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(54) **FLEXIBLE COVER WHICH IS INTENDED FOR SEATS AT PUBLIC PERFORMANCES**

(57) The present invention relates to an isolating flexible cover for use on public show seats, which is coupled to a seat (1), comprising a flap (4), the sides of which are joined to the cover (2), a set of pockets (3), and a band (5), located such that cover (2) may be folded, the band (5) being left on the outside, and the band (5) being able to be folded over itself so as to maintain the folding of the cover (2).

The backrest of the seat (1) is introduced between the flap (4) and the inner face of the cover (2) for fixing the cover (2) to the seat (1), the pockets (3) being suspended over the floor in that position.

The surfaces of the cover (2) and the band (5) are covered with ornamental or advertising motifs.

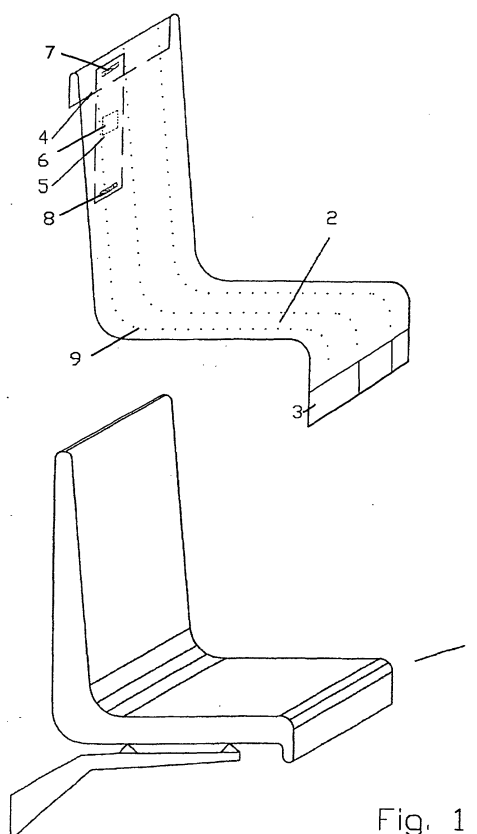


Fig. 1

Description

Object of the Invention

[0001] The present invention, according to that expressed in the statement of this specification, relates to a protective element for clothing and effects of users of seats of auditoriums, football stadiums, basketball arenas, and similar places, in both covered and outdoor venues.

Background of the Invention

[0002] The sector of the art of this invention is that of seat protection, intended to establish a separation between the piece of seating furniture and the user.

[0003] Sofa and hammock covers, pillowcases, vehicle seat covers, etc. are known. ES U0176730 describes a cover for seats and backrests made up of two substantially rigid sections which is separated from the base, allowing air circulation. Currently its introduction in football fields it is not possible because it does not meet the existing regulations, besides being particularly bulky.

[0004] Utility model ES 236242 discloses a seat cover made up of piece enveloping a piece of seating furniture such as a seat, having a configuration basically coincident with that which it is placed on top of. Thus, it cannot be used in more than one seat model.

[0005] ES 174389 describes a seat cover formed by a leather or similar piece with end strips of an enveloping elastic fabric on the upper edge of the seat where it is placed.

[0006] ES 145048 details an armchair cover made up of a textile piece which is tied to the bottom portion thereof.

[0007] ES 230388 relates to an improved cushion for use in public shows made up of a quadrangular piece and two annexed, triangularly-shaped pieces which can be hinged on the former, such that when extended they have an irregular trapezium shape and when folded form a quadrangle.

Description of the Invention

[0008] The object of the present invention is a cover for use on show seats, providing a separation between the user and the seat and preventing the user from having to leave his possessions on the floor, such as drinks, food or personal items.

[0009] This need of producing the isolation between the user and his possessions is due to the dirt that may accumulate in sport and cultural venues, despite the cleaning that usually is performed before each event, on one hand, due to the circulation of many people and, on the other hand, to the fact of frequently being located outdoors.

[0010] By constituting a foldable piece of reduced volume and weight, it can be easily carried. Hence it can be

reused as many times as the user wants, considerably increasing the advertising impact that the manufacturing of which with emblems or logos of a brand or sport team entails. This impact is also increased by the massive presence of these covers in the venue where they are distributed.

[0011] The invention offers a way of protecting the user's clothes by means of an easily foldable cover mainly consisting of a rectangular piece of an isolating material such as a cloth or another similar material, wherein the upper edge is folded in the shape of a flap by stitching it to the side edges of the cover. This flap defines an inverted bag where the backrest of the seat is introduced.

