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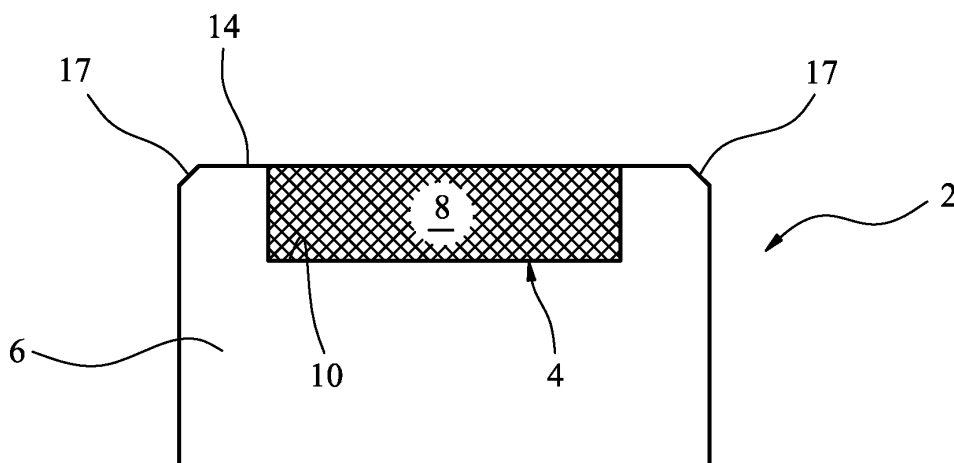
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(54) **A flooring system**

(57) The invention provides a flooring system (2) for covering a surface, the flooring system (2) comprising a first portion (4) and a second portion (6), the first portion

(4) being substantially rectangular in cross section and comprising a gripping material (8), wherein at least one channel (10) is provided in the flooring system (2) and the first portion (4) is located in said channel (10).



**FIG. 2**



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