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(54) **MULTI-COMPONENT PUTTER**

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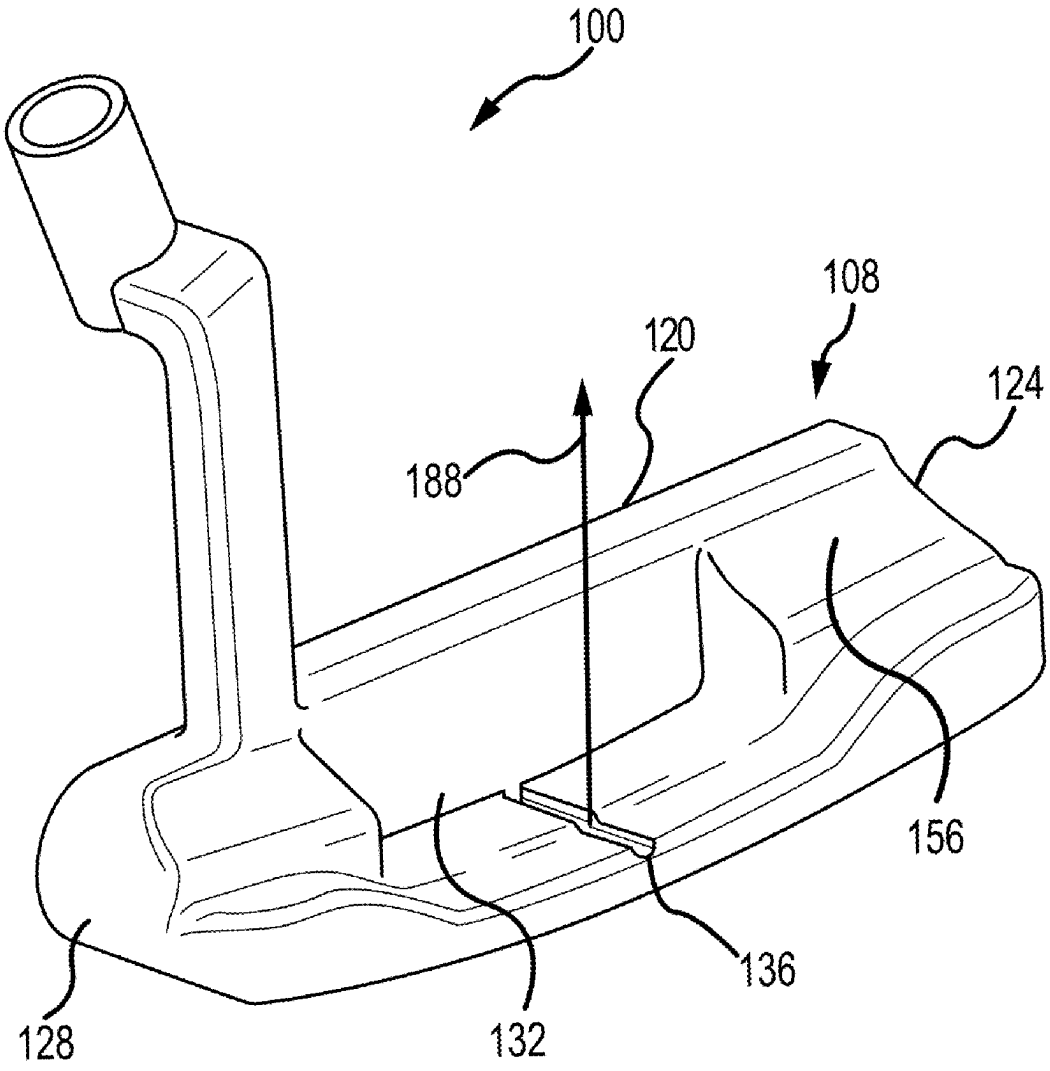
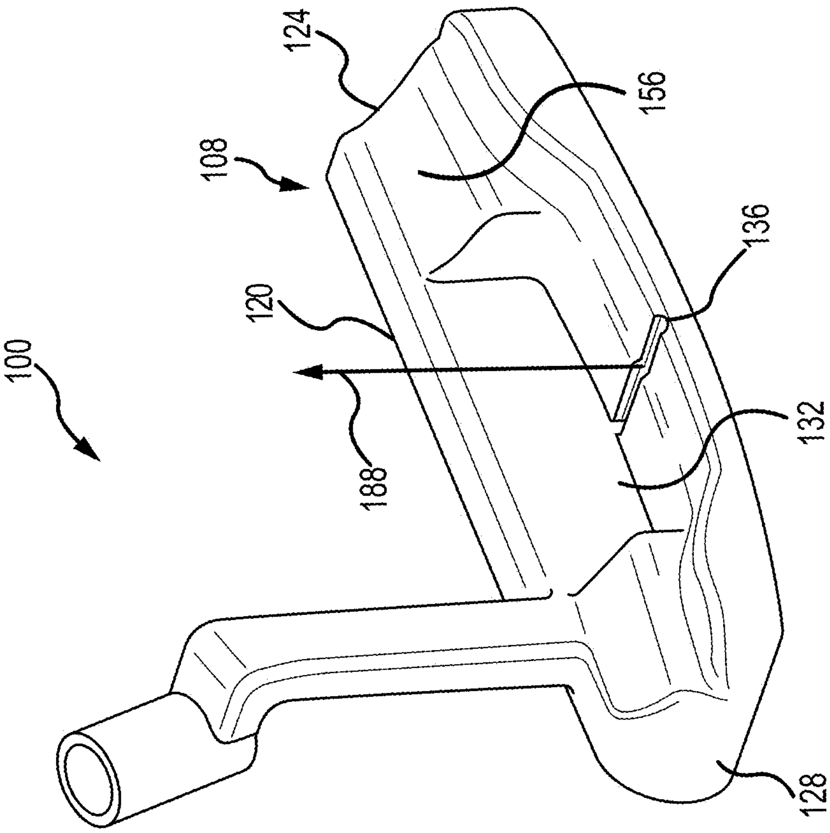
(57) **ABSTRACT**

An embodiment of a putter type golf club head with an upper and lower portion, made from two different materials, is enclosed herein. Other embodiments are described herein.

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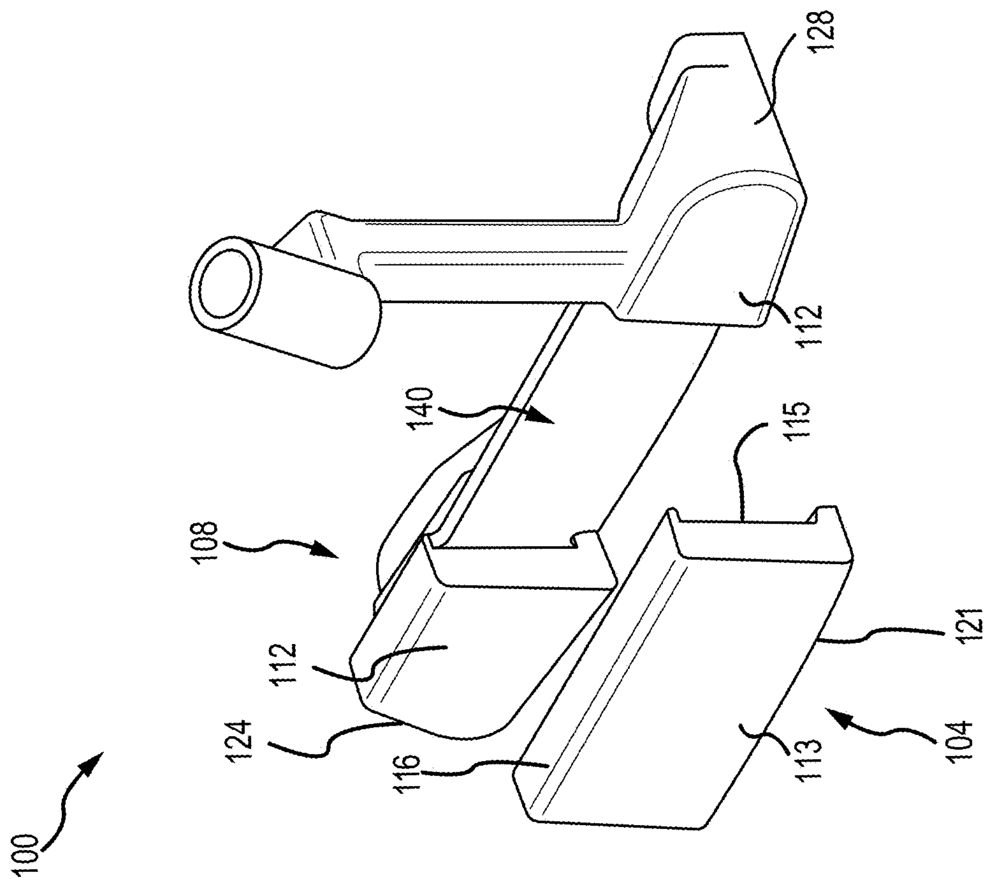
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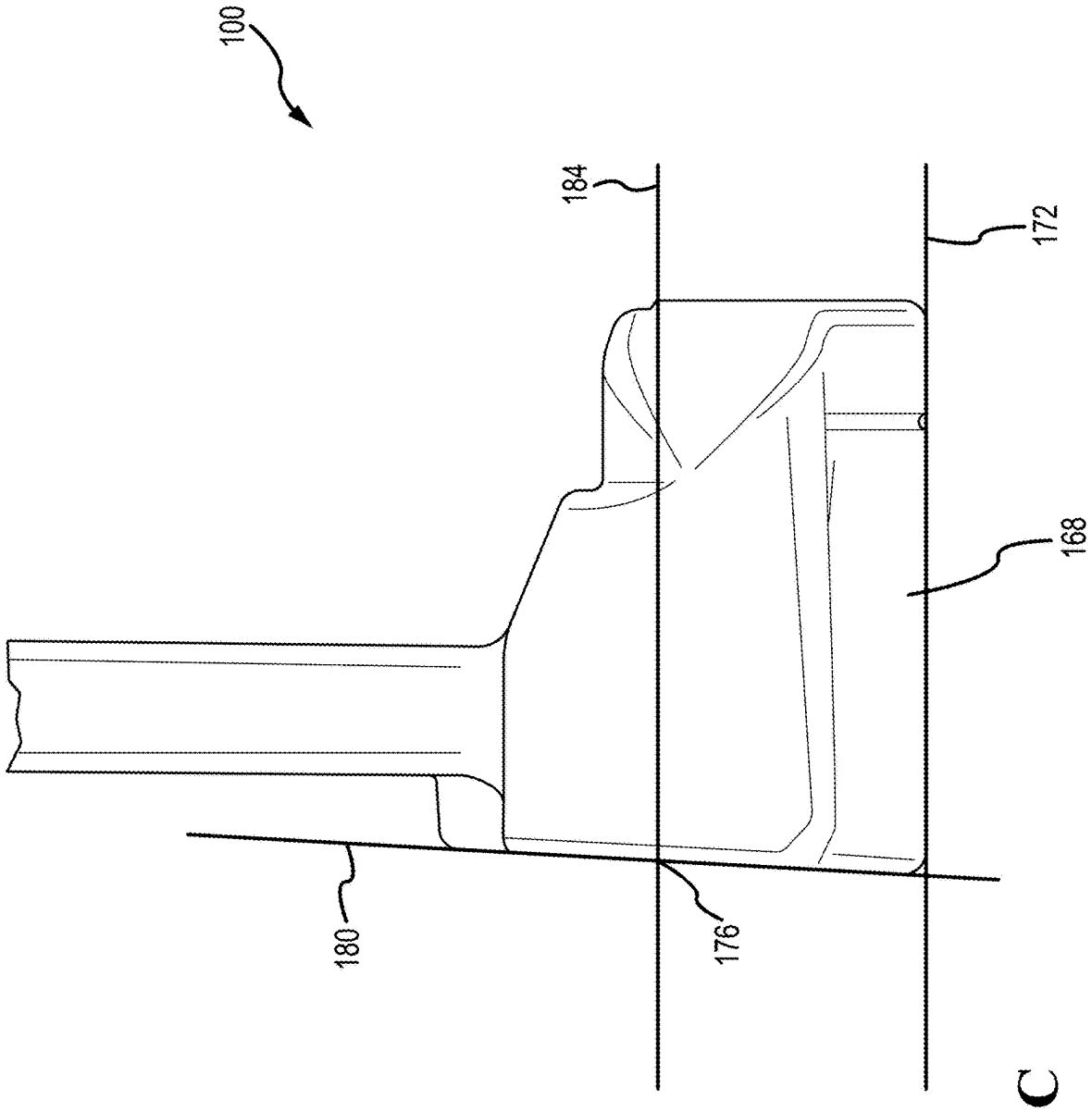

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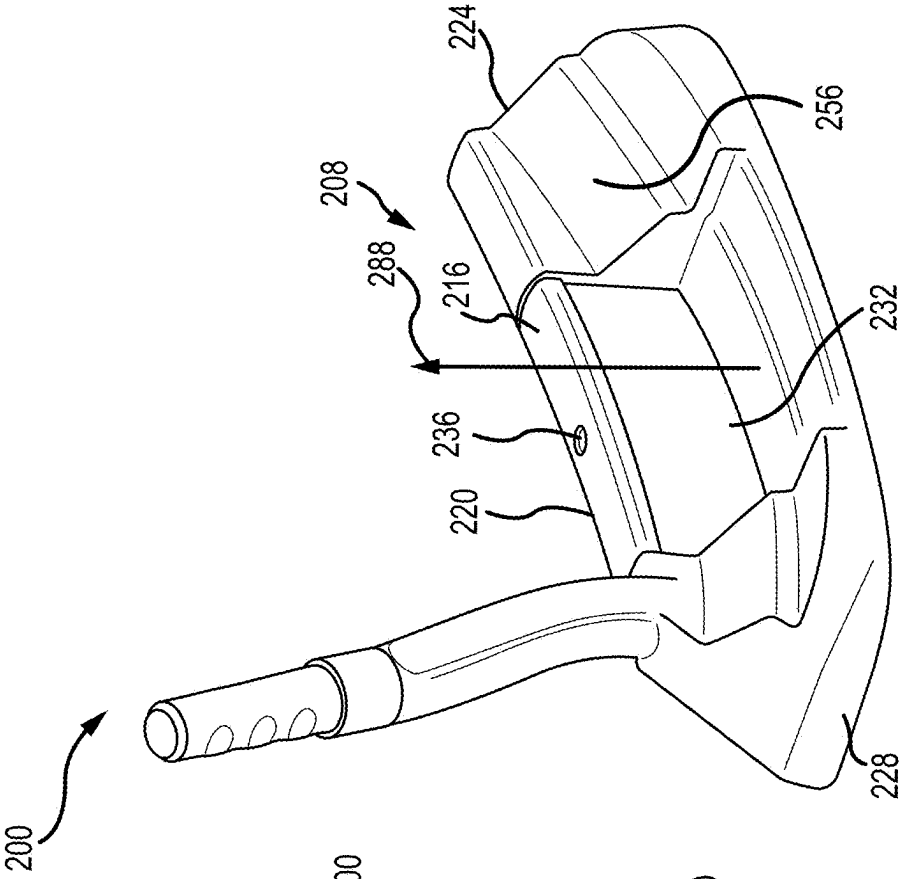
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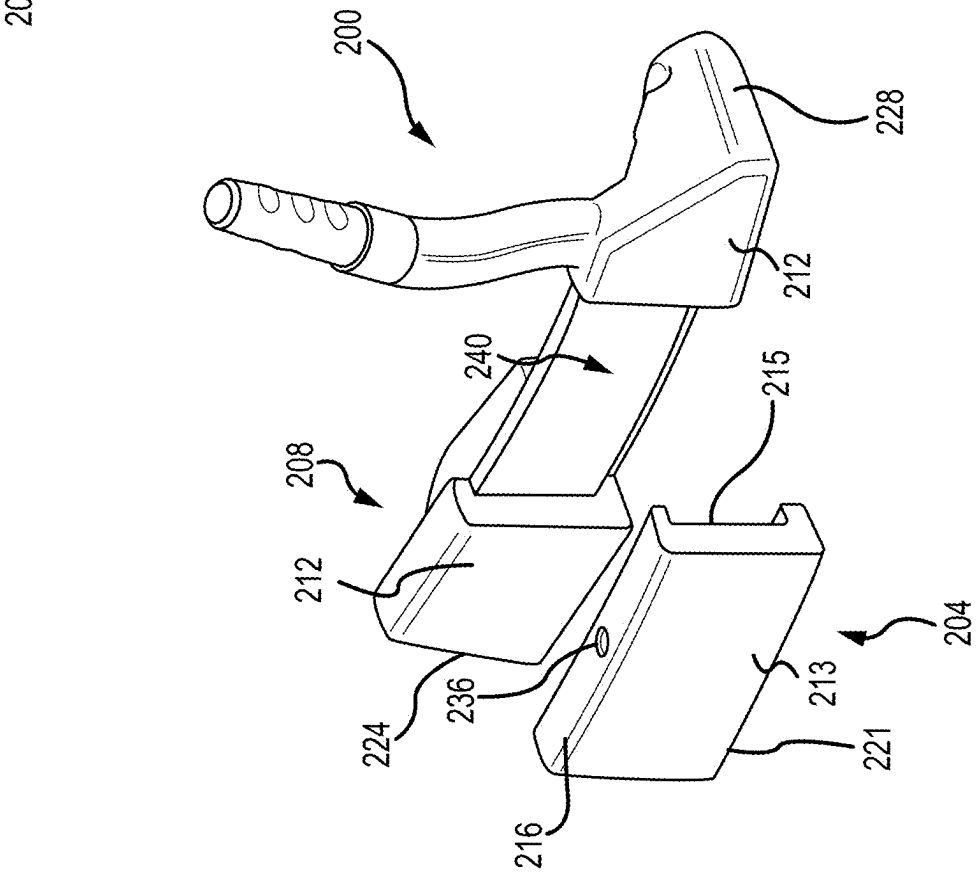
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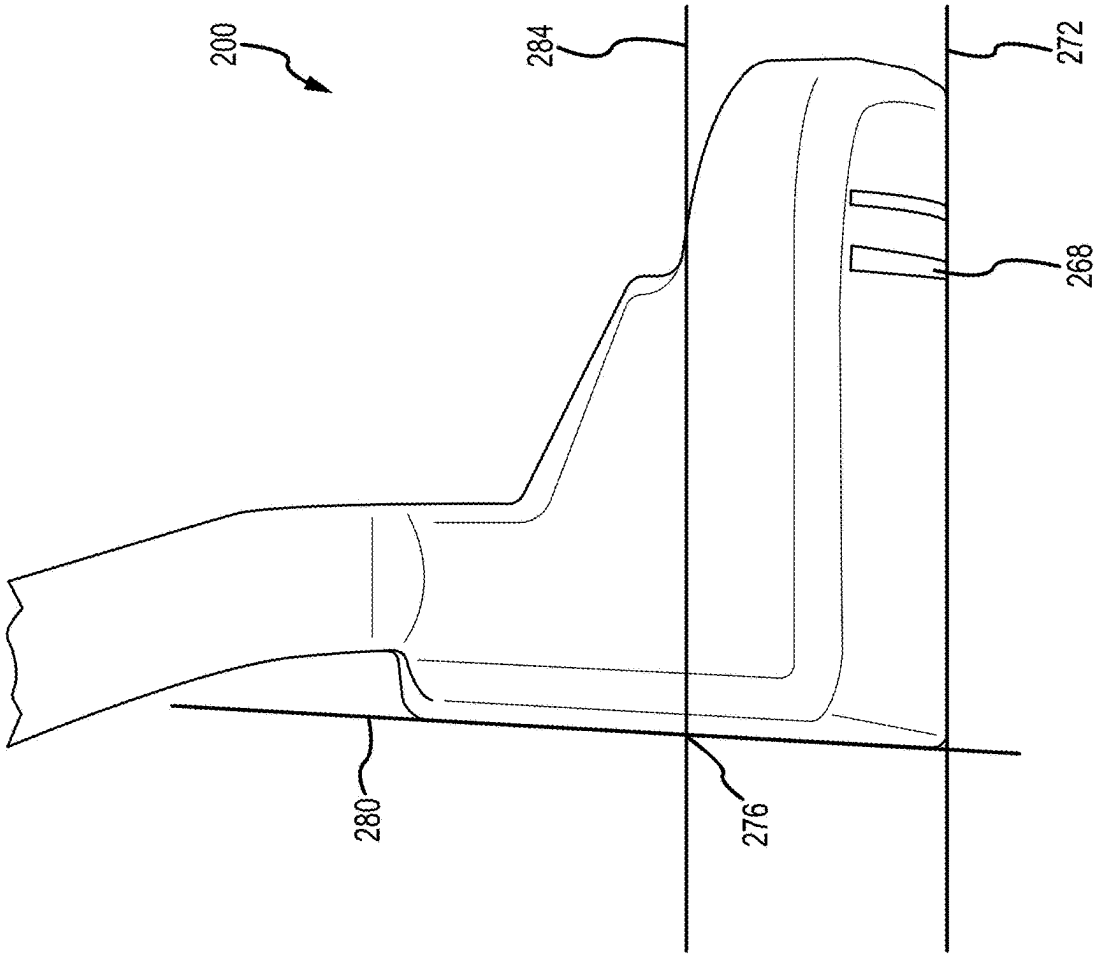

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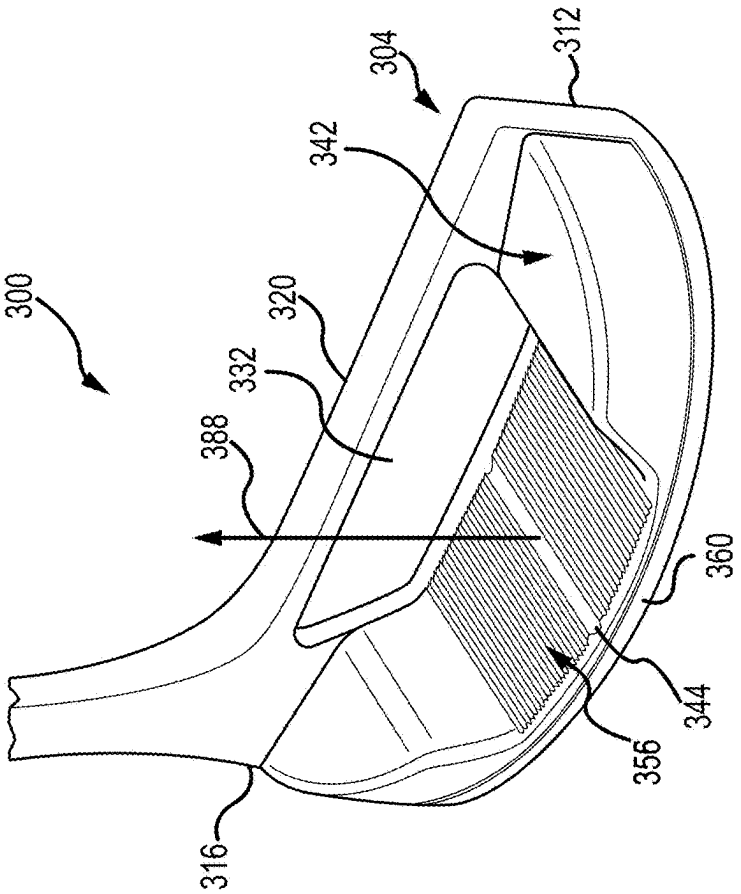
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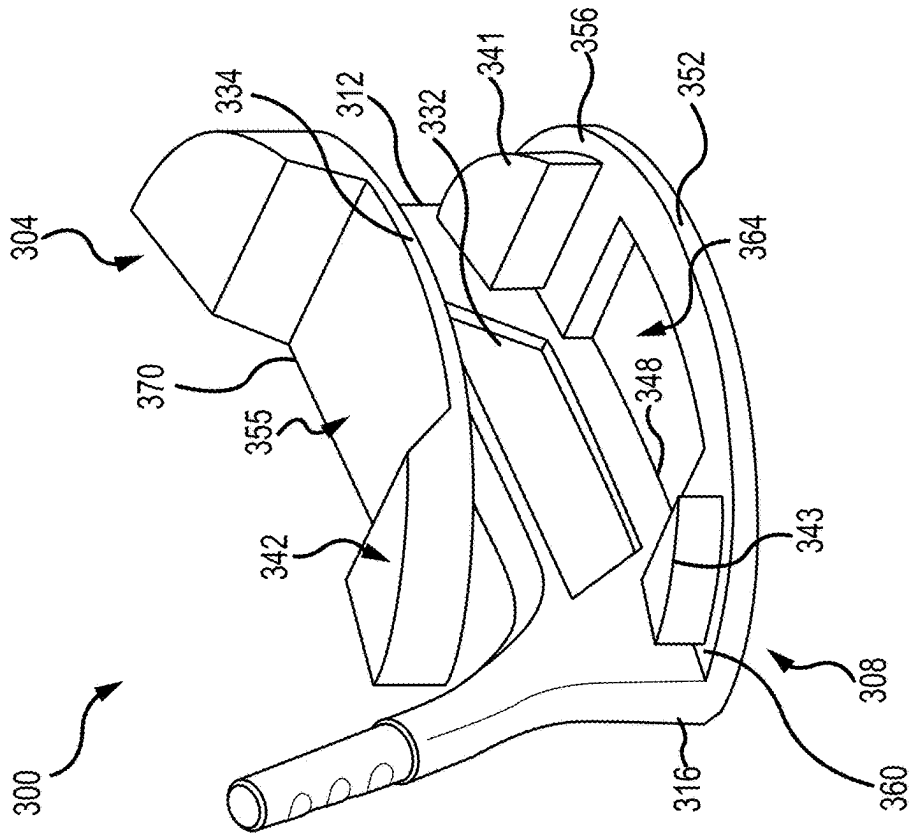
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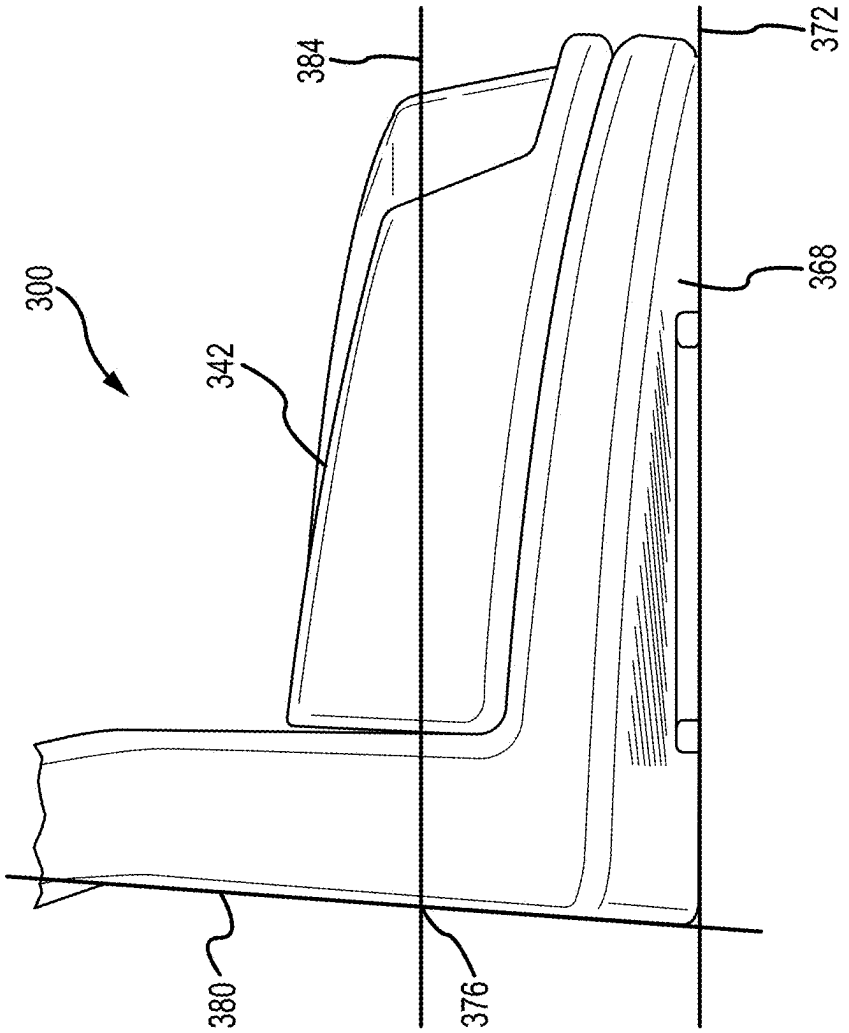

