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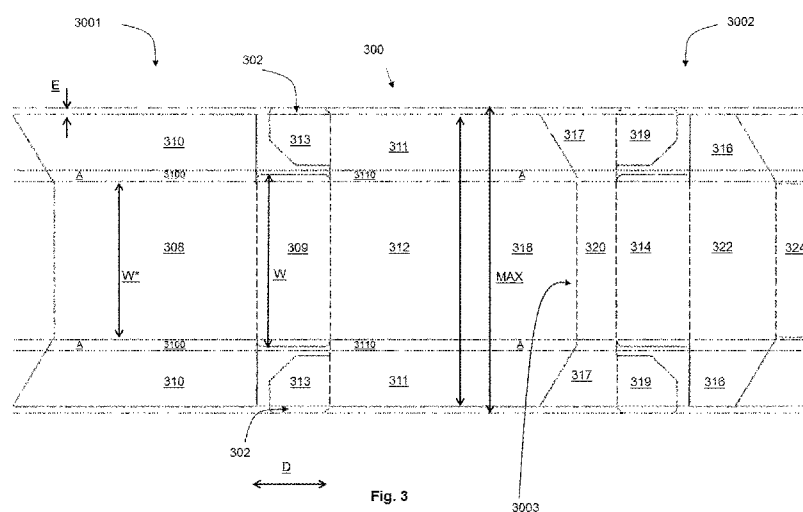


Fig. 3

- (57) **Abstract:** A blank (300) for forming a container for consumer articles comprises panels for forming corresponding walls of the container. First side panels (311) extend from the rear wall panel (312) and second side panels (310) extend from the front wall panel (308). When assembling the container, the first and the second side panels (311, 310) overlap to form at least part of left and right side walls. The first side panels (311) or the second side panels (310) or both are connected to the respective one of the rear wall panel (312) and the front wall panel (308) by modified edge portions (3110). Inner surfaces of the modified edge portions define ablation areas, each comprising one or more ablated zones with a reduced thickness. The blank comprises a pair of flaps (313, 319) extending from the first side panels (311) or the second side panels (310) or both.