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(54) **Partition system**

(57) A composite partition system includes a number of partition elements (3) with vertical side edge portions (8, 9) where each side edge portion has two flanges (23) which lie in a common plane and which extend along the side edge portion (8, 9). For joining together two partition elements (3), use is made of a joint rail (16) with a longitudinal groove in which two abutting, flanges (23) on adjacent partition elements (3) may be accommodated. The joint rail (16) has catches (27) which may be passed through apertures in a "hat profile rail", which displays the flanges (23). Tnteriorly in the "hat profile rail", there is a locking rail which is displaceable in its longitudinal direction and which, in an open position, permits the insertion and removal of the catches (27) through the apertures of the hat profile rail and which, in a locking position, fixedly locks the catches (27).

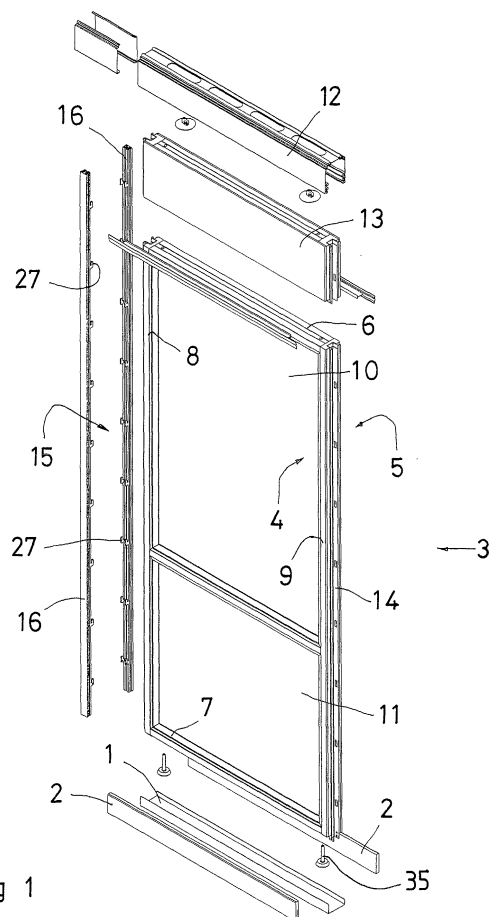


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