



(51) International Patent Classification:
A43B 3/12 (2006.01) *A43B 3/26* (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:
PCT/US2010/023130

(22) International Filing Date:
4 February 2010 (04.02.2010)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:
12/392,240 25 February 2009 (25.02.2009) US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US):
DREAM WEAVERZ LIFEWEAR LLC [US/US];
7355 W. Trent Place, Tucson, AZ 85743 (US).

(72) Inventor; and

(75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): **RUDD, Walter, G.**
[US/US]; 7355 W. Trent Place, Tucson, AZ 85743 (US).

(74) Agent: **BAKER, Trent**; Baker & Associates PLLC, 470
East Ninth Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84103 (US).

(81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every
kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM,
AO, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BH, BR, BW, BY, BZ,
CA, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DO,

DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT,
HN, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KM, KN, KP,
KR, KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MA, MD,
ME, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI,
NO, NZ, OM, PE, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD,
SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, ST, SV, SY, TH, TJ, TM, TN, TR,
TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.

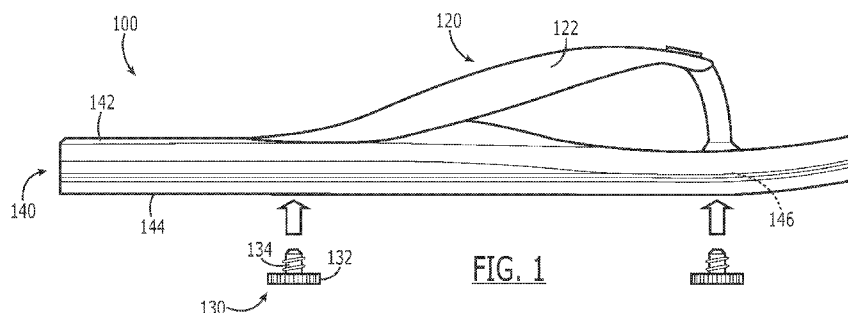
(84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every
kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH,
GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM,
ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ,
TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE,
ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV,
MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, SM,
TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW,
ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Published:

- with international search report (Art. 21(3))
- before the expiration of the time limit for amending the
claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of
amendments (Rule 48.2(h))

(88) Date of publication of the international search report:
9 December 2010

(54) Title: MODULAR OPEN-TOE FOOTWEAR RETAINING SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: One embodiment of the present invention relates to an article of open-toe footwear including a sole member and a modular retaining system that allows a user to affect the appearance and function of the article of footwear. The modular retaining system includes a strap member and a plurality of coupling members. The strap member extends from an upper surface of the sole member over a corresponding user's foot between various recesses located on the surface of the sole member. The end regions of the strap member are releasably coupled with the sole member at the recesses via a releasable engagement with coupler members oppositely oriented within the recesses from a lower surface of the sole member. The releasable engagement between the strap member and the coupling members may utilize a threaded coupling configuration in which a male portion of the coupler member is threadably coupled within a corresponding female portion of the end region.



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US2010/023130**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER*****A43B 3/12(2006.01)i, A43B 3/26(2006.01)i***

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

A43B 3/12; A43B 5/08; A43B 23/02; A43B 3/00; A43B 13/14

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Korean utility models and applications for utility models

Japanese utility models and applications for utility models

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & Keywords: open-toe, footwear, coupler

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 3132869 U (KOKUSAIINFORMATIONCENTER NIKKANKIKAKU CO., LTD.) 30 May 2007 See the abstract and figures.	1-20
A	JP 3130808 U (IGARASHI, NARIHITO) 22 March 2007 See the abstract and figures.	1-20
A	JP 62-085101 U (NAKAO, HIROSHI) 30 May 1987 See the abstract and figures.	1-20
A	JP 3109268 U (IDPLAN CO., LTD.) 23 March 2005 See the abstract and figures.	1-20



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

12 OCTOBER 2010 (12.10.2010)

Date of mailing of the international search report

12 OCTOBER 2010 (12.10.2010)

Name and mailing address of the ISA/KR

Korean Intellectual Property Office
Government Complex-Daejeon, 139 Seonsa-ro, Seo-
gu, Daejeon 302-701, Republic of Korea

Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140

Authorized officer

Park Hae Pum

Telephone No. 82-42-481-8295



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

PCT/US2010/023130Patent document
cited in search reportPublication
datePatent family
member(s)Publication
date

JP 3132869 U

30.05.2007

None

JP 3130808 U

22.03.2007

None

JP 62-085101 U

30.05.1987

None

JP 3109268 U

23.03.2005

None