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(54) **Article equipped with structural members and method for its manufacture**

(57) A method of manufacturing an article equipped with structural members wherein the surface of an elongate body comprising metal or alloy is subjected to plating treatment to form a plating film of film thickness 0.001 - 10 μm , this is cut into structural members, and the structural members are then mounted on a substrate. The method provides highly decorative articles

equipped with structural members of metal or metal alloy (e.g., slide fasteners or fastener chains, or clothing having buttons thereon) wherein the effect of the various types of plastic processing on the plating film is slight and furthermore, wherein there are no problems regarding product quality and function even though they are subjected to various types of plating treatment.

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