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(54) Dismountable modular container

(57) A "dismountable modular container"; modular because its submultiple sizes are proportional to the standardized sizes of known containers; dismountable to form a package with its structural components to be reshipped to origin; able to be coupled to form units of a greater capacity; and stackable.

The frame of the bottom (3) has four legs (6) on its corners which are extended along their upper part in T-

sections (9) to assemble the corner pillars (8) from which other T-sections (10) project out to assemble the lid (4). The frame (18) of the lid has metallic parts on its corners in the shape of an inverted half frustum (2) to facilitate the seating of the uppermost container in the stack.

In its application to transport exhibitor panels, it has two reeds (21) on each front, formed by equal, parallel, coplanar and equidistant rods (22) amongst which said panels are placed.

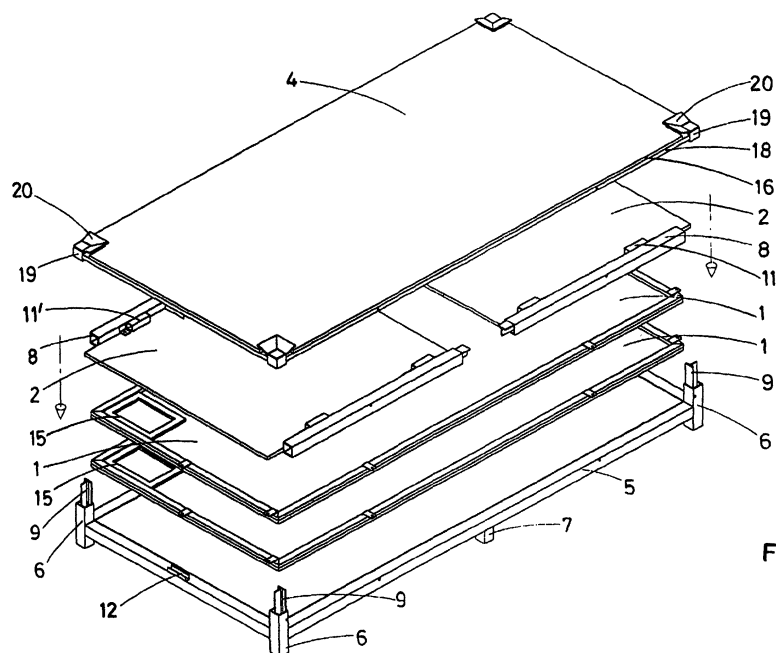


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1. Claims: 1-8

Dismountable and stackable container.

2. Claims: 1,9

Reeds mounted in the container for transporting ceramic product exhibitor panels.

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