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### [54] MOLDED MATS WITH RELEASABLE FLOOR ATTACHMENT SYSTEM

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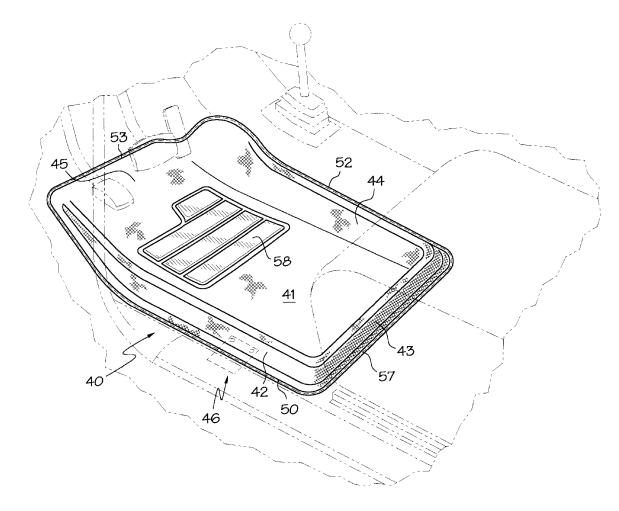
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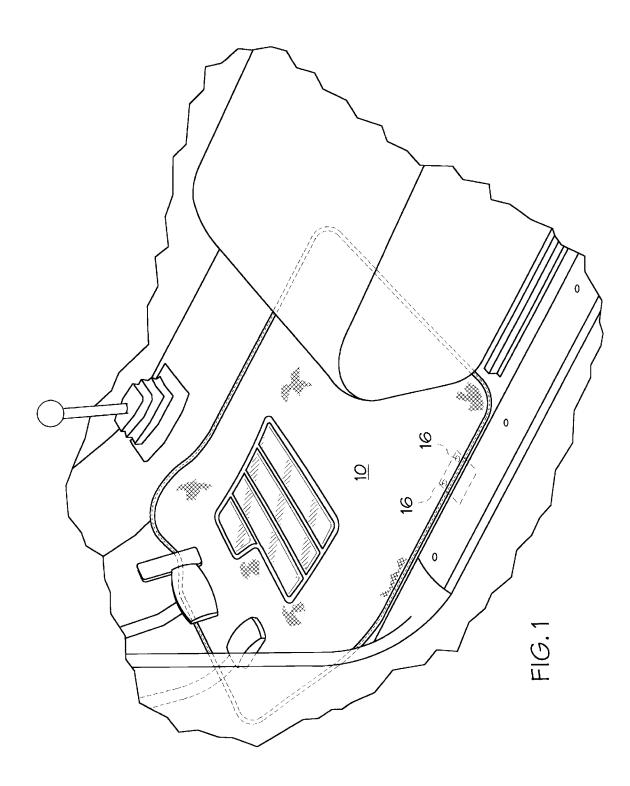
### [57] ABSTRACT

A floor mat is produced to fit the carpeted floor compartment area of a van, pickup truck, sport utility vehicle or other vehicle having a floor which is substantially flat and even with a door sill. The floor mat has a flat base with a retention system operably associated with the door sill. In one embodiment, the floor mat has raised walls near each of its outside edges which form a tray-like central area. At least one of the raised walls is double walled with a substantially horizontally extending floor engaging peripheral lip. The tray-like central area of the floor mat catches debris. It is readily cleaned simply by removing the full mat from the vehicle.

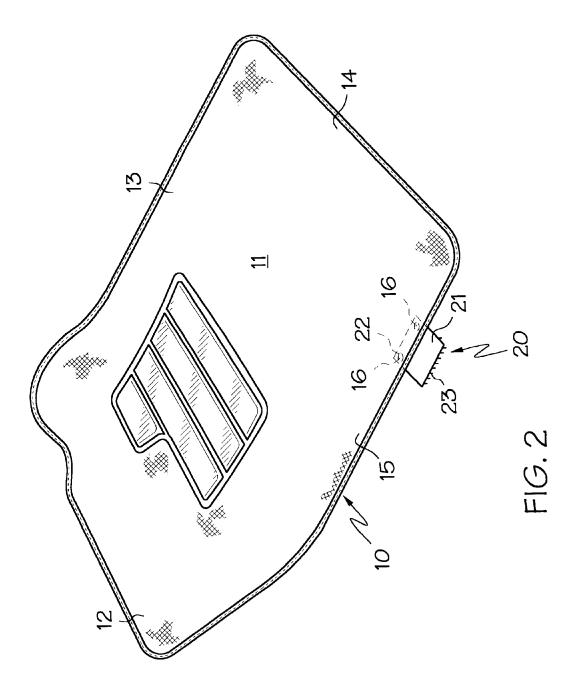
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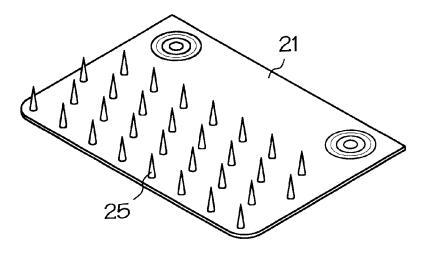
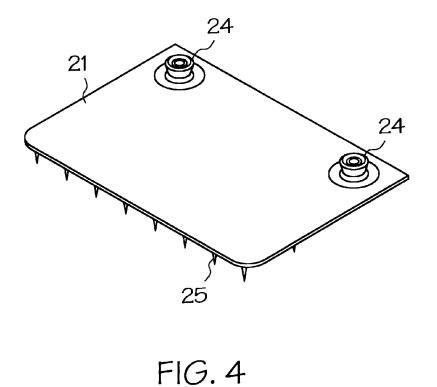
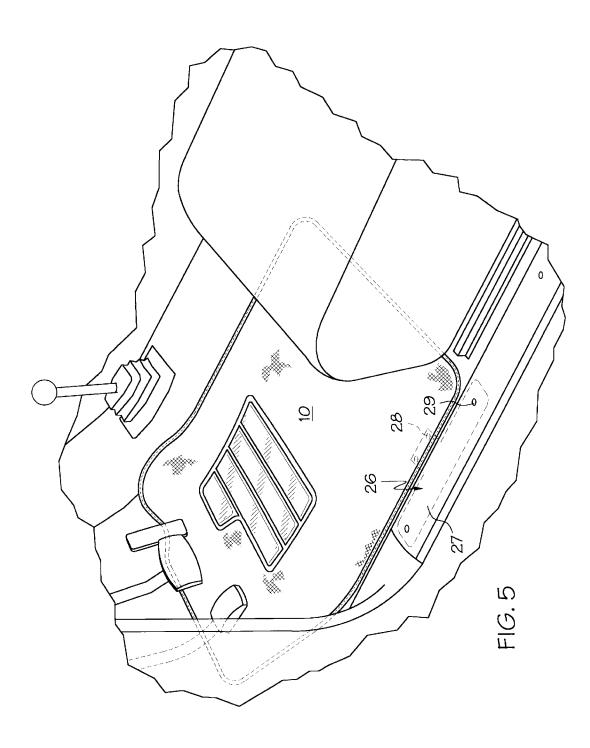


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