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(54) **DECAL REMOVAL ASSEMBLY**

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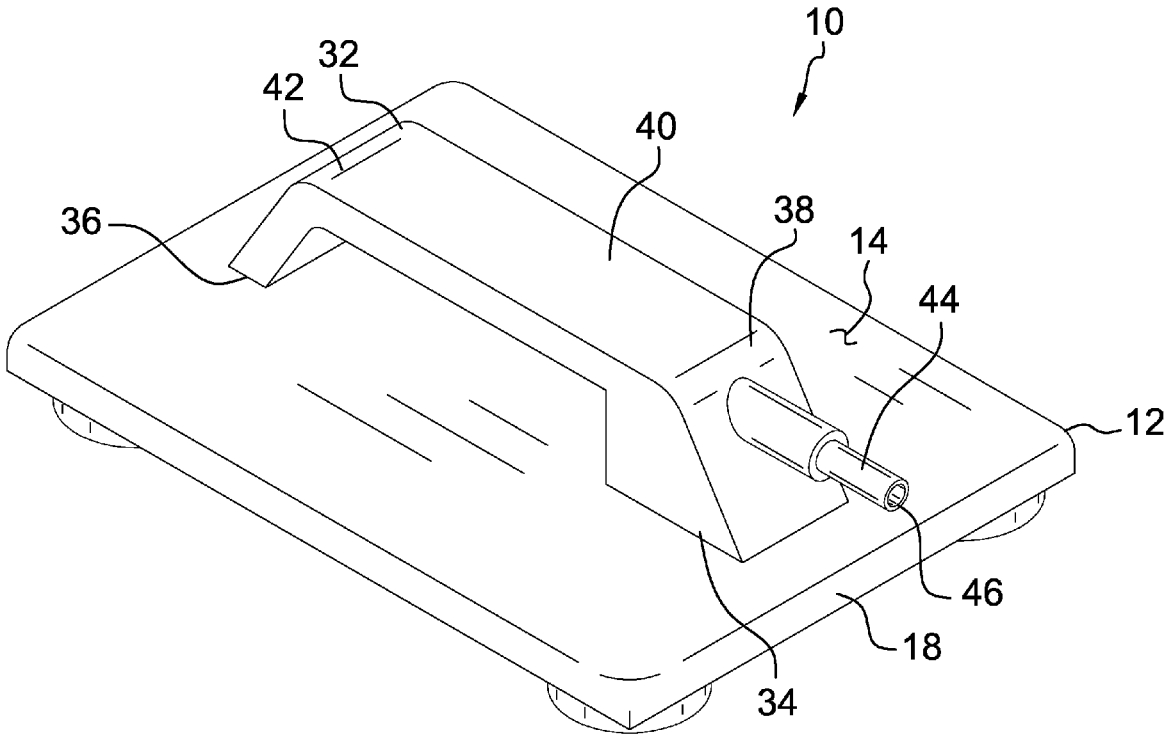
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A decal removal assembly includes a plate that is structured to have a steam space extending therein. The plate may be positioned proximate a surface such that the steam space surrounds a decal adhered to the surface. A handle is attached to the plate and the handle is in fluid communication with the steam space. A nozzle is attached to the handle and the nozzle has a distal end with respect to the handle. The nozzle is in fluid communication with the steam space and the distal end may be fluidly coupled to a steam source. Steam from the steam source is directed into the steam space thereby facilitating removal of the decal from the surface. A plurality of couplers is provided and each of the couplers is attached to the plate. Each of the couplers engages the surface such that the plate is retained on the surface and each of the couplers is positioned proximate one of four corners of the plate.



