

INTERCLOSING PANEL SCREEN**ABSTRACT**

A blade element (10) is able to interact with like blade elements (10) and form an openable and closeable protective screen that may be used as either horizontally arranged or vertically arranged climatic control or safety louvres for residential, commercial or industrial buildings.

The blade element (10) has a central tubular portion (11) from which extend in generally opposite directions relative to a longitudinal axis of the tubular portion (11) a first wing element (12) and a second wing element (13). The first wing element (12) has a free end which defines a U-shaped channel (17). Attached to and extending the length of the channel (17) is a sealing member, such as a neoprene seal (18). The second wing element (13) has a free end which defines a U-shaped channel (19) into which the sealing member (18) is adapted to engage. The respective openings of the U-shaped channels (17,19) face in opposite directions (A,B) so that when the protective screen is closed, the sealing member (18) attached to a first blade member (10) engages sealingly within the U-shaped channel (19) of a second adjacent blade member (10).

This Sheet Has Been Replaced

