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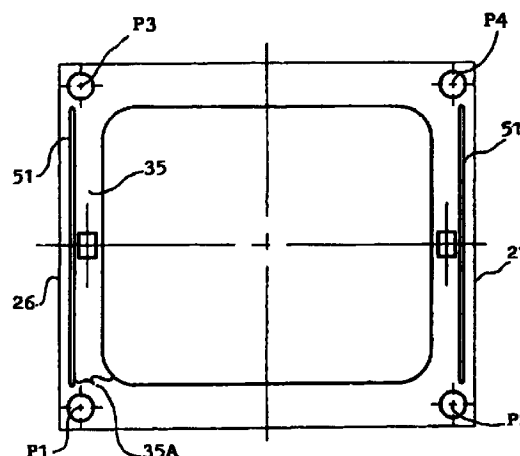
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(54) **Improvement in the base of a washing machine with shock and vibration damping capabilities**

(57) Base structure for home appliances, in particular clothes and similar washing machines, which, although made as a single piece in an integral construction, has the peculiarity of being able to disengage those among its portions which are most heavily stressed dynamically from the remaining portions of the base which complete the structure and the casing of the washing machine and carry it statically.

This is obtained by simply sectioning some of the sides or portions of said portions from the rest of the base, in such a manner that said base portions become elastic with respect to the rest of the base, and anchoring the shock-absorber struts therein.



**FIG. 3**

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