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(54) **Metal faced tile**

(57) A base element (14), such as plywood, has a stainless steel plate (10) bonded to its upper surface with an overhang (15) allowing for application of a strip (20) of a sealing material therebelow to form a cavity sealed butt joint between tiles when they are laid side

by side, usually as a floor surface. The base element (14) has tongues (17) and grooves (18) in respective edges to permit interengagement as expansion joints. A deformable, foamed plastics layer (22) may be bonded to the underside of the base (14) to allow for uneven substrate.

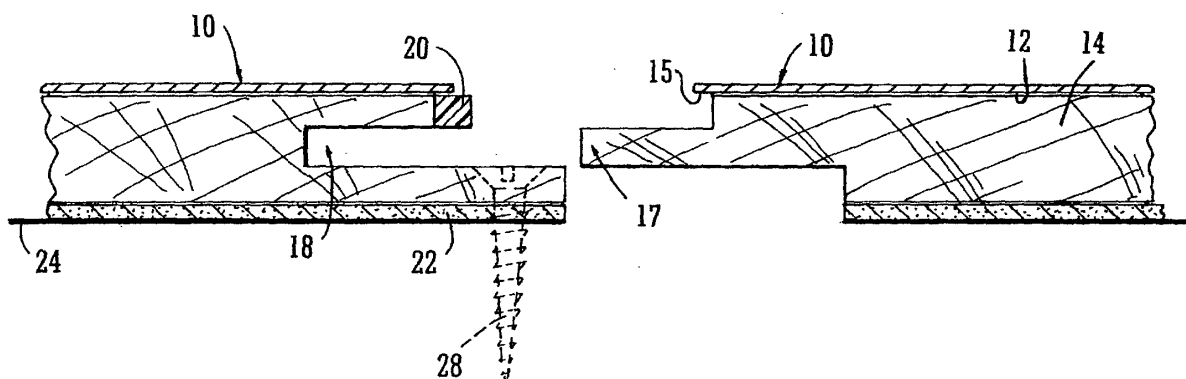


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