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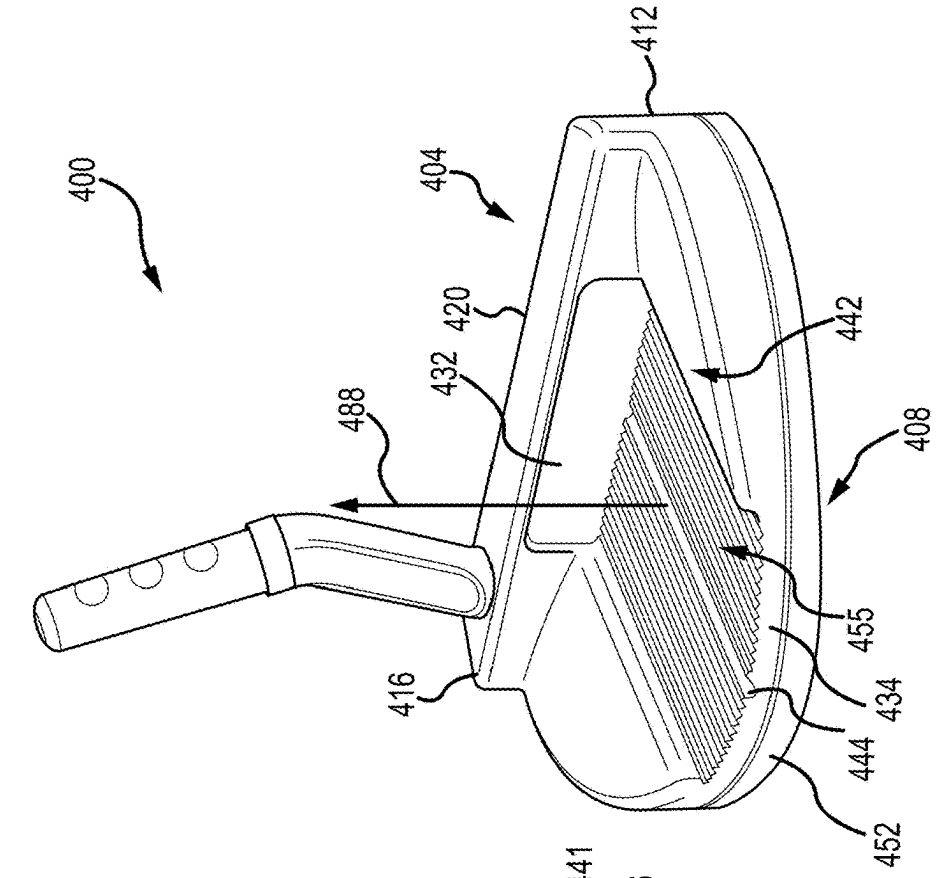
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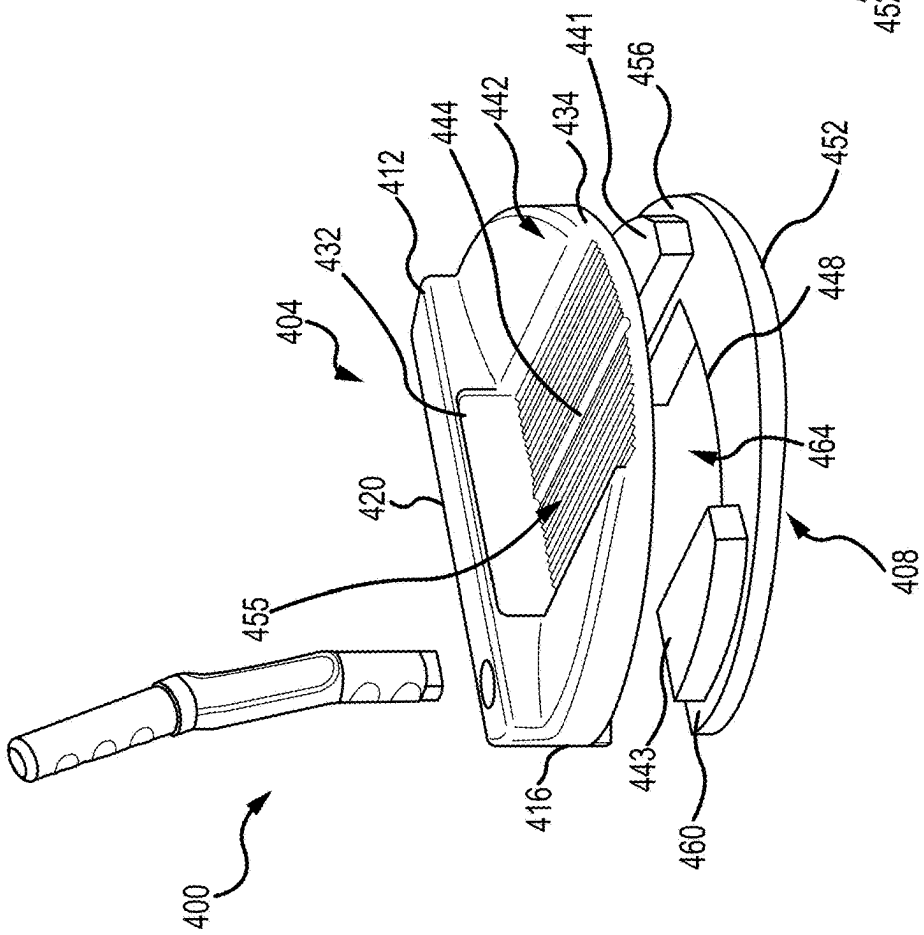
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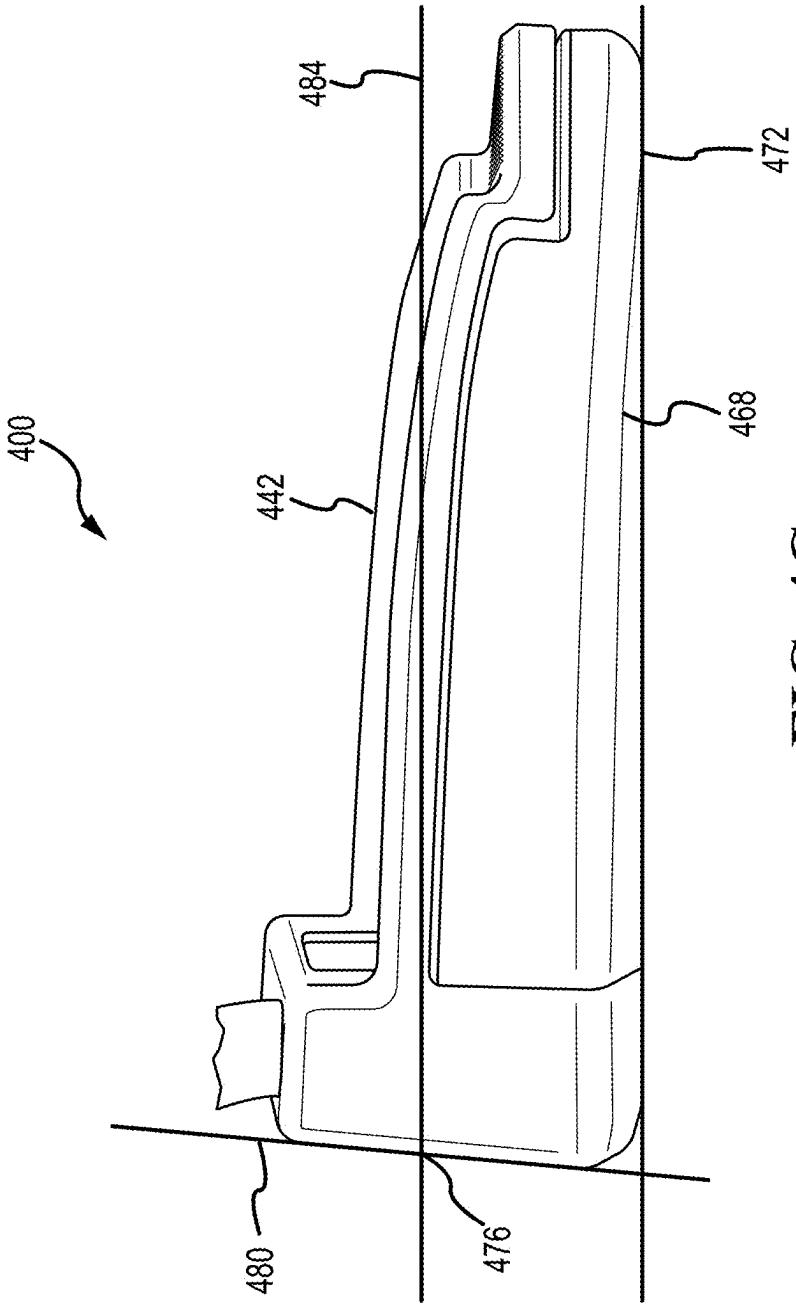

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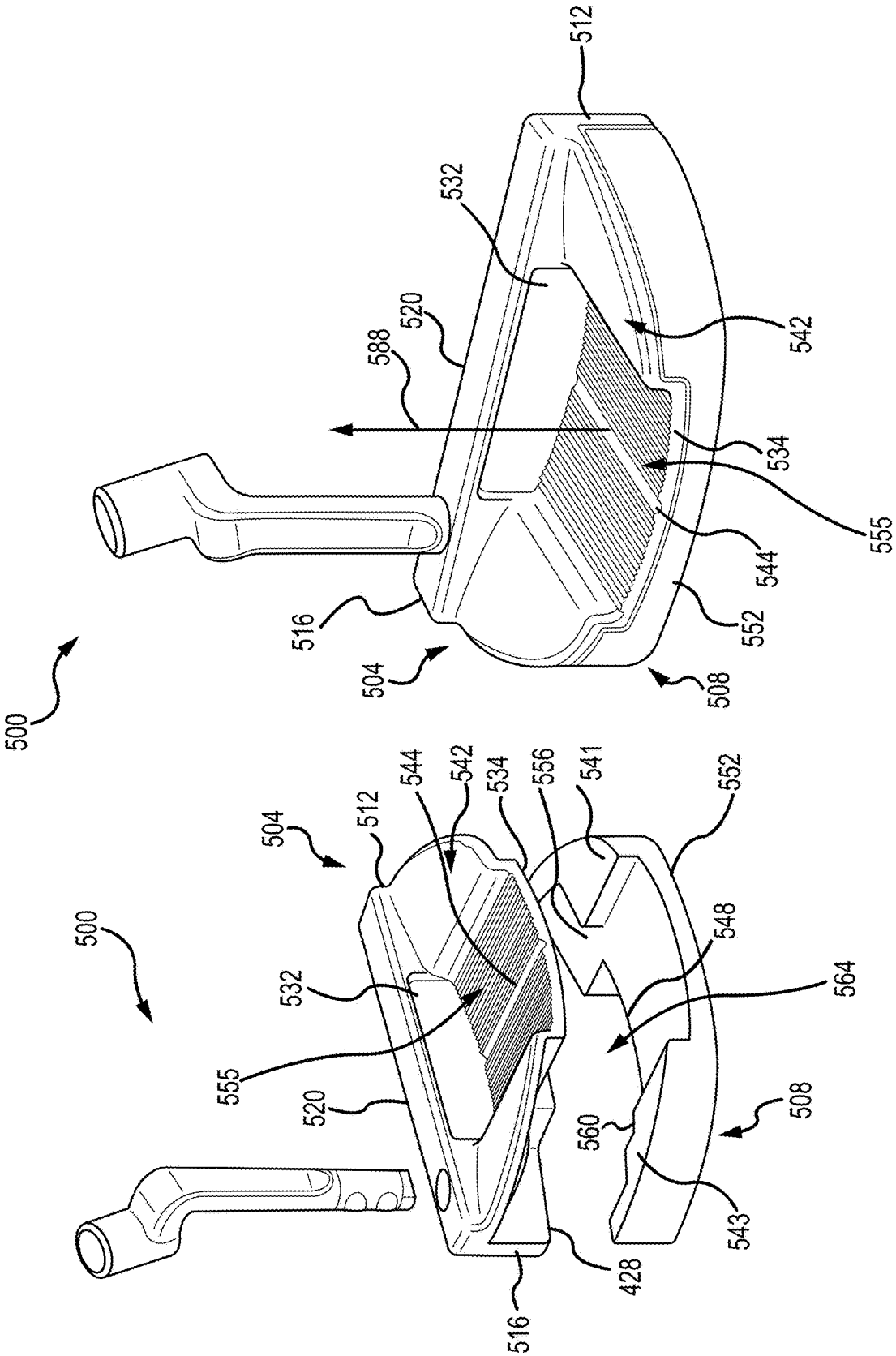
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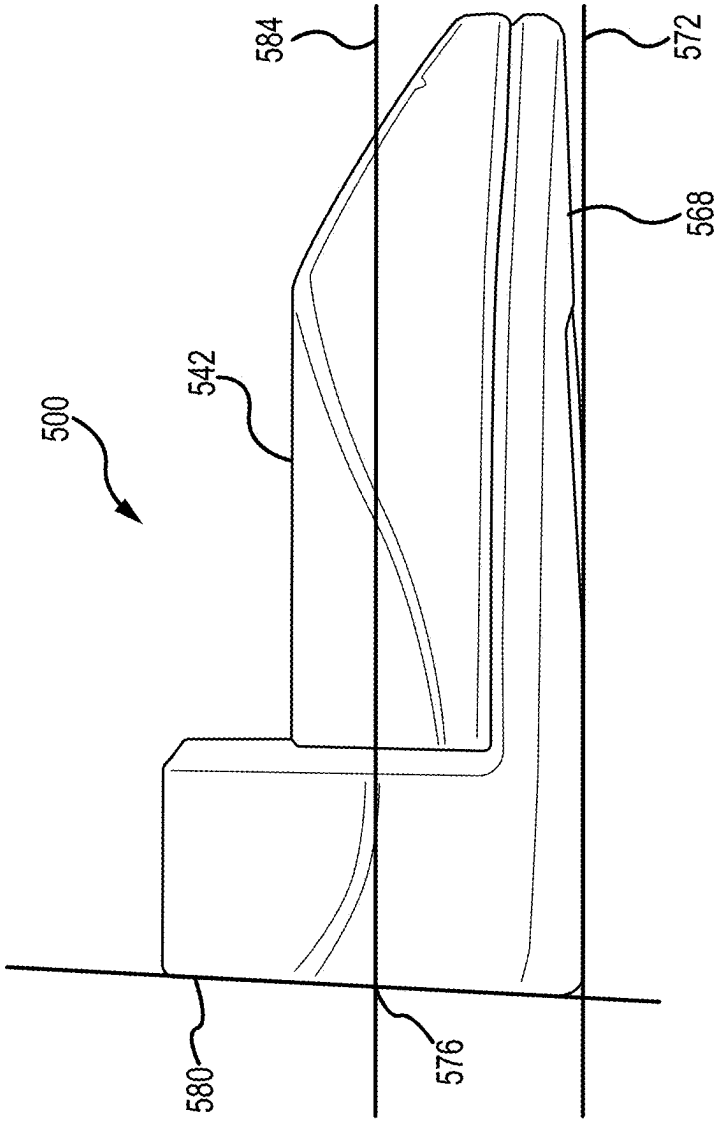

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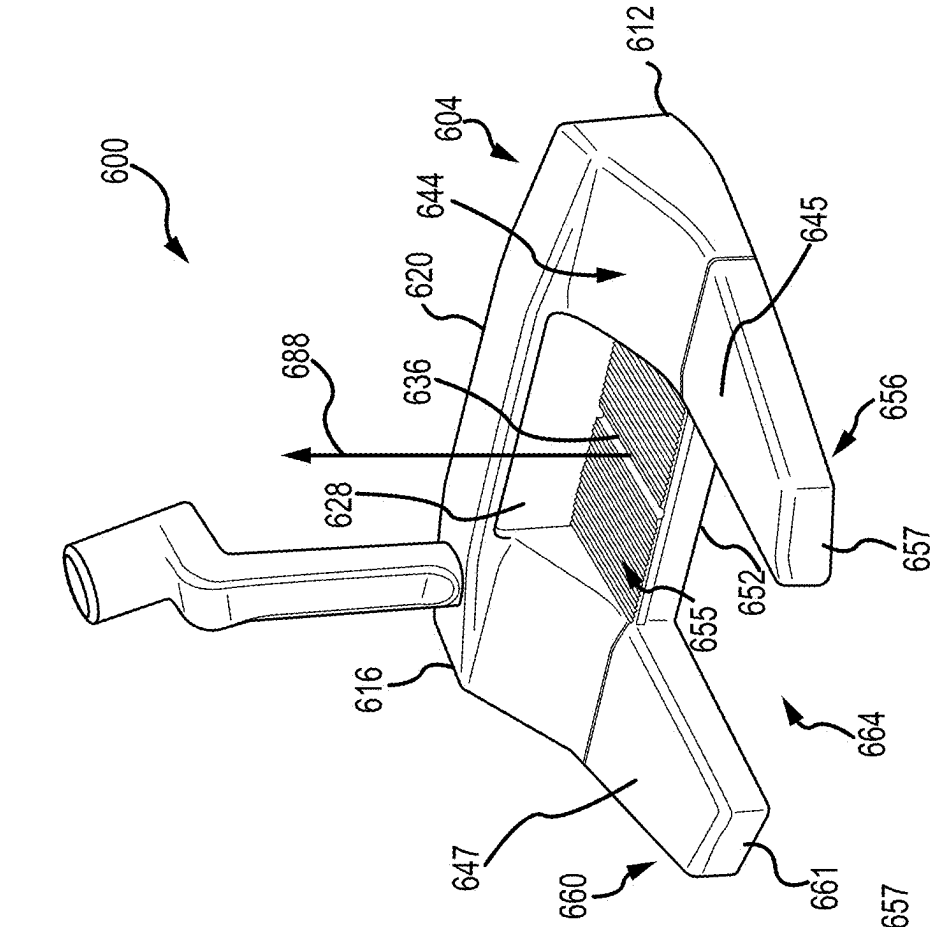
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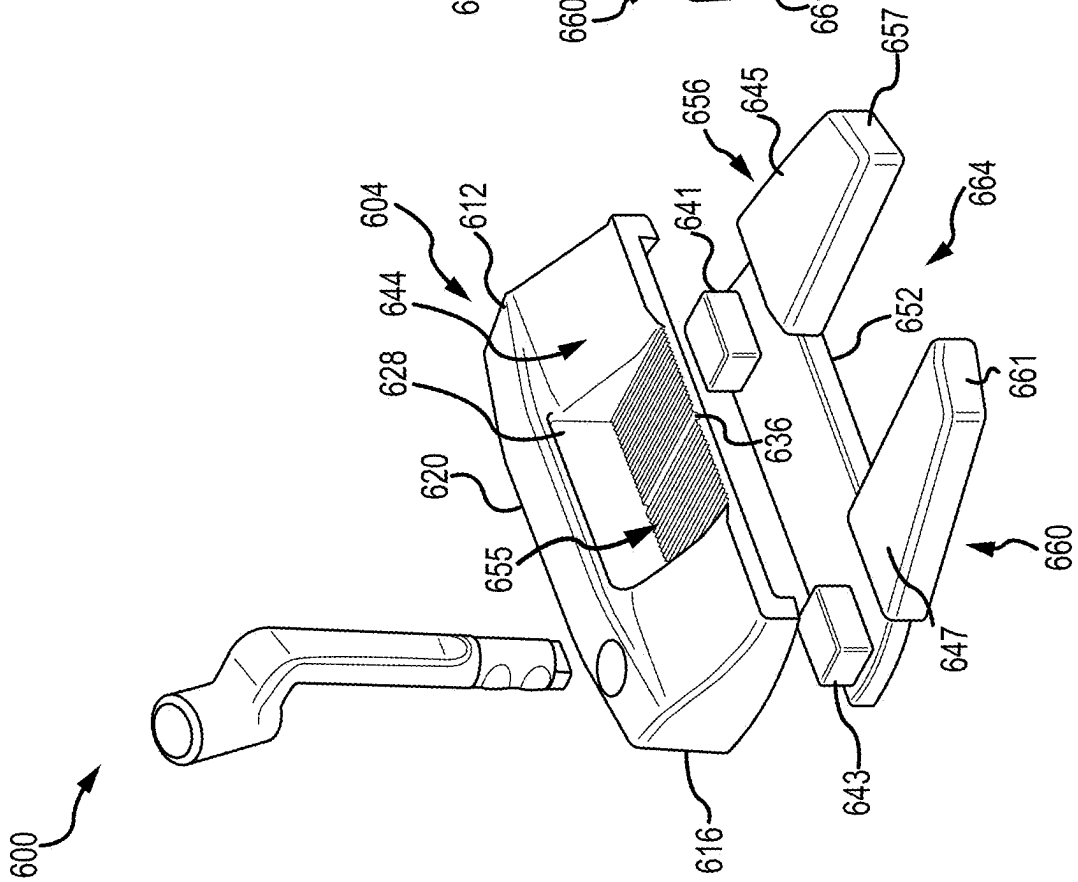
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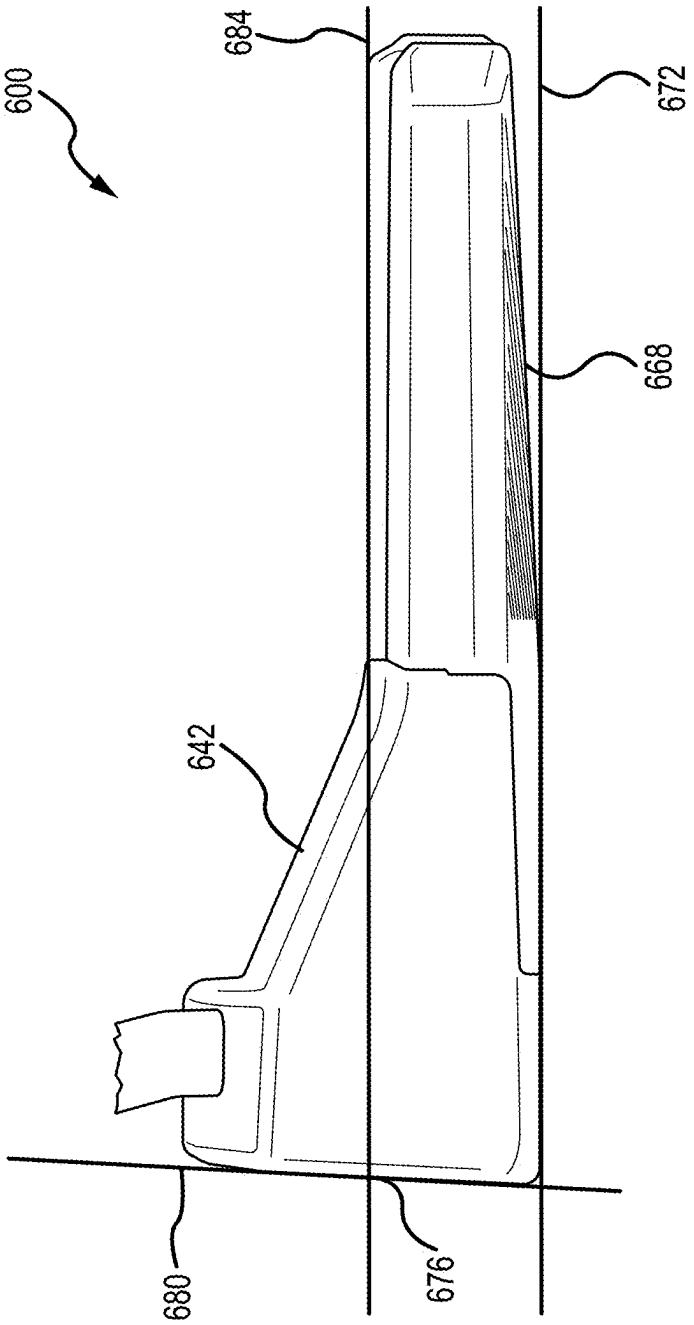

