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(54) Hinge for connecting adjacent modules of a metallic barrier for road carriageways

(57) A hinge member (4) for metal traffic barriers (1) of the New Jersey type comprises a base (10) and a vertical upright (11), together defining an overall profile corresponding to the profile of the mantle (3) of the barrier. The upright (11) is realised as a one-piece metal

sheet folded and cut so as to define a plurality of guide members (21) which together with similar members (21) provided on a complementary hinge member (4) on an adjacent module, define a seat for housing the hinge member pivot.

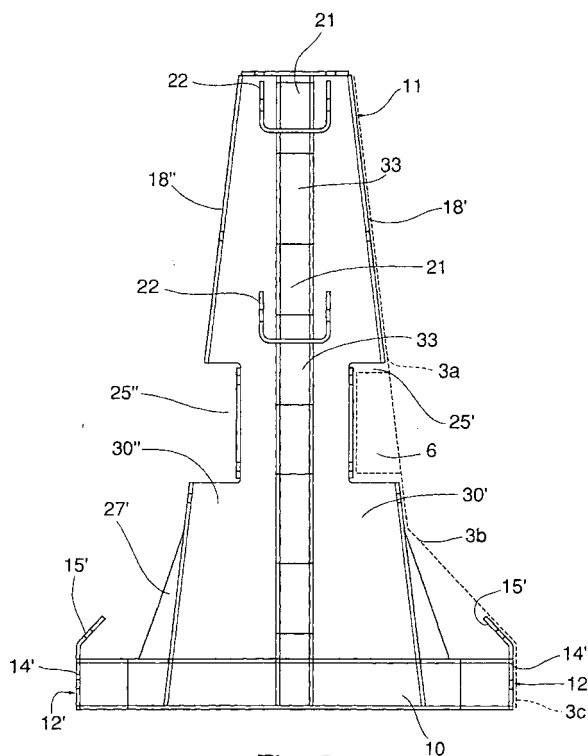


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