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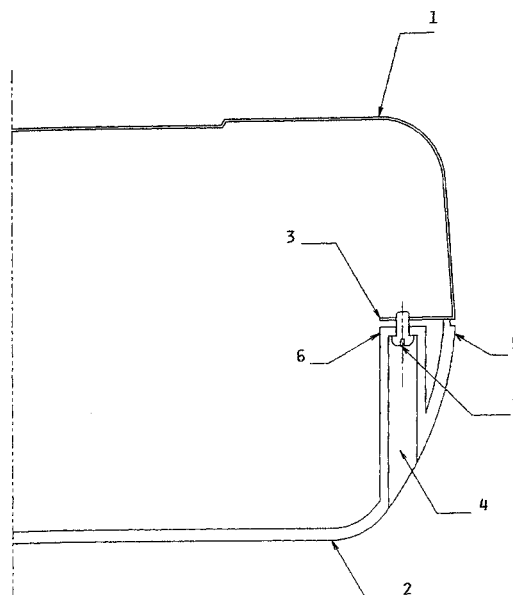
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(54) **Casing for a steam generator for electrical household appliances**

(57) Casing adapted in particular as a housing for steam generators for use in conjunction with electrical household appliances, such as steam cleaning appliances, clothes irons either of the simple or the automatic-refill type, fan-assisted ironing boards with refill function, coffee and similar brewing machines. The casing comprises two half-shells, ie. an upper one (1) and a lower one (2), in which the upper half-shell (1) is made of metal and the lower half-shell (2) is made of plastics. The borders (3, 5) of the half-shells are joined together by means of screws (7). The border (3) of the upper half-shell (1) is bent inwards, ie. towards the interior of the casing, and the border (5) of the lower half-shell (2) is so shaped as to feature a series of recessing receptacles (4) for the insertion of the screws (7) needed for joining the half-shells together.

The solution is effective in both technically and aesthetically improve the assembly of the two half-shells, while increasing the strength and solidity of the casing and reducing the number of component parts and the assembly time of the same casing.





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