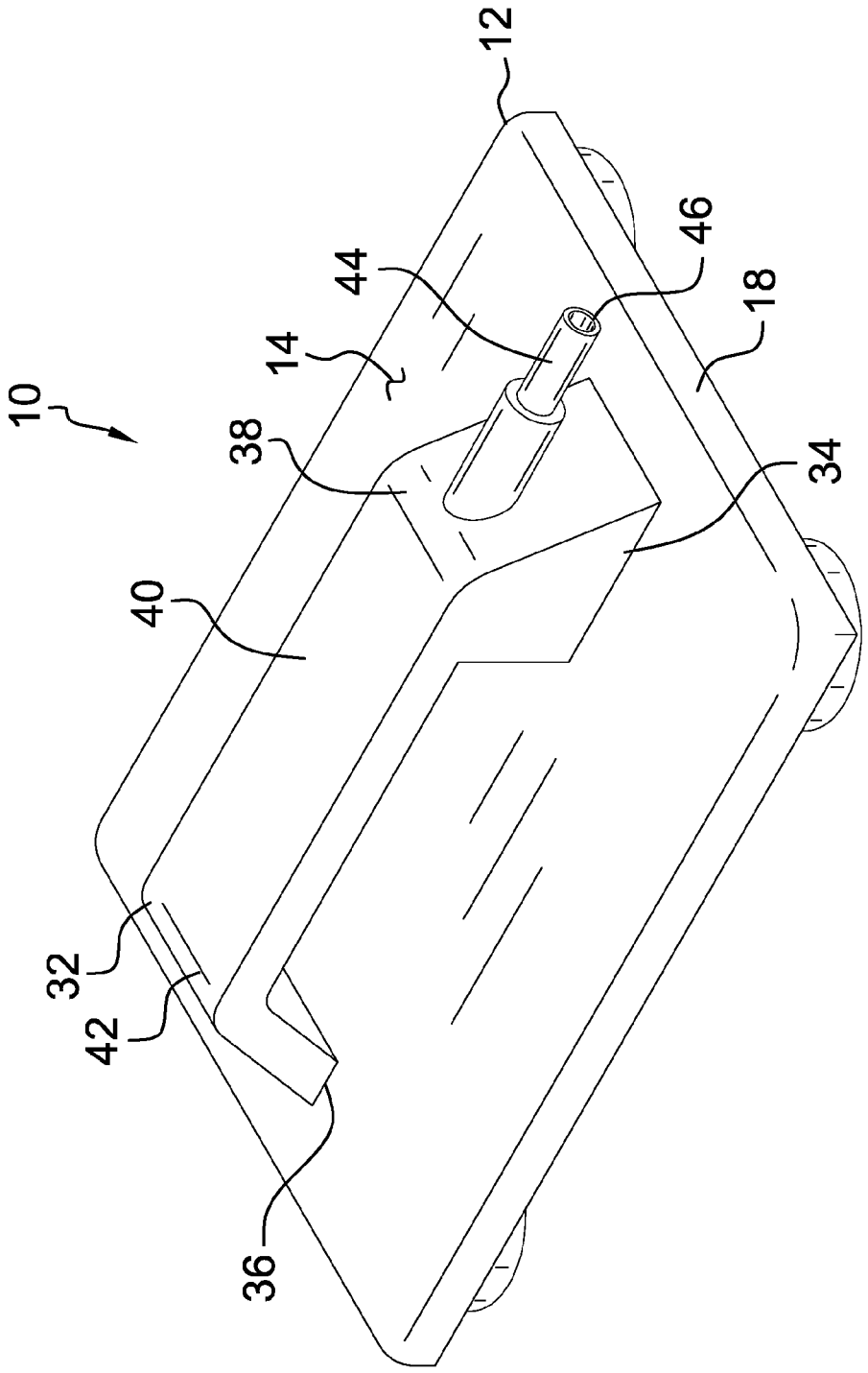
