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Description

Field of the invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a structural section bar that is suitable for manufacturing closures, such as doors, windows and shutters of the mixed type, or rather with the surface facing outwards in aluminium alloy, or other metal material, and the surface facing inwards in wood, or other decorative material, as well as the particular method and relative device which allows the different materials to be formed into a single element with the arrangement in between them of a further section bar element that, for its shape and type of material, has the task of absorbing possible different heat-expansions and of improving the acoustic and thermal performances of the product.

Background art

[0002] According to the state of the art doors, windows and shutters are made with mixed section bars formed by different materials coupled together, but their structures and the different methods used for manufacturing said section bars have substantial drawbacks that make them sometimes difficult and costly to use.

[0003] The features of the known products as well as the techniques and the methods for manufacturing the products can be substantially summarised as shall be understood more clearly in the following list:

- generally, doors, windows and shutters have the surfaces of the two materials in close contact with one another without any device absorbing the different expansions, thus contributing to the premature deterioration of the softest material;
- the acoustic and thermal insulation is exclusively carried out by the wooden part without providing any damping barrier before it;
- exclusively the wooden part has the function of holding the glass in its seat in the metal cross section; the wooden part is made so as to be load bearing despite being provided with sections which are certainly not big and that have a renowned poor intrinsic resistance;
- in a first case, the methods used to obtain the connection of the two different materials consist in longitudinally fitting and sliding together the two suitably grooved elements one with another; this entails serious difficulties if there are elements several metres long. In a second case said methods for connecting the two different materials consist in providing a further profile, provided with pressure coupling elements acting on suitable seats, between the two profiles of different material; this requires a press that enables to simultaneously couple the entire length and further worsen the already poor holding of the glass in its seat since this way a further fracture is

introduced in the coupling, more precisely between the wooden part and the metal part; said metal part indeed is the one that should actually bear all of the mechanical actions;

- finally, in a last case, said methods for connecting the two different materials consist in using key dowels arranged close and equidistant one to another along the metal element or along the possible element that is arranged between them and that is coupled to the first element; by rotating by 90° such dowels can hook the other element made of different material, but also in this case there is the persistent drawback of leaving the task of holding the glass to the weakest part of the assembly obtained.

The purpose of the present invention is to avoid said drawbacks.

Summary of the invention

[0004] This and other purposes are achieved, in a first aspect of the present invention, by means of a composite section bar having the features according to claim 1.

[0005] The italian patent application RG1995A000001, filed by the same applicant as the present european application, discloses a composite section bar which, unlike the section bar of claim 1, is provided neither with a coupling device in its turn provided with a first eccentric head for coupling with the metal profile, nor with an eccentric middle head for coupling in a single undercut groove of the synthetic profile member.

[0006] In a second aspect of the invention, such a purpose is achieved with a closure for doors, windows or shutters having the features according to claim 6.

[0007] In a third aspect of the invention, such a purpose is achieved with a supply kit having the features according to claim 7.

[0008] A preferred embodiment of the invention comprises an assembly of section bars for closures such as doors, windows and shutters that are each obtained by connecting three elements made of different material with a relative method and device for simultaneously forming them, obtaining the holding of the glass characterised by comprising:

- a section bar element in aluminium, or in any case in metal material, with functions of strong and load-bearing structure equipped with a tubular portion provided on the face facing inwards with an undercut seat, whereas on the parallel face, and opposite to this, it is provided with a wing that is perpendicular to the tubular portion with the function of supporting and externally fixedly holding the sheet of glass,
- a section bar element in synthetic material, i.e. in plastic material, provided with through slots in positions that are preferably equidistant along its length, shaped so as to have longitudinal ribs and grooves, which are useful for keeping the dimensional stability

and for creating air chambers for improving the acoustic and thermal performances, arranged so that in the slotted area they can create a single undercut seat,

- a shaped wooden element to be coupled with the aforementioned elements, provided with a preferably dove tail-shaped undercut groove.

[0009] A fourth embodiment, not falling within the scope of the claims, relates to a section bar for doors, windows and shutters obtained by connecting three elements made of different material with a relative method and device for the formation thereof simultaneously holding the glass wherein the structure of the section bar formed by the three different elements made of different material, with the device allowing it to be formed, is characterised in that the metal section bar (7) in the possible inward facing undercut seat (9) receives, resting adjacently against it, the element in synthetic material (12) provided with through slots (13) possibly arranged at a constant pitch along its length, such slots (13), in their formation and in their location, release the element (12) from the ribs and cavities (14 e 14') thus creating a single undercut seat (15), the device (18) passes through the slots until the eccentric head (20) is positioned in the undercut (9) of the metal section bar (7) and the middle eccentric (20') in the single undercut (15) of the synthetic section bar (12) created by the slot (13), the cam figure (21) in addition to acting as a spacer element for its thickness, with its short side (23) acts as an inner holding element for the sheet of glass (11) pressing on the edge of such a body, the shaped wooden element (16) in its undercut seat (17) receives the other eccentric head (20'') of the device (18), and said structure thus formed with the feature of engaging the different elements forming the system including the glass in an independent and targeted manner for each of them, with the single body of the device (18) indeed having the origin of its own coupling on the metal section bar discharging and transmitting all the mechanical stresses only to this.

[0010] A fifth embodiment, not falling within the scope of the claims, relates to a section bar for closures such as doors, windows and shutters obtained by connecting three elements made of different material with a relative method and device for making it, simultaneously obtaining the holding of the glass, according to the fourth embodiment. Said section bar comprises

- a first metal section bar element (7), with functions of a strong and load-bearing structure provided with a tube (8) and provided, on the face facing inwards, with an undercut seat (9), whereas on the face parallel, and opposite to it, is provided with a wing (10) perpendicular to the tubular structure with the function of supporting and externally fixedly holding the sheet of glass (11);
- a second element, also of the section bar type, made of synthetic material (12), provided with through slots

(13) arranged equidistantly along its length, shaped so as to have longitudinal ribs (14) and grooves (14'), useful for keeping the dimensional stability and for forming air chambers for improving the acoustic and thermal performances, arranged so as to form a single undercut seat (15) in the slotted area (13);

- a third shaped element made of wood (16) or of any other decorative material, to be coupled with the aforementioned elements, provided with an undercut groove (17) preferably dove-tail shaped;
- finally, a device (18) formed by a cylindrical central body (19) provided, at the ends and in the middle, with three eccentric shaped heads (20, 20', 20'') as well as with a further figure having a suitable thickness and the shape of a cam (21), having one side (22) longer than the other (23) arranged perpendicularly to the first one and arranged between one of the end heads (20'') and the head in the middle position (20').

[0011] In a particular embodiment, in the section bar for closures such as doors, windows and shutters according to the fourth or fifth embodiments, the coupling device (18) is provided with eccentric heads (20, 20' and 20'') shaped for the stable and fixed interference engagement with the undercut seats (9, 15 and 17) of the three elements (7, 12 and 16) during its locking at 90° through the action on the long side (22) of the cam figure (21), whereas the short side (23) thereof, simultaneously and for the same locking action, is positioned on the inner edge of the glass (11) keeping it in its seat.

[0012] In a sixth aspect of the invention, such a purpose is achieved with a process having the features according to claim 8.

[0013] Another aspect of the invention concerns a method for forming a single composite section bar, which is obtained by connecting the aforementioned three elements made of different material, which comprises a device formed by a central cylindrical body that is equipped, at the ends and in the middle, with three eccentric shaped heads as well as with a further figure having a suitable thickness and the shape of a cam, with one side that is longer than the other one in the perpendicular position, arranged between one of the end heads and that in the central position.

[0014] Another aspect of the invention concerns a process for joining the three elements made of different material consisting of approaching the section bar made of synthetic material to the metal section bar, resting the sheet of glass against the suitable wing for supporting the metal section bar, inserting the cylindrical devices provided with eccentric and cam-shaped heads through the slots of the synthetic section bar, resting the decorative element on said heads using its undercut seat as a guide, acting on the long side of the cam exerting a rotation by 90°, along the axis of the cylindrical body of the device, which thus simultaneously engages with interference, the eccentric heads each one in each seat of the

three different elements and at the same time the other side of the cam will be positioned on the edge of the glass sheet keeping it in its seat.

