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(54) **Interlocking slabs for the construction of paving or the like with an asymmetrical surface, designed to give the impression of hand-made crazy paving**

(57) This invention relates to a type of interlocking slabs designed to form road or driveway paving or the like, wherein the slabs or blocks are constituted by a substantially parallelepiped-shaped body which is bevelled or chamfered at the upper edges, thereby forming a raised part with dimensions smaller than those of the slab, which said raised part is designed to form the wearing surface of the paving. A feature of the invention is that said raised part is not symmetrical, and preferably

not aligned with the sides of the slab, so that when the slabs are placed next to one another to form the paving, gaps of different widths are left between one slab and the next and the gaps are not perfectly aligned, thus giving the impression of crazy paving made from common, generally irregular blocks of stone rather than industrially manufactured slabs. The result is paving which gives the impression of being "old", ie. resembles paving made with the same technique as used to be employed for driveways.

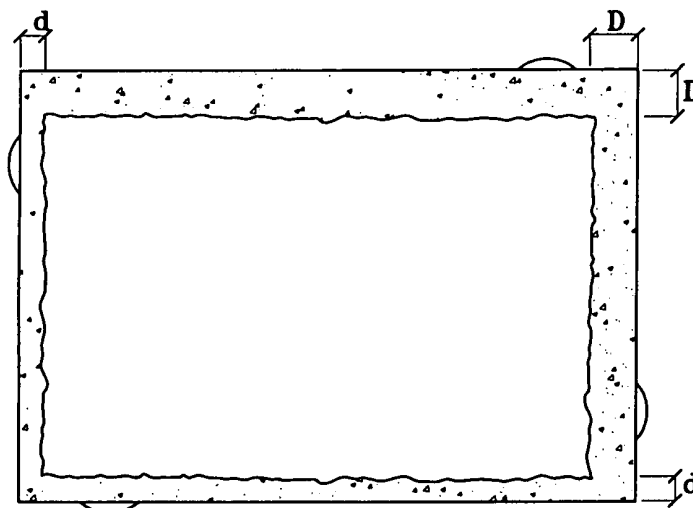


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