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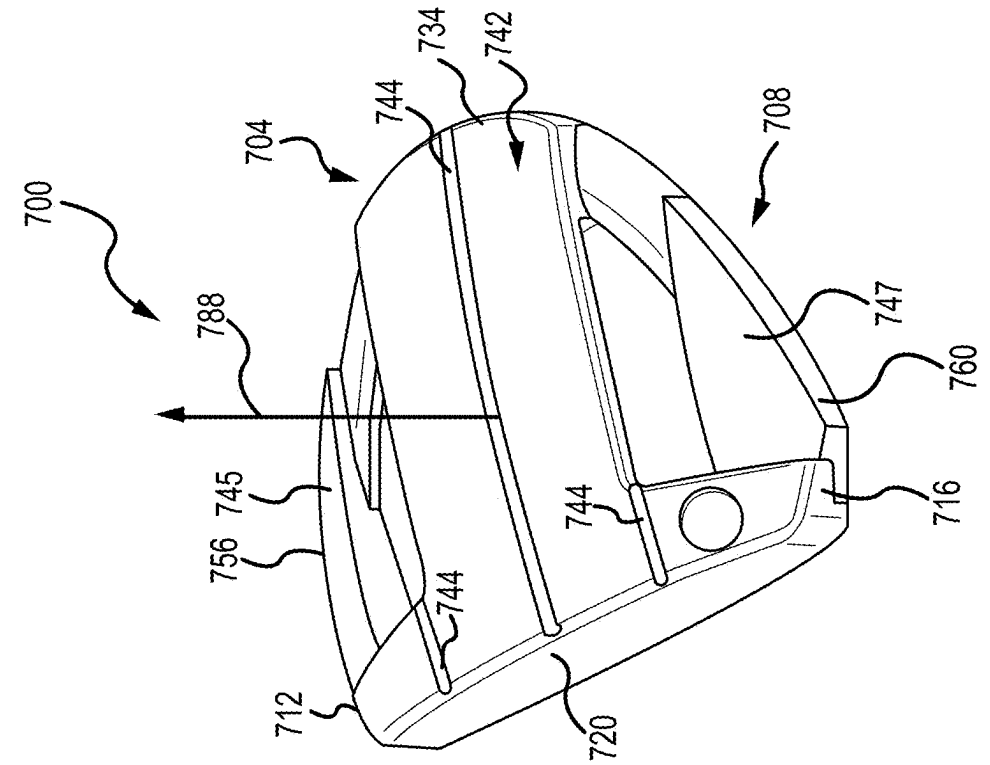
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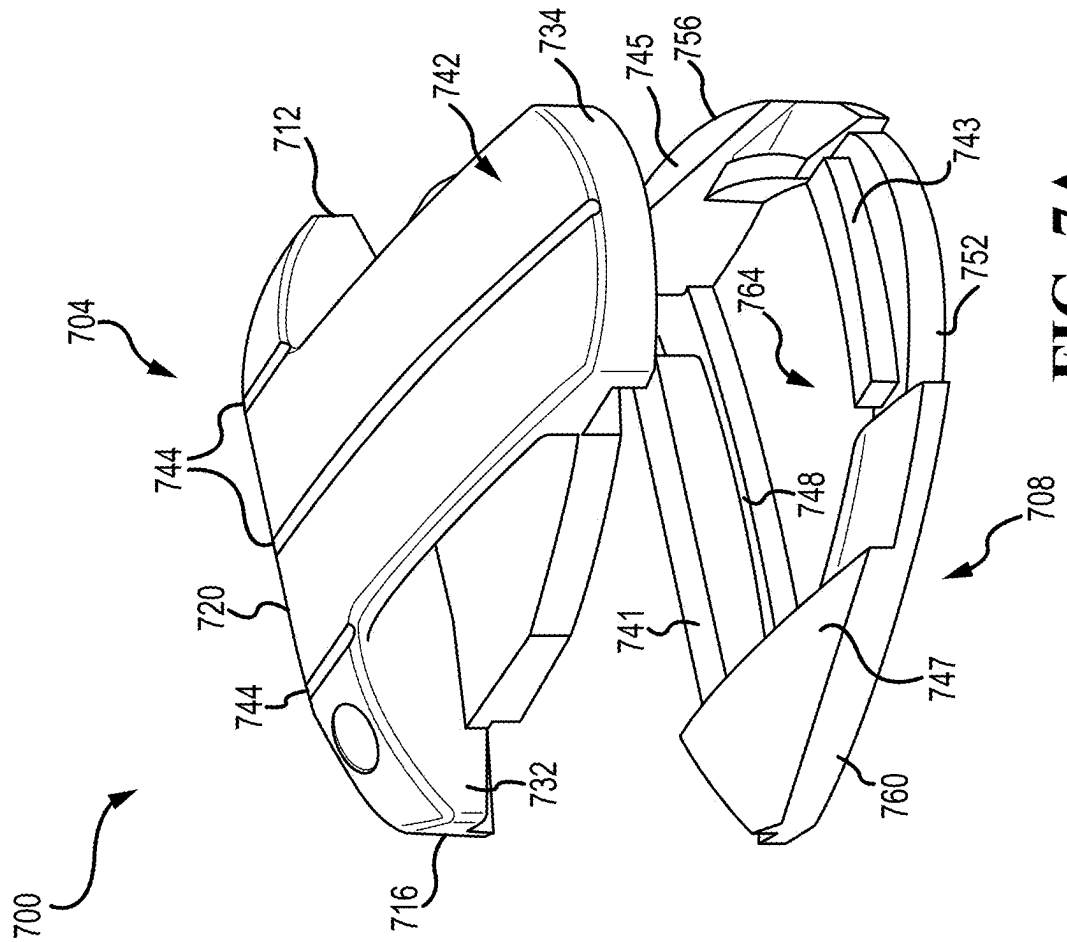
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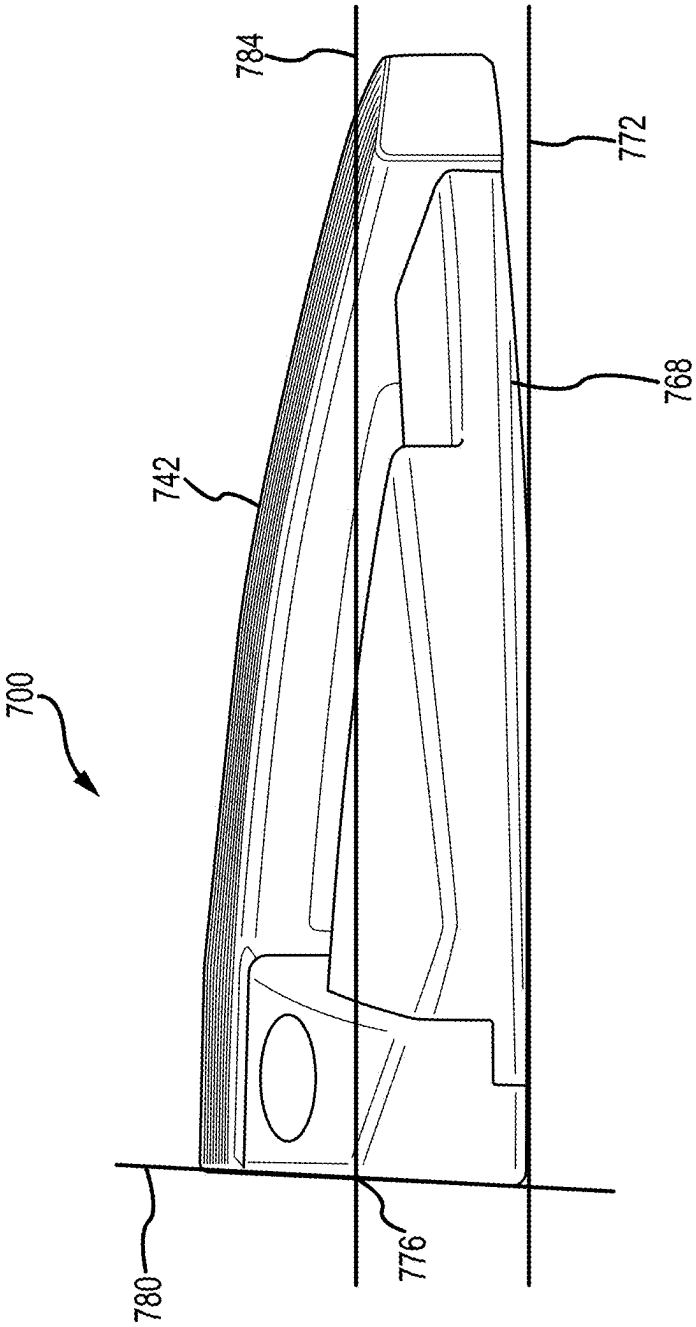

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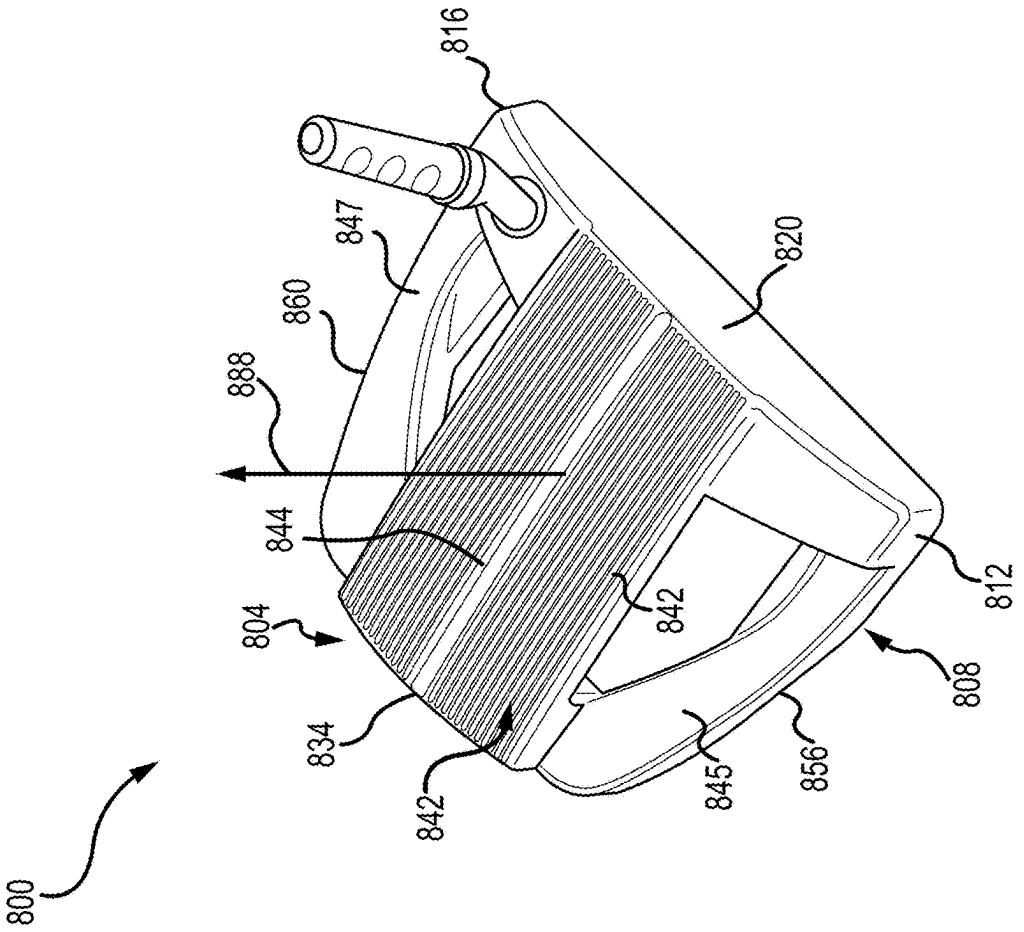
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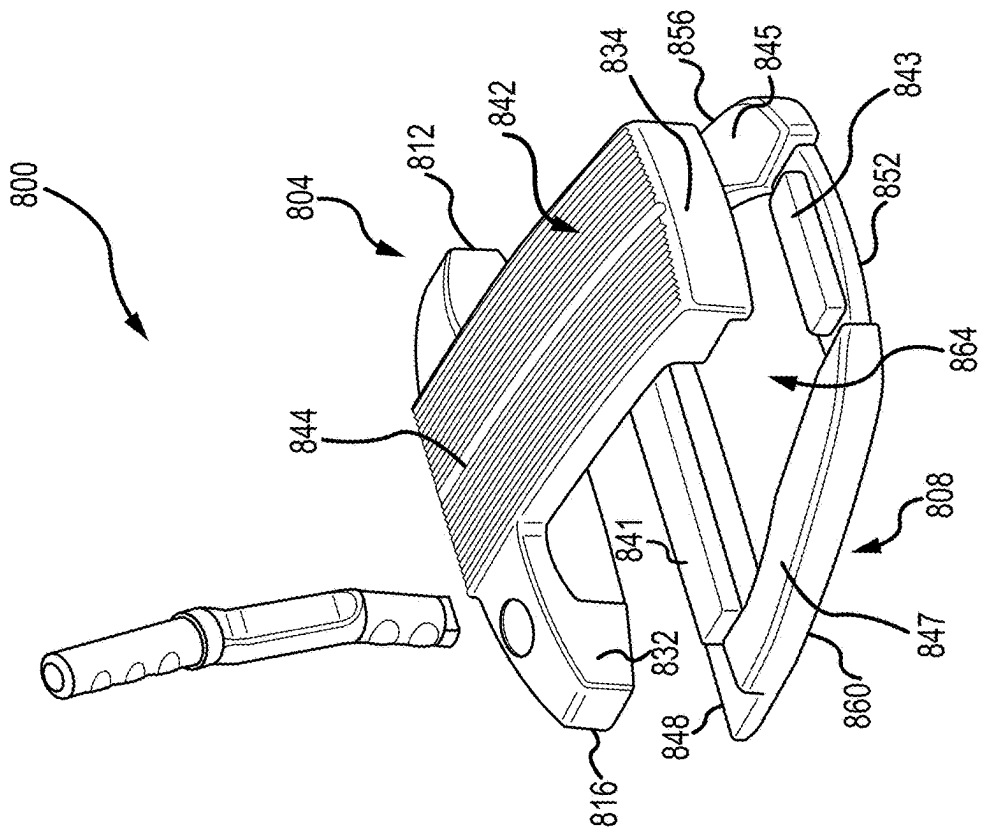
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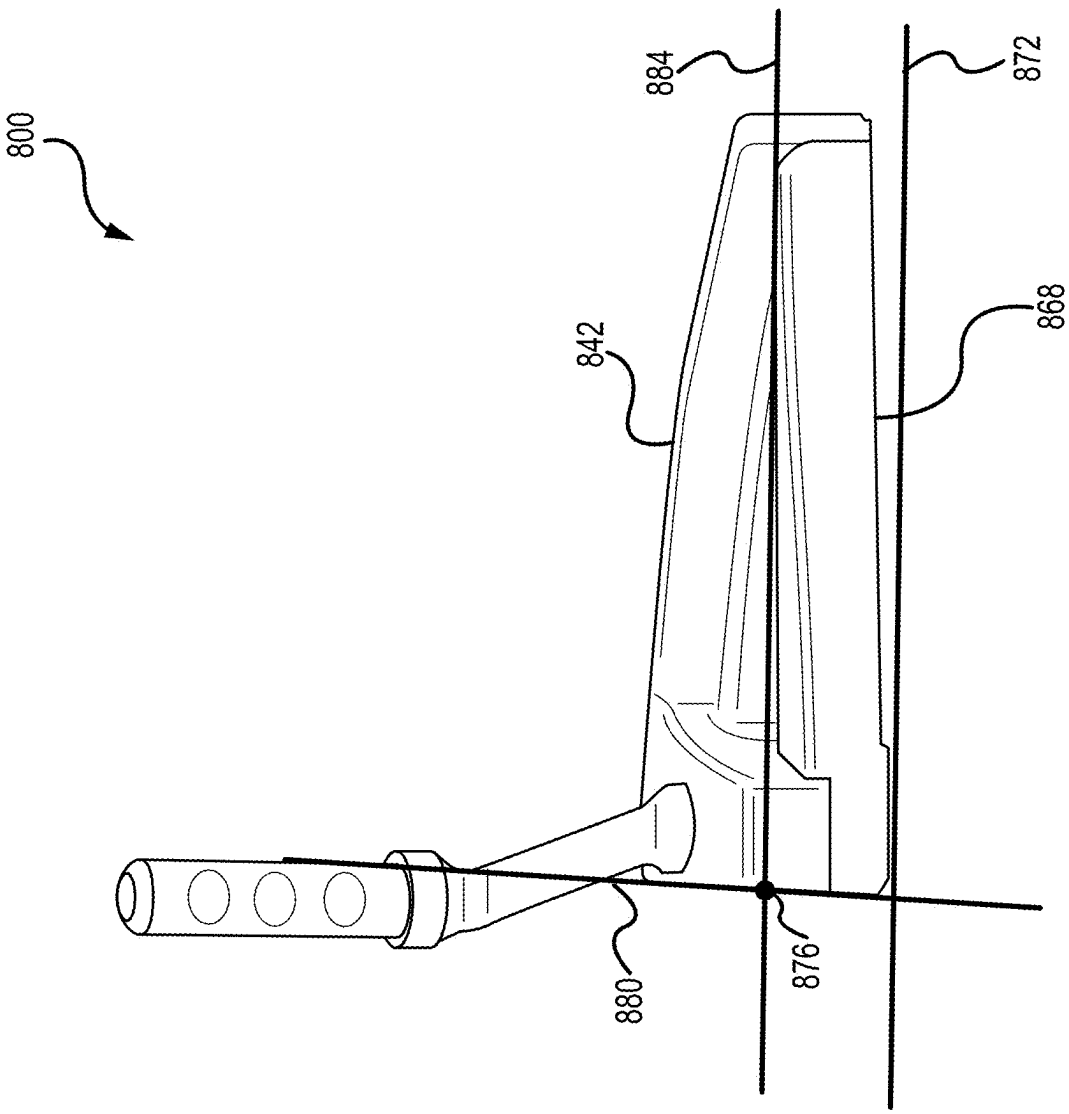

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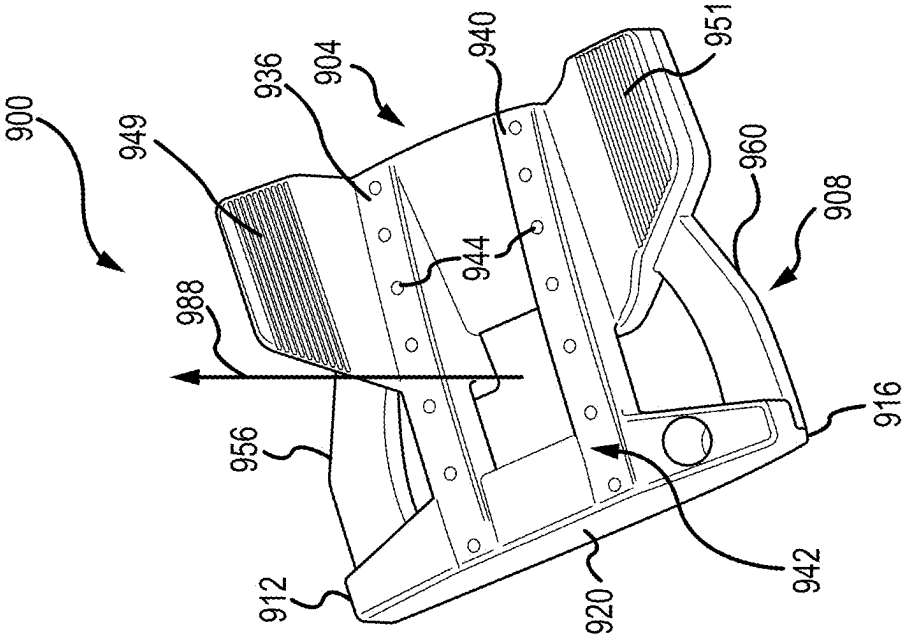
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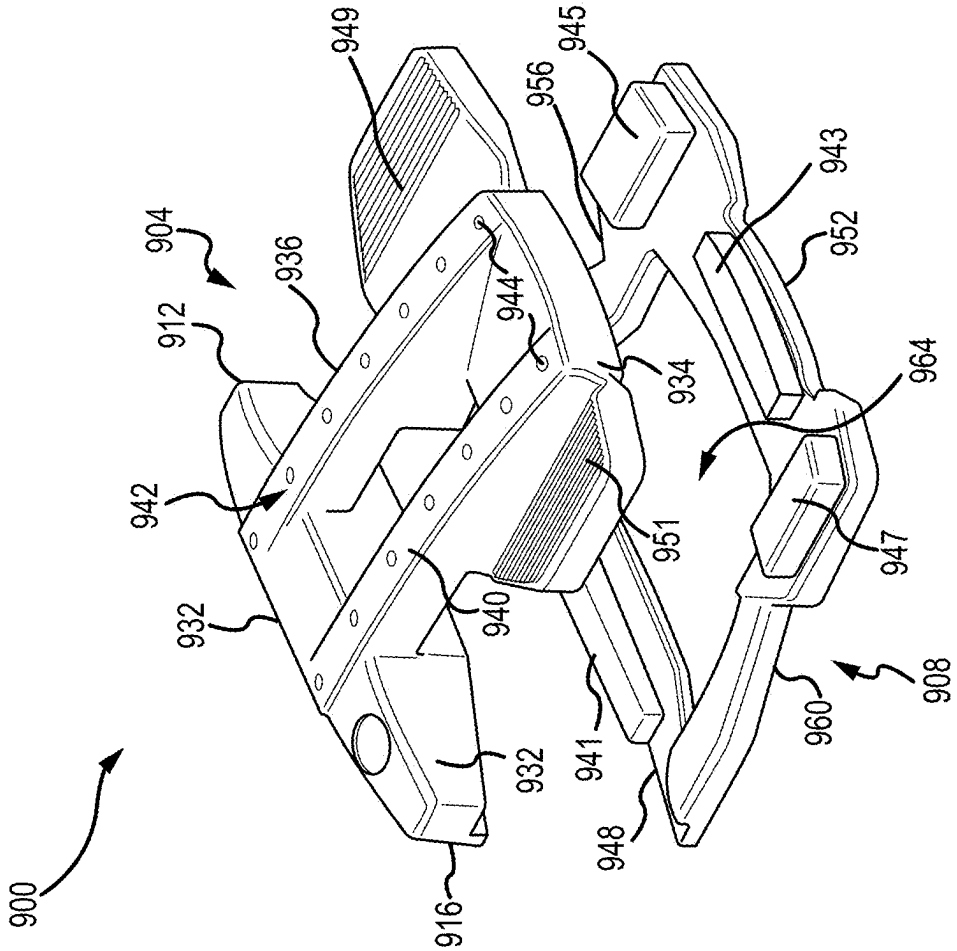
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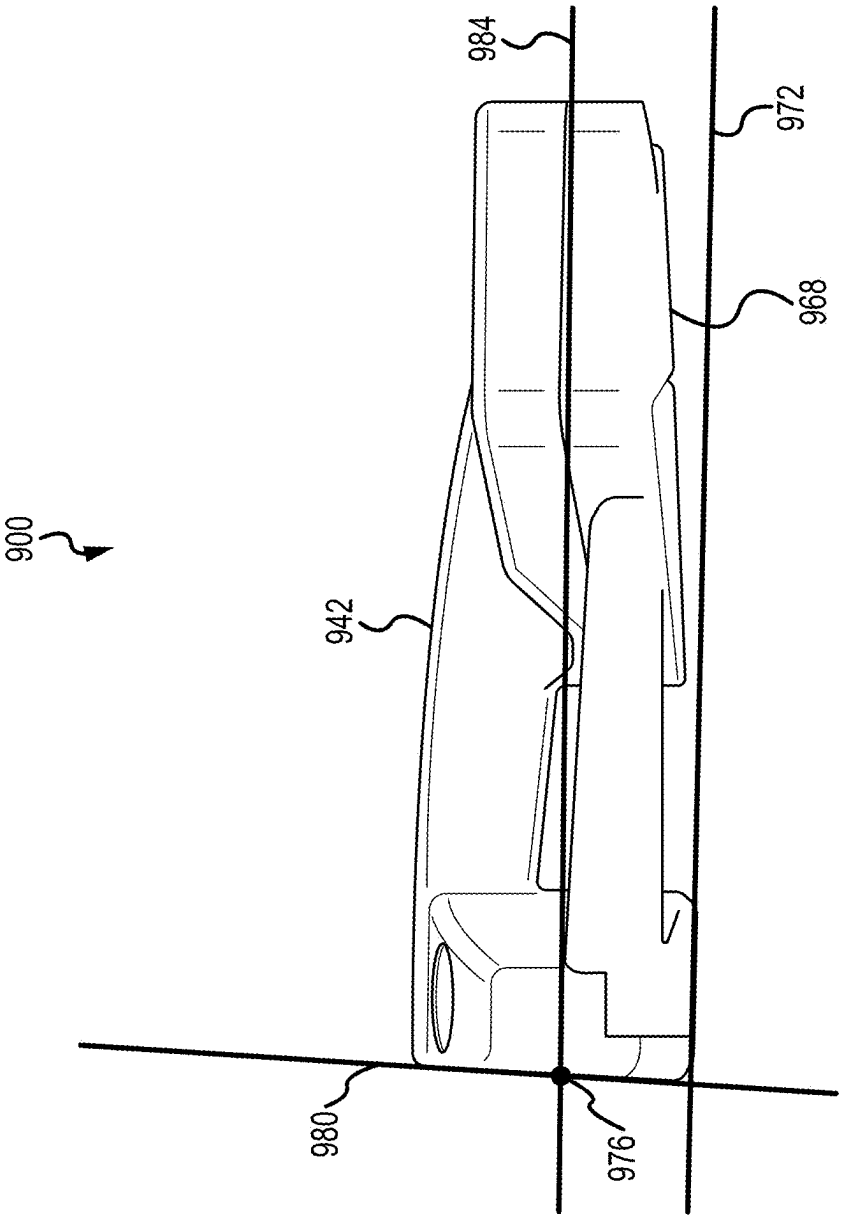

