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(57)ABSTRACT

A method for forming an electronic chip assembly. A first metal plate is coupled to a first side of a substrate to form a backing plate. A first cavity is created extending through the substrate to extend at least to the first metal plate. An electronic component is bonded to the substrate such that the electronic component is located within the first cavity. A second metal plate, having a second cavity, is disposed to a second side of the substrate, and over the first cavity such that the electronic component is encased within the first and second cavities by the first and second metal plates.

