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(54) **Screening apparatus**

(57) A screening apparatus comprises a casing (2) provided with a first part (5) comprising a cylindrical portion (6) arranged for receiving a material to be screened, with a second part (7) arranged for receiving a screened material, and with a screening net (4) supported by a

supporting ring (9) and interposed between said first part (5) and said second part (7), said screening net (4) being mounted so as to abut on a seat (8) of said first part (5), said seat being formed by a fold (8) obtained in said cylindrical portion (6).

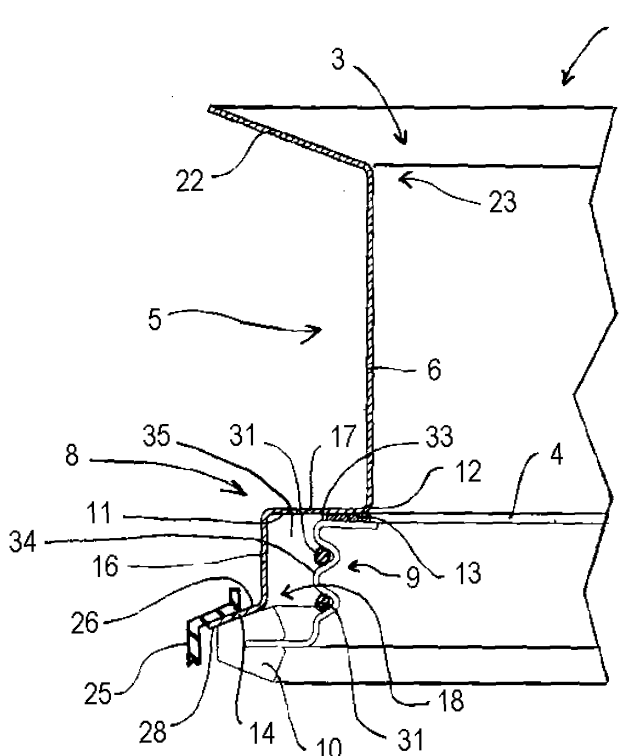


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1. claims: 1-8

Screening apparatus comprising a casing made of one part for receiving the material to be screened and one part for receiving the screened material and a screening net interposed between the two parts in which the net is supported by a ring and the net abuts to a seat on the first part of the casing

2. claims: 9-26

Method for making a part of a casing of a screening apparatus which receives the material to be screened comprising an edge portion of the part which is obtained by rolling until a fold is obtained

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