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### Description

In NL—C 178 531 (NL—A 82 00 970) of the same applicant a plural glass pane has been described, comprising an assembly of at least two glass panes which are held at a desired distance by means of distance ledges arranged along the border portions and joining each other, and, at the outer side of said distance ledges, a cement layer is provided for preventing penetration of moisture, and in at least one of said glass panes holes are formed which do not communicate with the air space between said panes, in which holes fastening means such as nails or bolts are provided for fastening fitting elements. The holes and the nails or bolts are, then, surrounded by distance ledge portions and cement, so that the holes open in the interspace filled with cement.

Plural glass panes constructed in this manner effectively avoid that, along the fastening nails or bolts, leak passages are formed as a consequence of the substantial forces acting thereon, through which passages moisture can penetrate into the interspace between the glass panes.

According to this Patent the distance ledges are provided, in the vicinity of said holes, with re-entrant portions being led, at the inner side, along said holes, thus defining a cement space enclosing the nails or bolts arranged therein, said space, when providing the circumferential cement layer, also being completely filled with cement. A consequence thereof is, however, that, on the one hand, special distance ledges are to be used, and that, on the other hand, a cement layer is present between said nails or bolts and the edge of the plural glass pane, said layer being visible through the panes, which, in particular in the vicinity of handles or similar fitting elements situated at some distance from the edge, can be objectionable. Moreover it is not possible to arrange, in this manner, fitting elements at a larger distance from the edges, and in particular in the centre of the glass pane.

The invention provides an improvement of the above-mentioned plural glass pane, allowing to avoid said objections, and being characterised in that, near a hole or several adjacent holes for the fastening means, a distance piece is provided comprising an annular closed outer rim surrounding a chamber to be filled with cement around the or each nail or bolt.

Said distance pieces can have such dimensions that they will be substantially covered by the fitting elements fastened by the nails or bolts in question, so that the cement layer is not or hardly visible, and in that, in the case of fitting elements situated near the edge of the glass pane, a cement layer extending to the edge is no longer present. Moreover normal straight distance ledges can be used at the edge of the plural glass pane. It will, for the rest, be clear that in the case of a fitting element such as a hinge arranged near the edge and in particular in the corners, the above-mentioned known distance ledges can be used without any objection.

Such a distance piece can be filled with cement through a hole in one of the glass panes, before the nail or bolt in question is provided therein or has been completely inserted.

5 In particular the distance piece according to the invention has a circular outer edge, so that, when being put in place, it is not necessary to pay attention to the orientation thereof, and a rotation caused by, for instance, tensioning forces, is not objectionable.

10 In order to obtain a good location, the distance piece of the invention is preferably provided with one or more central sleeves each being connected by spokes with the rim, and being provided with a central bore for accommodating a nail or bolt, passages communicating with the cement receiving chamber being provided for allowing the cement chamber to be filled with cement.

15 Preferably said sleeves are extended at both ends beyond the end faces of the outer rim by end portions fitting into the holes of the glass panes.

The invention will be elucidated below by reference to a drawing, showing in:

20 Fig. 1 a partial section through a plural glass pane according to the invention; and

25 Fig. 2 a representation in perspective with partially removed portions of a distance piece for such a glass pane.

30 In Fig. 1 a part of a plural glass pane according to the invention is shown. It comprises two glass panes 1 being held at a given distance in the edge portions by means of profile ledges in the manner described in NL—C 178 531, the internal air space 2 providing the desired insulation. These circumferential profile edges are sealed against moisture by means of an uninterrupted external cement layer.

35 40 For fastening fitting elements, according to the invention use is made of a distance piece 3 separately shown in Fig. 2. It comprises an outer ring 4 surrounding an inner space 5, and in the centre thereof a central sleeve 6 with a bore 7 is provided which is connected with said ring 4 by means of spokes 8. One or more openings 9 in the sleeve 6 provide a connection between the bore 7 and the cement chamber 5. The sleeve 6 has at both sides end portions 6' extending beyond the respective end face of the ring 4 as clearly follows from Fig. 1. This distance piece 3 consists of a suitable plastics material, and can be produced as a unitary element.

