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ABSTRACT

A connecting means adapted to releasably fix or release a first element (4) and a second element (5) includes a locking pin (1) which is moveable by remote activation means between a locked position, in which leg (8) expands wall (9) into
5 recess (10), and an unlocked position. The remote activation means may be magnetic, electro-magnetic or any other suitable means. There is no permanent material connection between the pin (1) and the remote activation means. A method of fixing or releasing first and second elements by remote activation means is also disclosed. The invention further provides an embodiment where
10 the first element is a first panel and the second element is a second panel. The first panel has means (166 or 169) which co-ordinate with means (165 or 170) on the second panel. A method of manufacturing the first element includes the steps of depositing discrete amounts of settable material on a surface of the first element and inverting the element to permit the material to set under the
15 influence of gravity. A method of reducing the spacing between first and second elements by remote activation means is also disclosed.



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