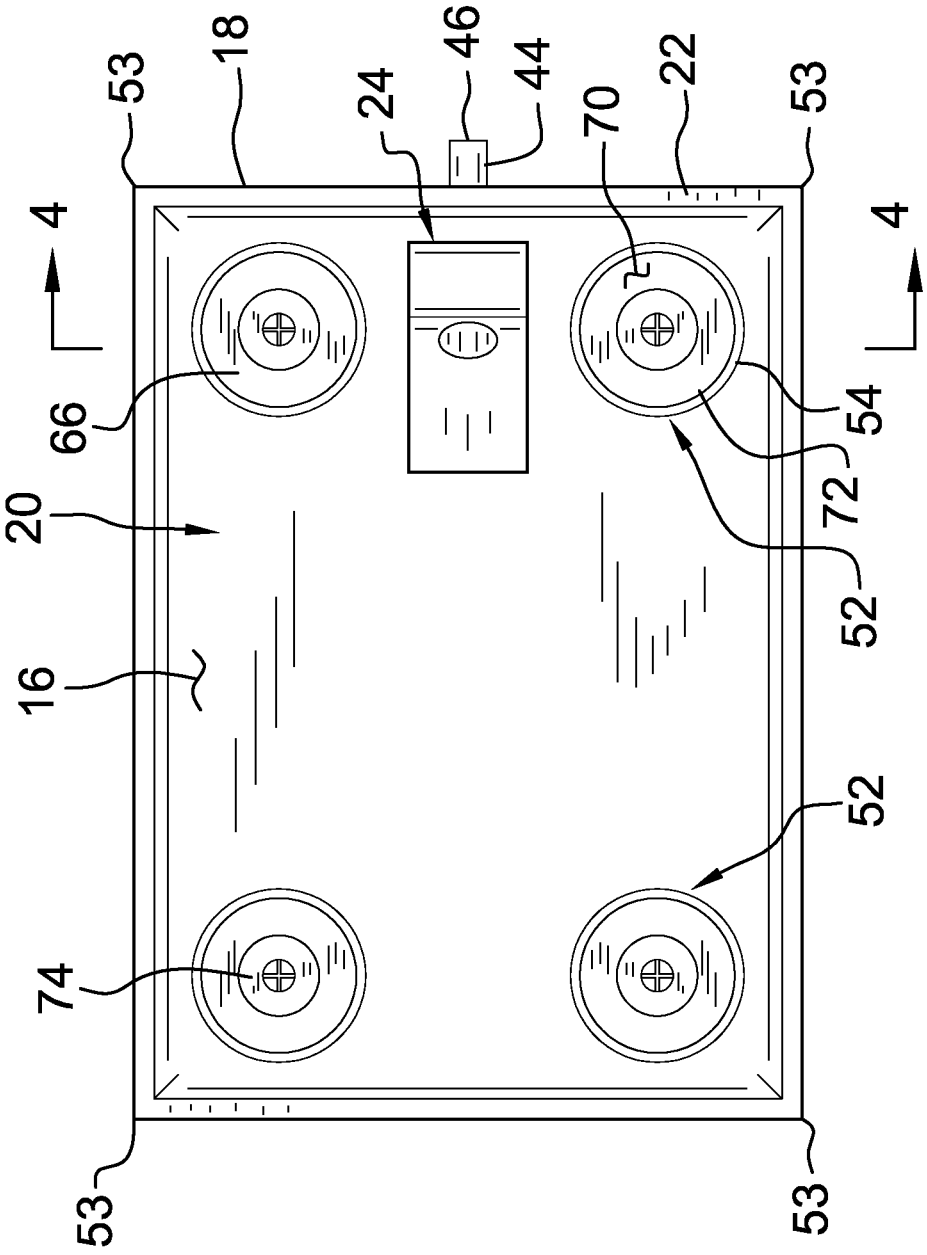


