

ABSTRACT

The resilient clip assembly (50) comprises a plurality of U-shaped clips (12) which are held together by the two non-metal, elongate, flexible members (30, 32) which are securely and mechanically gripped between the metal on each side of each opening (14, 16) in the bight portion (18) of each clip. The method for making the resilient clip assembly (50) includes the steps of: punching clip blanks (10) from a sheet of metal with each blank (10) having two spaced apart openings (14, 16) punched through the metal in the area which will be formed into a bight portion (18) of a U-shaped clip (12); folding or forming each clip blank (10) around a mandrel to form a U-shaped clip (12) with a bight portion (18) and two leg portions (24, 26); placing a plurality of the U-shaped clips (12) in a line or row with the openings (14) on one side of the clip (12) aligned with adjacent openings (14) in the adjacent clips (12) to form an elongate trough (28) and with the openings (16) on the other side of each clip (12) aligned with the adjacent openings (16) in the adjacent clips (12) to form a second elongate trough (29); placing a non-metal, elongate, flexible member (30, 32) in each trough (28, 29); and sequentially pressing the side edges (20, 22) of the bight portion (18) of each clip (12) toward each other to crimp the plastic wires (30, 32) in the openings (14, 16) of the clip (12) to form the resilient clip assembly (50).

This Sheet Has Been Replaced

