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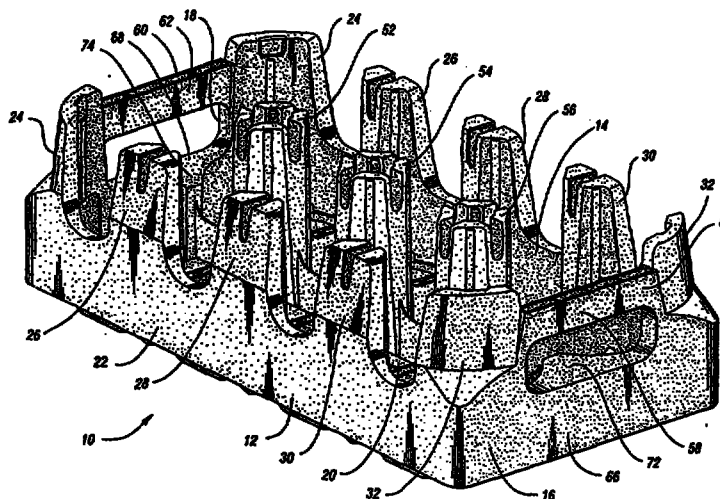
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(54) Title: STACKABLE LOW DEPTH BOTTLE CASE



(57) Abstract

A stackable case (10) for retaining and transporting bottles includes outer side walls (12, 14, 16, 18) forming an outer shell, 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 (22) and a plurality of spaced upwardly projecting pylons (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) where four corner pylons (24, 32) define the four corners of the case. At least one upwardly projecting column (52) is generally disposed within the outer shell. The columns (52, 54, 56) and the pylons (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) 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 (58, 60) suspended between an upper portion of adjacent corner pylons (24, 32) to thereby define a generally open end wall area below the handle structure (58, 60). The end walls further include an integrally molded structural reinforcement member (66, 68) extending between the adjacent corner pylons (24, 32) below the respective handle structure (58, 60).