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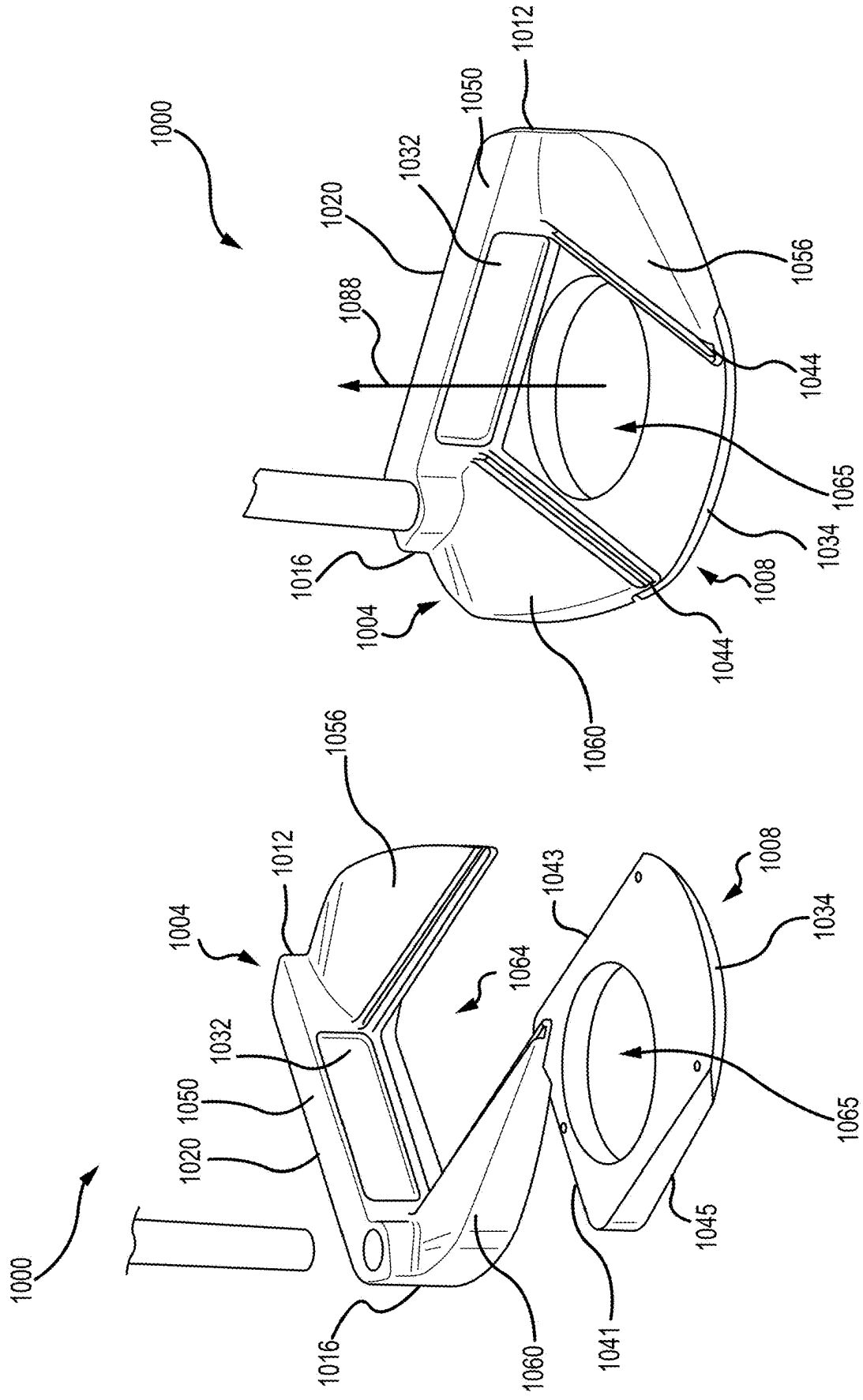

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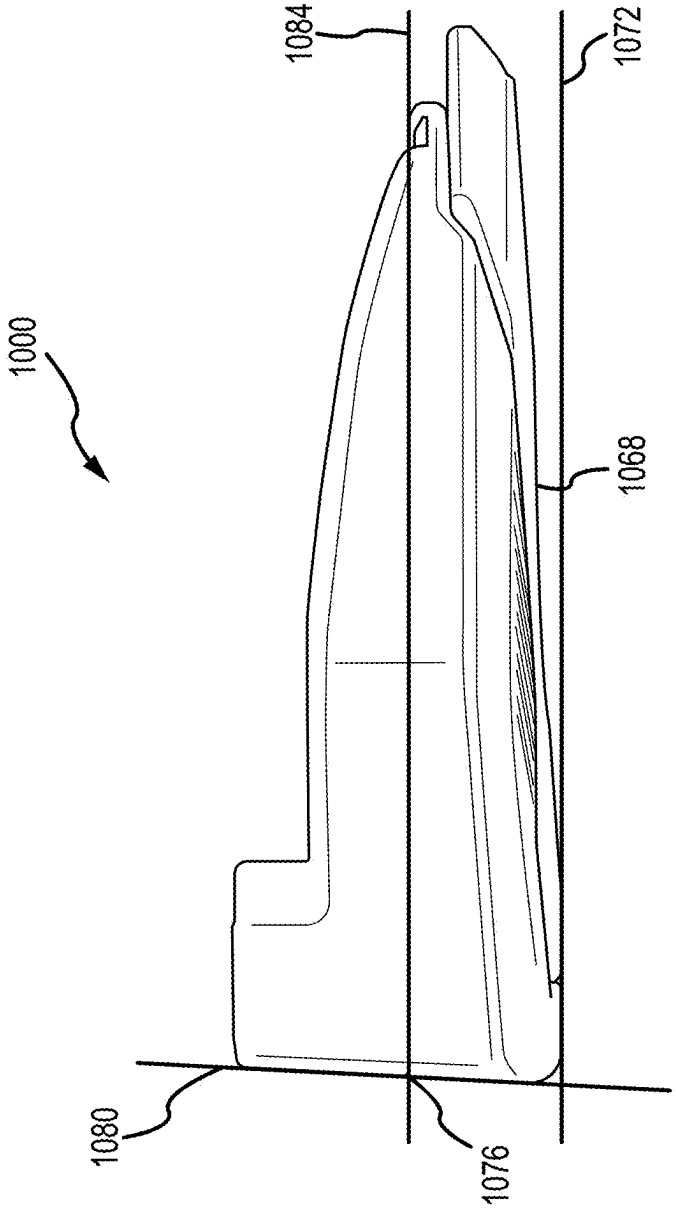

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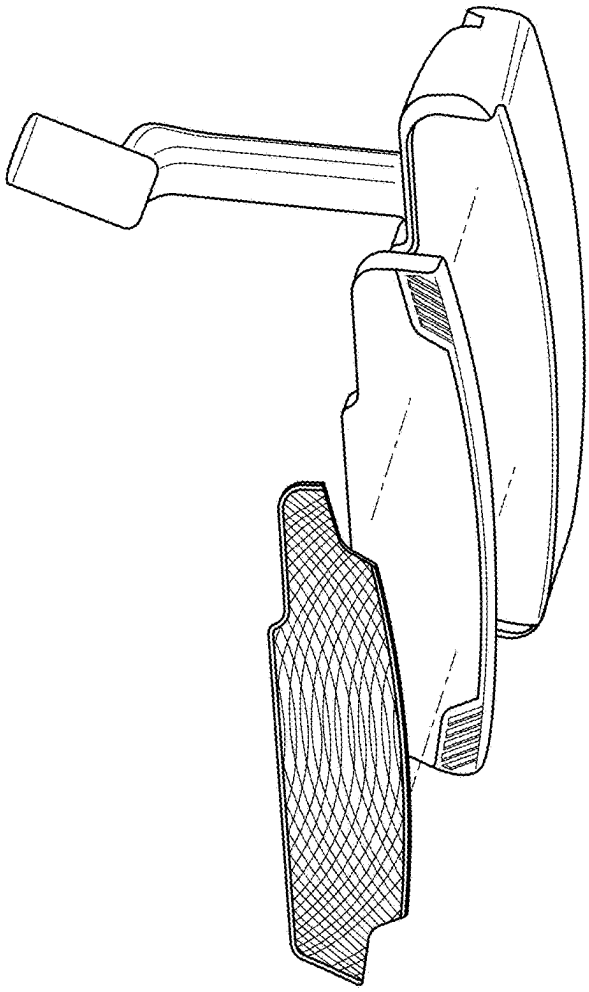

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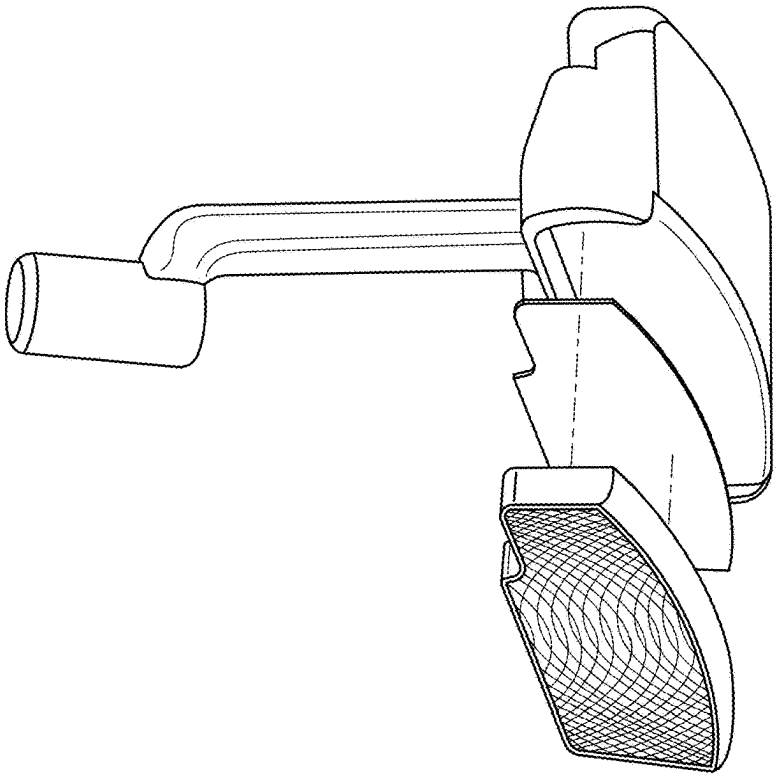

FIG. 11A

MULTI-COMPONENT PUTTER

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/444,468, filed on Aug. 4, 2021, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 29/720,679, filed on Jan. 15, 2020, now U.S. Pat. No. D930,097, issued on Sep. 7, 2021. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/444,468 is also a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/243,338, filed on Apr. 28, 2021, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,458,375, issued on Oct. 4, 2022, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 29/720,679, filed on Jan. 15, 2020, now U.S. Pat. No. D930,097, issued on Sep. 7, 2021. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/243,338 is also a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/590,270, filed on Oct. 1, 2019, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Appl. No. 62/739,747, filed on Oct. 1, 2018, the contents all of which are incorporated fully herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] This disclosure relates generally to golf clubs and relates more particularly to a multi-component putter type golf club head.

BACKGROUND

[0003] In many putter-type golf club heads, there is a use of a weight distribution device, in order to vary the center of gravity or increase the moment of inertia (MOI) of the golf club head. Common weight distribution devices include removable weight ports in the heel and toe regions of the sole, weighted faceplate inserts, inserts for the back of portion of the face, and attachments for the outer perimeter of the toe and heel regions. In particular putter-type golf club heads, often use weight ports in the heel and toe regions that can be removable attached by a fastener, or permanently attached through a variety of epoxies, glues, or machining methods. The use of weight ports in the heel and toe regions, the increases the MOI in the putter head, thereby producing a straighter ball path after impact.

[0004] Although these weight ports in the heel and toe regions increase MOI, they increase the weight of the golf club head and can make the golf club head heavier than an ideal weight for a putter. In addition, installing weight ports into a golf club putter head requires a cavity or recess to place these weight ports into the putter head during manufacturing, thereby increasing the cost of that putter head. Additionally, the weight ports can cause vibrations within the cavity or recess during impact, when the golf club head contacts a golf ball. These cavities and recesses can cause the sound of the club head to change as well, creating a hollow sound within the club head. There is a need in the art to develop a putter having perimeter weighting and having an ideal weight for balanced putting without adding complicated structures such as weight ports.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] FIG. **1**A illustrates an exploded view of a blade putter type golf club head.

[0006] FIG. **1**B illustrates an isometric view of the blade putter type golf club head of FIG. **1**A.

[0007] FIG. **1**C illustrates a side view of the blade putter type golf club head of FIG. **1**A.

[0008] FIG. **2**A illustrates an exploded view of a blade putter type golf club head.

[0009] FIG. **2**B illustrates an isometric view of the blade putter type golf club head of FIG. **2**A.

[0010] FIG. **2**C illustrates a side view of the blade putter type golf club head of FIG. **2**A.

[0011] FIG. **3**A illustrates an exploded view of a crescent putter type golf club head.

[0012] FIG. **3**B illustrates an isometric view of the crescent putter type golf club head of FIG. **3**A.

[0013] FIG. **3**C illustrates a side view of the crescent putter type golf club head of FIG. **3**A.

[0014] FIG. **4**A illustrates an exploded view of a semi-circular putter type golf club head.

[0015] FIG. **4**B illustrates an isometric view of the semi-circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **4**A.

[0016] FIG. **4**C illustrates a side view of the semi-circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **4**A.

[0017] FIG. **5**A illustrates an exploded view of another semi-circular putter type golf club head.

[0018] FIG. **5**B illustrates an isometric view of the semi-circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **5**A.

[0019] FIG. **5**C illustrates a side view of the semi-circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **5**A.

[0020] FIG. **6**A illustrates an exploded view of a winged putter type golf club head.

[0021] FIG. **6**B illustrates an isometric view of the winged putter type golf club head of FIG. **6**A.

[0022] FIG. **6**C illustrates a side view of the winged putter type golf club head of FIG. **6**A.

[0023] FIG. **7**A illustrates an exploded view of a spade putter type golf club head.

[0024] FIG. **7**B illustrates an isometric view of the spade putter type golf club head of FIG. **7**A.

[0025] FIG. **7**C illustrates a side view of the spade putter type golf club head of FIG. **7**A.

[0026] FIG. **8**A illustrates an exploded view of a T-shaped putter type golf club head with periphery spans.

[0027] FIG. **8**B illustrates an isometric view of the T-shaped putter type golf club head with periphery spans of FIG. **8**A.

[0028] FIG. **8**C illustrates a side view of the T-shaped putter type golf club head with periphery spans of FIG. **8**A.

[0029] FIG. **9**A illustrates an exploded view of a dual rail putter type golf club head.

[0030] FIG. **9**B illustrates an isometric view of the dual rail putter type golf club head of FIG. **9**A.

[0031] FIG. **9**C illustrates a side view of the dual rail putter type golf club head of FIG. **9**A.

[0032] FIG. **10**A illustrates an exploded view of a circular putter type golf club head.

[0033] FIG. **10**B illustrates an isometric view of the circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **10**A.

[0034] FIG. **10**C illustrates a side view of the circular putter type golf club head of FIG. **10**A.

[0035] FIG. **11**A illustrates an exploded view of a putter type golf club head with at least one strike face insert.

[0036] FIG. **11**B illustrates an exploded view of another putter type golf club head with at least one strike face insert.

[0037] Other aspects of the disclosure will become apparent by consideration of the detailed description and accompanying drawings.

DESCRIPTION

I. Putter Golf Club Head

[0038] Described herein is a two part putter having an upper portion made of a first material such as low density metal (i.e., aluminum, but not limited to) and a lower portion made of a second material, such as a high density metal (i.e., steel, but not limited to). The upper portion has crown that spans from a strike face to a back edge. This upper portion is affixed to the lower portion and is farther from a ground plane than the lower portion. The lower portion, in most embodiments, has less than 35% of the total solid volume of the putter head, but greater than 45% of the mass. The lower portion provides a peripheral construction and a sole. This combination of peripheral construction and high density lower portion, results in an increase in MOI of at least 30%, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single material such as a steel putter or a putter investment cast of a single material).

[0039] The terms "first," "second," "third," "fourth," and the like in the description and in the claims, if any, are used for distinguishing between similar elements and not necessarily for describing a particular sequential or chronological order. It is to be understood that the terms so used are interchangeable under appropriate circumstances such that the embodiments described herein are, for example, capable of operation in sequences other than those illustrated or otherwise described herein. Furthermore, the terms "include," and "have," and any variations thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion, such that a process, method, system, article, device, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements is not necessarily limited to those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, system, article, device, or apparatus.

[0040] The terms "left," "right," "front," "back," "upper," "lower," "over," "under," "top," "bottom," and the like in the description and in the claims, if any, are used for descriptive purposes and not necessarily for describing permanent relative positions. It is to be understood that the terms so used are interchangeable under appropriate circumstances such that the embodiments of the apparatus, methods, and/or articles of manufacture described herein are, for example, capable of operation in other orientations than those illustrated or otherwise described herein.

[0041] Before any embodiments of the disclosure are explained in detail, it is to be understood that the disclosure is not limited in its application to the details of construction and the arrangement of components set forth in the following description or illustrated in the following drawings. The disclosure is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or of being carried out in various ways.

[0042] In many embodiments, the golf club head can comprise a putter-type golf club head (the putter type golf club head **100**, **200**, **300** **400** . . . , etc.). FIGS. **1**-**12**B illustrate multiple embodiments of a putter-type golf club head having an upper portion and lower portion that are separately made of different materials and coupled together. The putter-type golf club head can be a mallet-type putter head, mid-mallet type putter head, a blade type putter head, a high MOI putter head, or any other type of putter-type golf club head.

[0043] In many embodiments, the putter-type golf club head can have a loft angle less than 10 degrees. In many embodiments, the loft angle of the club head can be between 0 and 5 degrees, between 0 and 6 degrees, between 0 and 7 degrees, or between 0 and 8 degrees. For example, the loft angle of the club head can be less than 10 degrees, less than 9 degrees, less than 8 degrees, less than 7 degrees, less than 6 degrees, or less than 5 degrees. For further example, the loft angle of the club head can be 0 degrees, 1 degree, 2 degrees, 3 degrees, 4 degrees, 5 degrees, 6 degrees, 7 degrees, 8 degrees, 9 degrees, or 10 degrees.

[0044] The putter-type golf club head comprises an upper portion and a lower portion. The golf club head can comprise a toe end and a heel end opposite the toe end. The putter-type golf club head can comprise a strike face. The putter-type golf club head can comprise a rear wall opposite the strike face. Further, the putter-type golf club head can comprise an alignment feature. Furthermore, the putter-type golf club head can comprise a hosel attached to the heel end of the golf club head. The hosel may be attached to the center of the putter-type golf club head. The hosel may be attached to the heel end of the putter-type golf club head. The hosel may be integrally formed with the upper portion of the putter-type golf club head. The hosel may be integrally formed with the lower portion of the putter-type golf club head.

[0045] The upper portion is made of a first material. The lower portion is made of a second material. The first material is different than the second material. The first material has a first density. The second material has a second density. The first density is not the same as the second density.

[0046] In many embodiments, the putter-type golf club head can have a mass that ranges between 340 and 385 grams. In other embodiments, the mass of the putter-type golf club head can range between 340 grams-345 grams, 345 grams-350 grams, 350 grams-355 grams, 355 grams-360 grams, 360 grams-365 grams, 365 grams-370 grams, 370 grams-375 grams, 375 grams-380 grams, or 380 grams-385 grams. In some embodiments, the mass of the putter-type golf club head can be 340 grams, 341 grams, 342 grams, 343 grams, 344 grams, 345 grams, 346 grams, 347 grams, 348 grams, 349 grams, 350 grams, 351 grams, 352 grams, 353 grams, 354 grams, 355 grams, 356 grams, 357 grams, 358 grams, 359 grams, 360 grams, 361 grams, 362 grams, 363 grams, 364 grams, 365 grams, 366 grams, 367 grams, 368 grams, 369 grams, 370 grams, 371 grams, 372 grams, 373 grams, 374 grams, 375 grams, 376 grams, 377 grams, 378 grams, 379 grams, 380 grams, 381 grams, 382 grams, 383 grams, 384 grams, or 385 grams.

[0047] In many embodiments, the putter type golf club head can comprise a club head volume ranging between 25 cc and 125 cc. In some embodiments, the club head volume can range between 25 cc-30 cc, 30 cc-35 cc, 35 cc-40 cc, 40 cc-45 cc, 45 cc-50 cc, 50 cc-55 cc, 55 cc-60 cc, 60 cc-65 cc, 65 cc-70 cc, 70 cc-75 cc, 75 cc-80 cc, 80 cc-85 cc, 85 cc-90 cc, 90 cc-95 cc, 95 cc-100 cc, 100 cc-105 cc, 105 cc-110 cc, 110 cc-115 cc, 115 cc-120 cc, or 120 cc-125 cc. In one embodiment, the club head volume can range between 40 cc-110 cc. In some embodiments, the club head volume can be greater than 25 cc, greater than 50 cc, greater than 75 cc, or greater than 100 cc.

[0048] In some embodiments, the putter type golf club head can comprise a strike face made of the first material. In other embodiments, the strike face can be made of the second material. In these embodiments, the material of the

strike face can be any one or combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel (7.83 g/cc), S25C steel (7.85 g/cc), carbon steel (7.85 g/cc), maraging steel (8.00 g/cc), 17-4 stainless steel (7.81 g/cc), 303 stainless steel (8.03 g/cc), 304 stainless steel (8.00 g/cc), stainless steel alloy (7.75 g/cc-8.05 g/cc), tungsten (19.25 g/cc), aluminum (2.70 g/cc), aluminum alloy (2.64 g/cc-2.81 g/cc), ADC-12 (2.75 g/cc), or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head. In some embodiments, the strike face can be integrally formed to the upper portion. In other embodiments the strike face can be integrally formed to the lower portion. The strike face can be integrally formed to the club head by co-molding, injection molding, casting, additive manufacturing or other forming process.

[0049] Referring to FIGS. **11**A and **11**B, in some embodiments, the putter type golf club head can comprise a strike face insert. In these embodiments, the strike face is independently formed prior to being coupled to the club head. The side of the strike face insert that will contact the club head can comprise geometry complementary to the geometry of the corresponding portion of the club head that will contact the strike face. In some embodiments, the strike face insert can be made of the first material or the second material. In other embodiments, the strike face insert can be made of a third material. In some embodiments, the strike face insert can be integrally formed with the upper portion or the lower portion. In other embodiments, the strike face insert can be separately formed from both the upper portion and the lower portion.

[0050] The strike face can be secured to the club head by being integrally formed to a portion of the club head or by a fastening means. In some embodiments, the strike face is secured to the upper portion. In these embodiments, the upper portion can comprise an insert cavity. The upper portion insert cavity functions to receive the strike face insert. Further, in these embodiments, when the insert is affixed to the upper portion, the upper portion encompasses and mates with the insert cavity. In other embodiments, the strike face is secured to the lower portion. In these embodiments, the lower portion can comprise an insert cavity. The lower portion insert cavity functions to receive the strike face insert. Further, in these embodiments, when the insert is affixed to the lower portion, the lower portion encompasses and mates with the insert cavity. The strike face can be secured by an adhesive such as glue, very high bond (VHB™) tape, epoxy or another adhesive. Alternately or additionally, the strike face can be secured by welding, soldering, screws, rivets, pins, mechanical interlock structure, or another fastening method.

[0051] The strike face insert of these embodiments can comprise any one or layered combination of the following: aluminum, stainless steel, copper, thermoplastic co-polyester elastomer (TPC), thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), thermoplastic urethane (TPU), steel, nickel, TPU/aluminum, TPE/aluminum, plastic/metal screen insert, polyethylene, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polyisobutylene, polyvinyl chloride, PEBAX®, or any other desired material. PEBAX® is a polyether block amide that is a thermoplastic elastomer made of a flexible polyether and rigid polyamide. The rigid polyamide can comprise Nylon. The PEBAX® can comprise different compounds that correspond to different Shore D hardness values, polyether percentages, and/or polyamide percentages. In many embodiments, the PEBAX® can comprise a PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) or a PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France). The PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) comprises a tetramethylene oxide (53% wt) and a Nylon 12. The PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) comprises a Nylon 11. In some embodiments, the face insert can comprise a material such as steel, steel alloys, tungsten, tungsten alloys, aluminum, aluminum alloys, titanium, titanium alloys, vanadium, vanadium alloys, chromium, chromium alloys, cobalt, cobalt alloys, nickel, nickel alloys, other metals, other metal alloys, composite polymer materials or any combination thereof.

[0052] The PEBAX® can comprise a percentage of polyether by volume. In some embodiments, the PEBAX® can comprise 0% to 10%, 10% to 20%, 15% to 30%, 20% to 30%, 30% to 40%, 30% to 50%, 30% to 60%, 40% to 50%, 40% to 60%, 50% to 60%, or 60% to 70% polyether by volume. For example, the PEBAX® can comprise 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 35%, 40%, 45%, 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, or 70% of polyether by volume. In some embodiments, the PEBAX® can comprise 0% to 10%, 10% to 20%, 15% to 30%, 20% to 30%, 30% to 40%, 40% to 50%, 40% to 60%, 50% to 60%, or 60% to 70% of polyamide by volume. For example, the PEBAX® can comprise 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 35%, 40%, 45%, 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, or 70% of polyamide by volume. As the percentage of polyether percentage increases, the hardness of the PEBAX® decreases. As the percentage of polyamide percentage increases, the hardness of the PEBAX® increases. For example, the PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise 40% to 60% polyether by volume and 15% to 30% polyamide by volume. For example, the PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise 15% to 30% polyether by volume and 40% to 60% polyamide by volume.

