary of Non-Infringement and Technical Prong Opinions

Product	Limitation Missing
RAB's Recessed Retrofit	"the first driver component in the trim element space"
RAB's Performance Downlight	"the first driver component in the trim element space"
Cree Lighting's Retrofit Downlight	"the first driver component in the trim element space"

Dr. Katona's Infringement Analysis:

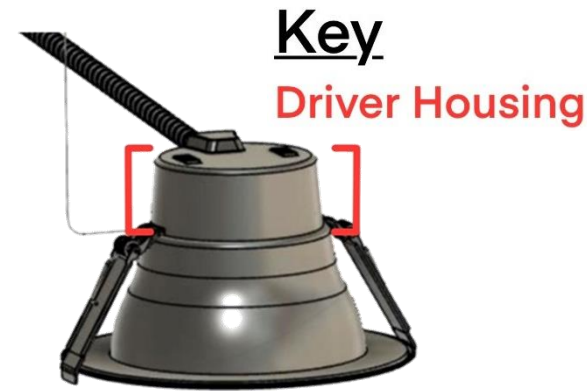
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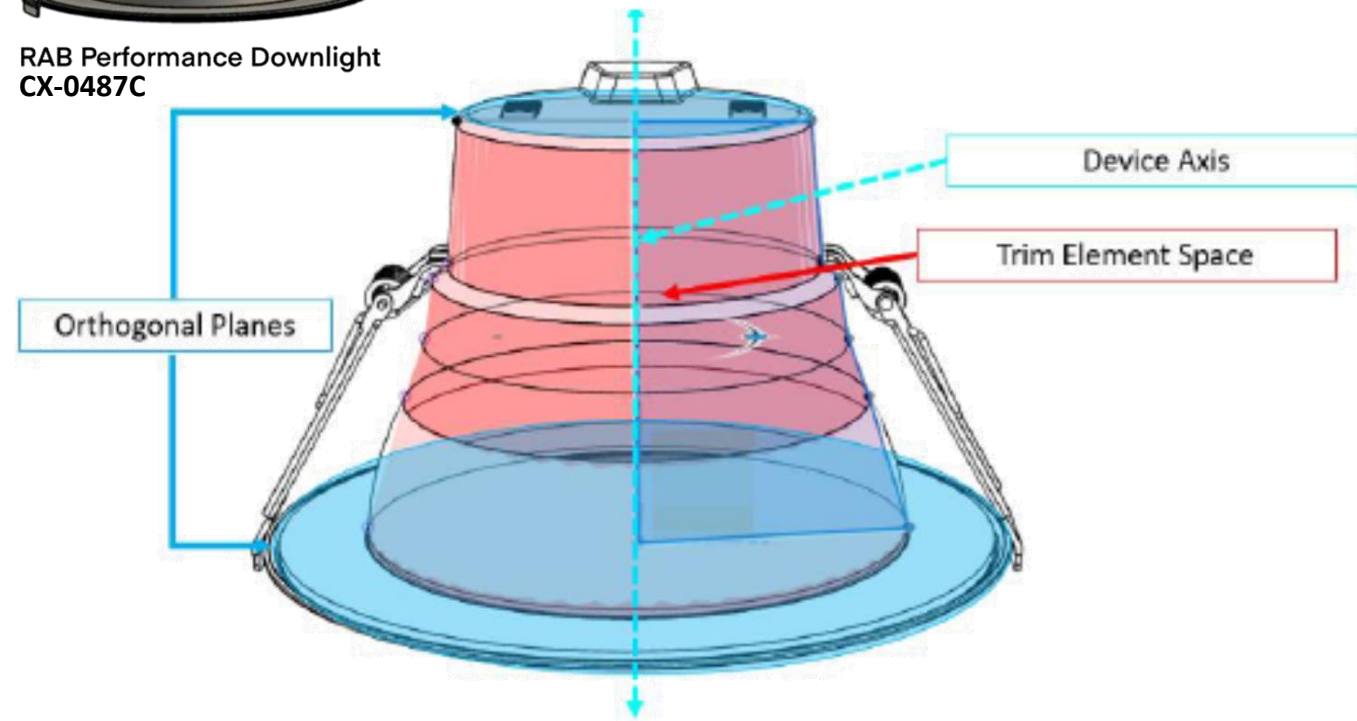
"A structure that **forms a flange** wherein the flange is configured to abut against a mounting surface and **defines an outward-facing surface** of the lighting device and is configured to be inserted into an opening in the mounting surface."

"trim
element
space"

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RAB Performance Downlight
CX-0487C



RAB0152093 (annotated).

