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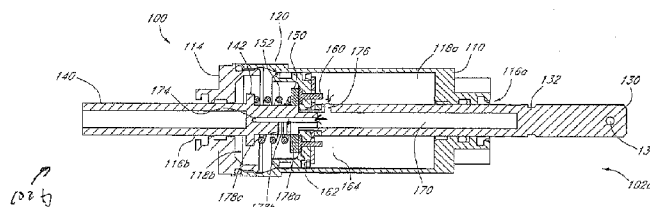


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: A snubber valve (100) provides velocity- and/or position-dependent mechanical snubbing. The snubber (100) comprises pressure sensing pins (160) controlling the position of a float (150) that changes the cross section of a fluid flow channel (170) in the valve (100). In some embodiments, the pins (160) sense their position in the valve (100), controlling the position of a float (150) that changes the cross section of a fluid flow channel (170) in the valve (100). Also provided are methods for snubbing, for example, an aircraft door.

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