FIG. 1



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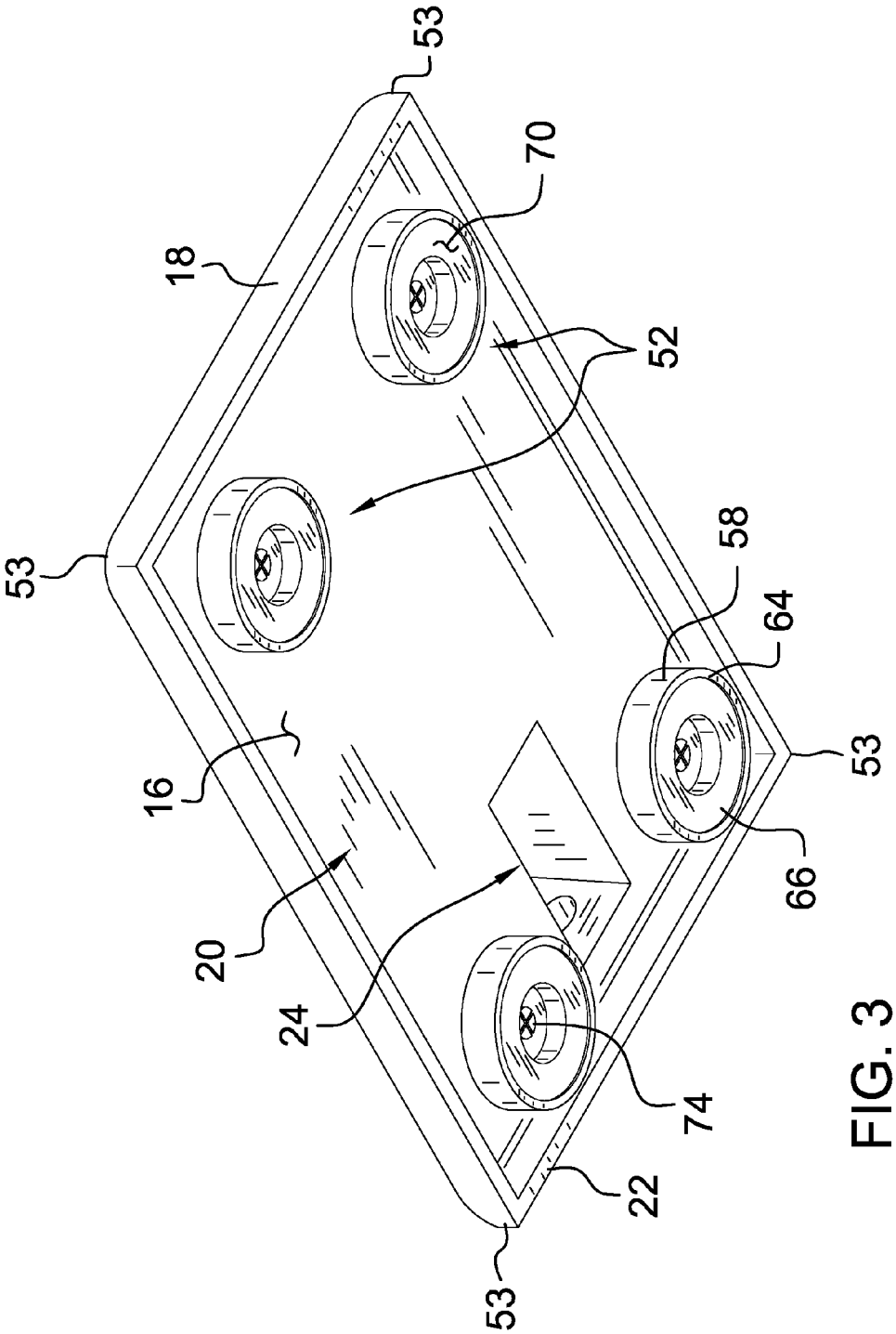

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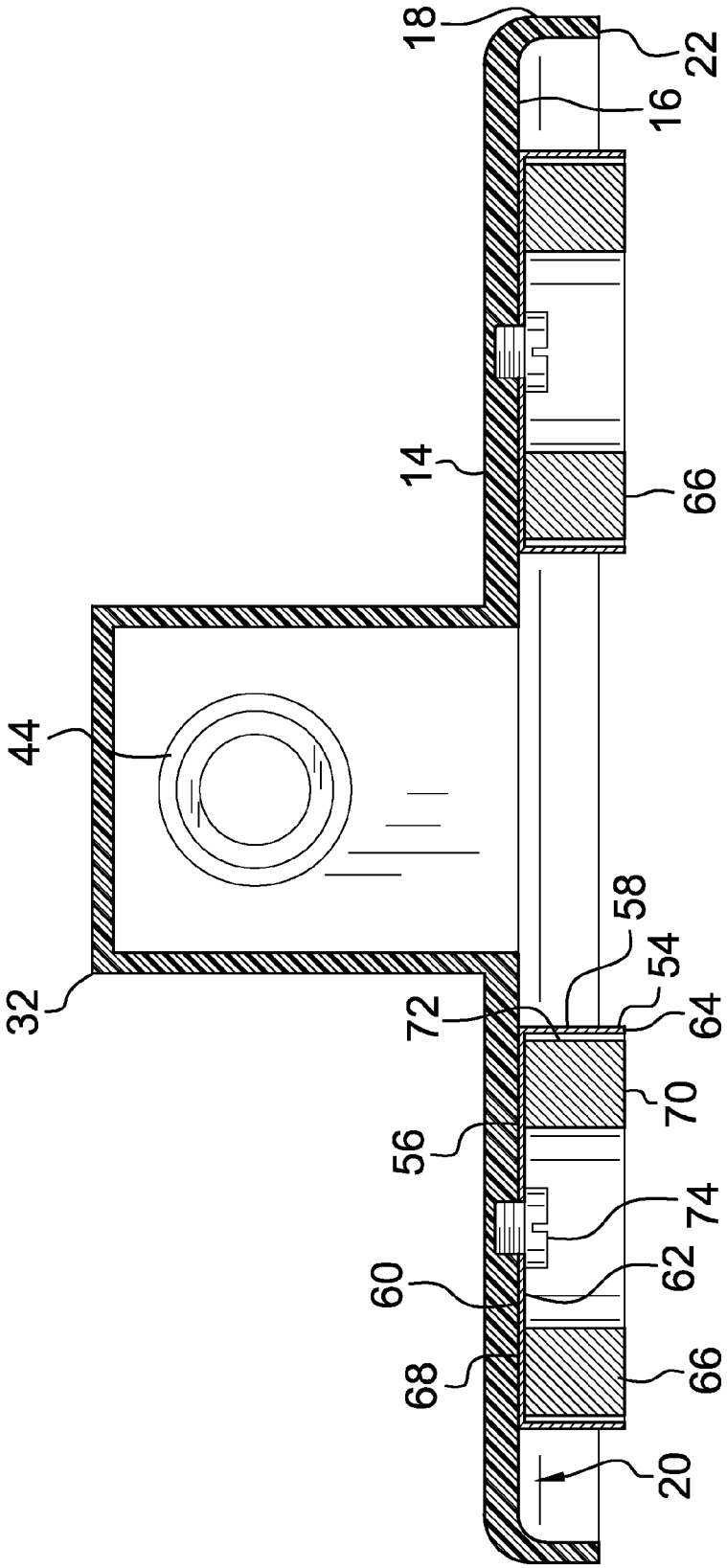