'449 Patent Figure 5

Trim Element 109

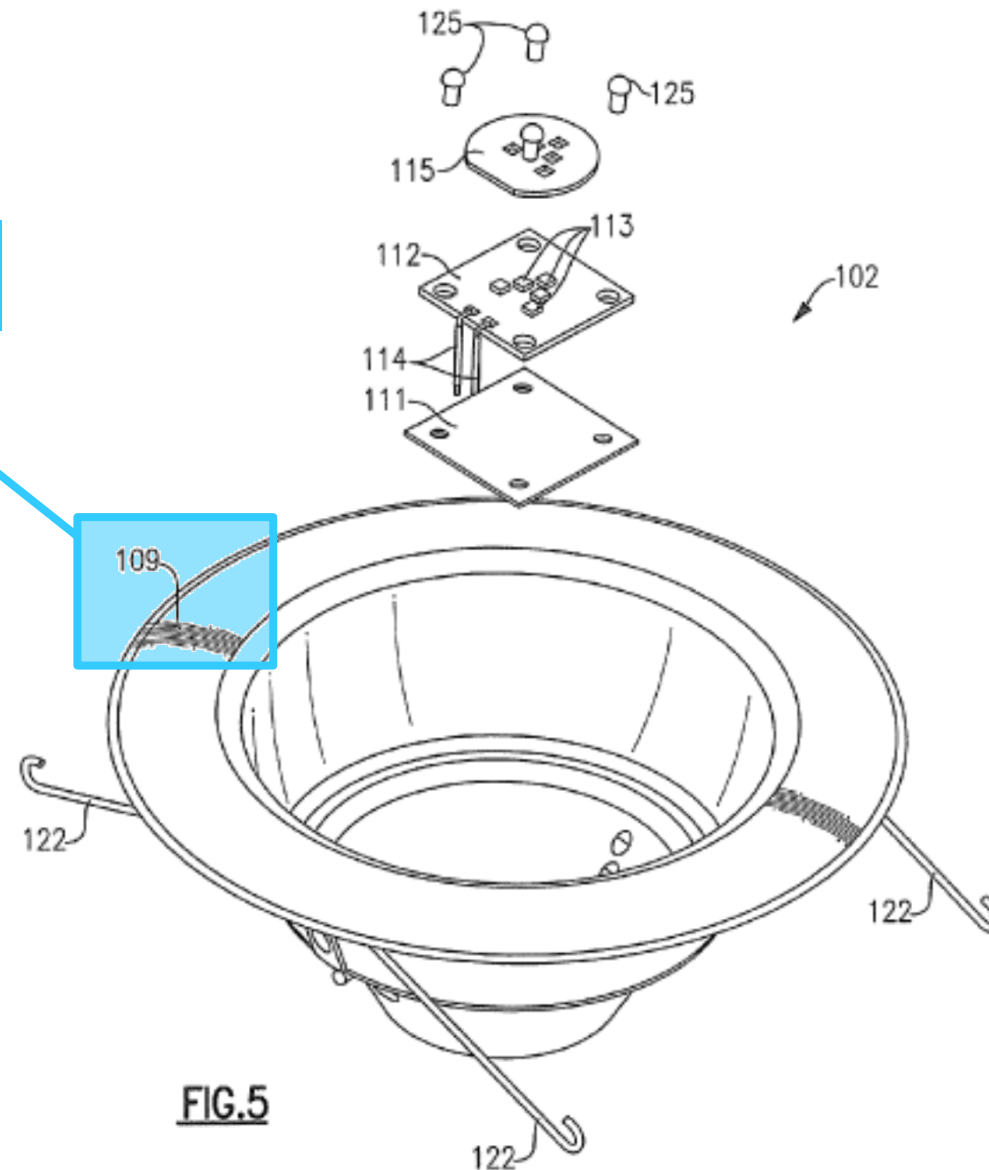


FIG.5

'449 Disclosed Embodiment:

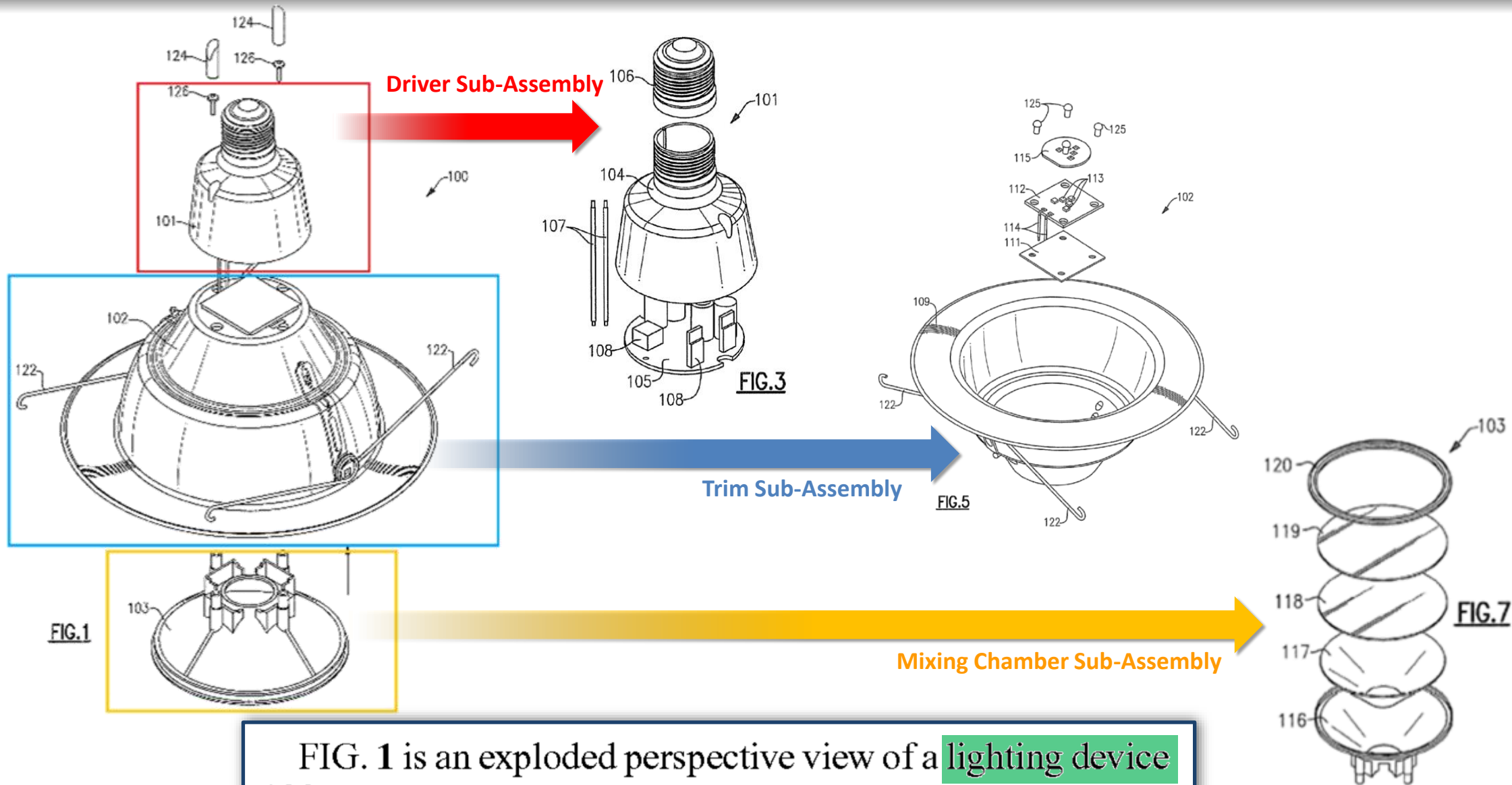
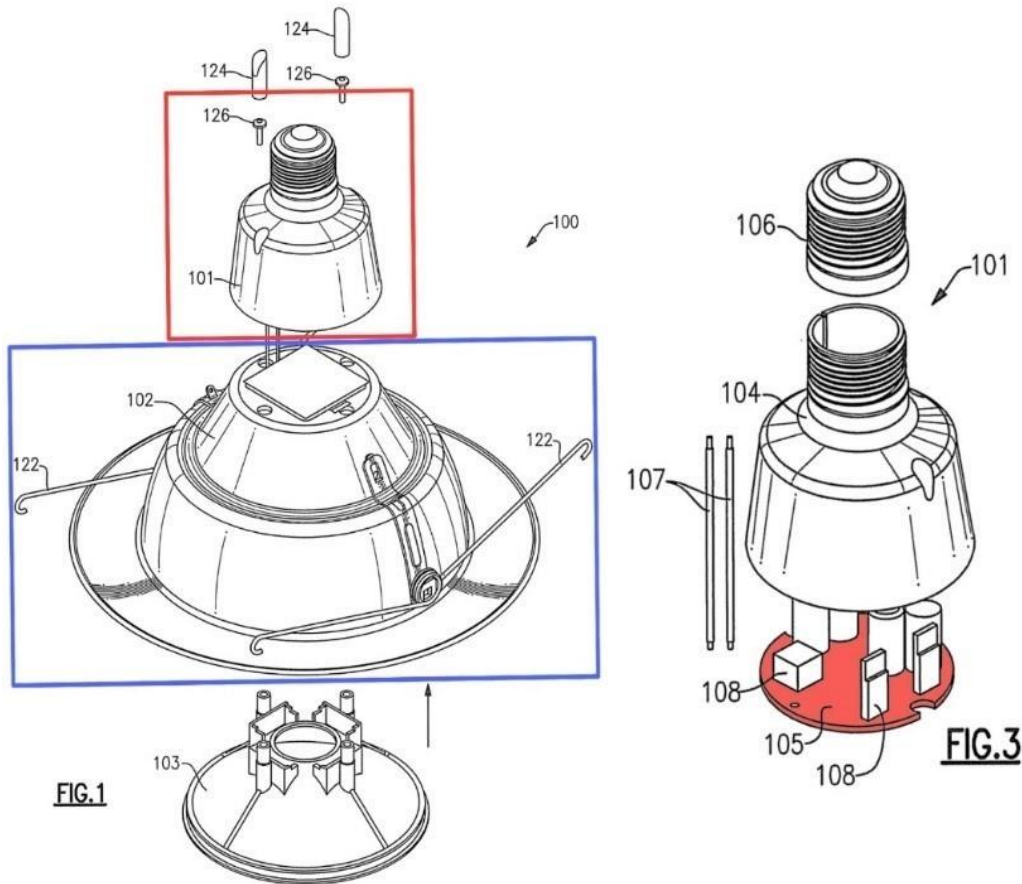


FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view of a lighting device 100.

