

Title (en)
Flexible cleaning tool

Title (de)
Biegbares Reinigungswerkzeug

Title (fr)
Outil de nettoyage flexible

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Abstract (en)
[origin: EP2233055A2] A cleaning tool (1) comprises a soft, flexible body (20). A resilient backbone is located inside of the flexible body (20). The backbone (22) may be insert molded in the body (20). The backbone (22) may be formed of a plurality of branches where the branches extend from a center core to the edge of the body (20). The backbone (22) may be formed with an arched shape in its undeformed state such that the body (20) has an arched shape in its undeformed state and a cleaning surface of the body has a concave shape such that pressure may be applied to the body opposite the cleaning surface to flatten out the body. The body (20) may have a first straight edge (40) and an opposite convex edge (42) where the concave edge may terminate at a corner having an acute included angle. The backbone may be pivotably connected to a handle (4).

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