[0015] Another aspect, not falling within the scope of the claims, relates to a process for reversibly assembling the section bar for closures such as doors, windows and shutters having the features according to the fifth embodiment and obtained by connecting three elements (7, 12, 16) made of different material consisting of the following steps:

- the synthetic section bar (12) already provided with through slots (13) formed at a constant pitch over the whole length thereof is rested against the metal section bar (7);
- the sheet of glass (11) is rested and positioned on the suitable wing (10) of the metal section bar (7) and the connection devices (18) are positioned through the slots (13) until the undercut seat (9) is reached by the eccentric head (20) of the device itself;
- the shaped wooden element (16) is rested by using the dove-tail shaped seat (17) as a guide since this is engaged by the other eccentric head (20) of the device (18);
- finally, acting on the long side (22) of the cam figure (21) so as to carry out a rotation of 90° along the axis of the cylindrical body (19) of the device (18), the simultaneous fixed engagement with one another is obtained and at the same time the short side (23) is rested on the inner edge of the glass (11), keeping it in its seat.

[0016] Further features of the section bar are object of the dependent claims.

[0017] The advantages of the present invention are already clear from the first summary description, namely:

- the wooden shaped elements are isolated from the metal section bar with the interposition of the synthetic element which does not require to be force coupled in order for it to be included in the group and therefore does not require any type of equipment.
- the coupling device of the three bodies makes it possible for the formation of a single section bar, made up of the different elements, to be carried out with a single rotation operation by 90° that acts simultaneously on them and in the holding of the glass in its seat, without considering that such a method forms not only an optimal buffer that can easily absorb the effects of the different thermal dilatations existing between the different materials, but especially transfers and discharges all the mechanical stresses on the metal part forming the structural and strong core of the assembly, in which for such a reason all the mechanisms for moving and closing the parts which can be opened, are fixed.

[0018] Further advantages that can be obtained with the present invention shall become clearer, to the person skilled in the art, from the following detailed description of some particular non-limiting embodiments, which are illustrated with reference to the following schematic figures.

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Figure 1 represents the perspective view of the internal side of a door, window or shutter;

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Figure 2 represents a rotated cross-section view of the detail A of figure 1, as well as the cross-section of a composite section bar according to a first particular embodiment of the invention;

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Figure 3 shows an exploded perspective view of the composite section bar of Figure 2;

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Figure 3A shows a perspective view of a coupling device of the composite section bar of figure 3;

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Figures 4 - 5 - 6 each represent the partially exploded view of the sequences relative to the method and to the formation process of a composite section bar, which is wholly indicated with reference numeral 24 according to a preferred embodiment of the invention;

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Figures 7 and 8 show a first and a second side view of the composite section bar of Figure 2, according to the rotation axis of a coupling device- before the start and after the completion of the coupling rotation of the hooking device, respectively;

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Figure 9 shows an exploded perspective view of some components of a composite section bar according to one second particular embodiment of the invention;

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Figure 10 shows a partially broken perspective view of the composite section bar of Figure 9, after assembly;

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Figure 11 shows a perspective view of a coupling device of the composite section bar of Figure 9;

Figure 12 shows a view, according to an axial direction, of the coupling device of figure 11, and of the relative tool.

Detailed description

[0020] With reference to figures 1, 2 and 3 it is observed that the invention concerns an assembly of section bars for doors, windows and shutters that is characterised in that it comprises:

- a first metal section bar element (7), with the function of a strong and load-bearing structure, which is provided with a tube (8) and that is provided, on the face facing inwards, with an undercut seat (9), whereas on the face parallel, and opposite to it, it is provided with a wing (10) that is perpendicular to the tube with

the function of resting and fixedly externally holding the sheet of glass (11);

- a second element, also a section bar, in synthetic material (12), i.e. in plastic material provided with through slots (13) in a position that is, for example, equidistant along its length, that is shaped so as to have longitudinal ribs (14) and grooves (14'), that are useful for keeping the dimensional stability and for creating air chambers for improving the acoustic and thermal performances, which are arranged so that in the slotted area (13) they can create a single undercut seat (15);
- a third shaped element made of wood (16) or in any case of another decorative material, to be coupled with the aforementioned elements, which is provided with an undercut groove (17) that is preferably dovetail shaped;
- at least one device (18) that is formed by a central body or shank (19) that is substantially cylindrical equipped at the ends and in the middle with three eccentric shaped heads (20, 20', 20'') as well as with a further figure with a suitable thickness and the shape of a cam (21), with one side (22) that is longer than the other one (23) arranged in a position that is perpendicular with respect to the first one, and positioned between one of the end heads (20'') and the head in the middle position (20').

[0021] The cam figures 21, 21' are also indicated, in the present description, as "driving head 21, 21'" and preferably project more, according to one or more radial directions referring to the longitudinal axis AL, with respect to the other heads 20, 20', 20''.

[0022] As shown in figures 3A, 11, the cam figures 21, 21' can substantially form flanges or plates that project radially from the sides of the coupling device (18).

[0023] The cam-shaped figure 21 preferably has the shape of a lever that, before the rotation that engages the first eccentric head (20) with the metal section bar (7), the second eccentric head (20') with the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and the third eccentric head (20'') with the wooden section bar, projects outside from the wooden section bar and can be gripped by hand, or in any case actuated from outside of the wooden section bar itself.

The section bar 12 can be made for example in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or other material.

[0024] The coupling devices (18) can be made for example through injection moulding in a suitable plastic material.

The structure of the composite section bar 24, formed by the three different elements made of different material, with the device that allows it to be formed, can be understood more clearly with reference to figures 2 and 3.

[0025] The metal section bar (7) in the undercut seat oriented towards the interior (9) receives, resting adjacently against it, the element in synthetic material (12) provided with through slots (13) that are arranged for

example at a constant pitch for its length. Such slots (13) in their formation and in their location make it possible to free the element (12) from the ribs and cavities (14 e 14') thus creating a single undercut seat (15). The synthetic section bar (12) can be fixed also only temporarily, by hooking with the metal one (7) with pressure wings or other mechanical joints.

[0026] Once it has been inserted, the coupling device (18) passes through the slots 13 until the eccentric head is positioned (20) in the undercut (9) of the metal section bar (7) and the middle eccentric (20') in the single undercut (15) of the synthetic section bar (12) created by the slot (13).

The cam figure (21) acts, in addition to as a spacer for its thickness, also as an internal holding element for the sheet of glass (11) with its short side (23) pressing on the edge of such an element.

The shaped wooden element (16) in its undercut seat (17) receives the other eccentric head (20'') of the device (18).

[0027] The process for forming the section bar obtained by connecting the three elements made of different material, obtained by means of the device (18), occurs according to the following description with reference to figures 4, 5 and 6.

The synthetic section bar (12) already provided with through slots (13) carried out for example with a constant pitch for its entire length, is rested against the metal section bar (7).

[0028] The sheet of glass (11) is positioned and rested on the suitable wing (10) of the metal section bar (7) and the connection devices (18) are positioned through the slots (13) until the undercut seat (9) is reached by the eccentric head (20) of the device itself; preferably the devices (18) are inserted in the slots (13) so that an end part of the cam figure (21) protrudes out from the edge of the metal section bar (7), and preferably also out from the edge of the wooden section bar (16).

[0029] The shaped wooden element (16) is rested by using the dove-tail shaped (17) seat as a guide, the latter being engaged by the other eccentric head (20'') of the device (18).

[0030] Finally, by acting on the long side (22) or lever extension (22) of the cam figure (21) so as to exert a rotation for example of 90° along the longitudinal axis AL of the cylindrical body (19) of the device (18), the simultaneous fixed engagement will be obtained with one another and at the same time the positioning will be obtained of the short side (23) resting on the inner edge of the glass (11) keeping it in its seat.

[0031] Indeed, following the 90° rotation, the eccentric head 20 hooks inside an undercut of the metal section bar 7, the intermediate eccentric head 20' hooks a second undercut of the synthetic section bar 12 and the third eccentric head 20'' hooks the wooden section bar 16. In such a way the three section bars are axially locked on the coupling devices 18 without being able to come off from them.

