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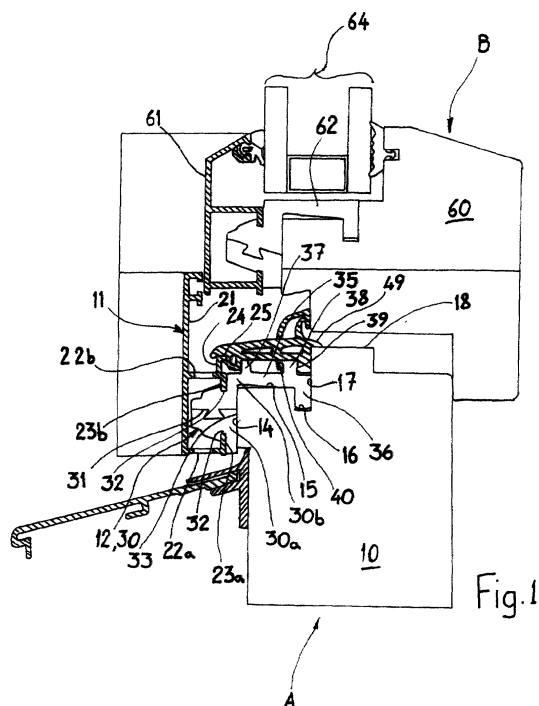
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(54) **Composite wood-aluminium window frame**

(57) A composite wood/aluminium structure for the manufacture of door and window frames is described and comprises a first, wooden structural element (10, 60), a second, aluminium structural element (11, 61), and joining means (12, 62) between the structural elements. The joining means comprise a plurality of clips (30) disposed at intervals along the structural elements

and connected to the first structural element (10, 60) by a restrained coupling and to the second structural element (11, 61) by a shaped coupling, both couplings being releasable and being the sole means of connection between the elements and the clips (30, 130, 230) so that the connection between the structural elements (10, 11) is releasable.



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1. Claims: 1-8

Details of the way in which a weatherstrip is fixed to joining means and/or the structural elements

2. Claims: 1-2,9-11

Corner element for angled connection between two adjacent portions of a weatherstrip

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