[0053] In many embodiments, the PEBAX® can comprise a hardness ranging from Shore 25D to Shore 75D. In some embodiments, the hardness of the PEBAX can range from Shore 25D to Shore 35D, Shore 35D to Shore 45D, Shore 36D to Shore 44D, Shore 38D to Shore 42D, Shore 45D to Shore 55D, Shore 55D to Shore 65D, Shore 56D to Shore 64D, Shore 60D to Shore 65D, or Shore 65D to Shore 75D. For example, the hardness of the PEBAX can be Shore D 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, or 70.

[0054] In many embodiments, the PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a lower hardness than the PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France). In many embodiments, the PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a hardness range of Shore 35D to Shore 55D. In some embodiments, the PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a hardness range of Shore 38D to Shore 42D, or Shore 39D to Shore 41D. For example, the PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) can be comprise a Shore D hardness of 40. In many embodiments, the PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a hardness range of Shore 50D to Shore 75D. In some embodiments, the PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a hardness range of Shore 55D to Shore 70D, or Shore 60D to Shore 65D. For example, the PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) can comprise a Shore D hardness of 63.

[0055] In some embodiments, the face insert can comprise a two-component system. The two-component system can comprise a ball striking face plate and a face insert base. The ball striking face plate of the face insert can comprise a first insert material. The face insert base of the face insert can

comprise a second insert material. In many embodiments, the first insert material of the ball striking face plate and the second material of the face insert base can be different. In some embodiments, the first insert material of the ball striking face plate and the second insert material of the face insert base can be similar. In many embodiments, the first insert material of the ball striking face plate can comprise a polymer type material. In some embodiments, the first insert material of the ball striking face plate can comprise a metallic material. In many embodiments, the second insert material of the face insert base can comprise a polymer type material.

[0056] The first insert material can comprise a metal such as steel, steel alloys, tungsten, tungsten alloys, aluminum, aluminum alloys, titanium, titanium alloys, vanadium, vanadium alloys, chromium, chromium alloys, cobalt, cobalt alloys, nickel, nickel alloys, other metals, other metal alloys, composite polymer materials or any combination thereof.

[0057] The first insert material or the second insert material can comprise a polymer type material. The polymer type material can comprise polyethylene, polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polyisobutylene, polyvinyl chloride, or any other polymer type material. In many embodiments, the face insert can comprise a PEBAX®. More specifically, the PEBAX® is a polyether block amide that is a thermoplastic elastomer made of a flexible polyether and rigid polyamide. The rigid polyamide can comprise Nylon. The PEBAX® can comprise different compounds that correspond to different Shore D hardness values, polyether percentages, and/or polyamide percentages. In many embodiments, the PEBAX® can comprise a PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) or a PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France). The PEBAX® 4033 (Arkema, Paris France) comprises a tetramethylene oxide (53% wt) and a Nylon 12. The PEBAX® 6333 (Arkema, Paris France) comprises a Nylon 11. The first insert material and the second insert material can comprise similar polyether percentages, polyamide percentages, or Shore D hardness values as described above.

[0058] The ball striking face plate of the face insert can comprise a thickness. In many embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can range from 0.015 to 0.115 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can range from 0.015 to 0.045 inch, 0.020 to 0.050 inch, 0.025 to 0.055 inch, 0.050 to 0.100 inch, 0.055 to 0.105 inch, 0.060 to 0.110, or 0.065 to 0.115 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be at least 0.015, 0.020, 0.025, 0.030, 0.035, 0.040, 0.045, 0.050, 0.055, 0.060, 0.065, 0.070, 0.075, 0.080, 0.085, 0.090, 0.095, 0.10, 0.105, 0.110, or 0.115 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be greater than or equal to 0.015, 0.020, 0.025, 0.030, 0.035, 0.040, 0.045, 0.050, 0.055, 0.060, 0.065, 0.070, 0.075, 0.080, 0.085, 0.090, 0.095, 0.10, 0.105, 0.110, or 0.115 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be less than or equal to 0.015, 0.020, 0.025, 0.030, 0.035, 0.040, 0.045, 0.050, 0.055, 0.060, 0.065, 0.070, 0.075, 0.080, 0.085, 0.090, 0.095, 0.10, 0.105, 0.110, or 0.115 inch. For example, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be 0.015, 0.020, 0.025, 0.030, 0.035, 0.040, 0.045, 0.050, 0.055, 0.060, 0.065, 0.070, 0.075, 0.080, 0.085, 0.090, 0.095, 0.10, 0.105, 0.110, or 0.115 inch.

[0059] In other embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can range from 0.115 to 0.40 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can range from 0.115 to 0.20 inch, 0.15 to 0.30 inch, 0.20 to 0.30 inch, 0.25 to 0.35 inch, or 0.30 to 0.40 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be at least 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, or 0.40 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be greater than or equal to 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, or 0.40. In some embodiments, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be less than or equal to 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, or 0.40 inch. For example, the thickness of the ball striking face plate can be 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, or 0.40 inch.

[0060] The face insert base of the face insert can comprise a thickness. In many embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can range from 0.05 to 0.20 inch. In some embodiment, the thickness of the face insert base can range from 0.05 to 0.10 inch, or 0.10 to 0.20 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can be at least 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, or 0.20 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can be greater than or equal to 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, or 0.20 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can be less than or equal to 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, or 0.20 inch. For example, the thickness of the face insert base can be 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, or 0.20 inch.

[0061] In other embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can range from 0.20 to 0.80 inch. In some embodiments, the thickness of the face insert base can range from 0.20 to 0.50 inch, 0.30 to 0.60 inch, 0.40 to 0.70 inch, or 0.50 to 0.80 inch. In some embodiment, the thickness of the face insert base can range from 0.20 to 0.40 inch, 0.30 to 0.50 inch, 0.40 to 0.60 inch, 0.50 to 0.70 inch, or 0.60 to 0.80 inch. In some embodiments, the face insert base of the face insert can be at least 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.75, or 0.80 inch. In some embodiments, the face insert base of the face insert can be greater than or equal to 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.75, or 0.80 inch. In some embodiments, the face insert base of the face insert can be less than or equal to 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.75, or 0.80 inch. For example, the thickness of the face insert base can be 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.75, or 0.80 inch.

[0062] The face insert can be formed by a number of different processes. The different forming processes include the following: injection molding, casting, blow molding, compression molding, co-molding, laser forming, film insert molding, gas assist molding, rotational molding, thermoforming, laser cutting, 3-D printing, forging, stamping, electroforming, machining, molding, or any combination thereof. Further, the face insert can have any combination of hardness, volume, thickness, and forming processes described above.

[0063] In many embodiments, the upper portion of the putter-type golf club head having the first material comprises a first density ranging between 1.0 g/cc and 6.0 g/cc. The first density can range between 2.0 g/cc to 5.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the first density can range between 1.0-1.25 g/cc, 1.25-1.5 g/cc, 1.5-1.75 g/cc, 1.75-2.0 g/cc, 2.0-2.25 g/cc, 2.25-2.5 g/cc, 2.5-2.75 g/cc, 2.75-3.0 g/cc, 3.25-3.5 g/cc, 3.5-3.75 g/cc, 3.75-4.0 g/cc, 4.0-4.25 g/cc, 4.25-4.5 g/cc, 4.5-4.75 g/cc, 4.75-5.0 g/cc, 5.0-5.25 g/cc, 5.0-5.25 g/cc, 5.25-5.5 g/cc, 5.5-5.75 g/cc, or 5.75-6.0 g/cc. In one embodiment, the first density of the lower portion can range between 2.0-3.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the first

density can be less 6.0 g/cc, less than 5.0 g/cc, less than 4.0 g/cc, less than 3.0 g/cc, or less than 2.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the first density can be 1.25 g/cc, 1.50 g/cc, 1.75 g/cc, 2.0 g/cc, 2.25 g/cc, 2.50 g/cc, 2.75 g/cc, 3.0 g/cc, 3.25 g/cc, 3.50 g/cc, 3.75 g/cc, 4.0 g/cc, 4.25 g/cc, 4.50 g/cc, 4.75 g/cc, 5.0 g/cc, 5.25 g/cc, 5.50 g/cc, 5.75 g/cc, or 6.0 g/cc.

[0064] In many embodiments, the lower portion of the putter-type golf club head having the second material. The second material can comprise a density. The density is a second density to the first density of the first material in the upper portion. The second density of the second material of the lower portion can range between 7.0 g/cc and 20.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the second density can range between 7.0-7.5 g/cc, 7.5-8.0 g/cc, 8.0-8.5 g/cc, 8.5-9.0 g/cc, 9.0-9.5 g/cc, 9.5-10.0 g/cc, 10.0-10.5 g/cc, 10.5-11.0 g/cc, 11.0-11.5 g/cc, 11.5-12.0 g/cc, 12.0-12.5 g/cc, 12.5-13.0 g/cc, 13.0-13.5 g/cc, 13.5-14.0 g/cc, 14.0-14.5 g/cc, 14.5-15.0 g/cc, 15.0-15.5 g/cc, 15.5-16.0 g/cc, 16.0-16.5 g/cc, 16.5-17.0 g/cc, 17.0-17.5 g/cc, 17.5-18.0 g/cc, 18.0-18.5 g/cc, 18.5-19.0 g/cc, or 19.0-19.5 g/cc, or 19.5-20.0 g/cc. In one embodiment, the second density of the second material in the lower portion can range between 8.0-9.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the second density can be 7.0 g/cc, 7.5 g/cc, 8.0 g/cc, 8.5 g/cc, 9.0 g/cc, 9.5 g/cc, 10.0 g/cc, 10.5 g/cc, 11.0 g/cc, 11.5 g/cc, 12.0 g/cc, 12.5 g/cc, 13.0 g/cc, 13.5 g/cc, 14.0 g/cc, 14.5 g/cc, 15.0 g/cc, 15.5 g/cc, 16.0 g/cc, 16.5 g/cc, 17.0 g/cc, 17.5 g/cc, 18.0 g/cc, 18.5 g/cc, 19.0 g/cc, 19.5 g/cc, or 20.0 g/cc. In some embodiments, the second density of the lower portion can be at least 2 times greater than the first density, at least 3 times greater than the first density, at least 4 times greater than the first density, or at least 5 times greater than the first density. In some embodiments, the second density can be greater than 7.0 g/cc, greater than 9.0 g/cc, greater than 10.0 g/cc, greater than 11.0 g/cc, or greater than 12.0 g/cc.

[0065] The upper portion of the putter-type golf club having the first material can be made from any one or combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel (7.83 g/cc), S25C steel (7.85 g/cc), carbon steel (7.85 g/cc), maraging steel (8.00 g/cc), 17-4 stainless steel (7.81 g/cc), 303 stainless steel (8.03 g/cc), 304 stainless steel (8.00 g/cc), stainless steel alloy (7.75 g/cc-8.05 g/cc), tungsten (19.25 g/cc), aluminum (2.70 g/cc), aluminum alloy (2.64 g/cc-2.81 g/cc), ADC-12 (2.75 g/cc), or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head. In many embodiments, the upper portion is made of aluminum alloy or ADC-12.

[0066] The lower portion of the putter-type golf club having the second material can be made from any one or combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel (7.83 g/cc), S25C steel (7.85 g/cc), carbon steel (7.85 g/cc), maraging steel (8.00 g/cc), 17-4 stainless steel (7.81 g/cc), 303 stainless steel (8.03 g/cc), 304 stainless steel (8.00 g/cc), stainless steel alloy (7.75 g/cc-8.05 g/cc), tungsten (19.25 g/cc), aluminum (2.70 g/cc), aluminum alloy (2.64 g/cc-2.81 g/cc), ADC-12 (2.75 g/cc), or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head. In many embodiments, the lower portion is made of 304 stainless steel, 8620 alloy steel, 17-4 stainless steel, or 1380 stainless steel. However, the lower and upper portion are not made from the same one material or the same combination of materials.

[0067] Furthermore, the upper and lower portion of the putter-type golf club head can be joined in any one or combination of the following methods: welding, soldering, brazing, swedging, adhesion, epoxy, or mechanical fastening. In some embodiments, the upper and lower portion can be joined by adhesion with epoxy, polyurethanes, resins, hot melts, or any other adhesive.

A. Benefits

[0068] The putter-type golf club head provides MOI, CG, feel, and weighting benefits, in a putter-type golf club head with an upper and lower portion having different densities and/or without using mechanically fastened weights or weight ports. By creating an upper portion and lower portion of a putter-type golf club head from two different material, the weighting of the club head shifts towards the peripheries of the putter-type golf club head, without any weight ports or attachments to the heel end and toe end of the putter-type golf club head. This shift in weight, towards the peripheries of the putter-type golf club head, raises the MOI of the club head about the y-axis (Iyy), therefore preventing the rotation about the y-axis and assuring the strike face is square to a golf ball during impact. The increase in MOI about the y-axis helps achieve a straighter ball path and improve the outcome of off-centered hits (impact at the heel end or toe end).

[0069] By creating the putter-type golf club head from two portions of two different materials, the putter-type golf club head can be optimized to improve the MOI, while keeping the golf club head at a desirable overall weight. In some embodiments, the moment of inertia of the golf club head about the y-axis center of gravity is between 3500 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot in^2$. In other embodiments the moment of inertia of the golf club head about the y-axis center of gravity can be between 3500 $g \cdot cm^2$-4000 $g \cdot cm^2$, 4000 $g \cdot cm^2$-4500 $g \cdot cm^2$, 4500 $g \cdot cm^2$-5000 $g \cdot cm^2$, 5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-5500 $g \cdot cm^2$, 5500 $g \cdot cm^2$-6000 $g \cdot cm^2$, or 6000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$.

[0070] The putter-type golf club head with upper and lower portions of two different materials, increases the MOI about the y-axis center of gravity by at least 30% over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single material such as a steel putter or a putter investment cast of a single material). In some embodiments, the putter-type golf club head with upper and lower portions of two different materials, increases the MOI about the y-axis center of gravity by at least 35%, by at least 40%, by at least 45%, by at least 50%, by at least 55%, by at least 60%, by at least 65%, by at least 70%, by at least 75%, by at least 80%, by at least 85%, by at least 90%, by at least 95%, by at least 95%, by at least 100%, or by at least 105%, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction.

II. EMBODIMENTS

a. Blade Embodiment

[0071] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a blade type putter head **100**. Referring to FIGS. **1**A and **1**B, the blade type putter head **100** has an upper portion **104** and a lower portion **108**. The upper portion **104** is made from a first material having a first density and the lower portion **108** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **104** and lower portion **108** combine to create a balanced putter head **100**, while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0072] The lower portion **108** comprises a toe end **124**, a heel end **128** opposite the toe end **124**, a rear wall **132** opposite a front surface **112**, a rear portion **156**, and an under surface (not shown). The under surface and the upper portion **104** form a sole **168**. The rear wall **132** is opposite and approximately parallel to the front surface **112**. The toe end **124** is opposite the heel end **128**, while adjacent to the strike face **112** and the rear portion **156**. The rear portion **156** spans from the heel end **128** to the toe end **124**, while also extending away from the rear wall **132** and the front surface face **112**. The rear portion **156** is adjacent the sole. The under surface spans from the heel end **128** to the toe end **124** and is adjacent the rear portion **156** and the front surface **112**.

[0073] Further, the toe end **124**, heel end **128**, and front surface **112** of the lower portion **108** forms a recess **140**, wherein the recess extends inwards from the front surface **112**, towards the rear wall **132**. The recess functions to receive the upper portion **104**. In most embodiments, the recess **140** comprises a corresponding geometry similar or identical to that of the upper portion **104**. When the upper portion **104** is affixed to the lower portion **108**, the upper portion **104** encompasses and mates with the lower portion **108** to fit within the recess **140**.

[0074] The lower portion **108** of the blade type putter head **100** can further comprise an alignment feature **136**. The alignment feature **136** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **136**. Referring to FIGS. **2**A-**2**C, in some embodiments, the blade type putter head **200** can comprise an alignment feature **236** on the upper portion **204**, rather than the lower portion **208**.

[0075] The upper portion **104** of the blade type putter **100** head comprises a hitting surface **113** and an adhesion surface **115**. The hitting surface **113** comprises an upper edge **116** and a lower edge **121**, wherein the upper edge **116** is further from a ground plane **172** than the lower edge **116**. The ground plane **172** is tangent to the lower portion **108**, when the putter head is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The upper edge **116** is adjacent the hitting surface **113** and the adhesion surface **115**, while opposite the lower edge **121**. In most embodiments, the hitting surface **113** and adhesion surface **115** are parallel, however in other embodiments, the hitting surface **113** and adhesion surface **115** are not parallel.

[0076] When the upper portion **104** and lower portion **108** are joined, the adhesion surface **115** is affixed to the recess **140** of the lower portion **108**. The hitting surface **113** of the upper portion **104**, and the front surface **112** of the lower surface, align to form a strike face **120**, that will function to hit strike golf ball.

[0077] The lower edge **121** of the upper portion **104**, and under surface of the lower portion **108** combine to create the sole **168**. The sole **168** is perpendicular to the ground plane **172**, wherein the ground plane **172** is tangent to the sole **168**, when the putter **100** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **168** of the putter **100** extends from the toe end **124** of the putter head **100** to the heel end **128** of the putter head **100**.

[0078] Referring to FIG. **1**C, in most embodiments, the sole **168** of the putter head **100** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **168** of the putter head **100** can have a slight arch in a heel **128** to toe **124** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **168** of the putter head **100** can have a strong arch in the heel **128** to toe **124** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **168** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **100** on the ground plane **172**.

[0079] The strike face **120** of the blade type putter head **100** comprises a strike face center point **176** and a loft plane **180**. The strike face center point **176** is equidistant from the lower edge **120** and upper edge **116** of the strike face **120**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **128** and toe end **124** of the blade type putter head **100**. The loft plane **180** is tangent to the strike face **112** of the blade type putter head **100**. Further, a midplane **184** intersects the strike face center point **176** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **180**. Furthermore, a y-axis **188** intersects the strike face center point **176** and is perpendicular to the ground plane **172**.

[0080] In some embodiments, when the lower portion **108** and the upper portion **104** are joined, the upper edge **116** of the upper portion **104** can protrude in a direction away from the strike face **120**, overlaying at least a portion of the rear wall **132** of the lower portion **108**. Further, the lower edge **121** of the upper portion **104** can protrude in a direction away from the strike face **120**, towards at least a portion of the under surface of the lower portion **108**, thereby making up a portion of the sole **168**. In these embodiments, the rear wall **132** of the lower portion **108** does not make up a portion of the sole **168**.

[0081] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **104** with the high density second material lower portion **108**, increases the MOI of the putter **100**, over a putter of unitary, solid block construction. The two part construction (upper portion **104** and lower portion **108**) of the putter **100**, moves denser material towards the heel **128** and toe **124**, while placing lighter material (the upper portion **104**) near the center, thereby increasing the MOI of the putter **100**, since more mass is further from the center of gravity. The denser material of the lower portion helps increase the MOI of the putter-type golf club head by shifting the weight of the putter head **100** towards the outer portions of the putter-type golf club head. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery. In some embodiments, the putter-type golf club head **100** with upper **104** and lower portions **108** of two different materials, increases the MOI about the y-axis center of gravity by at least 15% over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction.

b. Crescent Embodiment

[0082] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a crescent-shaped putter head **300**. Referring to FIG. **3**A-**3**C, the crescent-shaped putter head **300** has an upper portion **304** and a lower portion **308**. The upper portion **304** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **308** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **304** and lower portion **308** combine to create a balanced putter head **300**, while maintaining a desirable volume and mass. The high density lower portion **308** and low density upper portion **304**, place more mass near the peripheries of the putter head **300**, thus increasing the MOI and stability over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction.

[0083] As discussed above, the lower portion **308** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material). The lower portion **308** comprises a rear periphery **352**, a toe end **312**, a heel end **316**, a strike face **320**, a rear wall **332**.

The upper portion **304** comprises a back edge **334**, a crown **342**, a front edge **370**, and an under surface (not shown). The under surface and the upper portion **304** form a sole **368**. The toe end **312** is opposite the heel end **316**. The toe end **312** and the heel end **316** of the lower portion **308** respectively comprise a toe side periphery **356** and a heel side periphery **360**. The strike face **320** spans from the toe end **312** to the heel end **316** and is opposite the rear wall **332**. The rear wall **332** is opposite, and approximately parallel to, the strike face **320**. The lower portion further comprises a heel side periphery **360**, a toe side periphery **356**, a front edge **348**, and a upper edge.

[0084] The front edge **348** is adjacent to the toe side periphery **356** and the heel side periphery **360**, and opposite to the rear periphery **352**. The toe side periphery **356** is adjacent to the front edge **348** and the rear periphery **352**, and opposite and to the heel side periphery **360**. The heel side periphery **360** is also adjacent to the front edge **348** and the rear periphery **352**, but opposite to the toe side periphery **356**.

[0085] In most embodiments, the toe side periphery **356** extends perpendicularly from the front edge **348**, towards the rear periphery **352**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the toe side periphery **356** and the front edge **348**. However, in other embodiments, the toe side periphery **356** can extend from the front edge **348** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the toe side periphery **356** and the front edge **348**. Further, in most embodiments, the heel side periphery **360** extends perpendicularly from the front edge **348**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the heel side periphery **360** and the front edge **348**. However, in other embodiments, the heel side periphery **360** can extend from the front edge **348** in any direction, such that any angle) (0°-180° can be formed at the junction of the heel side periphery **360** and the front edge **348**.

[0086] The front edge **348**, rear periphery **352**, toe side periphery **356**, and heel side periphery **360** form an aperture **364**. The aperture **364** is bounded by the front edge **348**, rear periphery **352**, the toe side periphery **356**, and the heel side periphery **360**. The aperture **364** shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion **308**. The aperture **364** can comprise any shape, however in one embodiment the aperture **364** is approximately rectangular. In other embodiments, the aperture **364** can be circular, curvilinear, triangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, golf ball shaped, square, or any other desired geometric shape.

[0087] The upper portion **304** of the putter head **300** comprises a crown **342**, a front edge **370**, and a back edge **334**. The crown **342** extends away from the front edge **370** to the back edge **334** of the upper portion **304**. The under surface is opposite the crown **342**, spanning from the front edge **348** to the back edge **334**.

[0088] In some embodiments, the heel side periphery **360** and toe side periphery **356** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the heel side periphery **360** and toe side periphery **356** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **352** and front edge **348** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the rear periphery **352** and front edge **348** are not parallel. The rear periphery **352** of the crescent-shaped putter head **300** is approximately crescent-shaped, and therefore, the rear periphery **352** and front edge **348** are not parallel. The rear periphery **352** can be curvilinear spanning from the heel side periphery **360** to the toe side periphery **356**. The rear periphery **352** comprises a curve length measured along the rear periphery **352** from the junction between the heel side periphery **360** and the rear periphery **352** to the junction between the toe side periphery **356** and the rear periphery **352**. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **352** curve length can be between 4.5 inches and 6.5 inches. In some embodiments, the rear periphery curve length can be 4.5 inches-4.75 inches, 4.75 inches-5.0 inches, 5.0 inches-5.25 inches, 5.25 inches-5.5 inches, 5.5 inches-5.75 inches, 5.75 inches-6.0 inches, 6.0 inches-6.25 inches, or 6.25 inches-6.5 inches.

[0089] When the upper portion **304** and the lower portion **308** are joined, the crown **342** extends between the strike face **320** to the rear periphery **352**. The crown **342**, in most embodiments, spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **300** width from the toe side periphery **356** and spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **300** width from the heel side periphery **360**. In other embodiments, the crown **342** can, continuously or discontinuously, span the entire width of the total club head **300**, in a heel **316** to toe **312** direction. In some embodiments, the crown **342**, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **300**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **300**, less than 70% of the total width of the club head **300**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **300**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **300**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **300**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **300**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown **342** can be substantially flat from the strike face **320** to the back edge **334** or ascend from the strike face **320** to the back edge **334**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown **342** can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0090] The crown **342** further comprises an alignment trough **355**, wherein the alignment trough **355** is equidistant from the heel end **316** and the toe end **312**. The alignment trough **355** is adjacent the rear wall **328** and approximately perpendicular to the strike face. The alignment trough **355** is bounded by the back edge **334**, the rear wall **332**, and the crown **342** on the heel end **316** and the toe end **312**. In most embodiments, the alignment trough is approximately the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm) to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball.

[0091] Furthermore, the upper portion **304** of the putter head **300** can comprise one or more alignment features **344** on the crown **342**. The alignment feature **344** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **344**. The alignment features **344** can be equally spaced on the entire crown **342**, a portion of the crown **342**, or the alignment trough **355**. The alignment features **344**, extending along the alignment trough **355**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the rear wall **332** to the back edge **334** of the putter **300**. The goal is to align the entire putter **300** with the golf ball using these alignment features **344** along the crown **342** and/or the alignment trough **355**.

[0092] Referring to FIG. **3**C, the upper portion **304** can be affixed to the lower portion **308** such that the upper portion **304** is further from a ground plane than the lower portion

308, wherein the ground plane **372** is tangent to the lower portion **308**, when the putter head **300** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. As such, the upper portion **304** is spaced rearward from a loft plane **380**, described below. Particularly, putter head **300** can be configured such that the lower portion **308** does not reside along the loft plane, as illustrated in FIG. **3**C.

[0093] Referring to FIG. **3**C, the strike face **320** of the putter head **300** comprises a strike face center point **376** and a loft plane **380**. The strike face center point **376** is equidistant from the crown **342** and the under surface of the upper portion **304**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **316** and toe end **312** of the putter head **300**. The loft plane **380** is tangent to the strike face **320** of the putter head **300**. Further, a midplane **384** intersects the strike face center point **376** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **380**. Furthermore, referring to FIG. **3**B, a y-axis **388** intersects the midplane **384**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **372**.

[0094] When the upper portion **304** and lower portion **308** are joined such that the heel end **316** overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery **356**. Further, when the upper portion **304** and lower portion **308** are joined such that the toe end **312** overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery **360**. Further still, when the upper portion **304** and lower portion **308** are joined such that the strike face **320** overlays at least a portion of the front edge **316**. Finally, the upper portion **304** and lower portion **308** are joined such that the back edge **364** overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery **352**.