The Drive and Trim Sub-Assemblies



The lighting device **100** (see FIG. 1) comprises a driver sub-assembly **101**, a trim sub-assembly **102** and a mixing chamber sub-assembly **103**.

The driver sub-assembly **101** (see FIG. 3) comprises a housing **104**, a driver circuit board **105**, an Edison screw **106** and input wires **107**. A plurality of circuitry components **108** are mounted on the driver circuit board **105**.

The trim sub-assembly **102** (see FIG. 5) comprises a trim element **109**, electrical insulation **110** (or a Formex sheet or any other suitable electrically insulating element) (see FIG. 6), a thermally conductive pad **111**, a light emitting diode circuit board **112**, a plurality of light emitting diodes **113** (mounted on the light emitting diode circuit board **112**), light emitting diode board wires **114** and a reflector sheet **115**.

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mixing chamber sub-assembly). In some embodiments, such structure can also comprise some or all of the thermal management system for the lighting device. By providing such a structure, it is possible to reduce or minimize the thermal interfaces between the solid state light emitter(s) and the ambient environment (and thereby improve heat transfer), especially, in some cases, in devices in which the trim element acts as a heat sink for light source(s) (e.g., solid state light emitters) and is exposed to a room. In addition, such a structure can eliminate one or more assembly steps, and/or reduce parts count. In such lighting devices, the structure (i.e., the combined trim element and mixing chamber sub-assembly) can further comprise one or more reflector and/or reflective film, with any structural aspects of the mixing chamber sub-assembly being provided by the combined trim element and mixing chamber sub-assembly).

In some embodiments, the trim element can comprise at least one chamber that is shaped so that it can accommodate any of a variety of driver modules and/or power supply modules (or one or more components thereof) involved in receiving current supplied to a lighting device, modifying the current (e.g., converting it from AC to DC and/or from one voltage to another voltage), and/or driving one or more solid state light emitters (e.g., illuminating one or more solid state light emitter intermittently and/or adjusting the current supplied to one or more solid state light emitters in response to a user command, a detected change in intensity or color of light output, a detected change in an ambient characteristic such as temperature or background light, etc., and/or a signal contained in the input power, such as a dimming signal in AC power supplied to the lighting device), e.g., any of the components discussed herein.

In some embodiments according to the present inventive subject matter, a driver module, a power supply module, and/or one or more components can be provided in or on the trim element. For example, such a component (or components) can be selected from among any of (1) the electrical connector (or one or more other electrical connectors), for example, one or more wires (e.g., that can be connected to one or more wire-receiving elements or spliced to other wires), an Edison plug or GU24 pin, (2) one or more electrical components employed in converting electrical power (e.g., from AC to DC and/or from one voltage to another voltage), (3) one or more electrical components employed in driving one or more solid state light emitter, e.g., running one or more solid state light emitter intermittently and/or adjusting the current supplied to one or more solid state light emitters in response to a user command, a detected change in intensity or color of light output, a detected change in an ambient characteristic such as temperature or background light, etc., and/or a signal contained in the input power (e.g., a dimming signal in AC power supplied to the lighting device), etc., (4) one or more circuit boards (e.g., a control circuit board) for supporting and/or providing current to any electrical components, (5) one or more wires connecting any components (e.g., connecting an Edison plug to a circuit board), etc.

In some embodiments, the trim element can be included as part of a trim sub-assembly that comprises a trim element and one or more other structures and/or components. For example, in some embodiments, a trim sub-assembly can be provided that comprises a trim element, a light emitting diode circuit board, a plurality of light emitting diodes mounted on the light emitting diode circuit board, a reflector sheet, and/or clips for holding the trim sub-assembly in place relative to a fixture element.

Various types of electrical connectors are well known to those skilled in the art, and any of such electrical connectors

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can be attached within (or attached to) the lighting device according to the present inventive subject matter. Representative examples of suitable types of electrical connectors include wires (for splicing to a branch circuit), Edison plugs (which are receivable in Edison sockets) and GU24 pins (which are receivable in GU24 sockets).

An electrical connector can be electrically connected to the one or more solid state light emitters (or to at least one of the one or more solid state light emitters) in any suitable way. A representative example of a way to electrically connect a solid state light emitter to an electrical connector is to connect a first portion of a flexible wire to the electrical connector and to electrically connect a second portion of the flexible wire to one or more circuit boards that comprise one or more power supply components and/or one or more driver components, such that current can be delivered from such circuit board(s) to one or more circuit boards (e.g., one or more model circuit boards) on which the solid state light emitter (or a plurality of solid state light emitters) is/are mounted.

Some embodiments in accordance with the present inventive subject matter can comprise a power line that can be connected to a source of power (such as a branch circuit, a battery, a photovoltaic collector, etc.) and that can supply power to an electrical connector or directly to the lighting device (e.g., the power line itself can be an electrical connector). Persons of skill in the art are familiar with, and have ready access to, a variety of structures that can be used as a power line. A power line can be any structure that can carry electrical energy and supply it to an electrical connector on a lighting device and/or to a lighting device according to the present inventive subject matter.

Energy can be supplied to the lighting devices according to the present inventive subject matter from any source or combination of sources, for example, the grid (e.g., line voltage), one or more batteries, one or more photovoltaic energy collection devices (i.e., a device that includes one or more photovoltaic cells that convert energy from the sun into electrical energy), one or more windmills, etc.

