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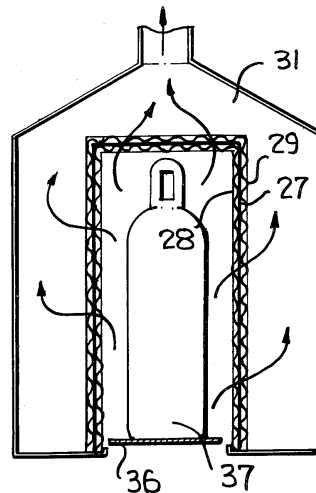
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TRACER GAS-PERMEABLE PROBE FOR LEAK DETECTORS

In a leak detector system which employs a predetermined tracer gas, such as helium, the detector probe is provided with a plastic film which is selectively permeable to the tracer gas in preference to all other atmospheric gases. All detected gases must pass through the film in order to reach the detection element. Because of the selective permeability of the film the probe can assume substantially any size and configuration and can be employed without preparing a contaminant free environment. Moreover, the selectivity of the probe film permits the detection element to be a simple flow monitoring device rather than a mass spectrometer or other gas-distinguishing apparatus.



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