[0012] In the bottom of the cover a fold is produced in the opposite direction which, by means of stitching or other equivalent fixing means, defines a series of pockets where the user's possessions or advertising items such as key rings, stickers, leaflets, etc. will be housed.

[0013] In order to ensure the closing of the package formed by the folded cover, a band of the same material or another similar one is added, to which adhesive textile bands, made up of e.g. Velcro, are coupled, such that when the cover is completely folded, the corresponding bands are made to coincide, consolidating the folding of the cover. This band must be fixed at an end on either the inner face of the cover, e.g. on the flap, or on the outer face where the user rests on, e.g. between his legs.

[0014] In order to facilitate the folding and ensuring that it provides the closing band on the outside for fixing the folding, the cover comprises a series of longitudinal and transverse folding lines.

[0015] A pocket is located in the center of the band such that, when the folding is ensured, it is located in the center of the package formed by the folded cover. The pocket may be located on the first face of the band, in contact with the cover, providing greater retaining means to its contents, or on the second face, opposite the first one, where the contents are more visible, especially if the cover is made of a clear material.

[0016] A variation on the described cover includes two adhesive textile strips on each side of the lower end of the cover instead of the pockets, such that it can be folded back on itself, defining a bag around an outer end of the base of the seat so as to complete the fixing of the cover to the seat.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0017] In order to make the detailed description of an embodiment clearer, the drawings that allow understanding the base of the present invention are presented.

Figure 1 shows a schematic view of a seat and the cover in a superimposed, figurative arrangement.

Figure 2 shows a view of the flat development of the inner face of the cover.

Figure 3 shows the shape in which it is folded by using the folding lines it has marked thereon, show-

ing the pocket of the closing band and showing the Velcro strip located on the free end of the band.

Description of an Embodiment

[0018] The objective of the present invention is to be applied on seats (1), of the type of seat in football stadiums, outdoor shows, etc., that usually are those that, made up of a single piece, are supported from their lower portion by means of an anchoring to the stand or corresponding surface. The cover (2) is made up of a flexible laminar piece, preferably of a textile nature, of an approximately rectangular contour. This cover (2) has a transverse fold on its upper end forming a flap (4), the side edges of which are joined to the side edges of the cover (2) forming a bag where the backrest of the seat is introduced, thus fixing the cover (2) to the seat (1) (this joint is not depicted).

[0019] The cover (2) further comprises a closing band (5), linked to the cover (2) such that it is, preferably although in a non limiting manner, on the upper portion, as this is where it causes the least inconveniences to the user.

[0020] A fold is carried out on the bottom end of the cover (2), which fold is joined the cover (2) by its side edges and defines in inner vertical lines a series of pockets (3) where the user's possessions are introduced. Three pockets (3) have been depicted in Figure 1, but any other configuration may be carried out.

[0021] A variation of the cover allows the lower portion of the cover (2) to form a second bag for the fixation to the seat (1). Since each seat (1) may have a different development length, this bag is formed by the user himself by means of adhesive textile strips on the side edges of the lower end of the cover (2) which correspond to others located in a less extreme position, such that when the cover (2) is arranged on the seat (1), the projecting lower end may be folded and joined to the body of the cover (2) by means of the adhesive textile strips, forming a bag surrounding the outer edge of the base of the seat (1). Thus, a degree of immobility is achieved when there are windy conditions or when people walking on the aisle where the seat (1) is brush against it. To this end, it is required that the cover (2) is somewhat wider than the base of the seat (1).

[0022] Once the cover (2) is used, it can be folded following the folding lines (9), which facilitate aligning the entire cover (2) with the band (5). The band (5) has two strips (7, 8) of a textile adhesive of temporary joining (commercially referred to as "Velcro"), the first strip (7) being on its upper portion and the second strip (8) on its lower portion, such that when the folded cover (2) is surrounded with the band (5), they coincide one on top of the other.

[0023] A pocket (6) may be made in this band (5), on any of its faces, where the ticket to the venue, the season ticket or any advertising element, is introduced. If the pocket (6) is made on the same face as the second strip

(8), the pocket (6) is in a more protected but less visible position in the folded position of the cover (2). If it is made on the other face of the band (5), the contents (10) of the pocket (6) are rather more accessible, and if the cover is made of a clear material, the contents (10), e.g. advertising contents, are particularly visible.

[0024] The surface of the cover (2) may be provided with decoration, information, advertisements or corporate identifications, such as the colors of a team, its emblems or identities, etc.