Persons of skill in the art are familiar with, and have ready access to, a wide variety of solid state light emitters, and any suitable solid state light emitter (or solid state light emitters) can be employed in the lighting devices according to the present inventive subject matter. A variety of solid state light emitters are well known, and any of such light emitters can be employed according to the present inventive subject matter. Representative examples of solid state light emitters include light emitting diodes (inorganic or organic, including polymer light emitting diodes (PLEDs)) with or without luminescent materials.

Persons of skill in the art are familiar with, and have ready access to, a variety of solid state light emitters that emit light having a desired peak emission wavelength and/or dominant emission wavelength, and any of such solid state light emitters (discussed in more detail below), or any combinations of such solid state light emitters, can be employed in embodiments that comprise a solid state light emitter.

Light emitting diodes are semiconductor devices that convert electrical current into light. A wide variety of light emitting diodes are used in increasingly diverse fields for an ever-expanding range of purposes. More specifically, light emitting diodes are semiconductor devices that emit light (ultraviolet, visible, or infrared) when a potential difference is applied across a p-n junction structure. There are a number of well known ways to make light emitting diodes and many associated structures, and the present inventive subject matter can employ any such devices.

In some embodiments, the trim element can comprise at least one chamber that is shaped so that it can accommodate any of a variety of driver modules and/or power supply modules (or one or more components thereof) involved in receiving current supplied to a lighting device, modifying the current (e.g., converting it from AC to DC and/or from one voltage to another voltage), and/or driving one or more solid state light emitters (e.g., illuminating one or more solid state light emitter intermittently and/or adjusting the current supplied to one or more solid state light emitters in response to a user command, a detected change in intensity or color of light output, a detected change in an ambient characteristic such as temperature or background light, etc., and/or a signal contained in the input power, such as a dimming signal in AC power supplied to the lighting device), e.g., any of the components discussed herein.

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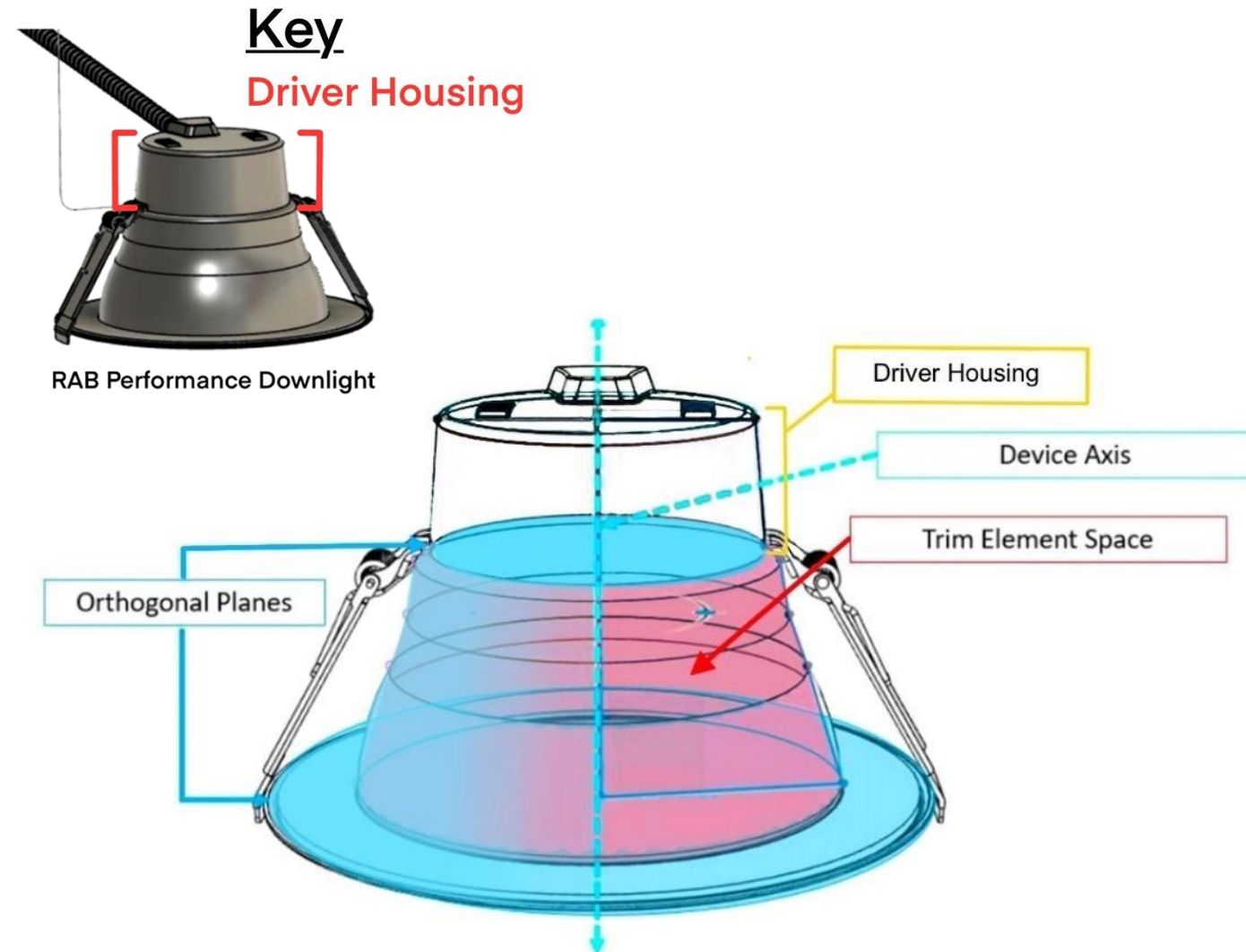
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"trim element"