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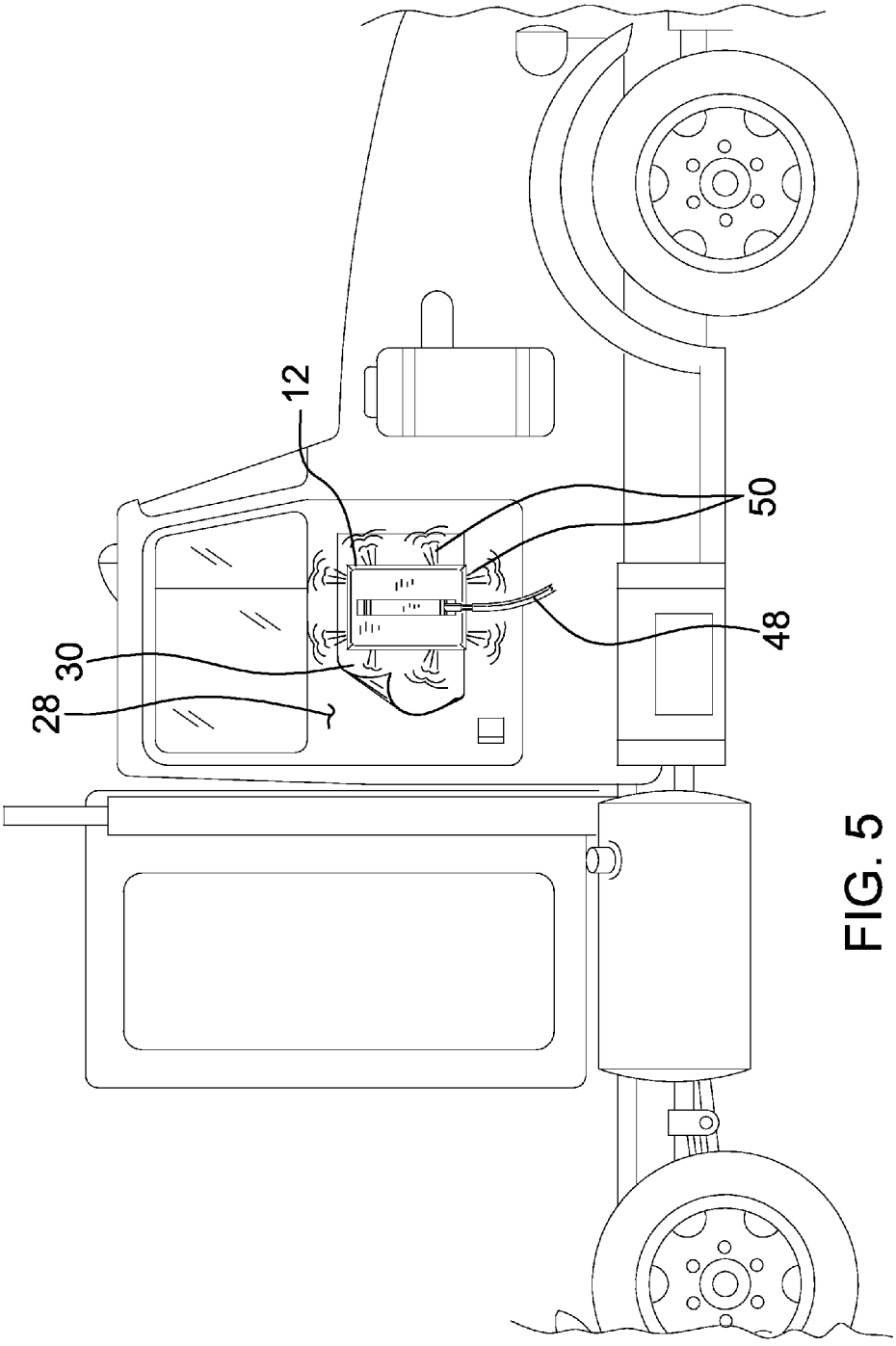

