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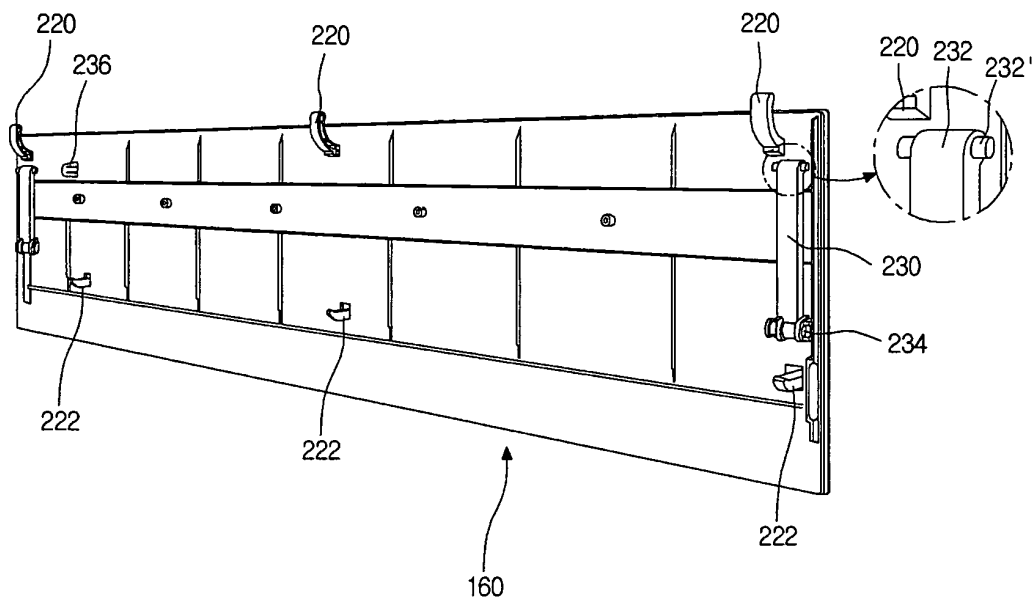
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(54) **Indoor unit for air conditioner**

(57) An indoor unit (100) for an air conditioner includes a front frame (130), a front panel (160) pivotally coupled to the front frame (130), one or more coupling

ribs (220) provided on a side of the front panel to function as a pivot shaft of the front panel, and a supporting link (222) for maintaining an opened state of the front panel (160) from the front frame (130).

Fig.11





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1. claims: 1-12

Indoor unit for air conditioner, comprising a front panel pivotally coupled to a front frame, coupling ribs on a side of the front panel, and a supporting link

2. claims: 13-20

Indoor unit for air conditioner, comprising a front panel coupled to a front frame, a coupling rib extending from the rear surface of the front panel, and a supporting link

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