[0025] Figure 2 shows the face of the cover (2) which comes in contact with the seat in its extended position, where the flap (4) and the band (5), together with the strips (7, 8) of textile adhesive, which carry out the closing by coinciding one on top of the other in the folded position of the cover (2), are seen. As seen in this figure, the band (5) is located between two consecutive, longitudinal folding lines (9). The folding lines (9) are arranged so as to facilitate the alignment of the cover (2) folded in its carriage position and gathered with the band (5).

[0026] This figure shows the adhesive textile strips (11) located on the lower end of the cover (2), fixed such that when the lower end of the cover (2) folds back on itself, they ensure this position. Thus, a second bag is defined around the front end of the base of the seat (1), complementing the fixation of the cover (2) to the seat (1).

[0027] The cover (2) folded in its carriage arrangement is seen in figure 3, where the position of the band (5) around the assembly of the cover (2) is emphasized, the pocket (6) standing out, in this case located on the outer side of the band (5) and with a clear cover to see the contents (10).

[0028] The free end of the band (5) is depicted spaced from the other end so that the location of the second strip (8) of textile adhesive is seen, taking into account that when this end is lowered over the remainder of the cover (2), the second strip (8) coincides with the first strip (7).

[0029] Having sufficiently described the nature of the invention, as well as the way of carrying it out in practice, it must be noted that the arrangements indicated above and depicted in the attached drawings can be modified in detail as long as this does not alter its essential principle.

Claims

1. An isolating flexible cover for use on public show seats, **characterized in that** it is made up of a flexible laminar piece, preferably of a textile material, of an approximately rectangular contour, having a transverse fold, parallel and near one of the minor edges, delimiting an end portion which is joined to the laminar piece by the coincident edges, establishing a rear pocket intended to be coupled on the upper edge of the backrest of the seat, the laminar piece of which has a band (5) fixed by stitching which has a first face in contact with the cover (2), and a second

face opposite the first face, the band (5) being aligned according to a longitudinal direction of the cover (2), configured to ensure a folded position of the cover (2), said band (5) encircling the cover (2) in its folded position, the band (5) comprising a plurality of adhesive textile strips (7, 8) for fixing the cover (2) in its folded position, and comprising a series of longitudinal and transverse folding lines (9) for facilitating a preferred folding direction.

2. A cover according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the sides of the lower end of the cover (2) comprise textile adhesive strips (11) such that this end can be lowered over itself and the temporary closing of a bag around a front end of the base of the seat (1) can be carried out.
3. A cover according to claim 1, **characterized in that** it further comprises a transverse flap on its lower end for defining the pockets (3), the sides of the flap being joined to the cover (2), and said flap comprising a plurality of compartments made by means of longitudinal joints between the flap and the cover (2) so as to define the desired configuration of pockets (3).
4. A cover according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the surface of the cover (2) and of the band (5) is decorated for advertising reasons.

