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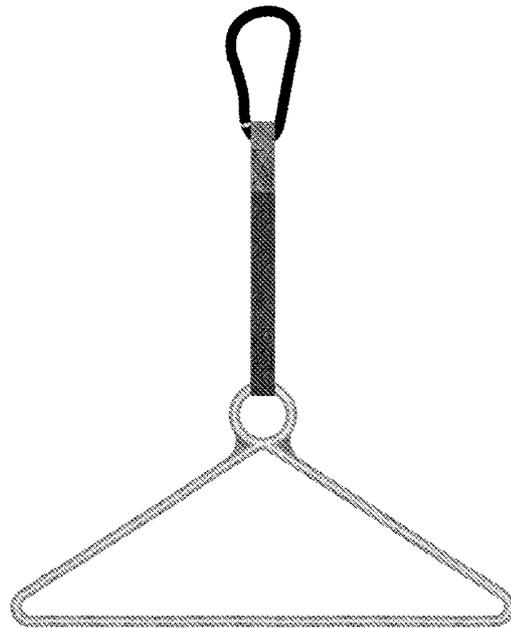
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(54) Title of the Invention: **Carabanga**
Abstract Title: **Garment hanger**

(57) A garment hanger comprises a garment supporting portion and a karabiner or like clip, a strap or web connecting the garment support and the karabiner. The garment hanger is preferably heavy-duty and suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. The garment hanger is especially suited to hanging and drying wetsuits without the danger of them falling or blowing away.



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Carabanga - Illustration 1 : Assembled Product

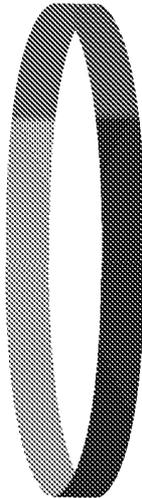


Carabanga - Illustration 2: Product Elements

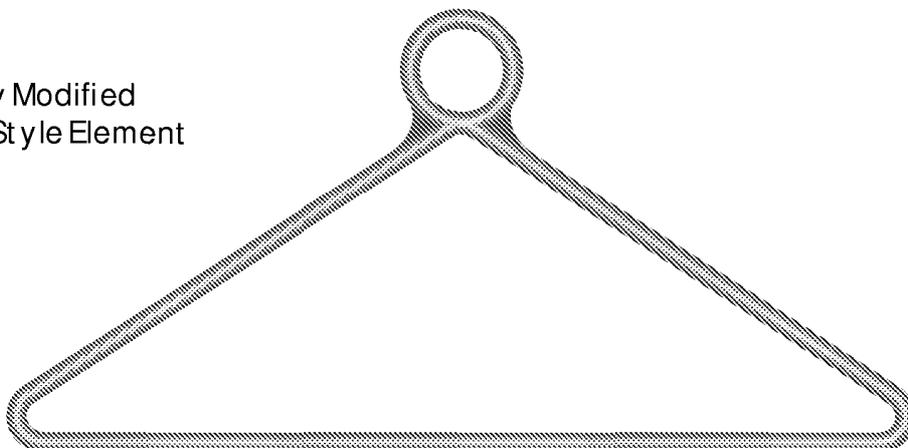
Carabiner style fastener



Heavy duty strap

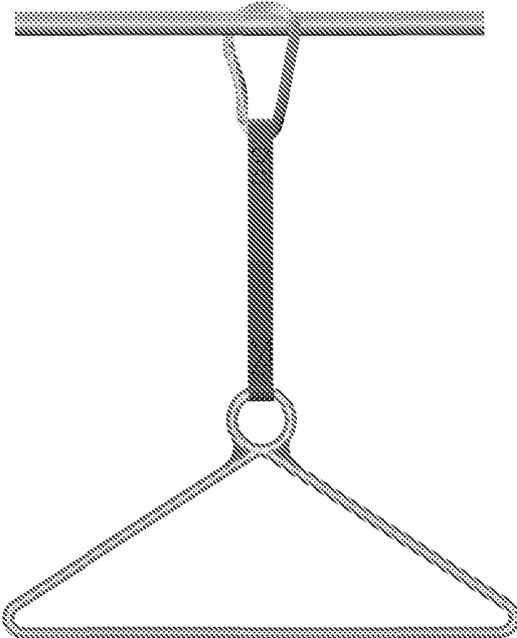


Specially Modified
Hanger Style Element

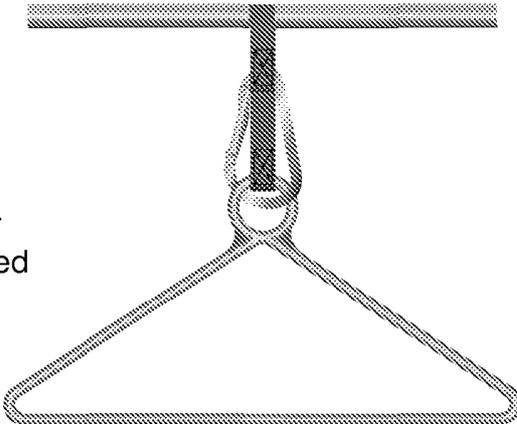


Carabanga - Illustration 3: Examples of usage

Secured by carabiner style fastener



Secured with a loop created by attaching carabiner style fastener to the specially modified hanger style element



Patent Specification – The Carabanga

Description:

The Carabanga is a hanging devise that has been developed to safely, securely and effectively hang-up wet and heavy wetsuits to allow them to dry naturally.

The combination of a carabiner type securing/fastening element, a heavy duty strap, and a specially modified hanging element, will allow users to hang heavy wetsuits from car and van roof racks, trees & fences, balustrades & balconies, as well as indoors from shower units and doors & door frames.

Although developed with wetsuits in mind, the Carabanga is also useful for hanging all types of heavy work clothing or uniforms.

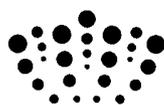
Claims:

The Carabanga is a unique combination of specialised elements to create a heavy duty, versatile hanging device.

The Carabanga is the unique combination of a carabiner type securing/fastening element, a heavy-duty strap, and a specially modified hanging element.

The Carabanga allows users to hang wet and heavy wetsuits outside, allowing them to dry naturally in the sun light and natural breezes, without the danger of them falling or blowing away.

The Carabanga's unique use of a carabiner type securing/fastening element and a heavy-duty strap allows the device to be secured from (and hung on) a large variety of places.



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Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
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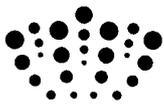
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