[0032] Moreover, the eccentrics 20, 20', 20" at the end of their rotation lock or in any case substantially reduce the mutual sliding plays of the various section bars, in the radial directions with respect to the longitudinal rotation axes AL of the devices 18 themselves. For example, when the rotation is completed, the coupling devices 18 prevent the section bars 7, 12 and 16 from sliding longitudinally to themselves and, with reference to Figure 2, vertically. After the rotation of the eccentrics 20, 20', 20" they may, but not necessarily have to, press the three section bars 7, 12 and 16 packing them together.

[0033] For such a purpose, when the first eccentric head (20) is inserted inside the metal section bar (7), the second eccentric head (20') is inserted inside the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and the third eccentric head (20") is inserted inside the wooden section bar (16), and before rotating the coupling device (18) around the longitudinal axis (AL) of its shank, the lever (19) advantageously protrudes out from the wooden section bar (16), so as to be able to be for example gripped or actuated with the fingers of a hand: this type of manual assembly of the coupling devices (18) has been found to be very valid, in some cases to an extent such as to make it possible to assemble doors, windows and shutters with production rates that are not slower than those obtained by actuating the devices 18 with tools.

[0034] Reference numerals 100, 102 of Figure 2 respectively indicate two outer and inner gaskets with which the door, window or shutter is preferably provided. Differently from known doors, windows and shutters, the inner gasket 102 can exclusively have an aesthetic function, i.e. closing the gap between the glass and the wooden section bar 16 created by the interposition of the driving heads 21: indeed in known doors, windows and shutters the inner gasket 102 also has the structural function of transmitting the pressure, which the wind and other weather conditions apply from outside onto the glass sheet, to the wooden section bar; in a door, window or shutter according to the invention, on the other hand, the thrust of the external weather conditions can be exclusively discharged onto the coupling devices 18 and from these onto the metal section bar 7. Therefore, the selection and the assembly of the inner gasket 102 are a lot less critical with respect to the state of the art.

[0035] Preferably, the eccentric heads 20, 20', 20" are each substantially parallelepiped-shaped with two corners that are diagonally opposite one another 200, 200A -with reference to the faces that are transversal with respect to the axes AL- more rounded with respect to the other two diagonally opposite corners 201, 201A, so as to allow the heads 20, 20', 20" to rotate inside the relative section bars to the abutment position thereof. More in general, each eccentric head 20, 20', 20" forms mechanical abutments 201, 201A that is arranged so as to rest against the respective section bars 7, 12, 16 following a rotation of each coupling device around its longitudinal axis AL, so as to block them in a predetermined angular position that is relatively precise.

[0036] As shown in Figures 7, 8 such a shape makes it possible to stop the rotation of the coupling devices 18 again in the same angular position. In such an angular stopping position the clearances between the sides of the eccentrics 20, 20', 20" and the seats of the section bars 7, 12, and 16 are sufficiently small, substantially so as to prevent or in any case considerably reduce the relative movements between the various section bars in the radial directions, strengthening the composite section bar 24: indeed, the sheet of glass, or insulated glazing 11, is completely supported by the metal section bar 7 and by the coupling devices 18.

[0037] The possible dismounting of the composite section bar thus formed is obtained by following the method according to operations that are reverse with respect to those just described.

From what has been previously described, it is clear how the finding achieves the proposed purposes.

[0038] As can be easily understood, the method used by the device, characterised by having the three eccentric heads (20, 20' e 20") as well as the cam figure (21) as appendages of the cylindrical body (19) that form it, is that of engaging the different elements constituting the system including the glass, in an independent and aimed manner for each of them but with its single body which indeed has the origin of the coupling on the metal section bar (7) itself discharging and transmitting all the mechanical stresses, which can arise from the other connected elements, precisely to this.

[0039] The composite section bar 24 is very cost-effective and quick to assemble, since the operations of only inserting and rotating the coupling devices 18 join together four elements; the three section bars, metal- 7, synthetic 12-and wooden-section bar 16, as well as the glass sheet or insulated glazing 11. The assembly through the coupling devices 18 makes it possible to assemble the three section bars 7, 12 and 16 with remarkable size precision and small tolerances.

[0040] Figures 9-12 are relative to a second embodiment of a composite section bar according to the invention and wholly indicated with reference numeral 24'. In such an embodiment, each coupling device 18' is provided with an driving head 21' which is arranged for being engaged with a tool 26 that makes it possible to rotate the head 21' itself so as to fix it to the section bars in metal 7, in wood 16 and in synthetic material 12 and assemble the composite section bar 24'.

[0041] The tool 26 can be, for example, a special mechanical wrench like the one shown in Figure 12, a hexagon wrench or other suitable standard wrench. The tool 26 can be provided with a first projection 260 that is arranged for being inserted in a suitable notch 210 that is formed in the driving head 21'. The tool 26 can be provided with a second projection 262 that is arranged suitable for being engaged with an external edge - for example rectilinear- of the driving head 21'. The tool 26 or also other tools, make it possible to assemble a composite section bar 24' more easily and faster than with bare

hands.

[0042] Indeed in order to assemble the composite section bar 24' the section bars in metal 7 and in plastic 12 are assembled; after which the various devices 18' are inserted in the slots 13 (Figure 9). When the wooden section bar 16 is arranged over the synthetic section bar 12, a gap is temporarily formed between them. The tools 26 can be introduced very easily in such a gap, and reach and rotate the driving heads 21' rather than rotating the heads 21' with bare hands.

[0043] The tools 26 furthermore make it possible to rotate the driving heads 21' more easily until they are completely hidden between the section bars 12 and 16, and are not visible from outside (Figure 10). The tool 26 can be part of the kit with which the various components of the composite section bar 24' are provided.

[0044] The object of the invention as conceived and as previously described can undergo numerous modifications and variants and, as such, are all covered by the scope of the attached claims. For example, the substantially cylindrical central body (19) can be more generically replaced by a suitably shaped shank or pin. [43] Moreover, all the details can be replaced by technically equivalent elements, and in practice the materials used, the alternative aesthetic shapes as well as the sizes can be any according to the requirements of the specific application. It should be understood that an expression of the type "A comprises B, C, D" or "A is formed by B, C, D" comprises and describes also the particular case in which "A is made up of B, C, D". The examples and lists of possible variants of the present application should be intended as non-exhaustive lists.

Claims

1. Composite section bar (24, 24') for example for closures such as doors or windows, comprising a metal section bar (7) having an undercut groove, a wooden section bar (16) having an undercut groove, a section bar made of synthetic material (12) with at least one through opening and an undercut groove, at least one coupling device (18), and wherein:

- the coupling device forms a shank (19) and at least a first (20), a second (20') and a third eccentric head (20'') arranged in succession along the shank and projecting radially from it with respect to the longitudinal axis (AL) of the shank;
- the coupling device is arranged for being inserted in at least one through opening formed in the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and, following a rotation by a predetermined amount around the longitudinal axis (AL) thereof, causes the following:

- the first eccentric head (20) hooks to an undercut of the metal section bar (7);

- the third eccentric head (20'') hooks to an undercut of the wooden section bar (16);
- the second eccentric head (20'), located in an intermediate position between the first and the third head, hooks to an undercut of the section bar made of synthetic material (12);

wherein following the rotation by a predetermined amount, the first (20), the second (20') and the third eccentric head (20'') prevent the section bars made of wood, synthetic material and metal from coming off from the coupling device in an axial direction, stopping or in any case reducing the mutual sliding clearances of the various section bars, in radial directions.

2. Composite section bar (24, 24') according to claim 1, wherein the coupling device (18, 18') is provided with an driving head (21, 21') arranged between the second (20') and the third eccentric head (20'') and arranged so as to be driven, by hand or by means of a suitable tool (26), so as to rotate the coupling device (18, 18') around the longitudinal axis (AL) and fixing it to one or more from the metal section bar (7), the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and the wooden section bar (16).
3. Composite section bar (24, 24') according to claim 2, wherein at least part of the driving heads (21) form a lever (19) projecting radially from the shank of the same coupling device (18).
4. Composite section bar (24, 24') according to claim 2 or 3, wherein when the first eccentric head (20) is inserted into the metal section bar (7), the second eccentric head (20') is inserted into the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and the third eccentric head (20'') is inserted inside the wooden section bar (16), and before rotating the coupling device (18) around the longitudinal axis (AL) of its shank the lever (19) projects outwards from the wooden section bar (16), so as to be able to be for example gripped or driven with the fingers of a hand.
5. Composite section bar (24, 24') according to claim 1, arranged in such a way that each coupling device (18), when rotating around the longitudinal axis (AL) of its shank (19), presses the metal section bar (7), the section bar made of synthetic material (12) and the wooden section bar (16), like in a pack.
6. Closure for doors windows or shutters comprising a panel made of transparent glass or plastic material, and an outer frame surrounding the panel and in turn comprising one or more portions of composite section bars (24, 24') having the features according to claim 1, and the driving head (21, 21') presses

against the panel at least in the direction longitudinal with respect to the shank (19).

