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(54) **Apparatus for positioning a cladding panel**

(57) The invention provides apparatus for positioning a cladding panel (1) against a wall on which it is to be secured. The apparatus comprises a support (2,21) means for supporting the cladding panel with respect to the wall (47), locating means (16,40) for locating an edge of the panel (1) in proximity to the wall (47), includ-

ing engagement means for engagement (57) with a previously fitted panel (1), and biasing means (50) for biasing the engagement means against the previously fitted panel towards the wall (47). The apparatus locates the edge of the panel (1) to be fitted in relation to an adjoining edge of the previously fitted panel without interference within the previously fitted panel (1).

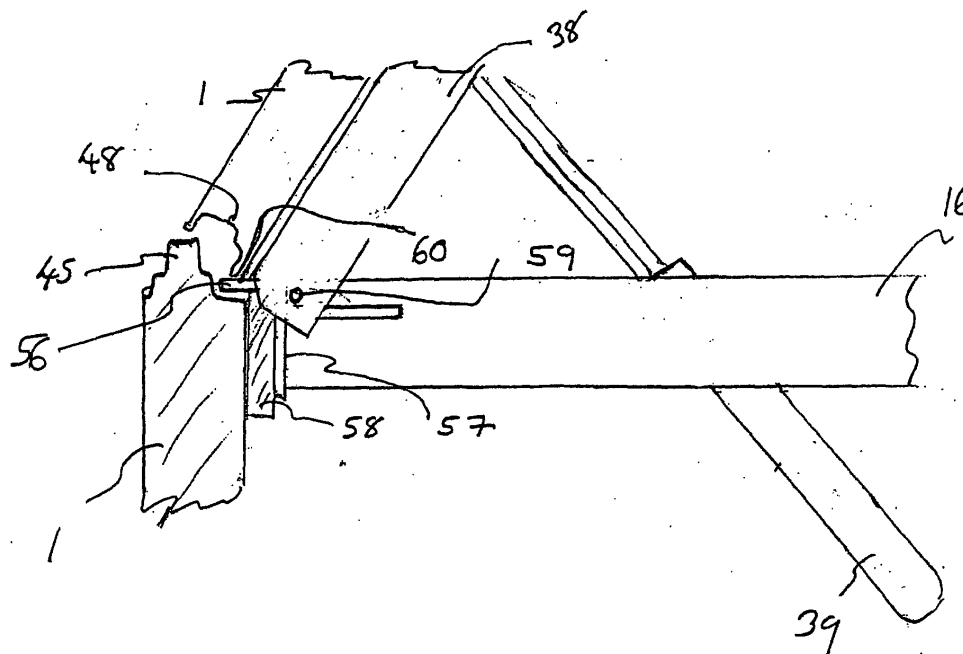


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