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(54) **Method of producing an electric connector, and semifinished part produced thereby**

(57) A method of producing an electric connector (1) having a casing (2) made of synthetic insulating material and defining a number of longitudinal cavities (3); a number of electric terminals (4) housed respectively inside the cavities (3); primary retaining means (5) for retaining the terminals (4) inside the respective cavities (3); and a secondary retaining element (7), which, in use, is separate from the casing (2), is connectable to the casing (2) in a retaining position, and cooperates, in the retaining position, with the primary retaining means (5) to determine correct engagement, and prevent release, of the terminals (4) by the primary retaining means (5); the method including the step of molding in one piece a semifinished part (8) made of synthetic insulating material and having a main body (2') defining the casing (2) in use, and a secondary body (7') defining, in use, the secondary retaining element (7) and connected to the main body (2') by a number of breakable connecting elements (9).

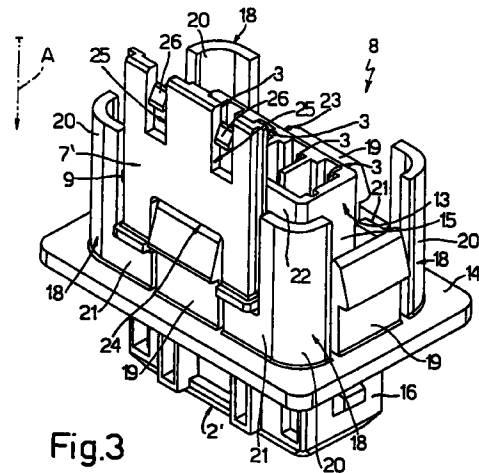


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