45 50 As shown in Fig. 1, the end portions 6' of the distance piece 3 are inserted into holes 10 of the glass panes 1, so that the ring 4 is kept centered in respect of said holes 10. Before inserting a fastening bolt or the like into the bore 7 of the sleeve 6, cement is injected through the bore 7 of the sleeve 6, the cement then penetrating through the opening or openings 9 into the chamber 5 and filling the latter completely. Before or during the insertion of a fastening nail or bolt, surplus cement is removed, and then the interspace between the nail or bolt and the inner wall of the bore 7 can be filled with cement.

55 60 65 As shown the end portions 6' of the sleeve 6

have a length which is equal to the thickness of a glass pane 1. When mounting a fitting element, a washer or filler plate can be placed against the glass pane 1 in question, said washer or plate having an opening in which the end portion 6' of the sleeve is fitting, the sleeve then remaining unstressed. It will be clear, however, that sometimes also shorter or longer end portions 6' can be used.

The advantage of a round distance piece is that, when being put in place, it is not necessary to pay attention to its orientation, and a possible rotation thereof during arranging or by other causes has no visible consequences, and also a better force distribution is obtained.

It is, of course, also possible to use distance pieces of this kind adapted to surround two or more holes in the glass panes 1 at a relatively small mutual distance, and having a single continuous cement chamber. It is, of course, also possible to omit the central sleeve 6, if a precise alignment on a hole 10 is not required.

### Claims

1. A plural glass pane, comprising an assembly of at least two glass panes being held at the desired distance by means of distance ledges extending along the edge portions and joining each other, at the outer side of said distance ledges a cement layer being provided for preventing penetration of moisture, holes being formed in at least one of said glass panes which do not communicate with the air space between the glass plates, in which holes fastening means for fastening fitting elements are provided, which holes and fastening means are surrounded by distance ledge portions and cement, so that said holes open into the interspace filled with cement, characterised in that near a hole (10) or a plurality of adjacent holes for fastening means a distance piece (3) is provided, which comprises an annular closed outer rim (4) surrounding a chamber (5) filled with cement around the or each fastening means.

2. The glass pane of claim 1, characterised in that the distance piece (3) has a circular outer rim (4).

3. The glass pane of claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the distance piece (3) comprises one or more central sleeves (6) connected by means of spokes (8) with the rim (4), and being provided with a central bore (7) for accommodating a fastening means, passages (9) communicating with the cement receiving chamber (5) being provided for allowing the cement chamber (5) to be filled with cement.

4. The glass pane of claim 3, characterised in that the or each sleeve (6) is extended at both ends beyond the end faces of the outer rim by means of end portions (6') fitting into corresponding holes (10) of the glass panes (1).

### Patentansprüche

1. Eine Mehrfachfensterscheibe mit wenigstens zwei Glasscheiben, welche auf gewünschten Abstand gehalten werden durch miteinander verbundene und entlang der Kanten verlaufende Distanzleisten, wobei sich an der Außenseite der besagten Distanzleisten eine Kittschicht befindet, um das Eindringen von Feuchtigkeit zu verhindern und mit in wenigstens einer der besagten Glasscheiben eingearbeiteten Löchern, die keine Verbindung zum Luftraum zwischen den Scheiben besitzen und in welchen Befestigungsmittel für die Befestigung von Montageelementen angeordnet sind, wobei die Löcher und die Befestigungen umgeben sind von Stücken von Distanzleisten und Kitt, so daß sich die besagten Löcher in den Zwischenraum, der mit Kitt gefüllt ist, öffnen, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß nahe bei einem Loch oder einer Vielzahl von benachbarten Löchern für Befestigungsmittel ein Distanzstück vorgesehen ist mit einem geschlossenen, ringförmigen, äußeren Rand, gefüllt mit Kitt, der das oder jedes Befestigungsmittel umgibt.

2. Fensterscheibe nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das Distanzstück (3) einen kreisförmigen, äußeren Rand (4) besitzt.

3. Fensterscheibe nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das Distanzstück (3) eine oder mehrerer zentrale Muffen (6) enthält, die durch Sprossen (8) mit dem Rand (4) verbunden sind, wobei die Muffen (6) einer zentralen Bohrung (7) zur Anbringung eines Befestigungsmittels versehen sind und daß Einlässe vorgesehen sind, die in Verbindung stehen mit den Kammern, die mit Kitt gefüllt werden und die zur Befüllung der Kammern mit Kitt dienen.

