

ABSTRACT

A framework system includes stud members and plate members which are adapted to be joined in an abutting relationship with the ends of the stud members abutting against the plate members such that the longitudinal axes of the stud and plate members are

5 substantially perpendicular. Each of the plate members has at least one flange portion and a web portion with at least one base element and an at least one offset element, the offset element being offset from the base element in the same direction as the flange portion extends therefrom and having aperture means located therein. Each of the stud members has at least one flange portion and a web portion, the web portion having a cutout portion

10 with tongue means extending thereinto, the cutout portion corresponding to said offset element of said web portion of said plate members with the tongue means being adapted to fit through the aperture means in the offset element when the stud member abuts against the plate member with the ends of the stud members substantially abutting against the base elements of the web portion of said plate member. Integral locking means is associated

15 with the tongue and slot, the locking means preventing the removal of the tongue from the slot after it passes through the slot.

FIGURE 4



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