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(54) Improvements in and relating to floor panels.

(57) An edging strip (24) for a floor panel (10) provides a conductive pathway from the upper surface of the flooring panel and/or a seal between adjacent floor panels.

To provide a conductive path, the edge strip of the invention is made of conductive material and has a first face (26) that abuts the panel edge and a second face (28) generally parallel to the first face, the first and second faces defining therebetween an

upper part (33) that will extend upwards at least to the upper surface of the flooring panel and a second resiliently deformable depending part (34) which is shaped to provide a lateral protrusion (36) whereby that part will be deformed by contact with a corresponding protrusion of an adjacent edge strip or another surface.

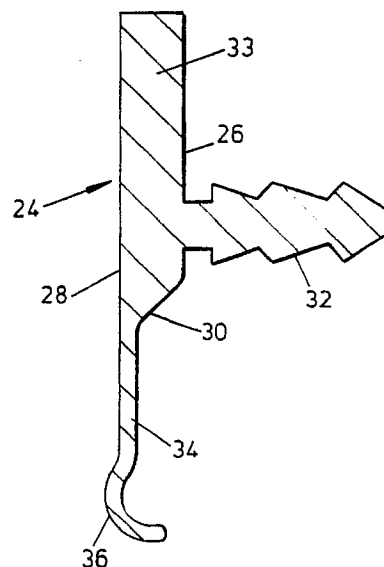
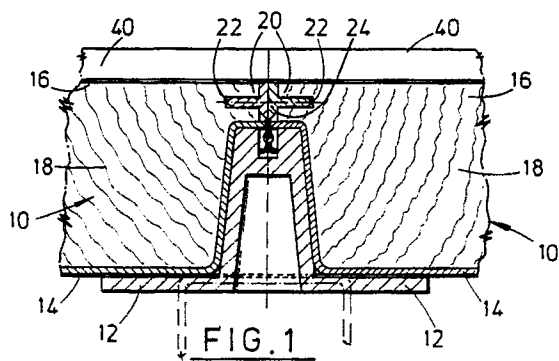


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