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(54) **Louverable shutter**

(57) An adjustable shutter comprising a plurality of parallel slats, each slat being pivotable around a pivot axis parallel to a longitudinal direction of the slat. Each slat has an associated tilting mechanism at least at one end of the slat. The tilting mechanism is engageable with a corresponding tilting actuator that is displaceable in an axial direction normal to the pivot axis. The slats are linked to one another at adjoining edges of neighboring tilting mechanisms. Displacing the tilting actuator entails tilting of the slats about the pivot axis between open and closed positions, and whereby the slats are displaceable in the axial direction.

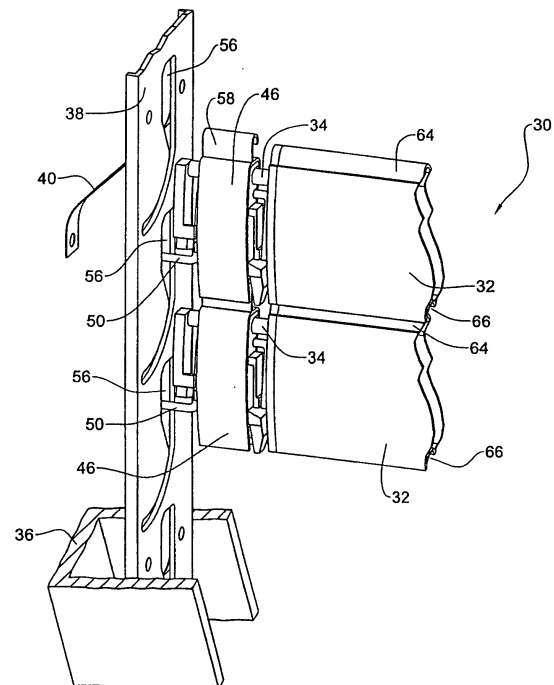


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1. Claims: 1-24 and 35-43

A tilting mechanism for an adjustable shutter comprising a plurality of slats, and a shutter with such a tilting mechanism

2. Claims: 25-34

A locking mechanism for an adjustable shutter comprising a plurality of slats

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