4. Fensterscheibe nach Anspruch 3, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß jede Muffe an beiden Enden über die Endflächen des äußeren Randes hinausgeht und in die entsprechenden Löcher der Scheibe hineinpasst.

### Revendications

1. Panneau de verre multiple comprenant un ensemble d'au moins deux panneaux de verre maintenus à une distance souhaitée à l'aide de moulures d'écartement s'étendant le long du bord et joignant l'un et l'autre des panneaux, et comprenant sur le bord externe des moulures d'écartement une couche de ciment destinée à empêcher la pénétration de l'humidité, des trous étant formés dans au moins un des panneaux de verre, qui ne communiquent pas avec l'espace d'air existant entre lesdits panneaux, dans lequel des moyens de fixation à trous destinés à assurer la fixation d'éléments de montage sont prévus, lesquels trous, et les moyens de fixation sont entourés des moulures d'écartement et, par du ciment, de façon que lesdits trous s'ouvrent dans l'espace rempli de ciment, caractérisé en ce que, près d'un trou (10) ou d'une pluralité de trous adjacents, des moyens de fixation une pièce d'écartement (3) est prévue, cette pièce étant

constituée d'une bague annulaire externe fermée (4) entourant une chambre (5) remplie de ciment autour des, ou de chaque moyen de fixation.

2. Panneau suivant la revendication 1 caractérisé en ce que la pièce d'écartement (3) comporte une bague externe circulaire (4).

3. Panneau suivant la revendication 1 ou 2 caractérisé en ce que la pièce d'écartement (3) est constituée d'une ou plusieurs manchons centraux (6), reliés au moyen de nervures (8) à la bague (4),

et comportant un trou central (7) pour recevoir des moyens de fixation, des passages (9), communiquant avec la chambre recevant le ciment, et permettant à celui-ci de remplir ladite chambre.

5 4. Panneau suivant la revendication 3 caractérisé en ce que chaque manchon (6) s'étend, à chacune de ses extrémités, au-delà des faces extrêmes de la bague externe au moyen de parties extrêmes (6') prenant place dans des trous correspondant (10) des panneaux de verre (1).

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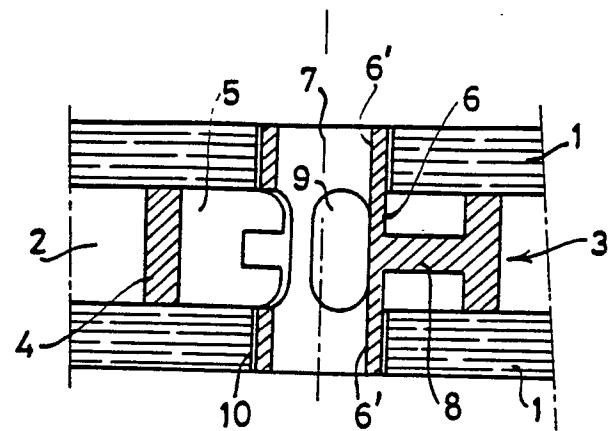
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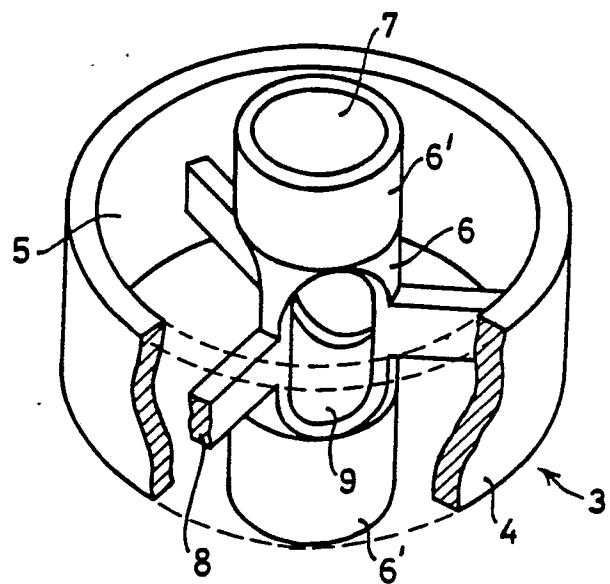
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