"A structure that **forms a flange** wherein the flange is configured to abut against a mounting surface and **defines an outward-facing surface** of the lighting device and is configured to be inserted into an opening in the mounting surface."

"trim element space"

"A volume of space defined by the interior **of the trim element** and planes orthogonal to the device axis at the upper-most and lower-most points **of the trim element.**"



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Sell – Overview

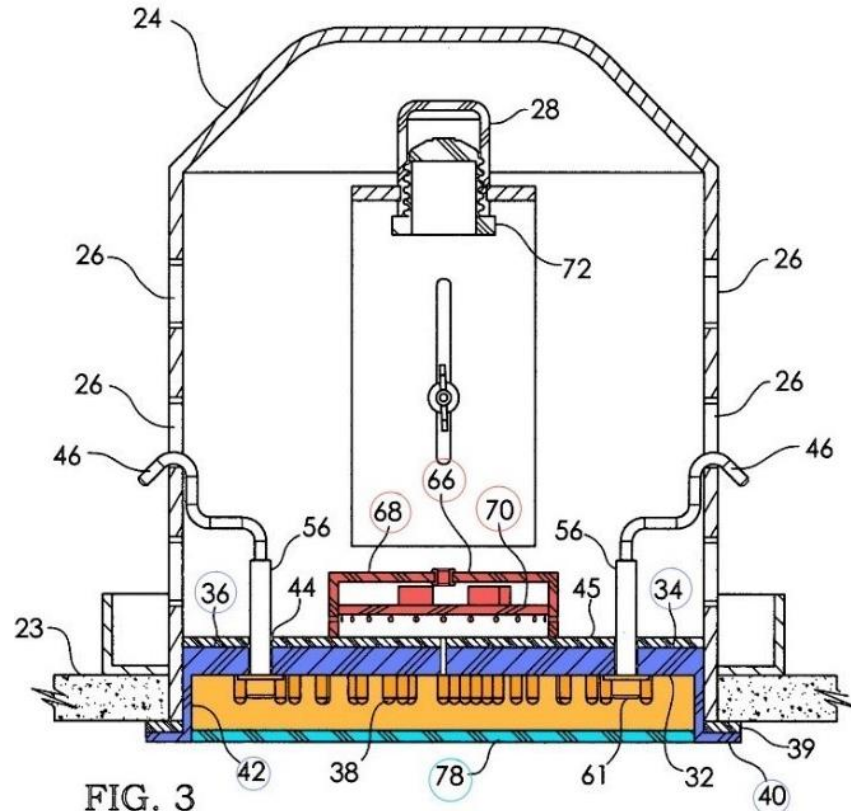


FIG. 3

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Trim Element: Shell 34, Flange 40, Sidewall 42, and Top Plate 36

Ocular Plate 78

Trim Element Space

Power Supply 66, Enclosure 68, Circuit Board 70

A power supply 66 is adapted to convert AC current from the electrical source 30 to DC current having the proper voltage to power the LEDs 38. The power supply 66 includes an enclosure 68 mounted on the shell 34, although the enclosure 68 can be mounted anywhere inside the can 24.

The LED conversion system 20 comprises a lamp 32 having a shell 34. The shell 34 is adapted to fit into the can 24. The shell 34 has a flat top plate 36 with a plurality of LEDs (light emitting diodes) 38 attached to the shell top plate 36. The shell 34 has a flange 40 for placement against the outside of the wall panel 23. A sidewall 42 extends between the flange 40 and the top plate 36.

Sell Compared to RAB's Products

Sell (Prior Art)

