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- (54) Tool for shaping articles.
- (57) A tool for shaping articles, such as tools for drawing, bending, and vacuum shaping, e.g., for making automobile body parts, has an active shaped surface part which is made by casting a cement-bound material (15) directly against the corresponding surface part of the model (12). This cement-bound material (15) has a coherent matrix comprising

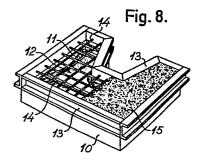
A) homogeneously arranged inorganic solid particles of a size of from about 50 Å to about 0.5  $\mu$ m, or a coherent structure formed from such homogeneously arranged particles, and

B) densely packed solid particles having a size of the order of 0.5 - 100  $\mu m$  and being at least one order of magnitude larger than the respective particles stated under A), or a coherent structure formed from such densely packed particles, the particles B preferably being Portland cement particles.

Particles A are preferably ultrafine silica particles formed by growth from vapour phase and are substantially densely packed in the voids between the particles B. Particles A are especially present in an amount of 10 - 30% by volume, calculated on the combined volume of the particles A + B. Composite material for forming the matrix typically comprises Portland cement, ultrafine silica, water in low proportion, and a concrete superplasticizer in high proportion, optionally

with additional bodies such as fibers, and is easily shape-

Preferably, matrix additionally comprises particles which are of a strong material such as refractory grade bauxite, and is reinforced. Tool is easy to make and has a long useful life.



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