

U.S. Patent No. 7,096,638 - Claim 1		Newfrey's Construction	Burnex's Construction	Court's Construction
1	1. A generally U-shaped fastener adapted to mount an object to a panel, the panel including a mounting aperture therein, the fastener comprising:			
2	a body portion having a pair of side members coupled to each other by a curved base portion at an insertion end of the generally U-shaped fastener,			
	2a the pair of side members defining a slot between the pair of side members,			
	2b the slot being adapted to receive a coupling member from the object;			
3	a flange member extending outwardly from each of the pair of side members near an end opposite the insertion end of the generally U-shaped fastener,			
	3a each flange member being adapted to contact a surrounding portion of the mounting aperture;			
4	a plurality of finger members extending inwardly into the slot from each of the pair of side members or from the flange members,			
	4a the plurality of finger members being adapted to grasp the coupling member of the object upon the coupling member being inserted into the slot; and			

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5	at least one abutting flange extending outwardly from each of the pair of side members,			
5a	each of the at least one abutting flange having <u>a generally straight portion</u> , a transition portion, and an engaging portion,	a for the most part straight portion	a portion that is straight but with some amount of deviation from exactly straight allowed	a portion that is straight but not necessarily precisely 180 degrees
5b	the generally straight portion coupling the at least one abutting flange to one of the side members near the insertion end of generally U-shaped fastener,			
5c	<u>the transition portion</u> being coupled to the generally straight portion and <u>being defined by an exterior convex surface</u> ,	the transition portion . . . outlined by an exterior convex surface	a portion . . . consisting of an exterior convex surface only	the transition portion . . . given form by an exterior convex surface
5d	the engaging portion having <u>an exterior concave surface substantially abutting the exterior convex surface of the transition portion</u> ;	an exterior concave surface substantially abutting the exterior convex surface of the transition portion	a portion having an exterior concave surface substantially abutting the exterior convex surface of the transition portion without a significant intermediate section therebetween	no interpretation necessary
5e	the engaging portion being adapted to engage an edge of the mounting aperture upon insertion therein to retain the generally U-shaped fastener in the mounting aperture.			