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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of fabricating a thin film heater includes a first step of etching a metal sheet from two opposing sides to provide a planar heating element; and a second step of attaching the heating element to a flexible electrically insulating backing film. The method allows for the fabrication of a thin film heater which provides more uniform heating and allows for greater range of selection of the properties of the flexible electrically insulating backing film and the parameters of the etching process. A heater assembly and an aerosol generating device incorporating the thin film are also described.