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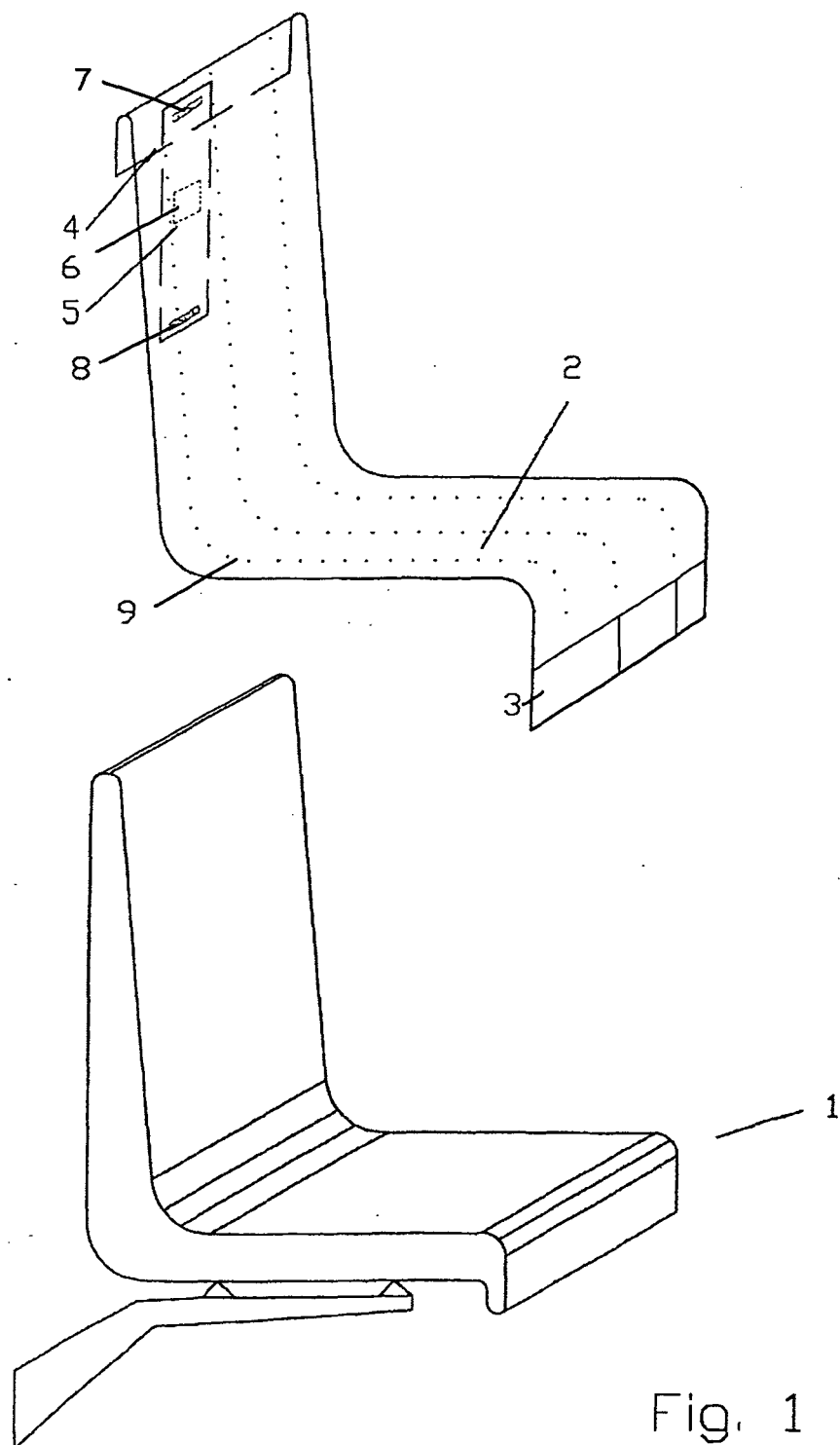


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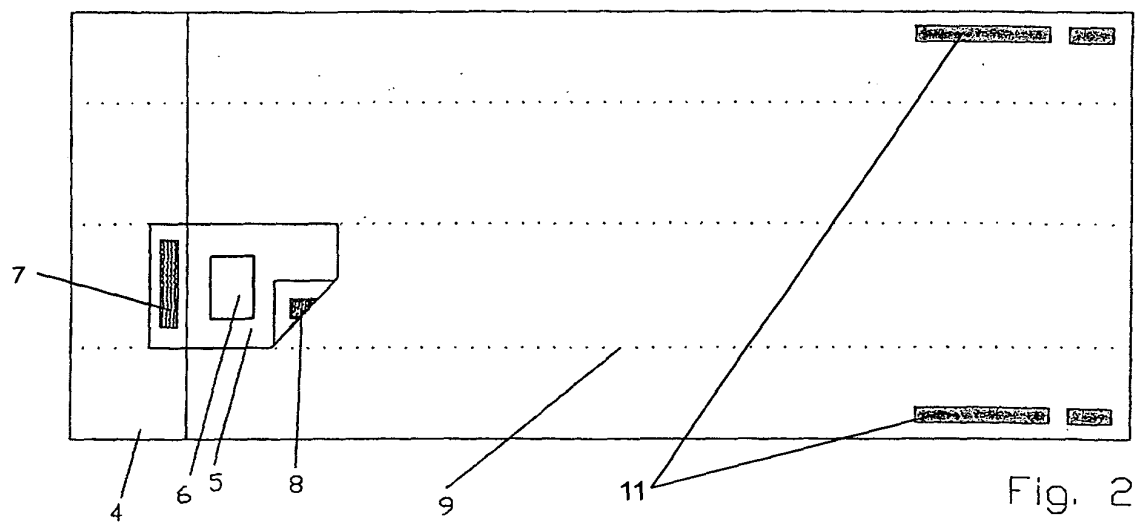


Fig. 2

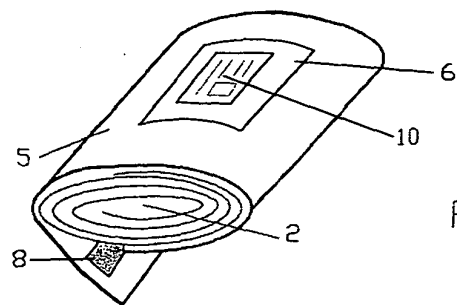


Fig. 3

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