FIG. 5

DECAL REMOVAL ASSEMBLY

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Field of the Disclosure

[0001] The disclosure relates to decal removal devices and more particularly pertains to a new decal removal device for using steam to remove a decal from a surface.

[0002] SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0003] An embodiment of the disclosure meets the needs presented above by generally comprising a plate that is structured to have a steam space extending therein. The plate may be positioned proximate a surface such that the steam space surrounds a decal adhered to the surface. A handle is attached to the plate and the handle is in fluid communication with the steam space. A nozzle is attached to the handle and the nozzle has a distal end with respect to the handle. The nozzle is in fluid communication with the steam space and the distal end may be fluidly coupled to a steam source. Steam from the steam source is directed into the steam space thereby facilitating removal of the decal from the surface. A plurality of couplers is provided and each of the couplers is attached to the plate. Each of the couplers engages the surface such that the plate is retained on the surface and each of the couplers is positioned proximate one of four corners of the plate.

[0004] There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the disclosure in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the disclosure that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

[0005] The objects of the disclosure, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the disclosure, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] The disclosure will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawings wherein:

[0007] FIG. **1** is a top perspective view of a decal removal assembly according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0008] FIG. **2** is a bottom view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0009] FIG. **3** is a bottom perspective view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0010] FIG. **4** is a cross sectional view taken along line **4-4** of FIG. **2** of an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0011] FIG. **5** is a perspective in-use view of an embodiment of the disclosure.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0012] With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to FIGS. **1** through **5** thereof, a new decal removal device embodying the principles and concepts of an embodiment of the disclosure and generally designated by the reference numeral **10** will be described.

[0013] As best illustrated in FIGS. **1** through **5**, the decal removal assembly **10** generally comprises a plate **12** that has a top surface **14**, a bottom surface **16** and a peripheral wall **18** extending around the plate **12** and the peripheral wall **18** extends outwardly beyond the bottom surface **16** to define a steam space **20**. The peripheral wall **18** has a distal edge **22** with respect to the bottom surface **16** and the plate **12** has an opening **24** extending through the top surface **14** and the bottom surface **16**. The peripheral wall **18** has a first side **26** and the opening **24** is positioned proximate the first side **26**. The distal edge **22** may be positioned proximate a surface **28** such that the steam space **20** surrounds a decal **30** adhered to the surface **28**. The surface **28** may be a door of a vehicle or the like that is magnetically attractive. The decal **30** may be a decal of any conventional design utilizing an adhesive to adhere to the surface **28**.

[0014] A handle **32** is attached to the plate **12** and the handle **32** has a first end **34** and a second end **36**. The handle **32** has a first bend **38** positioned adjacent to the first end **34** such that the first end **34** is directed downwardly from a body **40** of the handle **32**. Additionally, the handle **32** has a second bend **42** positioned adjacent to the second end **36** such that the second end **36** is directed downwardly from the body **40** of the handle **32**.