[0095] The front edge **348**, rear periphery **352**, toe side periphery **356**, and heel side periphery **360** of the lower portion **308**, combined with the upper portion **304**, create the sole **368**. The sole **368** is perpendicular to the ground plane **372**, wherein the ground plane **372** is tangent to the sole **368**, when the putter head **300** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **368** of the putter head **300** extends from the toe end **312** of the putter head **300** to the heel end **316** of the putter head **300**.

[0096] In most embodiments, the sole **368** of the putter head **300** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **368** of the putter head **300** can have a slight arch in a heel **324** to toe **320** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **368** of the putter head **300** can have a strong arch in the heel **324** to toe **320** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **368** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **300** on the ground plane **372**.

[0097] Referring to FIG. **3**A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **308** can further comprise a toe mass **341** and a heel mass **343**. The toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** are integral to the lower portion **308** and are in contact with the toe side periphery **356** and heel side periphery **360**, respectively. The toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** extend from the lower portion **308**, in a direction away from the ground plane **372**, and toward the upper portion **304**. The toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** provide a means to position and align the upper portion **304** with the lower portion **308** of the putter head **300**.

[0098] Furthermore, the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the crescent-shaped putter head **300** when compared with putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weights that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The weight of the mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The toe mass **341** and a heel mass **343** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, pyramidal, spherical, crescent-shaped, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0099] Referring to FIG. **3**A, the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** can be positioned away from the rear periphery **352**, wherein the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** do not touch or intersect with the rear periphery **352**. However, in other embodiments, the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343**, can be positioned on the rear periphery **352**, wherein the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** are integral to and intersect the rear periphery **352**.

[0100] In one embodiment, the toe mass **341** is positioned on the front edge **348**, at the junction of the toe side periphery **356** and the front edge **348**, however in other embodiments the toe mass **341** can be positioned anywhere along the toe side periphery **356**. In one embodiment, the heel mass **343**, is positioned on the front edge **348**, at the junction of the heel side periphery **360** and the front edge **348**, however in other embodiments the heel mass **343** can be positioned anywhere along the heel side periphery **360**.

[0101] The toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** provide areas of concentrated mass, such that the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **300**. The placement of the toe mass **341** and the heel mass **343** on or near the front edge **316** and on or near the toe side periphery **356** and heel side periphery **360**, respectively, increases the MOI since the toe mass **341** and the heel mass **343** are farther from a center of gravity of the putter **300**. The toe mass **341** and the heel mass **343** can be integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0102] The toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** offer dual functionalities, such that the toe mass **341** and heel mass **343** function not only to increase the MOI of the putter **300** but provide additional surfaces for the upper portion **304** to join to the lower portion **308**. Therefore, the toe mass **341** can also be referred to as a front toe adhesion portion **341** and the heel mass **343** can also be referred to as a front heel adhesion portion **343**.

[0103] In some embodiments, the under surface, crown **342**, front edge **370**, and back edge **334** of the upper portion **304**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the toe end **312**, towards the crown **342** but does not reach the crown **342**. The first cavity is bounded by the back edge **334**, the crown **342**, and the front edge **370**. The first cavity functions to receive the toe mass **341** of the lower portion **308**.

[0104] In some embodiments, the under surface, crown **342**, front edge **370**, and back edge **334** of the upper portion **304**, can form a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the heel end **316**, towards the crown **342** but does not reach the crown **342**. The second cavity is bounded by the back edge **334**, the crown **342**, and the front edge **370**. The second cavity functions to receive the heel mass **343** of the lower portion **308**.

[0105] The first and second cavities can comprise any desired geometry. However, in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the corresponding toe mass **341** or the heel mass **343**. Further, when the upper portion **304** is affixed to the lower portion **308**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first cavity encompasses the toe mass **341**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the heel mass **343**.

[0106] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **304** with the high density second material lower portion **308**, creates a high MOI putter **300**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large aperture **364** formed by the rear wall **332**, the rear periphery **352**, the toe side periphery **356**, and the heel side periphery **360** of the lower portion **308** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (50 cc-75 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0107] The lower portion **308**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 38% of a volume of the putter **300**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **308** comprises less than 37% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 36% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 35% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **300**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **300**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **300**.

[0108] Although the lower portion **308** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **300**, the lower portion **308** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **300**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **308** comprises at least 46% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 47% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 48% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 49% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 50% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 51% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 52% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 53% of the mass of the putter **300**, at least 54% of the mass of the putter **300**, or at least 55% of the overall mass of the putter **300**.

[0109] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **300** increases the MOI of the putter **300**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

c. Semi-Circular Embodiment

[0110] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a semi-circular shaped putter head **400**. Referring to FIG. **4**A-**4**C, the semi-circular putter head **400** has an upper portion **404** and a lower portion **408**. The upper portion **404** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **408** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **404** and lower portion **408** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **400** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0111] As discussed above, the lower portion **408** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material). The lower portion **408** comprises a front edge **448**, a rear periphery **452**, a toe side span **456**, and a heel side span **460**. The lower portion **408** and an under surface of the top portion **404** combine to create a sole **468**. The front edge **448** is adjacent to the toe side span **456** and the heel side span **460**, and opposite to the rear periphery **452**. The toe side span **456** is adjacent to the front edge **448** and the rear periphery **452**, and opposite and to the heel side span **460**. The heel side span **460** is also adjacent to the front edge **448** and the rear periphery **452**, but opposite to the toe side span **456**. The toe side span **456** and heel side span **460**, extend beyond the rear periphery **448** of the upper portion **404**. In some embodiments, the heel side span **460** and toe side span **456** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the heel side span **460** and toe side span **456** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **452** and front edge **448** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the rear periphery **452** and front edge **448** are not parallel. In this embodiment, the rear periphery **452** is approximately semi-circular, thus the rear periphery **452** and front edge **448** are not parallel.

[0112] In most embodiments, the toe side span **456** extends perpendicularly from the front edge **448**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the toe side span **456** and the front edge **448**. However, in other embodiments, the toe side span **456** can extend from the front edge **448** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the toe side span **456** and the front edge **448**. Further, in most embodiments, the heel side span **460** extends perpendicularly from the front edge **448**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the heel side span **460** and the front edge **448**. However, in other embodiments, the heel side span **460** can extend from the front edge **448** in any direction, such that any angle) (0°-180° can be formed at the junction of the heel side span **460** and the front edge **448**.

[0113] The front edge **448**, toe side span **456**, and heel side span **460** form a gap **464**. The gap **464** is bounded by the front edge **448**, the toe side span **456**, and the heel side span **460**. The gap **464** formed by the front edge **448**, the toe side span **456**, and the heel side span **460** shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion **408**. The gap **464** can comprise any shape, however in one embodiment the gap is approximately rectangular. In other embodiments, the gap **464** can be circular, curvilinear, triangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, golf ball shaped, square, or any other desired geometric shape.

[0114] The upper portion **404** of the putter head **400** comprises a toe end **412**, a heel end **416**, a strike face **420**, a rear wall **432**, a back edge **434**, a crown **442**, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end **412** is opposite the heel end **416**. The strike face **420** spans from the toe end **412** to the heel end **416** and is opposite the rear wall **432**. The rear wall **432** is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face **420**. The crown **442** extends away from the strike face **420** to the back edge **434** of the upper portion **404**. Furthermore, the under surface is opposite the crown **442**, spanning from the strike face **420** to the back edge **434**.

[0115] The crown **442** further descends from the strike face **420** to the back edge **434**. Additionally, the crown **442** extends away from the strike face **420**, over the front edge **448** of lower portion **408**, and to the back edge **434** of the upper portion **404**. The crown **442**, in most embodiments,

spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **400** width from the toe side span **456** and spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **400** width from the heel side span **460**. In other embodiments, the crown **442** can, continuously or discontinuously, span the entire width of the total club head **400**, in a heel to toe direction. In some embodiments, the crown **442**, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 90% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 70% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **400**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **400**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **400**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown **442** can be substantially flat from the strike face **420** to the back edge **434** or ascend from the strike face **420** to the back edge **434**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown **442** can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0116] The crown **442** further comprises an alignment trough **455**, wherein the alignment trough **455** is equidistant from the heel end **416** and the toe end **412**. The alignment trough **455** is adjacent the rear wall **432** and approximately perpendicular to the strike face **420**. The alignment trough **455** is bounded by the back edge **434**, the rear wall **432**, and the crown **442** on the heel end **416** and the toe end **412**. In most embodiments, the alignment trough **455** is approximately the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm) to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball.

[0117] Furthermore, the upper portion **404** of the putter head **400** can comprise one or more alignment features **444** on the crown **442**. The alignment feature **444** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **444**. The alignment features **444** can be equally spaced on the entire crown **442**, a portion of the crown **442**, or the alignment trough **455**. The alignment features **444**, extending along the alignment trough **455**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the rear wall **432** to the back edge **434** of the putter **400**. The goal is to align the entire putter **400** with the golf ball using these alignment features **444** along the crown **442** and/or the alignment trough **455**.

[0118] Referring to FIG. **4**C, the upper portion **404** is affixed to the lower portion **408** such that the upper portion **404** is further from a ground plane **472** than the lower portion **408**, wherein the ground plane **472** is tangent to the lower portion **404**, when the putter head **400** is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0119] Further, the strike face **420** of the putter head **400** comprises a strike face center point **476** and a loft plane **480**. The strike face center point **476** is equidistant from the crown **442** and the undersurface of the upper portion **404**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **416** and toe end **412** of the putter head **400**. The loft plane **480** is tangent to the strike face **420** of the putter head **400**. Further, a midplane **484** intersects the strike face center point **476** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **480**. Furthermore, a y-axis **488** intersects the midplane **484**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **472**.

[0120] When the upper portion **404** and lower portion **408** are joined such that the heel end **416** overlays at least a portion of the toe side span **456**. Further, when the upper portion **404** and lower portion **408** are joined such that the toe end **412** overlays at least a portion of the heel side span **460**. Further still, when the upper portion **404** and lower portion **408** are joined such that the strike face **420** overlays at least a portion of the front edge **448**. Finally, the upper portion **404** and lower portion **408** are joined such that the back edge **434** overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery **452**.

[0121] The rear periphery **452** can be curvilinear spanning from the heel side **416** to the toe side **416**. The rear periphery **452** comprises a curve length measured along the rear periphery **452** from the junction between the heel side **416** and the rear periphery **452** to the junction between the toe side **416** and the rear periphery **452**. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **452** curve length can be between 4.5 inches and 8.0 inches. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **452** curve length can be 4.5 inches-4.75 inches, 4.75 inches-5.0 inches, 5.0 inches-5.25 inches, 5.25 inches-5.5 inches, 5.5 inches-5.75 inches, 5.75 inches-6.0 inches, 6.0 inches-6.25 inches, 6.25 inches-6.5 inches, 6.5 inches-6.75 inches, 6.75 inches-7.0 inches, 7.25 inches-7.50 inches, 7.50 inches-7.75 inches, or 7.75 inches-8.0 inches.

[0122] The front edge **448**, rear periphery **452**, toe side span **456**, and heel side span **460** of the lower portion **408**, combined with the upper portion **404**, create the sole **468**. The sole **468** is perpendicular to the ground plane **472**, wherein the ground plane **472** is tangent to the sole **468**, when the putter head **400** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **468** of the putter head **400** extends from the toe end **412** of the putter head **400** to the heel end **416** of the putter head **400**.

[0123] In most embodiments, the sole **468** of the putter head **400** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **468** of the putter head **400** can have a slight arch in a heel **416** to toe **412** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **468** of the putter head **400** can have a strong arch in the heel **416** to toe **412** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **468** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **400** on the ground plane **472**.

[0124] Referring to FIG. **4**A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **408** can further comprise a front toe mass **441** and a front heel mass **443**. The front toe mass **441**, front heel mass **443** are integral to the lower portion **408**. The front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** extend from the lower portion **408**, in a direction away from the ground plane **472**, and toward the upper portion **404**. These mass portions provide a means to position and align the upper portion **404** with the lower portion **408** of the putter head **400**. Furthermore, these mass portions (i.e., the front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443**) provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the putter **400** over putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weight that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The front toe mass **441** and a front heel mass **443** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, trian-

gular, pyramidal, spherical, semi-circular, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0125] In FIG. **4**A, the front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** are positioned away from the rear periphery **452**, wherein the front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** do not touch or intersect with the rear periphery **452**. However, referring to FIG. **5**A-**5**C, an alternate semi-circular shaped putter **500** is illustrated below. Putter **500** comprises the same features as putter **400**, however the front toe mass **541** and front heel mass **543** of putter **500**, are positioned on the rear periphery **552**, wherein the front toe mass **541** and front heel mass **53** are integral to and intersect the rear periphery **452**.

[0126] In one embodiment, the front toe mass **441** is positioned on the front edge **448**, at the junction of the toe side span **456** and the front edge **448**, however in other embodiments the front toe mass **441** can be positioned anywhere along the toe side span **456**. In one embodiment, the front heel mass **443**, is positioned on the front edge **448**, at the junction of the heel side span **460** and the front edge **448**, however in other embodiments the front heel mass **443** can be positioned anywhere along the heel side span **460**.

[0127] The front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** provide areas of concentrated mass, such that each mass **441**, **443** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **400**. The placement of each mass **441**, **443** on the front edge **448** and spans **456**, **460** increases the MOI since each mass **441**, **443** since each mass is farther from a center of gravity of the putter **400**. Each mass **441**, **443** on the periphery **448** and spans **456**, **460** is integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0128] The front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** offer dual functionalities, such that the front toe mass **441** and front heel mass **443** function not only to increase the MOI of the putter **400** but provide additional surfaces for the upper portion **404** to join to the lower portion **408**. Therefore, the front toe mass **441** can also be referred to as a front toe adhesion portion **441** and the front heel mass **443** can also be referred to as a front heel adhesion portion **443**.

[0129] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **420**, and rear wall **432** of the upper portion **408**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the toe end **412**, towards the crown **442** but does not reach the crown **442**. The first cavity is bounded by the rear wall **432**, the strike face **420**, and the toe **412**. The first cavity functions to receive the front toe mass **441** of the lower portion **408**.

[0130] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **420**, and rear wall **432** of the upper portion **408**, can form a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the heel end **416**, towards the crown **442** but does not reach the crown **442**. The second cavity is bounded by the rear wall **432**, the strike face **420**, and the heel **416**. The second cavity functions to receive the front heel mass **443** of the lower portion **408**.

[0131] The first and second cavity can comprise any desired geometry, however in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the front toe mass **441** and the front heel mass **443**. Further, when the upper portion **704** is affixed to the lower portion **408**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first cavity encompasses the front toe mass **441**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the front heel mass **443**.

[0132] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **404** with the high density second material lower portion **408**, creates a high MOI putter **400**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large gap **464** formed by the rear periphery **452** and the spans **456**, **460** of the lower portion **408** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0133] The lower portion **408**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 38% of a volume of the putter **400**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **408** comprises less than 37% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 36% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 35% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **400**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **400**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **400**.

[0134] Although the lower portion **408** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **400**, the lower portion **408** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **400**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **408** comprises at least 46% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 47% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 48% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 49% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 50% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 51% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 52% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 53% of the mass of the putter **400**, at least 54% of the mass of the putter **400**, or at least 55% of the mass of the putter **400**.

[0135] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **400**, through the use of a high density, low volume lower portion **408**, increases the MOI of the putter **400**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

d. Winged Embodiment

[0136] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a winged shaped putter head with periphery spans **600**. Referring to FIGS. **6**A and **6**B, the winged shaped putter head **600** has a upper portion **604** and a lower portion **608**. The upper portion **604** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **608** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **604** and lower portion **608** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **600** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0137] As discussed above, the lower portion **608** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material). The lower portion **608** comprises a front periphery **648**, a sole **668**, a rear periphery **652**, a toe side wing **656**, and a heel side wing **660**. As discussed below, FIG. **6**C, the front

periphery **648**, rear periphery **652**, toe side wing **656**, and heel side wing **660** of the lower portion **608**, combined with the upper portion **604**, create a sole **668**. The front periphery **648** is adjacent to the toe side periphery **656** and the heel side periphery **660**, and opposite to the rear periphery **652**. The toe side wing **656** is adjacent to the front periphery **648** and the rear periphery **652**, and opposite to the heel side wing **660**. The heel side wing **660** is also adjacent to the front periphery **648** and the rear periphery **652**, but opposite to the toe side wing **656**. The toe side wing **656** and heel side wing **660**, extend beyond the rear periphery **648** of the upper portion **604**. In some embodiments, the heel side wing **660** and toe side wing **656** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the heel side wing **660** and toe side wing **656** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **652** and front periphery **648** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the rear periphery **652** and front periphery **648** are not parallel.

[0138] In most embodiments, the toe side wing **656** extends perpendicularly from the rear periphery **652**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the toe side wing **656** and the rear periphery **652**. However, in other embodiments, the toe side wing **656** can extend from the rear periphery **652** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the toe side wing **656** and the rear periphery **652**. Further, in most embodiments, the heel side wing **660** extends perpendicularly from the rear periphery **652**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the heel side wing **660** and the rear periphery **652**. However, in other embodiments, the heel side wing **660** can extend from the rear periphery **652** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the heel side wing **660** and the rear periphery **652**.

[0139] The front periphery **648**, of the lower portion **608**, comprises a front width. The front width is measured from the junction of the toe side wing **656** and the front periphery **648**, to the junction of the heel side wing **660** and the front periphery **648**. Further, the lower portion **608**, comprises a rear width. The rear width is measured from a tip **657** of the toe side wing **656** and a tip **661** of a toe side wing **660**, wherein the tip **657** is the point of the toe side wing **656** furthest from the front periphery **648** and the tip **661** is the point of the heel side wing **660** furthest from the front periphery **648**. In most embodiments, the front width is greater than the rear width, however in some embodiments, the front width can be equal to or less than the rear width.

[0140] The rear periphery **652**, toe side wing **656**, and heel side wing **660** form a gap **664**. The gap **664** is bounded by the rear periphery **652**, the toe side wing **656**, and the heel side wing **660**. The gap **664** formed by the rear periphery **652**, the toe side wing **656**, and the heel side wing **660** shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion **608**. The gap **664** can comprise any shape, however in one embodiment the gap is approximately rectangular. In other embodiments, the gap **664** can be circular, curvilinear, triangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, golf ball shaped, square, or any other desired geometric shape.

[0141] The upper portion **604** of the putter head **600** comprises a toe end **612**, a heel end **616**, a strike face **620**, a rear wall **632**, a back edge **634**, a crown **642**, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end **612** is opposite the heel end **616**. The strike face **620** spans from the toe end **612** to the heel end **616** and is opposite the rear wall **632**. The rear wall **632** is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face **620**. The crown **642** extends away from the strike face **620** and to the back edge **634** of the upper portion **604**. Furthermore, the under surface is opposite the crown **642**, spanning from the strike face **620** to the back edge **634**.

[0142] The crown **642** further descends from the strike face **620** to the back edge **634**. Additionally, the crown **642** extends away from the strike face **620**, over the front periphery **648** of lower portion **608**, and to the back edge **634** of the upper portion **604**. The crown **642**, in most embodiments, spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **600** width from the toe side wing **656** and spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **600** width from the heel side wing **660**. In other embodiments, the crown **642** can, continuously or discontinuously, span the entire width of the total club head **600**, in a heel to toe direction. In some embodiments, the crown **642**, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 90% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 70% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **600**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **600**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **600**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown **642** can be substantially flat from the strike face **620** to the back edge **634** or ascend from the strike face **620** to the back edge **634**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown **642** can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0143] The crown **642** further comprises an alignment trough **655**, wherein the alignment trough **655** is equidistant from the heel end **616** and the toe end **612**. The alignment trough **655** is adjacent the rear wall **632** and approximately perpendicular to the strike face **620**. The alignment trough **655** is bounded by the back edge **634**, the rear wall **632**, and the crown **642** on the heel end **616** and the toe end **612**. In most embodiments, the alignment trough is approximately the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm) to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball.

[0144] Furthermore, the upper portion **604** of the putter head **600** can comprise one or more alignment features **644** on the crown **642**. The alignment feature **644** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **644**. The alignment features **644** can be equally spaced on the entire crown **642**, a portion of the crown **642**, or the alignment trough **655**. The alignment features **644**, extending along the alignment trough **655**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the rear wall **632** to the back edge **634** of the putter **600**. The goal is to align the entire putter **600** with the golf ball using these alignment features **644** along the crown **642** and/or the alignment trough **655**.

[0145] The upper portion **604** is affixed to the lower portion **608** such that the upper portion **604** is further from a ground plane **672** than the lower portion **608**, wherein the ground plane **672** is tangent to the lower portion **604**, when the putter head **600** is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0146] Further, the strike face **620** of the putter head **600** comprises a strike face center point **676** and a loft plane **680**. The strike face center point **676** is equidistant from the crown **642** and the undersurface of the upper portion **604**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **616** and toe end **612** of the putter head **600**. The loft plane **680** is tangent to the strike face **620** of the putter head **600**. Further, a midplane **684** intersects the strike face center point **676** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **680**. Furthermore, a y-axis **688** intersects the midplane **648**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **672**.

[0147] When the upper portion **604** and lower portion **608** are joined such that the heel end **616** overlays at least a portion of the toe side wing **656**. Further, when the upper portion **604** and lower portion **608** are joined such that the toe end **612** overlays at least a portion of the heel side wing **660**. Further still, when the upper portion **604** and lower portion **608** are joined such that the strike face **620** overlays at least a portion of the front periphery **648**. Finally, the upper portion **604** and lower portion **608** are joined such that the back edge **634** overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery **652**.

[0148] Referring the FIG. **6**C, the front periphery **648**, rear periphery **652**, toe side wing **656**, and heel side wing **660** of the lower portion **608**, combined with the upper portion **604**, create a sole **668**. The sole **668** is perpendicular to the ground plane **672**, wherein the ground plane **672** is tangent to the sole **668**, when the putter head **600** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **668** of the putter head **600** extends from the toe end **612** of the putter head **600** to the heel end **616** of the putter head **600**.

[0149] In most embodiments, the sole **668** of the putter head **600** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **668** of the putter head **600** can have a slight arch in a heel **616** to toe **612** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **668** of the putter head **600** can have a strong arch in the heel **616** to toe **612** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **668** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **600** on the ground plane **672**.

[0150] Referring to FIG. **6**A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **608** can further comprise a front toe mass **641**, a front heel mass **643**, a toe wing mass **645**, and a heel wing mass **647**. The front toe mass **641**, front heel mass **743**, toe wing mass **645**, and heel wing mass **647** are integral to the lower portion **608**. The front toe mass **641**, front heel mass **643**, toe wing mass **645**, and heel wing mass **647** extend from the lower portion **608**, in a direction away from the ground plane **672**, and toward the upper portion **604**. These mass portions provide a means to position to upper portion **604** and align with the lower portion **608** of the putter head **600**. Furthermore, these mass portions (i.e., the front toe mass **641**, front heel mass **643**, toe wing mass **645**, and heel wing mass **647**) provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the putter **600** over putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weight that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The front toe mass **641**, a front heel mass **643**, a toe wing mass **645**, and a heel wing mass **647** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, pyramidal, spherical, semi-circular, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0151] In one embodiment, the front toe mass **641** is positioned on the front periphery **648**, at the junction of the toe wing **656** and the front periphery **648**, however in other embodiments the front toe mass **641** can be positioned anywhere along the front periphery **648**. In one embodiment, the front heel mass **643**, is positioned on the front periphery **648**, at the junction of the heel wing **660** and the front periphery **648**, however in other embodiments the front heel mass **643** can be positioned anywhere along the front periphery **648**. In one embodiment, the toe wing mass **645** can be positioned over a portion of toe side wing **656**, however in other embodiments the toe wing mass **645** can be positioned anywhere along a portion of, or the entire, toe side wing **656**. In one embodiment, the heel wing mass **647** can be positioned over a portion of the heel side wing **660**, however in other embodiments the heel wing mass **647** can be positioned along a portion of, or the entire, heel side wing **660**.

[0152] The front toe mass **641**, front heel mass **643**, toe wing mass **645**, and heel wing mass **647**, provide areas of concentrated mass, such that each mass **641**, **643**, **645**, and **647** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **600**. The placement of each mass **641**, **643**, **645**, and **647** on the periphery **648** and wings **656**, **660**, increases the MOI since each mass **641**, **643**, **645**, and **647** since each mass is farther from a center of gravity of the putter **600**. Each mass **641**, **643**, **645**, **647** on the periphery **648** and wings **656**, **660** is integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0153] The front toe mass **641** and front heel mass **643** offer dual functionalities, such that the front toe mass **641** and front heel mass **643** function not only to increase the MOI of the putter **600** but provide additional surfaces for the upper portion **604** to join to the lower portion **608**. Therefore, the front toe mass **641** can also be referred to as a front toe adhesion portion **641** and the front heel mass **643** can also be referred to as a front heel adhesion portion **643**.

[0154] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **620**, and rear wall **632** of the upper portion **608**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the toe end **612**, towards the crown **642** but does not reach the crown **642**. The first cavity is bounded by the rear wall **632**, the strike face **620**, and the toe **612**. The first cavity functions to receive the front toe mass **641** of the lower portion **608**.

[0155] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **620**, and rear wall **632** of the upper portion **608**, can form a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, on the heel end **616**, towards the crown **642** but does not reach the crown **642**. The second cavity is bounded by the rear wall **632**, the strike face **620**, and the heel **616**. The second cavity functions to receive the front heel mass **643** of the lower portion **608**.

[0156] The first and second cavity can comprise any desired geometry, however in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the front toe mass **641** and the front heel mass **643**. Further, when the upper portion **604** is affixed to the lower portion **608**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first

cavity encompasses the front toe mass **641**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the front heel mass **643**.

[0157] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **604** with the high density second material lower portion **608**, creates a high MOI putter **600**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large gap **664** formed by the rear periphery **652** and the wings **656**, **660** of the lower portion **608** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0158] The lower portion **608**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 38% of a total volume of the putter **600**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **608** comprises less than 37% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 36% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 35% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **600**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **600**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **600**.

