

Abstract**RETRACTABLE AUXILIARY LUGGAGE ATTACHMENT MECHANISM AND METHOD**

An attachment mechanism (20) for attaching an auxiliary luggage case (32) to the exterior surface of a main luggage case (22). The attachment mechanism includes a flexible elongated belt (24) connected to the main luggage case, a hook (26) connected to an outer end of the belt, and a pocket (28) that is large enough to contain the hook and belt. A cover (30) allows access to the pocket to remove and extend the belt and the hook but also restricts access to the pocket and fully confines the retracted belt and hook within the pocket. The hook is preferably pivotal between an extended position in which it can be attached to luggage and a retracted position in which it uses less space. The hook may be adjustably positioned along the length of the belt when in the retracted position and is fixed to the selected location on the belt when in the extended position.

Figure 5

This Sheet Has Been Replaced

