

[54] METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRUDING ARTICLES

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ABSTRACT

A fused silica glass tube (26) is extruded from a melt (21) in a chamber (11) pressurized with an inert gas. A shield is placed in close, spaced, relation to the melt (21) surface during the gas pressure extrusion process to substantially eliminate losses from the melt due to vaporization.

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