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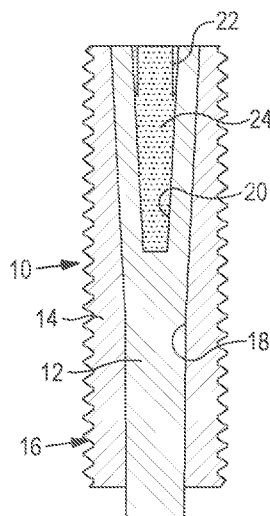


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A method for securing a fitting (14) to a composite material rod (12), the method comprising forming a bore (20) in an end part of the rod (12), inserting a tool (26) into the bore (20) to cause radial expansion of the end part of the rod (12), inserting a retainer (22) into the expanded end part of the rod (12), and withdrawing the tool (26) from the end part of the rod (12), the retainer (22) serving to retain the end part of the rod (12) in an expanded condition. An assembly of a fitting (14) and composite material rod (12) is also described.



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