[0159] Although the lower portion **608** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **600**, the lower portion **608** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **600**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **608** comprises at least 46% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 46% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 47% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 48% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 49% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 50% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 51% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 52% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 53% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, at least 54% of the overall mass of the putter **600**, or at least 55% of the overall mass of the putter **600**.

[0160] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **600**, through the use of a high density, low volume lower portion **608**, increases the MOI of the putter **600**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

e. Spade Embodiment

[0161] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a spade shaped putter head with periphery spans **700**. Referring to FIGS. **7**A and **7**B, the spade shaped putter head **700** has a upper portion **704** and a lower portion **708**. The upper portion **704** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **708** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **704** and lower portion **708** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **700** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0162] As discussed above, the lower portion **708** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the first material), thereby lowering the mass below a midline **784**. The lower portion **708** comprises a front periphery **748**, a rear periphery **752**, a toe side periphery **756**, and a heel side periphery **760**. The front periphery **748** is adjacent to the toe side periphery **756** and the heel side periphery **760**, and opposite to the rear periphery **752**. The toe side periphery **756** is adjacent to the front periphery **748** and the rear periphery **752**, and opposite and to the heel side periphery **760**. The heel side periphery **760** is also adjacent to the front periphery **748** and the rear periphery **752**, but opposite to the toe side periphery **756**. In some embodiments, the heel side periphery **760** and toe side periphery **756** can be parallel, while in some embodiments the heel side periphery **760** and toe side periphery **756** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **752** and front periphery **748** can be parallel, while in some embodiments the rear periphery **752** and front periphery **748** are not parallel.

[0163] The front periphery **748**, of the lower portion **708**, comprises a front width. The front width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery **756** and the front periphery **748**, to the junction of the heel side periphery **760** and the front periphery **748**. Further, the rear periphery **752**, of the lower portion **708**, comprises a rear width. The rear width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery **756** and the rear periphery **752**, to the junction of the heel side periphery **760** and the rear periphery **752**. In most embodiments, the front width is greater than the rear width, however in some embodiments, the front width can be equal to or less than the rear width.

[0164] The front periphery **748**, rear periphery **752**, toe side periphery **756**, and heel side periphery **760**, join to from an aperture **764**, wherein the aperture **764** is bounded by the four peripheries (front **756**, rear **752**, toe side **756**, and heel side **760**). The four peripheries **756**, **752**, **756**, **760**, form a perimeter around the aperture **764**. The central aperture **764**, formed by the peripheries **756**, **752**, **756**, **760** of the lower portion **708**, shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion **708**.

[0165] The upper portion **704** of the putter head **700** comprises a toe end **712**, a heel end **716**, a strike face **720**, a rear wall **732**, a back edge **734**, a crown **742**, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end **712** is opposite the heel end **716**. The strike face **720** spans from the toe end **712** to the heel end **716** and is opposite the rear wall **732**. The rear wall **732** is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face **720**. The crown **742** extends away from the strike face **720**, over at least a portion of the rear wall **732**, and to the back edge **734** of the upper portion **704**. Furthermore, the under surface is opposite the crown **742**, spanning from the strike face **720** to the back edge **734**.

[0166] The crown **742** further descends from the strike face **720** to the back edge **734**. Additionally, the crown **742** extends away from the strike face **720**, over at least a portion of the rear wall **732**, the aperture **764** of the lower portion **708**, and to the back edge **734** of the upper portion **704**. The crown **742**, in most embodiments, is inward 25% of the total club head **700** width from the toe side periphery **756** and the heel side periphery **760**. In this embodiment, the crown **742** spans approximately 50% of the width of the club head **700**. In other embodiments, the crown **742**, can span the entire width of the total club head **700**, in a heel to toe direction. In some embodiments, the crown **742**, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **700**, less than 90% of the total width of the club head **700**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **700**, less than 70% of the total

width of the club head **700**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **700**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **700**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **700**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **700**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown **742** can be substantially flat from the strike face **720** to the back edge **734** or ascend from the strike face **720** to the back edge **734**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown **742** can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0167] Furthermore, the upper portion **704** of the putter head **700** can comprise one or more alignment features **744** on the crown **742**. The alignment feature **744** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **744**. The alignment features **744** are equally spaced on the entire crown **742**, wherein the crown is configured to be the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm). The alignment features **744**, extending along the crown **742**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the strike face **720** to the back edge **734** of the putter **700**. The goal is to align the entire putter **700** with the golf ball using these alignment features **744** along the crown **742**.

[0168] Referring to FIG. 7C, the upper portion **704** is affixed to the lower portion **708** such that the upper portion **704** is further from a ground plane **772** than the lower portion **708**, wherein the ground plane **772** is tangent to the lower portion **704**, when the putter head **700** is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0169] Further, the strike face **720** of the putter head **700** comprises a strike face center point **776** and a loft plane **780**. The strike face center point **776** is equidistant from the crown **742** and the undersurface of the upper portion **704**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **716** and toe end **712** of the putter head **700**. The loft plane **780** is tangent to the strike face **720** of the putter head **700**. Further, a midplane **748** intersects the strike face center point **776** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **780**. Furthermore, a y-axis **788** intersects the midplane **784**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **772**.

[0170] When the upper portion **704** and lower portion **708** are joined such that the heel end **716** overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery **756**. Further, when the upper portion **704** and lower portion **708** are joined such that the toe end **712** overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery **760**. Further still, when the upper portion **704** and lower portion **708** are joined such that the strike face **720** overlays at least a portion of the front periphery **748**. Finally, the upper portion **704** and lower portion **708** are joined such that the back edge **734** overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery **752**.

[0171] The four peripheries (front **748**, rear **752**, toe side **756**, and heel side **760**) of the lower portion **708**, combined with the upper portion **704**, create a sole **768**. The sole **768** is perpendicular to the ground plane **772**, wherein the ground plane **772** is tangent to the sole **768**, when the putter head **700** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **768** of the putter head **700** extends from the toe end **712** of the putter head **700** to the heel end **716** of the putter head **700**.

[0172] In most embodiments, the sole **768** of the putter head **700** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **768** of the putter head **700** can have a slight arch in a heel **716** to toe **712** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **768** of the putter head **700** can have a strong arch in the heel **716** to toe **712** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **768** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **700** on the ground plane **772**.

[0173] Referring to FIG. 7A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **708** can further comprise a front mass **741**, a rear mass **743**, a toe mass **745**, and a heel mass **747**. The front mass **741**, rear mass **743**, toe mass **745**, and heel mass **747** are integral to the lower portion **708**. The front mass **741**, rear mass **743**, toe mass **745**, and heel mass **747** extend from the lower portion **708**, in a direction away from the ground plane **772**, and toward the upper portion **704**. These mass portions provide a means to position to upper portion **704** and align with the lower portion **708** of the putter head **700**. Furthermore, these mass portions (i.e., the front mass **741**, rear mass **743**, toe mass **745**, and heel mass **747**) provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the putter **700** over putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weight that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The front mass **741**, a rear mass **743**, a toe mass **745**, and a heel mass **747** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, pyramidal, spherical, semi-circular, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0174] In one embodiment, the front mass **741** is positioned on the front periphery **748**, is equidistance from the toe side periphery **756** and the heel side periphery **760**, however in other embodiments the front mass **741** can be positioned anywhere along the front periphery **748**. In one embodiment, the rear mass **743**, is positioned on the rear periphery **752**, equidistance from the toe side periphery **756** and the heel side periphery **760**, however in other embodiments the rear mass **743** can be positioned anywhere along the rear periphery **752**. In one embodiment, the toe mass **745** can be positioned at the junction of the toe side periphery **756** and the rear periphery **752**, however in other embodiments the toe mass **745** can be positioned anywhere along the toe side periphery **756**. In one embodiment, the heel mass **747** can be positioned at the junction of the heel side periphery **760** and the rear periphery **752**, however in other embodiments the heel mass **747** can be positioned anywhere along the heel side periphery **760**.

[0175] The front mass **741**, a rear mass **743**, a toe mass **745**, and a heel mass **747**, provide areas of concentrated mass, such that each mass **741**, **743**, **745**, and **747** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **700**. The placement of each mass **741**, **743**, **745**, and **747** on the peripheries **748**, **752**, **756**, **760**, increases the MOI since each mass **741**, **743**, **745**, and **747** since each mass is farther from a center of gravity of the putter **700**. Each mass **741**, **743**, **745**, **747** on the peripheries **748**, **752**, **756**, **760** is integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0176] The front mass **741** and the rear mass **743** offer dual functionalities, such that the front mass **741** and rear mass **743** function not only to increase the MOI of the putter **700** but provide additional surfaces for the upper portion **704** to join to the lower portion **708**. Therefore, the front mass **741** can also be referred to as a front adhesion portion **741** and the rear mass **743**.

[0177] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **720**, and rear wall **732** of the upper portion **708**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface towards the crown **742** but does not reach the crown **742**. The first cavity is bounded by the rear wall **732** and the strike face **720**. The first cavity functions to receive the front mass **741** of the lower portion **708**.

[0178] In some embodiments, the under surface, the back edge **734**, and the crown **742** forms a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, towards the crown **742**, but does not reach the crown **742**. The second cavity is bounded by the back edge **734**, and the crown **732**. In most embodiments, the second cavity is positioned equidistance between the toe side periphery **756** and the heel side periphery **760**, when the lower portion **708** is joined to the upper portion **704**. The second cavity functions to receive the rear mass **743** of the lower portion **708**.

[0179] The first and second cavity can comprise any desired geometry, however in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the front mass **741** and the rear mass **743**. Further, when the upper portion **704** is affixed to the lower portion **708**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first cavity encompasses the front mass **741**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the rear mass **743**.

[0180] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **704** with the high density second material lower portion **708**, creates a high MOI putter **700**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large aperture **764** formed by the peripheries **748**, **752**, **756**, **760** of the lower portion **708** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0181] The lower portion **708**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 35% of a total volume of the putter **700**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **708** comprises less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **700**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **700**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **700**.

[0182] Although the lower portion **708** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **700**, the lower portion **708** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **700**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **708** comprises at least 46% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 47% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 48% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 49% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 50% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 51% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 52% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 53% of the mass of the putter **700**, at least 54% of the mass of the putter **700**, or at least 55% of the mass of the putter **700**.

[0183] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **700**, through the use of a high density, low volume lower portion **708**, increases the MOI of the putter **700**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

f. T-Shaped Embodiment with Periphery Spans

[0184] In one embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a T-shaped putter head with periphery spans **800**. Referring to FIGS. **8**A and **8**B, the T-shaped putter head with periphery spans **800** has a upper portion **804** and a lower portion **808**. The upper portion **804** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **808** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **804** and lower portion **808** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **800** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0185] As discussed above, the lower portion **808** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material), thereby lowering the mass below a midline **884**. The lower portion **808** comprises a front periphery **848**, a rear periphery **852**, a toe side periphery **856**, and a heel side periphery **860**. The front periphery **848** is adjacent to the toe side periphery **856** and the heel side periphery **860**, and opposite to the rear periphery **852**. The toe side periphery **856** is adjacent to the front periphery **848** and the rear periphery **852**, and opposite and to the heel side periphery **860**. The heel side periphery **860** is also adjacent to the front periphery **848** and the rear periphery **852**, but opposite to the toe side periphery **856**. In some embodiments, the heel side periphery **860** and toe side periphery **856** can be parallel, while in some embodiments the heel side periphery **860** and toe side periphery **856** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery **852** and front periphery **848** can be parallel, while in some embodiments the rear periphery **852** and front periphery **848** are not parallel.

[0186] The front periphery **848**, of the lower portion **808**, comprises a front width. The front width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery **856** and the front periphery **848**, to the junction of the heel side periphery **860** and the front periphery **848**. Further, the rear periphery **852**, of the lower portion **808**, comprises a rear width. The rear width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery **856** and the rear periphery **852**, to the junction of the heel side periphery **860** and the rear periphery **852**. In most embodiments, the front width is greater than the rear width, however in some embodiments, the front width can be equal to or less than the rear width.

[0187] The front periphery **848**, rear periphery **852**, toe side periphery **856**, and heel side periphery **860**, join to from an aperture **864**, wherein the aperture **864** is bounded by the four peripheries (front **856**, rear **852**, toe side **856**, and heel side **860**). The four peripheries **856**, **852**, **856**, **860**, form a perimeter around the aperture **864**. The central aperture **864**, formed by the peripheries **856**, **852**, **856**, **860** of the lower portion **808**, shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion **808**.

[0188] In some embodiments, the aperture **864**, formed by the front periphery **848**, rear periphery **852**, toe side periphery **856**, and heel side periphery **860** can be any one of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, semi-circular, circular (golf ball sized), circular (larger than a golf ball), circular (smaller than a golf ball), square, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0189] The upper portion **804** of the putter head **800** comprises a toe end **812**, a heel end **816**, a strike face **820**, a rear wall **832**, a back edge **834**, a crown **842**, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end **812** is opposite the heel end **816**. The strike face **820** spans from the toe end **812** to the heel end **816** and is opposite the rear wall **832**. The rear wall **832** is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face **820**. The crown **842** extends away from the strike face **820**, over at least a portion of the rear wall **832**, and to the back edge **834** of the upper portion **804**. Furthermore, the under surface is opposite the crown **842**, spanning from the strike face **820** to the back edge **834**.

[0190] The crown **842** further descends from the strike face **820** to the back edge **834**. Additionally, the crown **842** extends away from the strike face **820**, over at least a portion of the rear wall **832**, the aperture **864** of the lower portion **808**, and to the back edge **834** of the upper portion **804**. The crown **842**, in most embodiments, is inward 25% of the total club head **800** width from the toe side periphery **856** and the heel side periphery **860**. In this embodiment, the crown **842** spans approximately 50% of the width of the club head **800**, thus forming a "T-Shape" with the strike face. In other embodiments, the crown **842**, can span the entire width of the total club head **800**, in a heel to toe direction. In some embodiments, the crown **842**, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 90% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 70% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **800**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **800**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **800**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown **842** can be substantially flat from the strike face **820** to the back edge **834** or ascend from the strike face **820** to the back edge **834**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown **842** can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0191] Furthermore, the upper portion **804** of the putter head **800** can comprise one or more alignment features **844** on the crown **842**. The alignment feature **844** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **844**. The alignment features **844** are equally spaced on the entire crown **842**, wherein the crown is configured to be the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm). The alignment features **844**, extending along the crown **842**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the strike face **820** to the back edge **834** of the putter **800**. The goal is to align the entire putter **800** with the golf ball using these alignment features **844** along the crown **842**.

[0192] Referring to FIG. **8**C, the upper portion **804** is affixed to the lower portion **808** such that the upper portion **804** is further from a ground plane **872** than the lower portion **808**, wherein the ground plane **872** is tangent to the lower portion **804**, when the putter head **800** is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0193] Further, the strike face **820** of the putter head **800** comprises a strike face center point **876** and a loft plane **880**. The strike face center point **876** is equidistant from the crown **842** and the undersurface of the upper portion **804**, as well as equidistant from the heel end **816** and toe end **812** of the putter head **800**. The loft plane **880** is tangent to the strike face **820** of the putter head **800**. Further, a midplane **884** intersects the strike face center point **876** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **880**. Furthermore, a y-axis **888** intersects the midplane **884**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **872**.

[0194] When the upper portion **804** and lower portion **808** are joined such that the heel end **816** overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery **856**. Further, when the upper portion **804** and lower portion **808** are joined such that the toe end **812** overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery **860**. Further still, when the upper portion **804** and lower portion **808** are joined such that the strike face **820** overlays at least a portion of the front periphery **848**. Finally, the upper portion **804** and lower portion **808** are joined such that the back edge **834** overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery **852**.

[0195] The four peripheries (front **848**, rear **852**, toe side **856**, and heel side **860**) of the lower portion **808**, combined with the upper portion **804**, create a sole **868**. The sole **868** is perpendicular to the ground plane **872**, wherein the ground plane **872** is tangent to the sole **868**, when the putter head **800** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **868** of the putter head **800** extends from the toe end **812** of the putter head **800** to the heel end **816** of the putter head **800**.

[0196] In most embodiments, the sole **868** of the putter head **800** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **868** of the putter head **800** can have a slight arch in a heel **816** to toe **812** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **868** of the putter head **800** can have a strong arch in the heel **816** to toe **812** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **868** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **800** on the ground plane **872**.

[0197] Referring to FIG. **8**A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **808** can further comprise a front mass **841**, a rear mass **843**, a toe mass **845**, and a heel mass **847**. The front mass **841**, rear mass **843**, toe mass **845**, and heel mass **847** are integral to the lower portion **808**. The front mass **841**, rear mass **843**, toe mass **845**, and heel mass **847** extend from the lower portion **808**, in a direction away from the ground plane **872**, and toward the upper portion **804**. These mass portions provide a means to position to upper portion **804** and align with the lower portion **808** of the putter head **800**. Furthermore, these mass portions (i.e., the front mass **841**, rear mass **843**, toe mass **845**, and heel mass **847**) provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the putter **800** over putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weight that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The front mass **841**, a rear mass **843**,

a toe mass **845**, and a heel mass **847** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, pyramidal, spherical, semi-circular, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0198] In one embodiment, the front mass **841** is positioned on the front periphery **848**, is equidistance from the toe side periphery **856** and the heel side periphery **860**, however in other embodiments the front mass **841** can be positioned anywhere along the front periphery **848**. In one embodiment, the rear mass **843**, is positioned on the rear periphery **852**, equidistance from the toe side periphery **856** and the heel side periphery **860**, however in other embodiments the rear mass **843** can be positioned anywhere along the rear periphery **852**. In one embodiment, the toe mass **845** can be positioned at the junction of the toe side periphery **856** and the rear periphery **852**, however in other embodiments the toe mass **845** can be positioned anywhere along the toe side periphery **856**. In one embodiment, the heel mass **847** can be positioned at the junction of the heel side periphery **860** and the rear periphery **852**, however in other embodiments the heel mass **847** can be positioned anywhere along the heel side periphery **860**.

[0199] The front mass **841**, a rear mass **843**, a toe mass **845**, and a heel mass **847**, provide areas of concentrated mass, such that each mass **841**, **843**, **845**, and **847** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **800**. The placement of each mass **841**, **843**, **845**, and **847** on the peripheries **848**, **852**, **856**, **860**, increases the MOI since each mass **841**, **843**, **845**, and **847** since each mass is farther from a center of gravity of the putter **800**. Each mass **841**, **843**, **845**, **847** on the peripheries **848**, **852**, **856**, **860** is integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0200] The front mass **841** and the rear mass **843** offer dual functionalities, such that the front mass **841** and rear mass **843** function not only to increase the MOI of the putter **800** but provide additional surfaces for the upper portion **804** to join to the lower portion **808**. Therefore, the front mass **841** can also be referred to as a front adhesion portion **841** and the rear mass **843**.

[0201] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **820**, and rear wall **832** of the upper portion **808**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface towards the crown **842** but does not reach the crown **842**. The first cavity is bounded by the rear wall **832** and the strike face **820**. The first cavity functions to receive the front mass **841** of the lower portion **808**.

[0202] In some embodiments, the under surface, the back edge **834**, and the crown **842** forms a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, towards the crown **842**, but does not reach the crown **842**. The second cavity is bounded by the back edge **834**, and the crown **832**. In most embodiments, the second cavity is positioned equidistance between the toe side periphery **856** and the heel side periphery **860**, when the lower portion **808** is joined to the upper portion **804**. The second cavity functions to receive the rear mass **843** of the lower portion **808**.

[0203] The first and second cavity can comprise any desired geometry, however in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the front mass **841** and the rear mass **843**. Further, when the upper portion **804** is affixed to the lower portion **808**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first cavity encompasses the front mass **841**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the rear mass **843**.

[0204] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **804** with the high density second material lower portion **808**, creates a high MOI putter **800**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large aperture **864** formed by the peripheries **848**, **852**, **856**, **860** of the lower portion **808** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0205] The lower portion **808**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 35% of a total volume of the putter **800**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **908** comprises less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **800**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **800**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **800**.

[0206] Although the lower portion **808** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **800**, the lower portion **808** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **800**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **808** comprises at least 46% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 47% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 48% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 49% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 50% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 51% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 52% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 53% of the mass of the putter **800**, at least 54% of the mass of the putter **800**, or at least 55% of the mass of the putter **800**.

[0207] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **800**, through the use of a high density, low volume lower portion **808**, increases the MOI of the putter **800**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

g. Dual-Rail Embodiment

[0208] In another embodiment, the putter-type golf club head can be a dual-rail putter head **900**. Referring to FIGS. **9**A and **9**B, the dual-rail putter head **900** has a upper portion **904** and a lower portion **908**. The upper portion **904** is made from a first material have a first density and the lower portion **908** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **904** and lower portion **908** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **900** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0209] As discussed above, the lower portion **908** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material), thereby lowering the mass below a midline **984**. The lower portion **908** comprises a front periphery **948**, a rear periphery **952**, a toe side periphery **956**, and a heel side periphery

960. The front periphery 948 is adjacent to the toe side periphery 956 and the heel side periphery 960, and opposite to the rear periphery 952. The toe side periphery 956 is adjacent to the front periphery 948 and the rear periphery 952, and opposite and to the heel side periphery 960. The heel side periphery 956 is also adjacent to the front periphery 948 and the rear periphery 952, but opposite to the toe side periphery 956. In some embodiments, the heel side periphery 960 and toe side periphery 956 can be parallel, while in some embodiments the heel side periphery 960 and toe side periphery 956 are not parallel. In some embodiments, the rear periphery 952 and front periphery 948 can be parallel, while in some embodiments the rear periphery 952 and front periphery 948 are not parallel.

[0210] The front periphery 948, of the lower portion 908, comprises a front width. The front width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery 956 and the front periphery 948, to the junction of the heel side periphery 960 and the front periphery 948. Further, the rear periphery 952, of the lower portion 908, comprises a rear width. The rear width is measured from the junction of the toe side periphery 956 and the rear periphery 952, to the junction of the heel side periphery 960 and the rear periphery 952. In most embodiments, the front width is greater than the rear width, however in some embodiments, the front width can be equal to or less than the rear width.

[0211] The front periphery 948, rear periphery 952, toe side periphery 956, and heel side periphery 960, join to from an aperture 964, wherein the aperture 964 is bounded by the four peripheries (front 948, rear 952, toe side 956, and heel side 960). The four peripheries 948, 952, 956, 960, form a perimeter around the aperture 964. The central aperture 964, formed by the peripheries 948, 952, 956, 960 of the lower portion 908, shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the lower portion 908.

[0212] In some embodiments, the aperture 964, formed by the front periphery 948, rear periphery 952, toe side periphery 956, and heel side periphery 960 can be any one of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, semi-circular, circular (golf ball sized), circular (larger than a golf ball), circular (smaller than a golf ball), square, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0213] The upper portion 904 of the dual-rail putter head 900 comprises a toe end 912, a heel end 916, a strike face 920, a rear wall 932, a back edge 934, a crown 942, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end 912 is opposite the heel end 916. The strike face 920 spans from the toe end 912 to the heel end 916 and is opposite the rear wall 932. The rear wall 932 is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face 920. The crown 942 extends away from the strike face 920, over at least a portion of the rear wall 932, and to the back edge 934 of the upper portion 904. Furthermore, the under surface is opposite the crown 942, spanning from the strike face 920 to the back edge 934.

[0214] The crown 942 of the upper portion 904 further comprises a toe end mid-rail 936 and a heel end mid-rail 940. In most embodiments, the toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940 are approximately parallel, while perpendicular to the strike face 920. Further, the toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940 do not contact the toe side periphery 956 or the heel side periphery 960. The toe end mid-rail 936 and the heel end mid-rail 940 are approximately ⅓ inward of the total club head width from the outer periphery of the toe side periphery 956 and heel side periphery 960 respectively. However, in other embodiments, the toe end mid-rail 936 and the heel end mid-rail 940 can be more or less than ⅓ inward of the total club head width from the outer periphery of the toe-side periphery and heel-side periphery respectively. The toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940 descend from the strike face 920 to the back edge 934. In some embodiments, the toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940 are not parallel and not perpendicular to the strike face 920. In some embodiments, the toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940 can be substantially flat from the strike face 920 to the back edge 934 or ascend from the strike face 920 to the back edge 934. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the mid-rails 936, 940 can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0215] Furthermore, the upper portion 904 of the dual-rail putter head 900 can comprise one or more alignment features 944 on toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940. The alignment feature 944 can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature 944. The alignment features 944 are spaced such on the rails 936, 940 to be the width of a golf ball (approximately 4.27 cm). The alignment features 944 extend along the rails to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends from the golf ball, strike face 920 to the entire putter 900. The goal is to align the entire putter 900 with the golf ball using these alignment features 944 along the toe end mid-rail 936 and heel end mid-rail 940.

[0216] The upper portion 904 is affixed to the lower portion 908 such that the upper portion 904 is further from a ground plane 972 than the lower portion 908, wherein the ground plane 972 is tangent to the lower portion 904, when the dual-rail putter head 900 is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0217] Further, the strike face 920 of the dual-rail putter head 900 comprises a strike face center point 976 and a loft plane 980. The strike face center point 976 is equidistant from the crown 942 and the undersurface of the upper portion 904, as well as equidistant from the heel end 916 and toe end 912 of the dual-rail putter head 900. The loft plane 980 is tangent to the strike face 920 of the dual-rail putter head 900. Further, a midplane 984 intersects the strike face center point 976 and is perpendicular to the loft plane 980. Furthermore, a y-axis 988 intersects the midplane 984, and is perpendicular to the ground plane 972.

[0218] When the upper portion 904 and lower portion 908 are joined such that the heel end 916 overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery 956. Further, when the upper portion 904 and lower portion 908 are joined such that the toe end 912 overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery 960. Further still, when the upper portion 904 and lower portion 908 are joined such that the strike face 920 overlays at least a portion of the front periphery 948. Finally, when the upper portion 904 and lower portion 908 are joined such that the back edge 934 overlays at least a portion of the rear periphery 952.