7. Supply Kit comprising a composite section bar (24, 24') having the features according to claim 1 and comprising the disassembled components for putting such a composite section bar together, and a tool (26) arranged for engaging with the driving head (21, 21') making it possible to rotate it and fix the at least one coupling device (18') to the metal section bar (7), to the wooden section bar (16) and to the section bar made of synthetic material (12). 5
8. Process for reversibly assembling the section bar for closures such as doors, windows and shutters having the features according to claim 1 and obtained by connecting three elements (7, 12, 16) made of different material consisting of the following steps: 10
 - the synthetic section bar (12) already provided with through slots (13) formed at a constant pitch over the whole length thereof is rested against the metal section bar (7); 20
 - a sheet of glass (11) is rested and positioned on the suitable wing (10) of the metal section bar (7) and the connection devices (18) are positioned through the slots (13) until the undercut seat (9) is reached by the eccentric head (20) of the device itself; 25
 - the shaped wooden element (16) is rested by using the dove-tail shaped seat (17) as a guide since this is engaged by the other eccentric head (20 ") of the device (18); 30
 - finally, acting on the long side (22) of a cam figure (21) so as to carry out a rotation of 90° along the axis of the cylindrical body (19) of the device (18), the simultaneous fixed engagement with one another is obtained and at the same time the short side (23) is rested on the inner edge of the glass (11), keeping it in its seat. 35 40

Patentansprüche

1. Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24'), beispielsweise für Verschlüsse wie Türen oder Fenster, umfassend ein Metallabschnittsprofil (7) mit einer hinterschnittenen Nut, ein Holzabschnittsprofil (16) mit einer hinterschnittenen Nut, ein Abschnittsprofil aus synthetischem Material (12) mit wenigstens einer durchgehenden Öffnung und einer hinterschnittenen Nut, wenigstens eine Kupplungseinrichtung (18), und wobei: 45
 - die Kupplungseinrichtung einen Schaft (19) und wenigstens einen ersten (20), einen zweiten (20') und einen dritten exzentrischen Kopf (20") bildet, die hintereinander längs des Schafts an-

geordnet sind und radial aus ihm in Bezug auf die Längsachse (AL) des Schafts auskragen;
- die Kupplungseinrichtung dafür angepasst ist, in wenigstens eine durchgehende Öffnung eingefügt zu werden, die in dem Abschnittsprofil aus synthetischem Material (12) ausgebildet ist und nach einer Drehung um einen vorgegebenen Betrag um deren Längsachse (AL) Folgendes bewirkt:

- der erste exzentrische Kopf (20) hängt sich in einen Hinterschnitt des Metallabschnittsprofils (7) ein;
- der dritte exzentrische Kopf (20") hängt sich in einen Hinterschnitt des Holzabschnittsprofils (16) ein;
- der zweite exzentrische Kopf (20'), der in einer Zwischenstellung zwischen dem ersten und dem dritten Kopf angeordnet ist, hängt sich in einen Hinterschnitt des Abschnittsprofils aus synthetischem Material (12) ein;

wobei nach Drehung um einen vorgegebenen Betrag der erste (20), der zweite (20') und der dritte exzentrische Kopf (20") verhindern, dass die Abschnittsprofile aus Holz, synthetischem Material und Metall sich aus der Kupplungseinrichtung in axiale Richtung lösen, arretieren oder in jedem Fall das gegenseitige Gleitspiel der verschiedenen Abschnittsprofile in radiale Richtungen vermindern.

2. Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24') nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Kupplungseinrichtung (18, 18') mit einem Antriebskopf (21, 21') versehen ist, der zwischen dem zweiten (20') und dem dritten exzentrischen Kopf (20") angeordnet ist und zwar so, dass er von Hand oder mit einem dazu geeigneten Werkzeug (26) angetrieben werden kann, um die Kupplungseinrichtung (18, 18') um die Längsachse (AL) zu drehen und an einem oder mehreren der Metallabschnittsprofile (7), der Abschnittsprofile aus synthetischem Material (12) und der Holzabschnittsprofile (16) zu befestigen.
3. Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24') nach Anspruch 2, wobei wenigstens ein Teil der Antriebsköpfe (21) einen Hebel (19) bilden, der radial aus dem Schaft derselben Kupplungseinrichtung (18) auskragt.
4. Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24') nach den Ansprüchen 2 oder 3, wobei wenn der erste exzentrische Kopf (20) in das Metallabschnittsprofil (7) eingefügt ist, ist der zweite exzentrische Kopf (20') in das Abschnittsprofil aus synthetischem Material (12) eingefügt und der dritte exzentrische Kopf (20") in das Holzabschnittsprofil (16) eingefügt und der He-

bel (19) vor dem Drehen der Kupplungseinrichtung (18) um die Längsachse (AL) ihres Schafts aus dem Holzabschnittsprofil (16) nach außen auskragt, derart, dass er in der Lage ist, beispielsweise mit den Fingern einer Hand ergriffen oder angetrieben zu werden.

5. Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24') nach Anspruch 1, das derart angeordnet ist, dass jede Kupplungseinrichtung (18) beim Drehen um die Längsachse (AL) ihres Schafts (19) das Metallabschnittsprofil (7), das Abschnittsprofil aus synthetischem Material (12) und das Holzabschnittsprofil (16) wie in einer Packung zusammendrückt.

6. Verschluss für Türen, Fenster oder Rollläden, umfassend eine Platte aus transparentem Glas oder Kunststoffmaterial und einen äußeren Rahmen, der die Platte umgibt und seinerseits einen oder mehrere Abschnitte von Verbundstoffabschnittsprofilen (24, 24') mit den Merkmalen nach Anspruch 1 umfasst und den Antriebskopf (21, 21') wenigstens in Längsrichtung in Bezug auf den Schaft (19) gegen die Platte drückt.

7. Versorgungsbausatz umfassend ein Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil (24, 24') mit den Merkmalen nach Anspruch 1 und umfassend die demontierten Bauteile, um ein solches Verbundstoffabschnittsprofil zusammenzusetzen, und ein Werkzeug (26), das dafür angeordnet ist, um den Antriebskopf (21, 21') in Eingriff zu nehmen, so dass es möglich ist, ihn zu drehen und wenigstens eine Kupplungseinrichtung (18') an dem Metallabschnittsprofil (7), dem Holzabschnittsprofil (16) und dem Abschnittsprofil aus synthetischem Material (12) zu befestigen.

8. Verfahren zum reversiblen Zusammenbauen des Abschnittsprofils für Verschlüsse wie Türen, Fenster und Rollläden mit den Merkmalen nach Anspruch 1, und erhalten durch Verbinden von drei Elementen (7, 12, 16) aus verschiedenen Materialien, bestehend aus folgenden Schritten:

- das synthetische Abschnittsprofil (12), das bereits mit durchgehenden Schlitz (13) versehen ist, die in einer konstanten Teilung über dessen Länge ausgebildet sind, wird gegen das Metallabschnittsprofil (7) abgestützt;
- eine Glasplatte (11) wird auf dem dazu geeigneten Flügel (10) des Metallabschnittsprofils (7) abgestützt und angeordnet und die Kupplungseinrichtungen (18) werden durch die Schlitz (13) angeordnet, bis der hinterschnittene Sitz (9) vom exzentrischen Kopf (20) der Vorrichtung erreicht ist;
- das geformte Holzelement (16) wird durch Verwendung des schwalbenschwanzförmigen Sitz-

zes (17) als Führung abgestützt, bis diese durch den anderen exzentrischen Kopf (20") der Vorrichtung (18) in Eingriff genommen wird;

- schließlich wird durch Einwirken auf die lange Seite (22) einer Nockenform (21) zur Ausführung einer Rotation von 90° längs der Achse des zylindrischen Körpers (19) der Vorrichtung (18) das gleichzeitige feste Einkuppeln ineinander erhalten und gleichzeitig wird die kurze Seite (23) an der Innenkante des Glases (11) abgestützt und in ihrem Sitz gehalten.