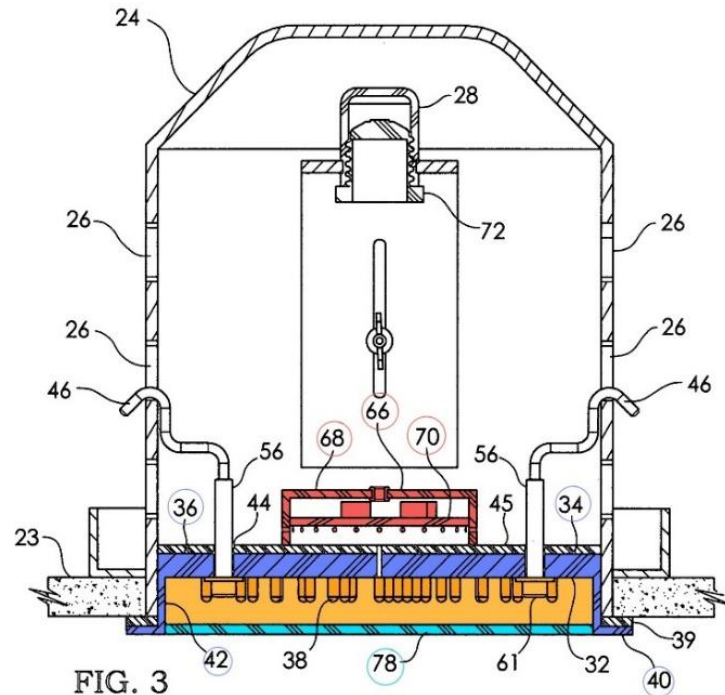
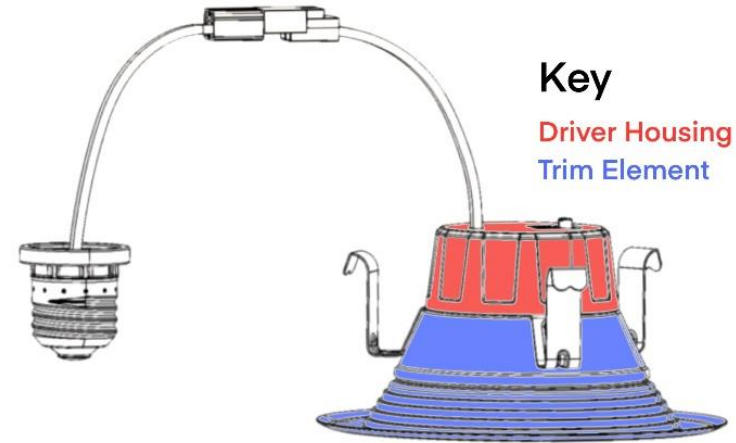


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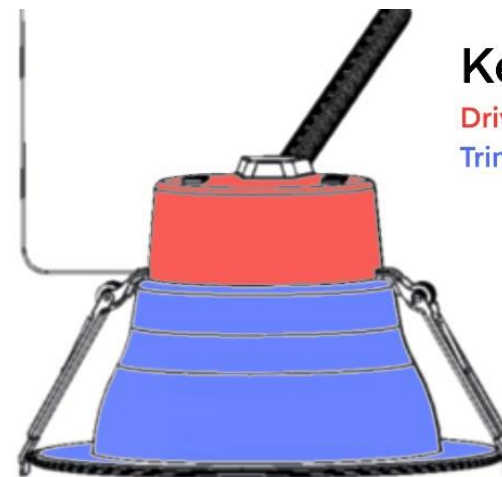
RAB Recessed Retrofit



