

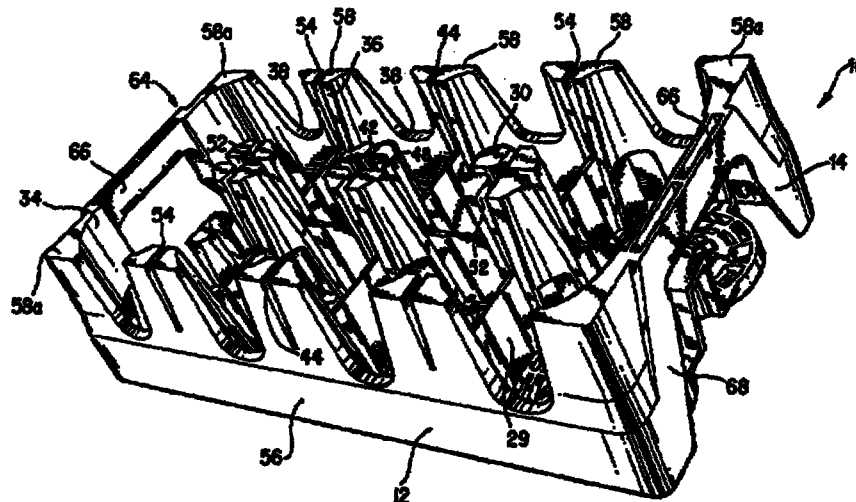
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(54) Title: **STACKABLE LOW DEPTH BOTTLE CASE**

(57) Abstract

A stackable case for retaining and transporting bottles including outer side walls (12, 14, 16, 18) forming an outer shell having a longitudinal axis and a horizontal axis, a case bottom (20) disposed substantially within the outer shell, and a plurality of supports for supporting the outer surfaces of the bottles. The side walls include a lower wall portion and a plurality of spaced upwardly projecting pylons, where four corner pylons define the four corners of the case. A plurality of spaced upwardly projecting columns (30) generally disposed within the outer shell define, in combination with the case bottom, the side walls and the end walls, a plurality of bottle retaining pockets. The columns and the pylons (30) extend above the lower wall portions and below a top surface of the retained bottles. The end walls each include an integrally molded handle structure (66) suspended between an upper portion of adjacent corner pylons to thereby define a generally open end wall area below the handle structure. The handle structure allows the bottle case to be manipulated with either a palm up or palm down orientation of the hand.