[0015] The first end **34** is open and the handle **32** is substantially hollow. Each of the first end **34** and the second end **36** is attached to the top surface **14** and the first end **34** is aligned with the opening **24** in the plate **12** such that the handle **32** is in fluid communication with the steam space **20**.

[0016] A nozzle **44** is attached to the handle **32** and the nozzle **44** has a distal end **46** with respect to the handle **32**. The nozzle **44** may be positioned proximate the first bend and he nozzle **44** is in fluid communication with the steam space **20** and the distal end **46** may be fluidly coupled to a steam source **48**. Steam **50** from the steam source **48** is directed into the steam space **20** thereby facilitating removal of the decal **30** from the surface **28**. The steam source **48** may be a carpet cleaner or other steam generating apparatus.

[0017] A plurality of couplers **52** is provided and each of the couplers **52** is attached to the plate **12**. Each of the couplers **52** engages the surface **28** such that the plate **12** is retained on the surface **28** and each of the couplers **52** is positioned proximate one of four corners **53** of the plate **12**. Each of the couplers **52** comprises a cup **54** that has a top wall **56** and a perimeter wall **58** coupled to and extending away from the top wall **56**. The top wall **56** has an outer surface **60** and an inner surface **62** and the cup **54** is attached to the bottom surface **16** of the plate **12** having the outer surface **60** abutting the bottom surface **16**. The perimeter wall **58** of the cup **54** extends away from the bottom surface **16** of the plate **12** a distance that is greater than a distance that the peripheral wall **18** of the plate **12** extends beyond the bottom surface **16**. The perimeter wall **58** of the cup **54** has an exposed edge **64** and the exposed edge **64** may abut the surface **28** such that the distal edge **22** is spaced away from the surface **28** thereby allowing the steam **50** to escape from the steam space **20**.

[0018] A magnet **66** is provided that has an upper surface **68**, a lower surface **70** and a peripheral edge **72** extending between the upper surface **68** and the lower surface **70**. The magnet **66** is positioned within the cup **54** such that the upper surface **68** of the magnet **66** abuts the inner surface **62** of the top wall **56**. The lower surface **70** lies on a plane that is planar with the exposed edge **64** thereby facilitating the lower surface **70** to magnetically engage the surface **28** thusly retaining the plate **12** on the surface **28**. A fastener **74** extends through

the magnet **66** and engages the plate **12** to retain the magnet **66** and the cup **54** on the plate **12**. The fastener **74** may be a screw or the like.

[0019] In use, the plate **12** is positioned on the surface **28** so the steam space **20** surrounds the decal **30** and the magnet **66** in each of the couplers **52** magnetically engages the surface **28**. The nozzle **44** is fluidly coupled to the steam source **48** so the steam **50** is directed onto the decal **30**. The steam **50** breaks down the bond between the decal **30** and the surface **28**, thereby facilitating the decal **30** to be removed from the surface **28**. The steam **50** is directed onto the decal **30** for a sufficient amount of time to allow the decal **30** to be removed without leaving behind any residue on the surface **28**.

[0020] With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of an embodiment enabled by the disclosure, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0021] Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the disclosure. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the disclosure to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the disclosure. In this patent document, the word "comprising" is used in its non-limiting sense to mean that items following the word are included, but items not specifically mentioned are not excluded. A reference to an element by the indefinite article "a" does not exclude the possibility that more than one of the element is present, unless the context clearly requires that there be only one of the elements.

1. A decal removal assembly configured to use steam to remove a decal from a surface, said assembly comprising:

a plate being structured to have a steam space extending therein, said plate being configured to be positioned proximate a surface such that said steam space surrounds a decal adhered to the surface, said plate having a bottom surface and a peripheral wall;

a handle being attached to said plate, said handle being in fluid communication with said steam space;

a nozzle attached to said handle, said nozzle having a distal end with respect to said handle, said nozzle being in fluid communication with said steam space, said distal end being configured to be fluidly coupled to a steam source such that steam from the steam source is directed into said steam space thereby facilitating removal of the decal from the surface;

