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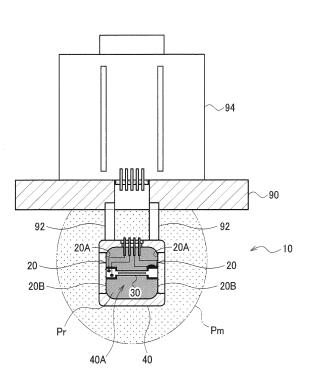
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(54) DIAPHRAGM PRESSURE GAUGE AND COMPOUND PRESSURE GAUGE

(57) A diaphragm pressure gauge 10 includes: a structure 40 disposed under pressure to be measured (Pm); two diaphragms 20 attached to the structure so as to oppose each other; and a detection element 30 that is fixed to the two diaphragms to detect displacements of the two diaphragms. In each of the two diaphragms, when one of two surfaces is designated an opposing surface and the other surface is designated a non-opposing surface, the structure and the two diaphragms set a space faced by one of the opposing surface and the non-opposing surface as an airtight space 40A to be kept in a reference vacuum (Pr), and the other of the opposing surface to the pressure to be measured.

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30	4. claims: 8-10 - Invention 4 according to claims 8-10 solves the problem of
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