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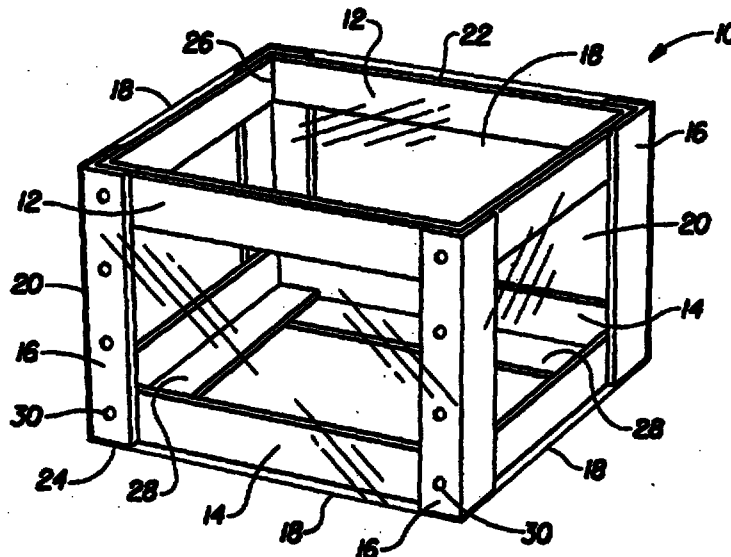
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(57) Abstract

A minimal container (10), made of pre-cut corrugated cardboard strips (12, 14, 16) fastened together at overlapping surfaces and folded to form a rectangular frame, without generating any scrap corrugated cardboard. The Minimal Container (10) is intended to protect contents for one shipping application. Each side (20) and top (22) and bottom ends (24) of the rectangular frame have an open area. Plastic film (18) is wrapped around the Minimal Container (10), enclosing it and being connected to it, not only for dust and weather protection, but also to enhance structural rigidity of the Minimal Container (10). A method of constructing the Minimal Container (10) includes gluing or stapling the corrugated cardboard strips (12, 14, 16) together to form a ladder structure; scoring, slitting, and folding the ladder structure to form the rectangular frame; fastening the rectangular frame together; loading contents into the rectangular frame; enclosing the rectangular frame with a flexible plastic film wrap (18); and connecting the flexible plastic film wrap (18) to the rectangular frame.