Revendications

1. Profilé composite (24, 24') pour exemple des fermetures telles que des portes ou fenêtres, comprenant un profilé métallique (7) comportant une rainure en contre-dépouille, un profilé en bois (16) comportant une rainure en contre-dépouille, un profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) avec au moins une ouverture passante et une rainure en contre-dépouille, au moins un dispositif d'accouplement (18), et dans lequel :

- le dispositif d'accouplement forme une tige (19) et au moins une première (20), une deuxième (20') et une troisième tête excentrique (20") agencées en succession le long de la tige et faisant saillie radialement à partir de celle-ci par rapport à l'axe longitudinal (AL) de la tige ;

- le dispositif d'accouplement est agencé pour être inséré dans au moins une ouverture passante formée dans le profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) et, après une rotation d'une quantité prédéterminée autour de l'axe longitudinal (AL) de celui-ci, provoque ce qui suit :

- la première tête excentrique (20) s'accroche à une contre-dépouille du profilé métallique (7) ;

- la troisième tête excentrique (20") s'accroche à une contre-dépouille du profilé en bois (16) ;

- la deuxième tête excentrique (20'), située dans une position intermédiaire entre la première et la troisième tête, s'accroche à une contre-dépouille du profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) ;

dans lequel, après la rotation d'une quantité prédéterminée, la première (20), la deuxième (20') et la troisième tête excentrique (20") empêchent les profilés réalisés en bois, en matériau synthétique et en métal de se détacher du dispositif d'accouplement dans une direction axiale, en bloquant ou en tous cas en réduisant des jeux de coulissement mutuel des divers profilés, dans des directions radiales.

2. Profilé composite (24, 24') selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le dispositif d'accouplement (18, 18') est muni d'une tête d'entraînement (21, 21') agencée entre la deuxième (20') et la troisième tête excentrique (20'') et agencée de manière à être commandée, à la main ou au moyen d'un outil approprié (26), de manière à faire tourner le dispositif d'accouplement (18, 18') autour de l'axe longitudinal (AL) et le fixer à un ou plusieurs parmi le profilé métallique (7), le profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) et le profilé en bois (16). 5 10
3. Profilé composite (24, 24') selon la revendication 2, dans lequel au moins une partie des têtes d'entraînement (21) forme un levier (19) faisant saillie radialement à partir de la tige du même dispositif d'accouplement (18). 15
4. Profilé composite (24, 24') selon la revendication 2 ou 3, dans lequel, quand la première tête excentrique (20) est insérée dans le profilé métallique (7), la deuxième tête excentrique (20') est insérée dans le profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) et la troisième tête excentrique (20'') est insérée à l'intérieur du profilé en bois (16), et avant de faire tourner le dispositif d'accouplement (18) autour de l'axe longitudinal (AL) de sa tige, le levier (19) fait saillie vers l'extérieur à partir du profilé en bois (16), de manière à pouvoir être par exemple saisi ou actionné avec les doigts d'une main. 20 25 30
5. Profilé composite (24, 24') selon la revendication 1, agencé de telle manière que chaque dispositif d'accouplement (18), quand il tourne autour de l'axe longitudinal (AL) de sa tige (19), presse le profilé métallique (7), le profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12) et le profilé en bois (16), comme dans un paquet. 35
6. Fermeture pour portes, fenêtres ou volets comprenant un panneau réalisé en matériau plastique ou verre transparent, et un cadre extérieur entourant le panneau et comprenant à son tour une ou plusieurs portions de profilés composites (24, 24') ayant les caractéristiques selon la revendication 1, et la tête d'entraînement (21, 21') presse contre le panneau au moins dans la direction longitudinale par rapport à la tige (19). 40 45
7. Kit de fourniture comprenant un profilé composite (24, 24') ayant les caractéristiques selon la revendication 1 et comprenant les composants démontés pour assembler ce profilé composite, et un outil (26) agencé pour s'engager avec la tête d'entraînement (21, 21') permettant de la faire tourner et fixer l'au moins un dispositif d'accouplement (18') au profilé métallique (7), au profilé en bois (16) et au profilé réalisé en matériau synthétique (12). 50 55
8. Procédé pour assembler de manière réversible le profilé pour des fermetures telles que des portes, fenêtres et volets ayant les caractéristiques selon la revendication 1 et obtenu en connectant trois éléments (7, 12, 16) constitués d'un matériau différent, comprenant les étapes suivantes :
 - le profilé synthétique (12) déjà pourvu de fentes passantes (13) formées à un intervalle constant sur toute sa longueur est appuyé contre le profilé métallique (7) ;
 - une plaque de verres (11) est appuyée et positionnée sur l'aile correspondante (10) du profilé métallique (7) et les dispositifs de connexion (18) sont positionnés à travers les fentes (13) jusqu'à ce que le siège en contre-dépouille (9) soit atteint par la tête excentrique (20) du dispositif lui-même ;
 - l'élément en bois profilé (16) est appuyé en utilisant le siège profilé en queue d'aronde (17) comme un guide jusqu'à ce qu'il soit engagé par l'autre tête excentrique (20'') du dispositif (18) ;
 - enfin, en agissant sur le côté long (22) d'une forme de came (21) de manière à exécuter une rotation de 90° suivant l'axe du corps cylindrique (19) du dispositif (18), l'engagement fixe mutuel simultané est obtenu et, en même temps, le côté court (23) est appuyé sur le bord intérieur du verre (11), en le maintenant dans son siège.

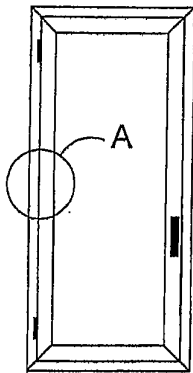


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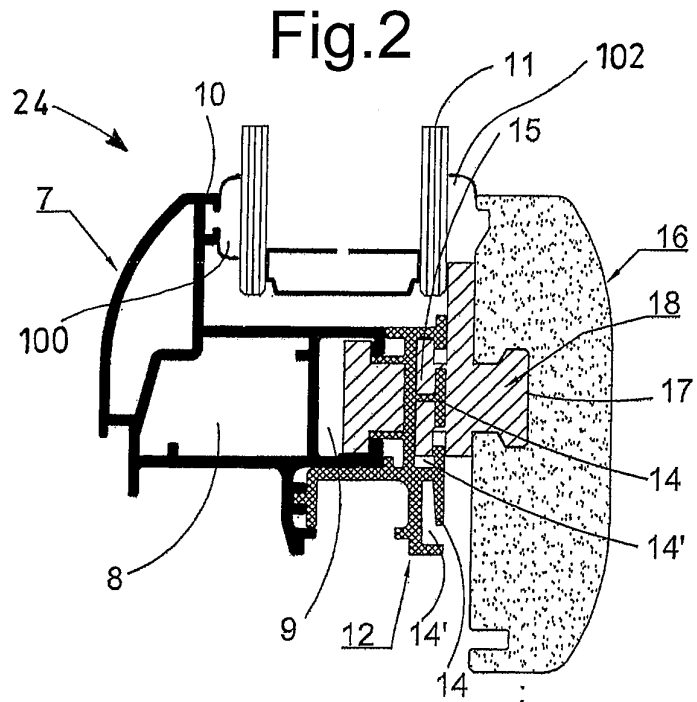