[0219] Referring to FIG. 9C, the four peripheries (front 948, rear 952, toe side 956, and heel side 960) of the lower portion 908, combined with the upper portion 904, create a sole 968. The sole 968 is perpendicular to the ground plane 972, wherein the ground plane 972 is tangent to the sole 968, when the dual-rail putter head 900 is at an address position

to strike a golf ball. The sole **968** of the dual-rail putter head **900** extends from the toe end **912** of the dual-rail putter head **900** to the heel end **916** of the dual-rail putter head **900**.

[0220] In most embodiments, the sole **968** of the dual-rail putter head **900** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **968** of the putter head **900** can have a slight arch in a heel to toe direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **968** of the putter head **900** can have a strong arch in the heel to toe direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **968** functions to provide a surface to rest the dual-rail putter head **900** on the ground plane **972**.

[0221] Referring to FIG. **10**A, in one embodiment, the lower portion **908** can further comprise a front mass **941**, a rear mass **943**, a toe mass **945**, and a heel mass **947**. The front mass **941**, rear mass **943**, toe mass **945**, and heel mass **947** are integral to the lower portion **908**. The front mass **941**, rear mass **943**, toe mass **945**, and heel mass **947** extend from the lower portion **908**, in a direction away from the ground plane **972**, and toward the upper portion **904**. These mass portions provide a means to position to upper portion and align with the lower portion of the dual-rail putter head **900**. Furthermore, these mass portions (i.e., the front mass **941**, rear mass **943**, toe mass **945**, and heel mass **947**) provide an additional means of adding weight to the perimeters for increasing the MOI of the putter over putters without these mass features. These mass features can have weight that range from 2-5 grams, 3-7 grams or 1-6 grams. The mass features can have all the same weight or be different weight within the ranges provided above. The mass features can be 1 gram, 2 grams, 3 grams, 4 grams, 5 grams, 6 grams, or 7 grams. The front mass **941**, a rear mass **943**, a toe mass **945**, and a heel mass **947** can respectively be any one or combination of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, pyramidal, spherical, semi-circular, square, cylindrical, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0222] In one embodiment, the front mass **941** is positioned on the front periphery **948**, is equidistance from the toe side periphery **956** and the heel side periphery **960**, however in other embodiments the front mass **941** can be positioned anywhere along the front periphery **948**. In one embodiment, the rear mass **943**, is positioned on the rear periphery **952**, equidistance from the toe side periphery **956** and the heel side periphery **960**, however in other embodiments the rear mass **943** can be positioned anywhere along the rear periphery **952**. In one embodiment, the toe mass **945** can be positioned at the junction of the toe side periphery **956** and the rear periphery **952**, however in other embodiments the toe mass **945** can be positioned anywhere along the toe side periphery **956**. In one embodiment, the heel mass **947** can be positioned at the junction of the heel side periphery **960** and the rear periphery **952**, however in other embodiments the heel mass **947** can be positioned anywhere along the heel side periphery **960**.

[0223] The front mass **941**, a rear mass **943**, a toe mass **945**, and a heel mass **947**, provide areas of concentrated mass, such that each mass **941**, **943**, **945**, and **947** function to increase the moment of inertia of the putter head **900**. The placement of each mass **941**, **943**, **945**, and **947** on the peripheries **948**, **952**, **956**, **960**, increases the MOI since each mass **941**, **943**, **945**, and **947** since each mass is farther from a center of gravity of the putter **900**. Each mass **941**, **943**, **945**, **947** on the peripheries **948**, **952**, **956**, **960** is integrally formed from the second material, wherein the second material is denser than the first material.

[0224] The front mass **941**, a rear mass **943**, a toe mass **945**, and a heel mass **947** offer dual functionalities, such that each mass **941**, **943**, **945**, and **947** functions not only to increase the MOI of the putter **900**, but provide additional surface for the upper portion **904** to join to the lower portion **908**. Therefore, the front mass **941** can also be referred to as a front adhesion portion **941**, the rear mass **943** can also be referred to as rear adhesion portion **943**, the toe mass **945** can also be referred to as a toe adhesion portion **945**, and the heel mass **947** can also be referred to as a heel adhesion portion **947**.

[0225] Further, the crown **942** of the upper portion **942** comprises a toe end cap **949**, and a heel end cap **951**, such that the toe end cap **949** and heel end cap **951** function to mate to the toe mass **945** and the heel mass **947**, respectively. The toe end cap **949** is adjacent the toe end mid-rail **936** and the back edge **934**. The heel end cap **951** is adjacent the heel end mid-rail **940** and the back edge **934**. In most embodiments, the toe end cap **949** and heel end cap **951** comprise identical geometries, however in some embodiments, the toe end cap **949** and heel end cap **951** can comprise different geometries.

[0226] In most embodiments, the toe end cap **949** and heel end cap **951**, of the crown **942**, are larger than the toe mass **945** and heel mass **947**, respectively, so that the toe end cap **949** and heel end cap **951** encompass the toe mass **945** and heel mass **947**, when the upper portion **904** is affixed to the lower portion **908**. Further, when the upper portion **904** is affixed to the lower portion **908**, the toe end cap **949** is positioned such that the toe end cap **949** overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery **956** and the toe mass **945**. Further still, when the upper portion **904** is affixed to the lower portion **908**, the heel end cap **951** is positioned such that the heel end cap **951** overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery **960** and the heel mass **960**.

[0227] In some embodiments, the under surface, strike face **920**, and rear wall **932** of the upper portion **908**, can form a first cavity (not shown). The first cavity extends inwards from the under surface towards the crown **942** but does not reach the crown **942**. The first cavity is bounded by the rear wall **932** and the strike face **920**. The first cavity functions to receive the front mass **941** of the lower portion **908**.

[0228] In some embodiments, the under surface, the back edge **934**, and the crown **942** forms a second cavity (not shown). The second cavity extends inwards from the under surface, towards the crown **942**, but does not reach the crown **942**. The second cavity is bounded by the back edge **934**, the toe cap **949**, and the heel end cap **951**. In most embodiments, the second cavity is positioned equidistance between the toe end cap **949** and the heel end cap **951**. The second cavity functions to receive the rear mass **943** of the lower portion **908**.

[0229] The first and second cavity can comprise any desired geometry, however in most embodiments, the first and second cavity comprise a geometry similar or identical to that of the front mass **941** and the rear mass **943**. Further, when the upper portion **904** is affixed to the lower portion **908**, the first cavity is positioned such that the first cavity

encompasses the front mass **941**, and the second cavity is positioned such that the second cavity encompasses the rear mass **943**.

[0230] The combination of the low density first material upper portion **904** with the high density second material lower portion **908**, creates a high MOI putter **900**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large aperture **964** formed by the peripheries **948**, **952**, **956**, **960** of the lower portion **908** forms a dense, yet low volume portion that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0231] The lower portion **908**, in most embodiments, comprises less than 35% of a total volume of the putter **900**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **908** comprises less than 34% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 33% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 32% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 31% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 30% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 29% of the total volume of the putter **900**, less than 28% of the total volume of the putter **900**, or less than 27% of the total volume of the putter **900**.

[0232] Although the lower portion **908** comprises less than half of the volume of the putter **900**, the lower portion **908** comprises at least 45% of an overall mass of the putter **900**. In some embodiments, the lower portion **908** comprises at least 46% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 46% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 47% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 48% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 49% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 50% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 51% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 52% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 53% of the mass of the putter **900**, at least 54% of the mass of the putter **900**, or at least 55% of the mass of the putter **900**.

[0233] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **900**, through the use of a high density, low volume lower portion **908**, increases the MOI of the putter **900**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

h. Circular Embodiment

[0234] In another embodiment, the putter-type golf club head **1000** can be a circular shaped putter head **1000**. Referring to FIG. **10**A-**10**C, the circular putter head **1000** has an upper portion **1004** and a lower portion **1008**. The lower portion **1008** is made from a first material have a first density and the upper portion **1004** is made from a second material having a second density. The first density is less than the second density. The upper portion **1004** and lower portion **1008** combine to create a high-MOI putter head **1000** (5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$), while maintaining a desirable volume and mass.

[0235] As discussed above, the upper portion **1004** is comprised of a high-density material (i.e., the second material). The upper portion **1004** comprises a toe end **1012**, a heel end **1016**, a strike face **1020**, a rear wall **1032**, and an under surface (not pictured). The toe end **1012** is opposite the heel end **1016**. The strike face **1020** spans from the toe end **1012** to the heel end **1016** and is opposite the rear wall **1032**. The rear wall **1032** is opposite, and approximately parallel to the strike face **1020**.

[0236] The upper portion **1004** further comprises a toe side span **1056**, and a heel side span **1060**. The toe side span **1056** is adjacent to the toe end **1012** and opposite and to the heel side span **1060**. The heel side span **1060** is also adjacent to the heel end **1016** and opposite to the toe side span **1056**. In some embodiments, the heel side span **1060** and toe side span **1056** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the heel side span **1060** and toe side span **1056** are not parallel. The toe side span **1056** and heel side span **1060**, extend perpendicularly away from the rear wall **1032**, in a direction away from the rear wall **1032**, and strike face **1020**.

[0237] In most embodiments, the toe side span **1056** extends perpendicularly from rear wall **1032** such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the toe side span **1056** and the rear wall **1032**. However, in other embodiments, the toe side span **1056** can extend from the rear wall **1032** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the toe side span **1056** and the rear wall **1032**. Further, in most embodiments, the heel side span **1060** extends perpendicularly from the rear wall **1032**, such that a right angle (90° angle) is formed at the junction of the heel side span **1060** and the rear wall **1032**. However, in other embodiments, the heel side span **1060** can extend from the rear wall **1032** in any direction, such that any angle (0°-180°) can be formed at the junction of the heel side span **1060** and the rear wall **1032**.

[0238] The rear wall **1032**, toe side span **1056**, and heel side span **1060** form a gap **1064**. The gap **1064** is bounded by the rear wall **1032**, the toe side span **1056**, and the heel side span **1060**. The gap **1064** formed by the rear wall **1032**, the toe side span **1056**, and the heel side span **1060** shifts a majority of the volume and mass of the putter to the extremities of the upper portion **1008**. The gap **1064** can comprise any shape, however in one embodiment the gap is approximately rectangular. In other embodiments, the gap **1064** can be circular, curvilinear, triangular, trapezoidal, parabolic, golf ball shaped, square, or any other desired geometric shape.

[0239] The lower portion **1008** of the putter head **1000** comprises a front edge **1041**, a rear edge **1034**, a toe edge **1043**, and a heel edge **1045**. The front edge **1041** is adjacent to the toe edge **1043** and the heel edge **1045**, and opposite to the rear edge **1034**. The toe edge **1034** is adjacent to the front edge **1041** and rear edge **1034**, and opposite to the heel edge **1045**. The heel edge **1045** is also adjacent to the front edge **1041** and the rear edge **1034**, and opposite to the toe edge **1043**. In some embodiments, the toe edge **1043** and heel edge **1045** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the toe edge **1043** and heel edge **1045** are not parallel. In some embodiments, the front edge **1041** and rear edge **1034** can be parallel, while in some embodiments, the front edge **1041** and rear edge **1034** are not parallel.

[0240] The front edge **1041**, rear edge **1034**, toe edge **1043**, and heel edge **1045** join to form an aperture **1065**, wherein the aperture **1065** is bounded by the four edges (front **1041**, rear **1034**, toe **1043**, heel **1045**). The four edges **1041**, **1034**, **1043**, **1045**, form a perimeter around the aperture **1065**.

[0241] In some embodiments, the aperture **1065**, formed by the front edge **1041**, rear edge **1034**, toe edge **1043**, and heel edge **1045** can be any one of the following shapes: rectangular, triangular, semi-circular, circular (golf ball

sized), circular (larger than a golf ball), circular (smaller than a golf ball), square, ovular, elliptical, trapezoidal, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal, or any other desired geometric or non-geometric shape.

[0242] Referring to FIG. **10**C, the lower portion **1008** is affixed to the upper portion **1004** such that a portion of the upper portion **1004** and the lower portion **1008** intersect a ground plane **1072**. The ground plane **1072** is tangent to the lower portion **1004**, when the putter head **1000** is at an address position to strike a golf ball.

[0243] Further, the strike face **1020** of the putter head **1000** comprises a strike face center point **1076** and a loft plane **1080**. The strike face center point **1076** is equidistant from a top rail **1050** and the ground plane **1072** of the upper portion **1004**, wherein the top rail **1050** is adjacent the strike face **1020** and the rear wall **1032**, while opposite the ground plane **1072**. The strike face center point **1076** is also equidistant from the heel end **1016** and toe end **1012** of the putter head **1000**. The loft plane **1080** is tangent to the strike face **1020** of the putter head **1000**. Further, a midplane **1084** intersects the strike face center point **1076** and is perpendicular to the loft plane **1080**. Furthermore, a y-axis **1088** intersects the midplane **1084**, and is perpendicular to the ground plane **1072**.

[0244] When the upper portion **1004** and lower portion **1008** are joined such that the toe side span **1056** overlays at least a portion of the toe edge **1043**. Further, when the upper portion **1004** and lower portion **1008** are joined such that the heel side span **1060** overlays at least a portion of the heel edge **1045**. Further still, when the upper portion **1004** and lower portion **1008** are joined such that the strike face **1020** overlays at least a portion of the front edge **1048**. Finally, when the upper portion **1004** and lower portion **1008** are joined such that the lower portion **1008** is affixed to a portion of the strike face **1020**, toe side span **1056**, and heel side span **1060**, thereby filling at least a portion of the gap **1064** formed by the rear wall **1032**, toe side span **1056**, and heel side span **1060**

[0245] The lower portion **1008**, and the toe side span **1056** and heel side span **1060** of the upper portion **1004**, when combined create a sole **1068**. The sole **1068** is perpendicular to the ground plane **1072**, wherein the ground plane **1072** is tangent to the sole **1068**, when the putter head **1000** is at an address position to strike a golf ball. The sole **1068** of the putter head **1000** extends from the toe end **1012** of the putter head **1000** to the heel end **1016** of the putter head **1000**.

[0246] In most embodiments, the sole **1068** of the putter head **1000** can be perfectly flat. In some embodiments, the sole **1068** of the putter head **1000** can have a slight arch in a heel **1016** to toe **1012** direction, wherein the slight arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. In some embodiments, the sole **1068** of the putter head **1000** can have a strong arch in the heel **1016** to toe **1012** direction, wherein the strong arch can be linear, or a function of a polynomial. The sole **1068** functions to provide a surface to rest the putter head **1000** on the ground plane **1072**.

[0247] In some embodiments, the upper portion **1004** can further comprise a crown (not shown). The crown extends away from the strike face **1020** to the back edge **1034** of the lower portion **1008**. Furthermore, the crown, spans from the strike face **1020** to the back edge **1034**, at least over a portion of the aperture **1065** of the lower portion and at least over a portion of the rear wall **1032**.

[0248] The crown can further descend from the strike face **1020** to the back edge **1034**. The crown, in most embodiments, spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **1000** width from the toe side span **1056** and spans approximately inward 25% of the total club head **1000** width from the heel side span **1060**. In other embodiments, the crown can, continuously or discontinuously, span the entire width of the total club head **1000**, in a heel to toe direction. In some embodiments, the crown, can span less than 90% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 90% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 80% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 70% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 60% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 50% of the total width of the club head **1000**, less than 40% of the total width of the club head **1000**, or less than 30% of the total width of the club head **1000**. Further, in some embodiments, the crown can be substantially flat from the strike face **1020** to the back edge **1034** or ascend from the strike face **1020** to the back edge **1034**. In most embodiments, the ascent or descent of the crown can be linear, curvilinear, parabolic, sinusoidal, or a function of polynomial.

[0249] Furthermore, the upper portion **1004** of the putter head **1000** can comprise one or more alignment features **1044** on the toe side span **1065** and the heel side span **1060**. The alignment feature **1044** can be any one or combination of the following: a line, a series of lines, milling troughs, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, a channel, or any other desired alignment feature **1044**. The alignment features **1044** can be equally spaced on the entire toe side span **1065** and the heel side span **1060**, a portion of the crown, or the entire crown. The alignment features **1044**, extending along the toe side span **1056** and the heel side span **1060**, function to provide the viewer a visual alignment field that extends the width of the golf ball, from the rear wall **1032** to the back edge **1034** of the putter **1000**. The goal is to align the entire putter **1000** with the golf ball using these alignment features **1044** along the toe side span **1056** and the heel side span **1060** and/or the crown.

[0250] The combination of the high density first material upper portion **1004** with the low density second material lower portion **1008**, creates a high MOI putter **1000**, without creating an extremely heavy putter. The large gap **1064** formed by the rear wall **1032** and the spans **1056**, **1060** of the upper portion **1004** forms a dense, yet low wide periphery that increases the MOI of the putter, in comparison to a putter milled from a single material. A single material putter fails to allocate high density material to the periphery, while maintaining a desirable volume (75 cc-100 cc) and mass (340 grams-385 grams).

[0251] The beneficial shift of mass to the periphery of the putter head **1000**, through the use of a high density, upper portion **1008**, and low volume low mass lower portion **100**, increases the MOI of the putter **1000**, over a putter with the same volume, mass, and single material construction (i.e., a putter milled of a single stainless steel block, or a putter investment cast of a single material).

[0252] Replacement of one or more claimed elements constitutes reconstruction and not repair. Additionally, benefits, other advantages, and solutions to problems have been described with regard to specific embodiments. The benefits, advantages, solutions to problems, and any element or elements that may cause any benefit, advantage, or solution to occur or become more pronounced, however, are not to be

construed as critical, required, or essential features or elements of any or all of the claims.

[0253] As the rules to golf may change from time to time (e.g., new regulations may be adopted or old rules may be eliminated or modified by golf standard organizations and/or governing bodies such as the United States Golf Association (USGA), the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R&A), etc.), golf equipment related to the apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture described herein may be conforming or non-conforming to the rules of golf at any particular time. Accordingly, golf equipment related to the apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture described herein may be advertised, offered for sale, and/or sold as conforming or non-conforming golf equipment. The apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture described herein are not limited in this regard.

[0254] The above examples may be described in connection with a putter-type golf club, the apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture described herein. Alternatively, the apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture described herein may be applicable other type of sports equipment such as a hockey stick, a tennis racket, a fishing pole, a ski pole, etc.

[0255] Moreover, embodiments and limitations disclosed herein are not dedicated to the public under the doctrine of dedication if the embodiments and/or limitations: (1) are not expressly claimed in the claims; and (2) are or are potentially equivalents of express elements and/or limitations in the claims under the doctrine of equivalents.

[0256] Clause 1: A putter type golf club head comprising: an upper portion and a lower portion; wherein the upper portion is made from a first material having a first density and the lower portion is made from a second material having a second density; wherein the first density is less than the second density; the lower portion comprises a front periphery, a toe side periphery, a heel side periphery, and a rear periphery; wherein the lower portion further comprises an aperture bounded by the front periphery, toe side periphery, heel side periphery, and rear periphery; the upper portion comprises a heel end, a toe end, a strike face, a rear wall, a back edge, a crown, and an under surface; wherein the toe end is opposite the heel end, the back edge is opposite the strike face; the crown extends away from the strike face, over at least a portion of the rear wall, and to the back edge; the under surface is opposite the crown spanning from the strike face to the back edge; the upper portion is affixed to the lower portion, and is farther from a ground plane than the lower portion, wherein the heel end overlays at least a portion of the heel side periphery, the toe end overlays at least a portion of the toe side periphery, the strike face overlays at least a portion of the front periphery, and the crown spans from the strike face to the rear periphery; the lower portion and upper portion combine to create a sole; wherein the sole is tangent to the ground plane, when the golf club head is at an address position; the strike face is tangent to a loft plane, wherein a loft angle formed between the loft plane and the ground plane; a volume and a mass; wherein the lower portion comprises less than 30% of the volume of the golf club head; and wherein the lower portion comprises greater than 50% of the mass of the golf club head.

[0257] Clause 2: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the lower portion further comprises: a toe mass at the junction of the toe side periphery and the rear periphery; a heel mass at the junction of the heel side periphery and the rear periphery; a rear mass positioned on the rear periphery, equidistance from the toe side periphery and the heel side periphery; and a front mass positioned on the front periphery, equidistance from the toe side periphery and the heel side periphery.

[0258] Clause 3: The putter type golf club head of clause 2, wherein the toe mass, heel mass, rear mass, and front mass are integral and extend away from the lower portion, in a direction away from the ground plane and toward the upper portion.

[0259] Clause 4: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the crown, of the upper portion, further comprises a toe end mid-rail, a heel end mid-rail, a toe end cap, and a heel end cap.

[0260] Clause 5: The putter type golf club head of clause 4, wherein the toe end cap is configured to mate with the toe mass and the heel end cap is configured to mate with the heel mass.

[0261] Clause 6: The putter type golf club head of clause 5, wherein the upper portion further comprises a first cavity, wherein the first cavity is formed in the under surface, between the strike face and the rear wall, and extends in a direction towards the crown; and a second cavity, wherein the rear aperture is formed in the under surface, adjacent the back edge, and equidistant between the toe end cap and the heel end cap.

[0262] Clause 7: The putter type golf club head of clause 6, wherein the first cavity is configured to mate with the front mass, and the second cavity is configured to mate with the rear mass.

[0263] Clause 8: The putter type golf club head of clause 4, wherein the toe end mid-rail and heel end mid-rail descend from the strike face to the rear periphery.

[0264] Clause 9: The putter type golf club head of clause 4, wherein the heel end mid-rail and the toe end mid-rail comprise one or more alignment features on the heel end mid-rail and the toe end mid-rail.

[0265] Clause 10: The putter type golf club head of clause 9, wherein the one or more alignment features can be unequally or equally spaced apart from the strike face to the rear periphery.

[0266] Clause 11: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the front periphery, of the lower portion, comprises a front width measured from the junction of the toe side periphery and the front periphery, to the junction of the heel side periphery and the front periphery;

[0267] Clause 12: The putter type golf club head of clause 11, wherein the rear periphery, of the lower portion, comprises a rear width measured from the junction of the toe side periphery and the rear periphery, to the junction of the heel side periphery and the rear periphery.

[0268] Clause 13: The putter type golf club head of clause 12, wherein the front width is greater than the rear width.

[0269] Clause 14: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein one or more alignment feature is positioned on the crown.

[0270] Clause 15: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the first density of the first material is less than 6.0 g/cc.

[0271] Clause 16: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the second density of the second material is greater than 7.0 g/cc.

[0272] Clause 17: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the second density of the second material is at least 2 times greater than the first density of the first material.

[0273] Clause 18: The putter type golf club head of clause 1, wherein the first material can comprise any one or combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, ADC-12, or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head.

[0274] Clause 19: The putter golf club head of clause 1, wherein the second material can comprise any one or combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, ADC-12, or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head.

[0275] Clause 20: The putter golf club head of clause 1, wherein the first material is ADC-12 and the second material is 304 stainless steel.

What is claimed is:

1. A putter type golf club head comprising:

an upper portion and a lower portion;

wherein the upper portion is made from a first material having a first density and the lower portion is made from a second material having a second density;

wherein the first density is less than the second density;

the lower portion comprises a toe mass and a heel mass, and defines a loft plane;

wherein the toe mass and the heel mass are integral to the lower portion; and

the toe mass and heel mass extend from the lower portion, in a direction away from a ground plane, and toward the upper portion; and

the upper portion is affixed to the lower portion, is farther from a ground plane than the lower portion, and is spaced rearward from the loft plane, such that the lower portion does not reside along the loft plane;

a volume and a mass;

wherein the lower portion comprises less than 30% of the volume of the putter type golf club head; and wherein the lower portion comprises greater than 50% of the mass of the putter type golf club head.

2. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the first density of the first material is less than 6.0 g/cc.

3. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the second density of the second material is greater than 7.0 g/cc.

4. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the second density of the second material is at least 2 times greater than the first density of the first material.

5. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the first material comprises any one or a combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, ADC-12, or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head.

6. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the second material comprises any one or a combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, ADC-12, or any metal suitable for creating a golf club head.

7. The putter type golf club head of claim **1**, wherein the first material is ADC-12 and the second material is 304 stainless steel.

8. A putter type golf club head comprising:

an upper portion and a lower portion;

wherein the upper portion is made from a first material having a first density and the lower portion is made from a second material having a second density;

wherein the first density is less than the second density;

the lower portion comprises a toe end, a heel end opposite the toe end, a front surface, a rear wall opposite the front surface, a rear portion, and an under surface;

wherein a recess extends inward from the front surface towards the rear wall;

the upper portion comprises a hitting surface, an adhesion surface opposite the hitting surface, and a lower edge;

wherein the lower edge protrudes in a direction away from the hitting surface;

wherein the adhesion surface is affixed within the recess of the lower portion;

wherein the front surface and the hitting surface align to form a strike face;

wherein the putter type golf club head comprises a sole formed by the lower edge of the upper portion and the under surface of the lower portion; and

wherein the first material and the second material are both metallic materials.

9. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, further comprising a center of gravity and a y-axis extending vertically through the center of gravity;

wherein a moment of inertia measured about the y-axis is at least 15% greater than a similar putter constructed of a single material and comprising identical mass and volume.

10. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the first material comprises any one or a combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, or ADC-12.

11. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the second material comprises any one or a combination of the following: 8620 alloy steel, S25C steel, carbon steel, maraging steel, 17-4 stainless steel, 303 stainless steel, 304 stainless steel, stainless steel alloy, tungsten, aluminum, aluminum alloy, and ADC-12.

12. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the first density of the first material is less than 6.0 g/cc.

13. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the second density of the second material is greater than 7.0 g/cc.

14. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the upper portion comprises an alignment feature selected from the group consisting of: a line, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, and a channel.

15. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the lower portion comprises an alignment feature selected from the group consisting of: a line, a circle, a dashed line, a triangle, and a channel.

16. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the club head comprises a heel-to-toe moment of inertia between 5000 $g \cdot cm^2$-6500 $g \cdot cm^2$.

17. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the adhesion surface and the hitting surface are parallel.

18. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the rear wall does not make up a portion of the sole.

19. The putter type golf club head of claim **8**, wherein the upper portion and lower portion are joined in any one or combination of the following methods: welding, soldering, brazing, swedging, adhesion, epoxy, or mechanical fastening.

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