CONSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS IN GENERAL: STRUCTURES BUILT-UP FROM SUCH ELEMENTS, IN GENERAL

Definition statement

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Sheets, panels, or other members of similar proportions, without an application covered by any other class; Constructions comprising assemblies of such members, without an application covered by any other class

References

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**F16S 1/00**

Sheets, panels, or other members of similar proportions; Constructions comprising assemblies of such members (built-up gratings **F16S 3/00**; layered products **B32B**)

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F16S 3/00

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Definition statement

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Other constructional members not restricted to an application fully provided for in a single class

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Other constructional members, without an application covered by any other class and not being either a sheet, a panel, an elongated member or a grating

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