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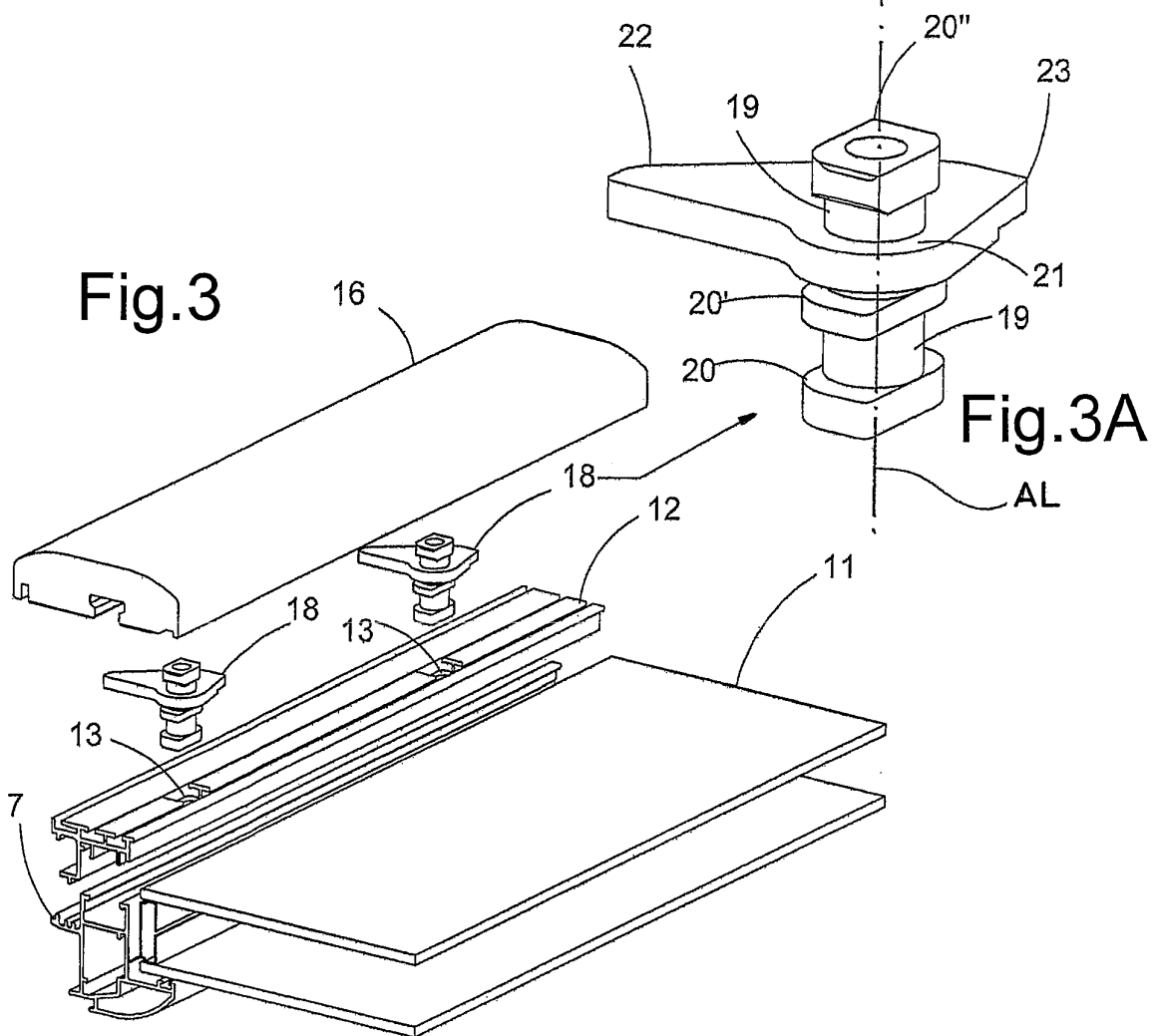


Fig. 3

Fig. 3A

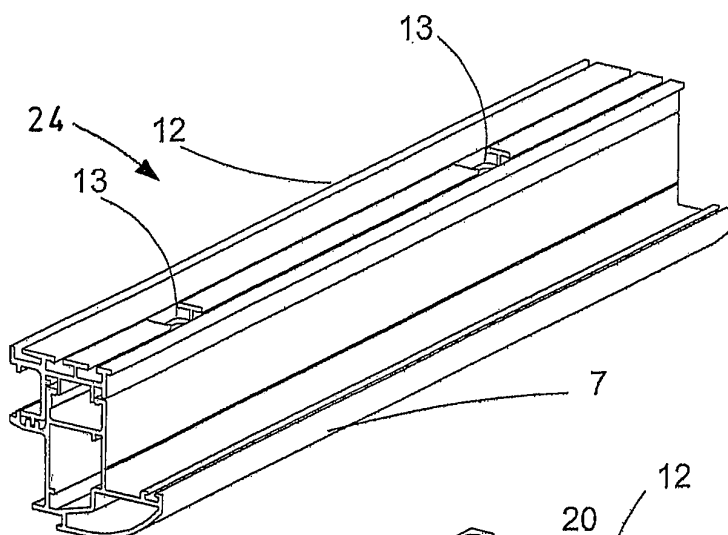


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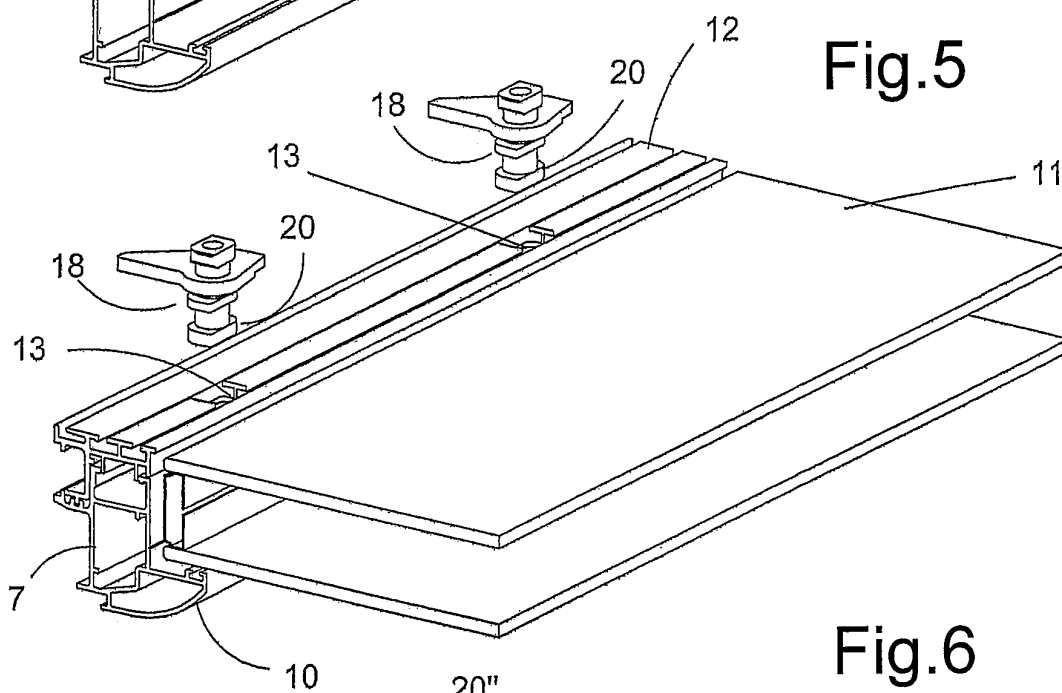


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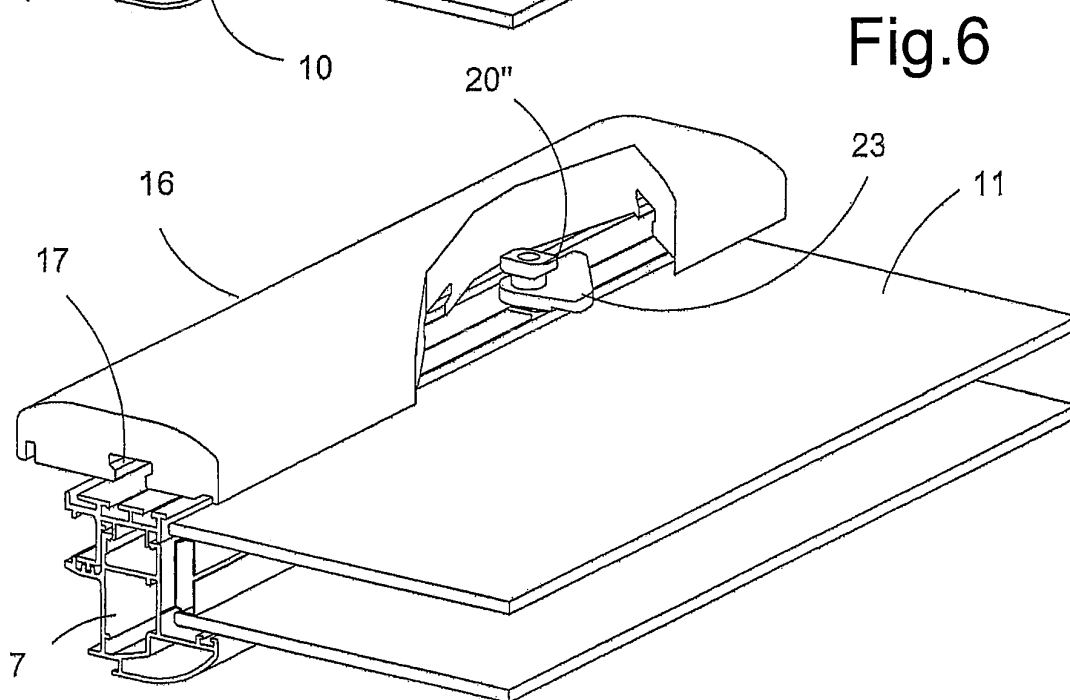


