

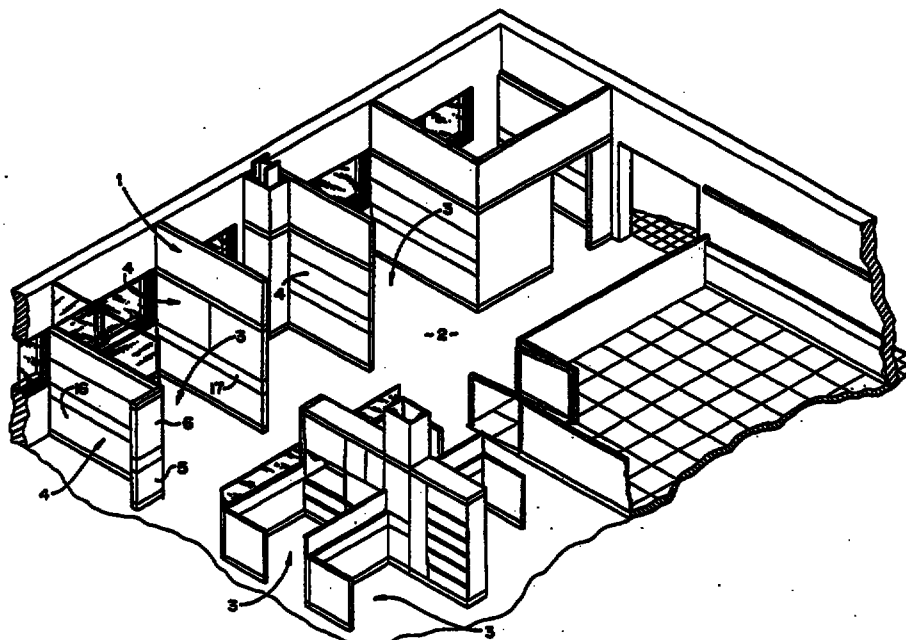
PCT

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
International Bureau

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification ⁶ : E04C 2/52, E04H 1/06		A1	(11) International Publication Number: WO 96/21070
			(43) International Publication Date: 11 July 1996 (11.07.96)
(21) International Application Number: PCT/US95/16869		(74) Agent: CARRIER, Robert, J.; Price, Heneveld, Cooper, DeWitt & Litton, 695 Kenmoor, Southeast, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 (US).	
(22) International Filing Date: 26 December 1995 (26.12.95)			
(30) Priority Data: 08/367,802 30 December 1994 (30.12.94) ✓ US		(81) Designated States: AL, AM, AU, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CN, CZ, EE, FI, GE, HU, IS, JP, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LK, LR, LT, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SG, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UZ, VN, ARIPO patent (KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG), European patent (AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).	
(71) Applicant: STEELCASE INC. [US/US]; 901 44th Street, Southeast, P.O. Box 1967, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1967 (US).			
(72) Inventors: SEIBER, Charles, A.; 4240 Suzanne Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (US). SHAW, Benjamin, G.; Flat 2, 98 Inverness Terrace, London W2 3LD (GB). LADA, Christopher, O.; 2311 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (US). HOBSON, Phillip, Michael; 383 Mundell Way, Los Altos, CA 94022 (US). POPPE, Robert, P.; 7601 Woodvale, Southeast, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 (US). SHIPMAN, David, A.; 139 Prospect, Northeast, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (US). LUCHETTI, Robert, J.; 5 Cleveland Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 (US). DRAUDT, Gregg, R.; 381 School Street, Watertown, MA 02172 (US). ELDON, James, B., III; 68 Bull Road, Barto, PA 19504 (US). MCCLANAHAN, David, D.; 871 Old Sumneytown Pike, Harleysville, PA 19438 (US).		Published With international search report. Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.	

(54) Title: PARTITION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract

A freestanding portable partition panel (4) is provided for open office spaces. Each panel includes a skeleton-like frame having two vertical uprights (10) positioned adjacent opposite side edges. A foot (11) extends downwardly from the bottom of the frame to a floor surface. Two pairs of horizontal stringers (12 and 13) are attached to the outer faces of the uprights in a vertically spaced apart relationship, and define therebetween two horizontal raceway cavities (14). Cover panels (16) enclose at least those portions of the frame side faces disposed between the stringers. The upper ends of the vertical uprights have upwardly extending arms which define yoke shaped receptacles (19) for receiving drop-in wiring.