a plurality of couplers, each of said couplers being attached to said plate, each of said couplers engaging the surface such that said plate is retained on the surface, each of said couplers being positioned proximate one of four corners of said plate, each of said couplers comprises a cup having a top wall and a perimeter wall coupled to and extending away from said top wall, said top wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, said cup being attached to said bottom surface of said plate having said outer surface abutting said bottom surface, wherein said perimeter wall extends away from said bottom surface of said plate a distance being greater than a distance that said peripheral wall of said plate extends beyond said bottom surface, said perimeter wall of said cup having an exposed edge, said exposed edge being configured to abut the surface such that said distal edge is spaced away from the surface thereby allowing the steam to escape from said steam space; and

a magnet having an upper surface, a lower surface and a peripheral edge extending between said upper surface and said lower surface, said magnet being positioned within said cup such that said upper surface of said magnet abuts said inner surface of said top wall, said lower surface lying on a plane being planar with said exposed edge, said lower surface being configured to magnetically engage the surface thereby retaining said plate on the surface.

2. The assembly according to claim **1**, wherein said plate has a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral wall extending around said plate, said peripheral wall extending outwardly beyond said bottom surface to define a steam space, said peripheral wall having a distal edge with respect to said bottom surface, said plate having an opening extending through said top surface and said bottom surface, said peripheral wall having a first side, said opening being positioned proximate said first side, said distal edge being configured to be positioned proximate the surface such that said steam space surrounds a decal adhered to the surface.

3. The assembly according to claim **2**, wherein said handle has a first end and a second end, said handle having a first bend positioned adjacent to said first end such that said first end is directed downwardly from a body of said handle, said handle having a second bend positioned adjacent to said second end such that said second end is directed downwardly from said body of said handle, said first end being open, said handle being substantially hollow, each of said first end and said second end being attached to said top surface, said first end being aligned with said opening in said plate such that said handle is in fluid communication with said steam space.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. The assembly according to claim **1**, further comprising a fastener extending through said magnet and engaging said plate, said fastener retaining said magnet and said cup on said plate.

8. A decal removal assembly configured to use steam to remove a decal from a surface, said assembly comprising:

a plate having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral wall extending around said plate, said peripheral wall extending outwardly beyond said bottom surface to define a steam space, said peripheral wall having a distal edge with respect to said bottom surface, said plate having an opening extending through said top surface and said bottom surface, said peripheral wall having a first side, said opening being positioned proximate said first side, said distal edge being configured to be positioned proximate a surface such that said steam space surrounds a decal adhered to the surface;

a handle being attached to said plate, said handle having a first end and a second end, said handle having a first bend positioned adjacent to said first end such that said first end is directed downwardly from a body of said handle, said handle having a second bend positioned adjacent to said second end such that said second end is directed downwardly from said body of said handle, said first end

being open, said handle being substantially hollow, each of said first end and said second end being attached to said top surface, said first end being aligned with said opening in said plate such that said handle is in fluid communication with said steam space;

a nozzle attached to said handle, said nozzle having a distal end with respect to said handle, said nozzle being in fluid communication with said steam space, said distal end being configured to be fluidly coupled to a steam source such that steam from the steam source is directed into said steam space thereby facilitating removal of the decal from the surface; and

a plurality of couplers, each of said couplers being attached to said plate, each of said couplers engaging the surface such that said plate is retained on the surface, each of said couplers being positioned proximate one of four corners of said plate, each of said couplers comprising

a cup having a top wall and a perimeter wall coupled to and extending away from said top wall, said top wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, said cup being attached to said bottom surface of said plate having said outer surface abutting said bottom surface, said perimeter wall extending away from said bottom surface of said plate a distance being greater than a distance that said peripheral wall of said plate extends beyond said bottom surface, said perimeter wall of said cup having an exposed edge, said exposed edge being configured to abut the surface such that said distal edge is spaced away from the surface thereby allowing the steam to escape from said steam space,

a magnet having an upper surface, a lower surface and a peripheral edge extending between said upper surface and said lower surface, said magnet being positioned within said cup such that said upper surface of said magnet abuts said inner surface of said top wall, said lower surface lying on a plane being planar with said exposed edge, said lower surface being configured to magnetically engage the surface thereby retaining said plate on the surface, and

a fastener extending through said magnet and engaging said plate, said fastener retaining said magnet and said cup on said plate.

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