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(54) **REUSABLE PACKAGING FOR A HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE AND METHOD FOR REUSING SAID PACKAGING**

(57) A reusable packaging for a household appliance has a lower base (3) shaped to contain a lower portion of the household appliance (2); an upper base (6) shaped to contain an upper portion of the household appliance (2); and a plurality of elongated connecting elements (9), which are releasably connectable to the upper base (6) and to the lower base (3) and are configured to be arranged around the household appliance (2); each elongated connecting element (9) comprising a first body (10) and a second body (11) releasably connectable to each other, wherein the first body (10) extends along the transverse axis (A1) for a fifth dimension (D5) and the second body (11) extends along the transverse axis (A1) for a sixth dimension (D6) greater than the fifth dimension (D5).

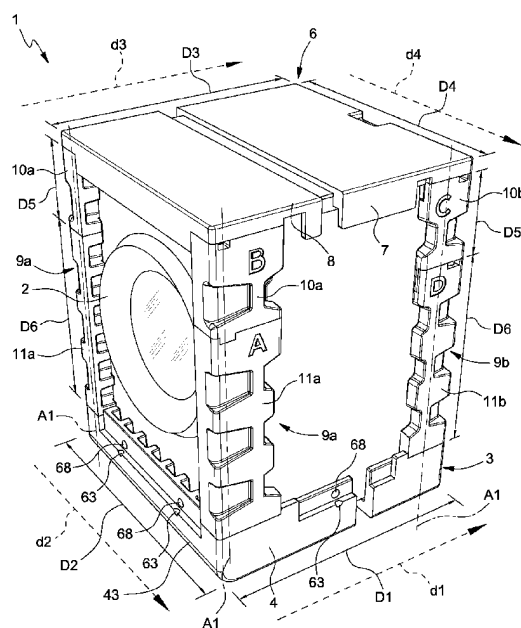


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1. claims: 1-4, 6-9, 14-16, 20

A reusable packaging for a household appliance and related methods.

2. claim: 5

Elongated bodies coupled by a rotational latching mechanism.

3. claims: 10, 17

Lower base comprises a support surface and a rounded edge adjacent the support surface and related method.

4. claim: 12

Lower and upper base comprise complementary interlocking means.

5. claims: 11, 13, 18, 19

Elements of the packaging being provided with symbols/indications/instructions and/or identification elements and related methods.

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