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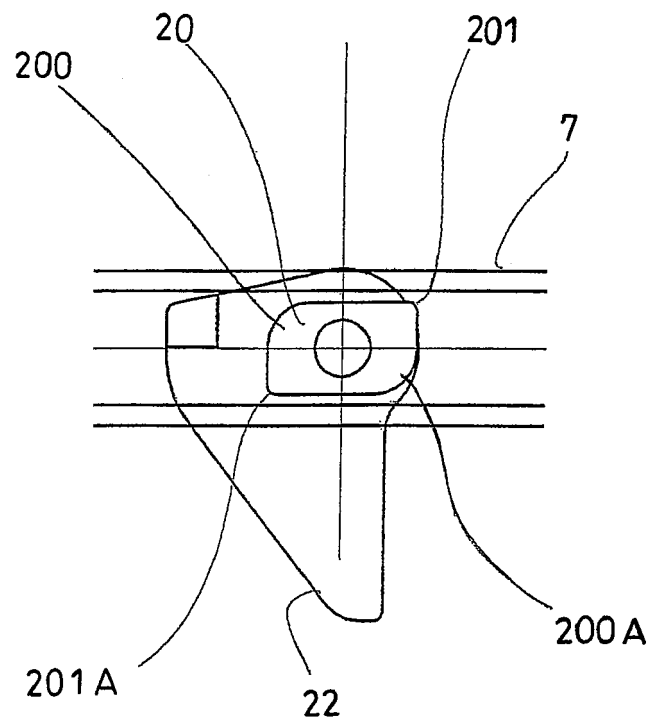


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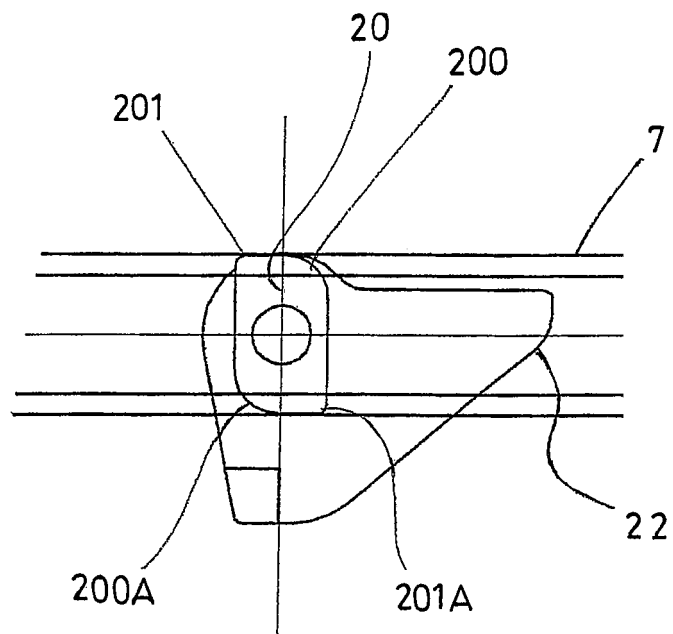


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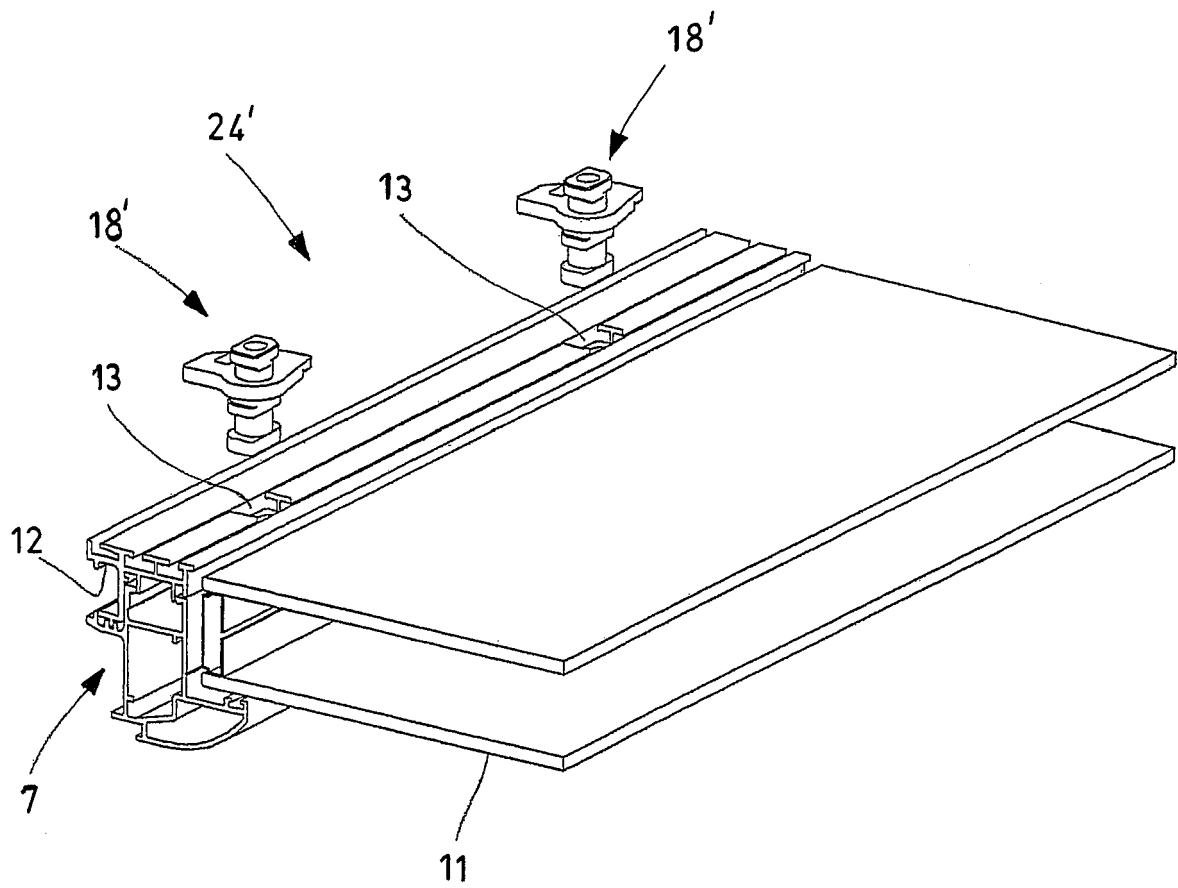


