

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date
1 November 2007 (01.11.2007)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 2007/123782 A3

(51) International Patent Classification:

A47B 55/00 (2006.01) A47F 5/16 (2006.01)
A47G 29/00 (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/US2007/008041

(22) International Filing Date: 2 April 2007 (02.04.2007)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:

60/789,548 4 April 2006 (04.04.2006) US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US):

PEDESTAL DESIGNS INC. [US/US]; 229 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 95062 (US).

(72) Inventors; and

(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): REED, Petra [US/US]; 229 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 95062 (US). REED, James, P. [US/US]; 229 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 95062 (US).

(74) Agent: RICHARSON, Timothy, H.P.; 1055 Trinity Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (US).

(81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BH, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, 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, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, SV, SY, 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, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

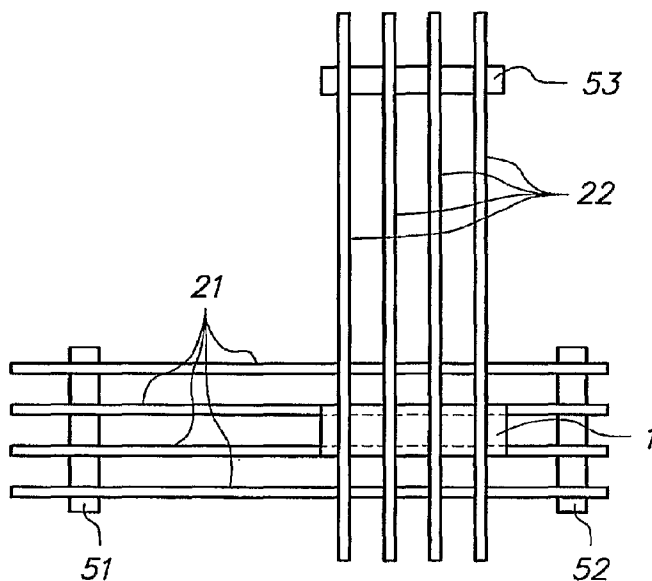
Published:

— with international search report

(88) Date of publication of the international search report:

2 April 2009

(54) Title: BLOCK PEDESTAL



(57) Abstract: A pedestal comprising (i) a pedestal base (51, 52) whose upper surface defines at least two pairs of open channels, (ii) horizontal lower support members (21) placed in the channels, and (iii) at least one block component (1) which is fitted slidably over one or more of the lower support members. Two or more block components can be used together, and upper support members can be placed in channels in the upper surfaces of the block components so that they are at right angles to the lower support members. The pedestals are particularly useful in the catering and hospitality industry for supporting food and beverage containers, tableware, flower vases and sculptures.

WO 2007/123782 A3

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US07/08041

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC: A47B 55/00(2006.01);A47G 29/00(2006.01);A47F 5/16(2006.01)

USPC: 248/346.3,346.02;108/181

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)

U.S. : 248/346.01, 346.02, 346.3; 108/181; 446/106; 211/85.4, 41.3

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
NONE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,688,573 A (REED et al.) 10 February 2004 (10.02.2004), Figs. 1-3, 8, 17, 22, and 39.	1-10
A	US 2,119,821 A (MANLEY) 07 June 1938 (07.06.1938), Figs. 1, 3, and 6.	1-10
A	US 6,505,804 A (FRANCIS et al.) 14 January 2003 (14.01.2003), Fig. 1.	1-10

☐ 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	"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
"E" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	"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
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"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
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search
18 June 2008 (18.06.2008)

Date of mailing of the international search report

26 AUG 2008

Name and mailing address of the ISA/US
Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
Facsimile No. (571) 273-3201

Authorized officer

Michael Safavi

Telephone No. (571) 272-3600

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US07/08041

Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
Please See Continuation Sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

- Remark on Protest**
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
 - ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
 - ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US07/08041

BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Group I, claim(s) 1-6 and 10, drawn to a pedestal.

Group II, claim(s) 7 and 8, drawn to a pedestal component.

Group III, claim(s) 9, drawn to a pedestal base.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature of Group I is a plurality of components stacked one upon another. The special technical feature of Group II is an element possessing a recess and slot along one surface. The special technical feature of Group III is an element possessing a particular ratio of dimensional size.