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Driver Housing
Trim Element

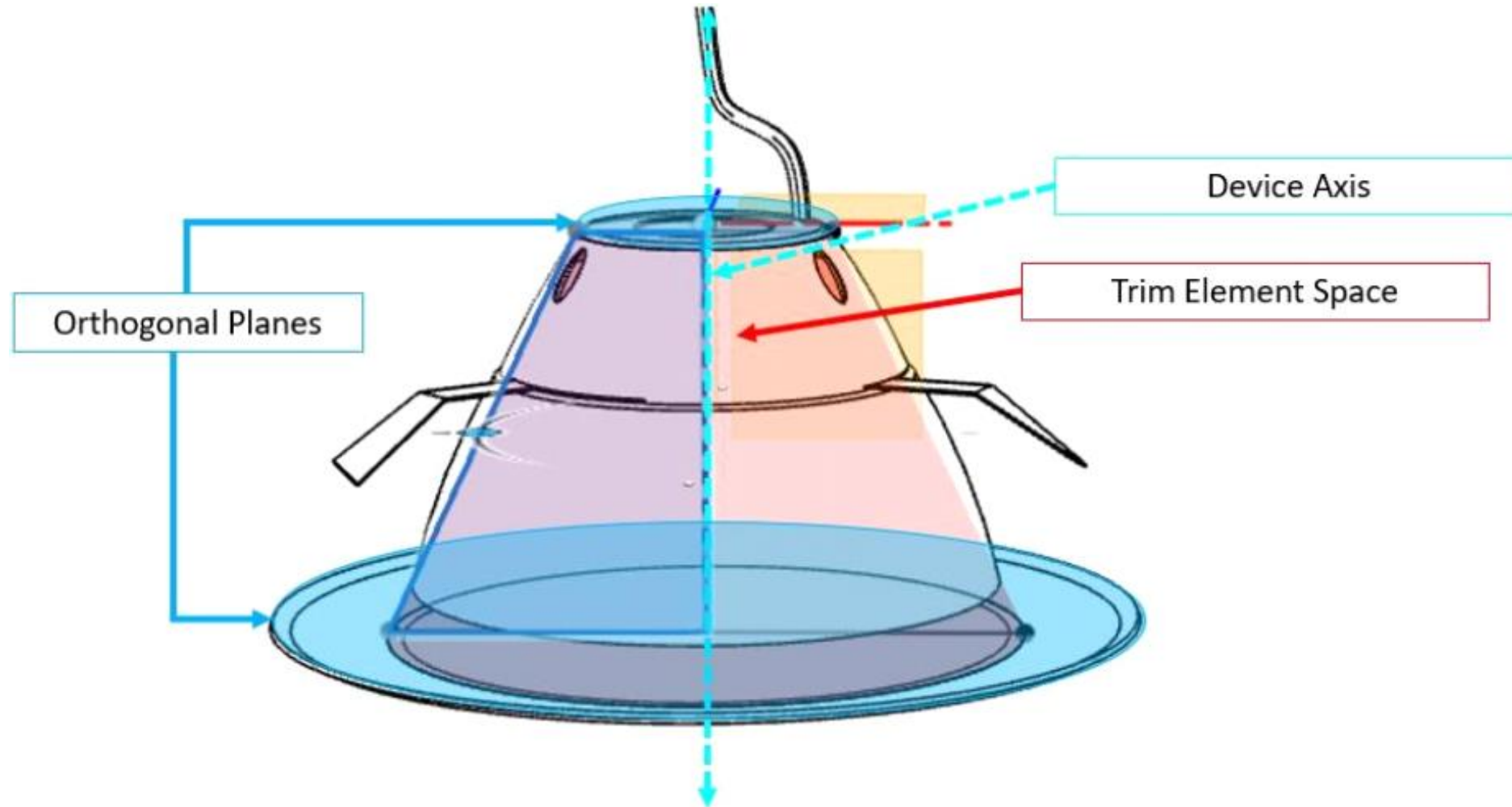
RAB Performance Downlight



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Driver Housing
Trim Element

Dr. Katona's Analysis for Cree Lighting's Recessed Retrofit



The Weight Limitations

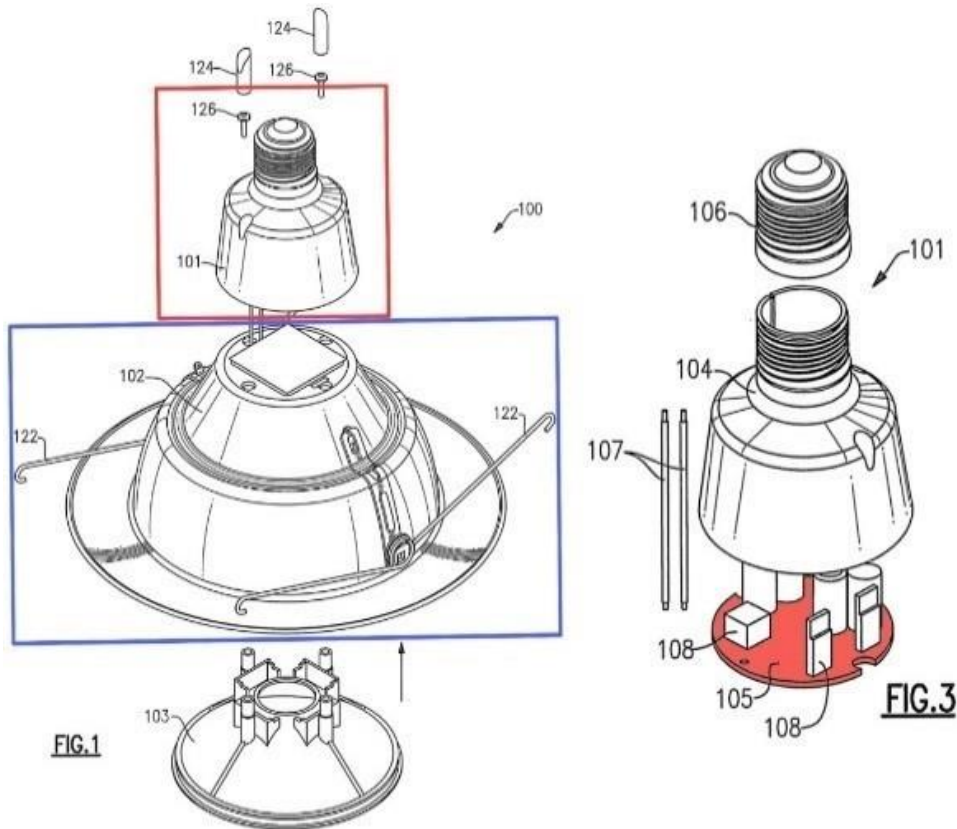
- The Asserted Claims each require the lighting device to weigh “less than 750 grams” (or “less than 500 grams” in claim 8).
- That means the claimed lighting device can have any weight **from 0** to 750 grams or 500 grams.

The Lumen Output Limitations

- The Asserted Claims require the lighting device to emit light with a brightness of “at least 500 lumens.”
- That means there is **no upper limit** on the amount of light emitted by the claimed lighting device.
- In 2009 and as is the case today, the amount of light output from a downlight supplied with 12 or 15 watts **would not have been limitless.**

Lack of Written Description

- “trim element space”
- “the first driver component in the trim element space”



- “In some embodiments, the trim element **can** comprise at least one **chamber** that is shaped so that it can accommodate any of a variety of driver modules and/or power supply modules (or one or more components thereof) . . .” JX-0003, 11:17-32 (emphasis added).
- Figures 1 and 3 show that the “driver subassembly 101” and driver components are located outside of the “trim element space.”