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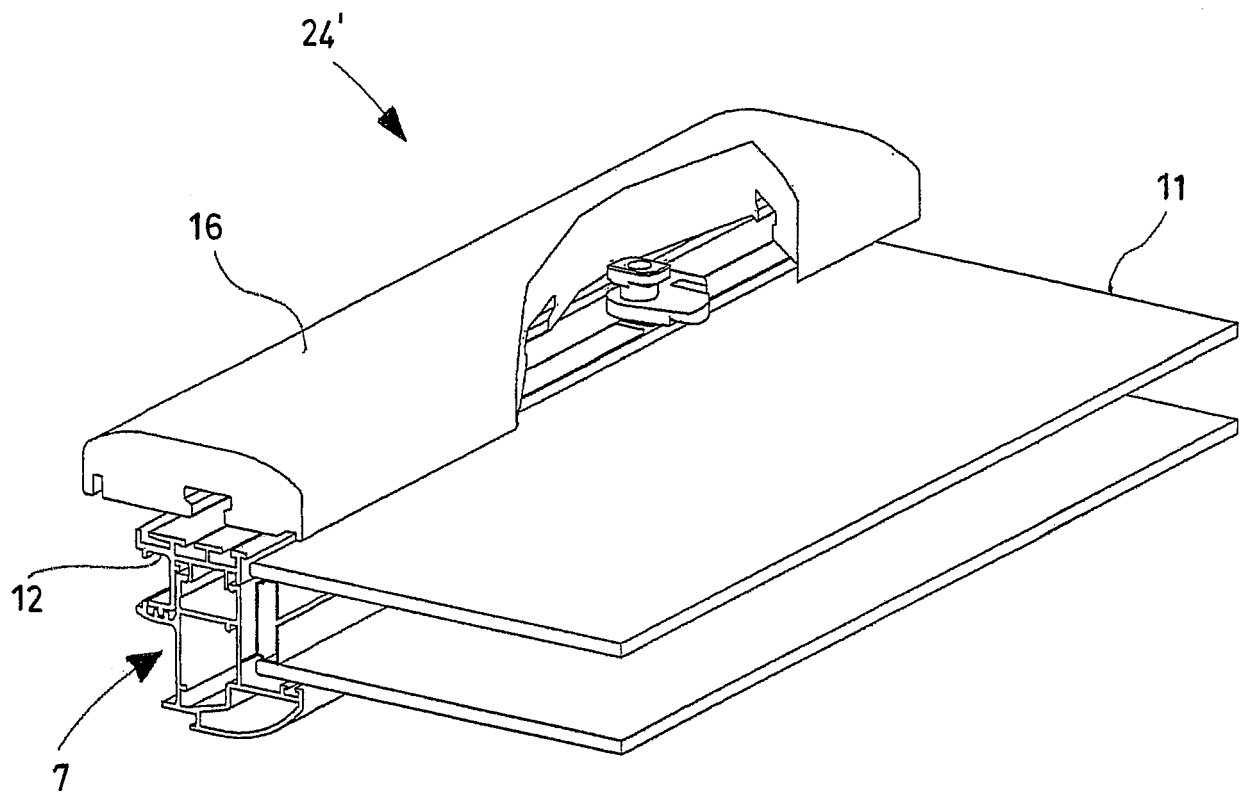


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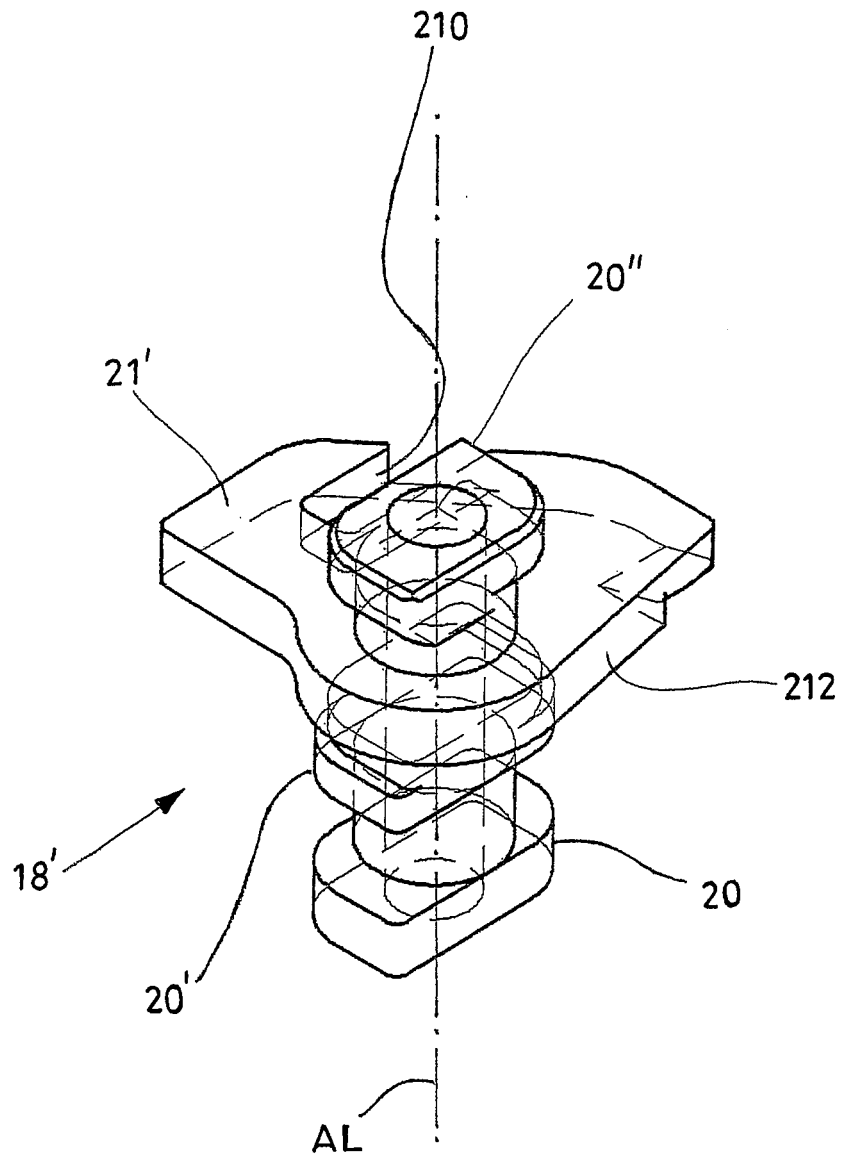


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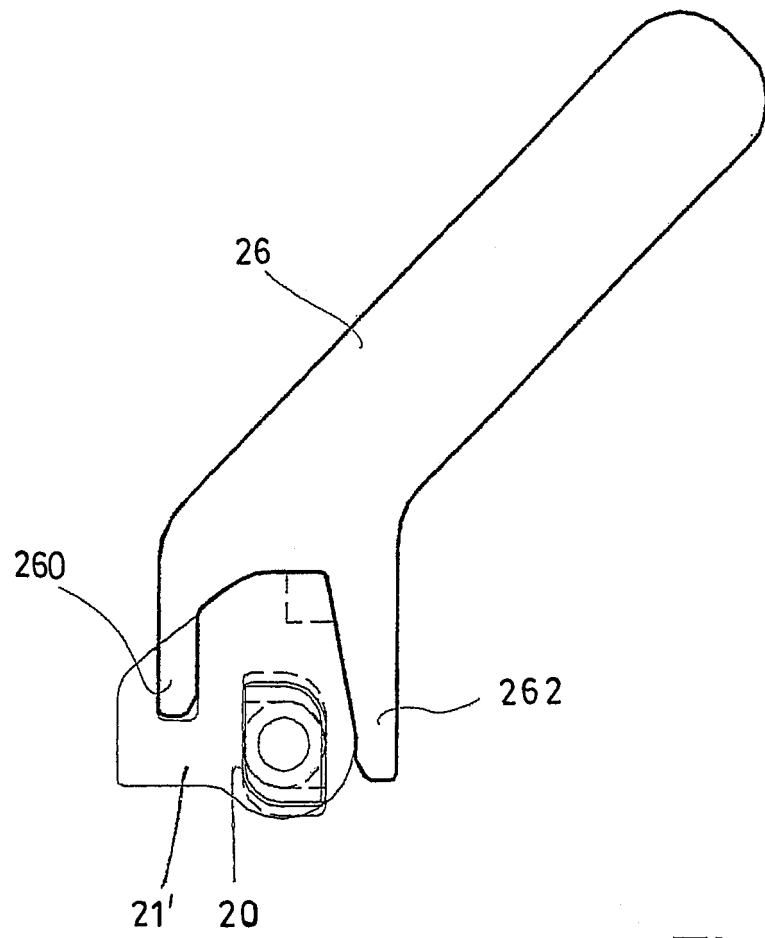


Fig.12

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