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# COLUMN COVER AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION


## Abstract

The present disclosure relates generally to a column cover comprising a first portion comprising a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge, a second side panel having a first edge and a second edge, a front panel extending between the second edge of the first side panel and the second edge of the second side panel, and an outer surface having at least one textured contour that replicates a natural building material. The cover further comprises a second portion comprising a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge, wherein the first side panel of the second portion is substantially coplanar with the first side panel of the first portion, wherein the first edge of the first side panel of the first portion is spaced apart from the first edge of the first side panel of the second portion.



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## Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/543,797, filed Dec. 7, 2021, which claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/122,353, filed Dec. 7, 2020, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE
1. Field of the Disclosure
[0002] The present disclosure relates generally to column coverings and more particularly to a polymer wall covering having the appearance of a masonry.
2. Technical Background
[0003] Fences and walls that appear as masonry walls are popular. Masonry is attractive and provides an impression of strength and stability. Stone masonry, in particular, is popular for walls because it has a heavy stable appearance.
[0004] However, masonry is costly to install. The stones or bricks are laid individually and attached to the surrounding elements of the wall using mortar. Even veneers of thin masonry require attaching stone or brick to the wall substrate using mortar. Achieving a satisfactory appearance is difficult, and professional stone masons are often used to create the veneer, which is costly.
[0005] Large faux stone or brick panels made of polymer, which represent a group of stones or bricks, are easier to install. However, in certain instances these panels are easily distinguished from true masonry. The large panels have a distinct pattern of a group of stones, which identically repeats over the expanse of the wall. If a person observes the wall closely, they are likely to notice the pattern and then identify that the pattern repeats. As a result, even if the individual stones or bricks have a realistic appearance, the repeating pattern will reveal that the wall is not truly masonry. Additionally, the interface or joint between sections of a faux stone wall can appear unnatural when observed. Specifically, the joint between a column and the adjacent wall sections.
[0006] Accordingly, a need exists for an improved column cover.
SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE
[0007] In one aspect, the disclosure provides a column cover having an appearance of a traditional building material, the column cover comprising: [0008] a first portion comprising: [0009] a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge; [0010] a second side panel having a first edge and a second edge; [0011] a front panel extending between the second edge of the first side panel and the second edge of the second side panel; and [0012] an outer surface having at least one textured contour that replicates a natural building material; and [0013] a second portion comprising: [0014] a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge, wherein the first side panel of the second portion is substantially coplanar with the first side panel of the first portion; [0015] a second side panel having a first edge and a second edge; [0016] a front panel extending between the second edge of the first side panel and the second edge of the second side panel; and [0017] an outer surface having at least one textured contour that replicates a natural building material,
wherein the first edge of the first side panel of the first portion is spaced apart from the first edge of

the first side panel of the second portion.
[0018] In another aspect, the disclosure provides a method of assembling a column cover, the method comprising: [0019] receiving a first side of a post between a first inner side panel and a second inner side panel of a first column cover portion; [0020] securing the first column cover portion to the post; [0021] receiving a second side of the post between a first inner side panel and a second inner side panel of a second column cover portion; [0022] positioning the second column cover portion relative to the first column cover portion such that a first edge of a first side panel of the second column cover portion is spaced apart from a first edge of a first side panel of the first column cover portion; and
securing the second column cover portion to the post.
[0023] Additional aspects of the disclosure will be evident from the disclosure herein.

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## Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS
[0024] The accompanying drawings are included to provide a further understanding of the methods and devices of the disclosure, and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification. The drawings are not necessarily to scale, and sizes of various elements may be distorted for clarity. The drawings illustrate one or more embodiment(s) of the disclosure, and together with the description serve to explain the principles and operation of the disclosure.
[0025] FIG. **1** is a front perspective view of a portion of a column cover according to an embodiment of the disclosure;
[0026] FIG. **2** is a rear perspective view of the column cover portion of FIG. **1**;
[0027] FIG. **3** is a schematic top view of the column cover portion of FIG. **2**;
[0028] FIG. **4** is a schematic top view of a wall assembly including two column cover portions of FIG. **3**;
[0029] FIG. **5**A is a perspective view of two column cover portions according to yet another embodiment of the disclosure;
[0030] FIG. **5**B is a rear view of the two column cover portion of FIG. **5**A;
[0031] FIG. **6** is a side view of a column cover according to another embodiment of the disclosure;
[0032] FIG. **7** is a perspective view of a wall section including column cover portions according to another embodiment of the disclosure.
[0033] FIG. **8** is a flowchart illustrating a method of assembling a wall including column covers.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION
[0034] One aspect of the disclosure is a system for a wall or fence having an appearance of a masonry wall. The system includes one or more column covers. Each column cover includes a first column cover portion and a second column cover portion. The column cover portion comprises: a square channel shaped outer wall including a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge, a second side panel having a first edge and a second edge, and a front panel extending between the second edge of the first side panel and the second edge of the second side panel. The column cover portion further comprises a square channel shaped inner wall including a first side panel having a first edge and a second edge, a second side panel having a first edge and a second edge, and a front panel extending between the second edges of the first and second side panels. A first back panel extends between the first edge of the outer first side panel and the first edge of the inner first side panel. Similarly, a second back panel extends between first edge of the outer second side panel and the first edge of the second inner side panel.
[0035] The column cover portion further comprises attachment structure for coupling the column cover to a column or post. In some embodiments, the attachment structure comprises one or more protrusions extending from the inner wall. In some forms, the one or more protrusions extend

upward from at least one of the inner first side panel, the inner second side panel, or the inner front panel. In operation, the column cover portion is positioned proximate a post such that screws or bolts can be used to couple the protrusions to the post.

[0036] Such a column cover portion **100** is shown in perspective view in FIGS. **1** and **2** and in a top plan view in FIG. **3**. The column cover portion includes an outer wall **110** and a nested inner wall **120**.

[0037] The outer wall **110** includes a first side panel **111**, a second side panel **114**, and a front panel **117**. The first side panel **111** has a first edge **112** and a second edge **113**. The first and second edges **112**, **113** are substantially vertical. The second side panel **114** is substantially parallel to the first side panel **111**. The second side panel **114** includes a first edge **115** and a second edge **116** which are substantially vertical. The front panel **117** extends from the second edge **113** of the first side panel **111** to the second edge **116** of the second side panel **114**. Accordingly, the outer wall **110** is shaped like a square channel.

[0038] The outer wall **110** further includes an outer surface **118**. The outer surface **118** includes a plurality of cosmetic features **119** giving the column cover portion the appearance of a traditional building material. In some embodiments, the cosmetic features **119** include polymer shapes having the appearance of masonry blocks or stones. In alternative embodiments, the cosmetic features have the appearance of wood, brick, or other building materials.

[0039] The inner wall **120** includes a first side panel **121**, a second side panel **124**, and a front panel **127**. The first side panel **121** has a first edge **122** and a second edge **123**. The first and second edges **122**, **123** are substantially vertical. The second side panel **124** is substantially parallel to the first side panel **121**. The second side panel **124** includes a first edge **125** and a second edge **126** which are substantially vertical. The front panel **127** extends from the second edge **123** of the first side panel **121** to the second edge **126** of the second side panel **124**. Accordingly, the inner wall **120** is shaped like a square channel. The inner wall **120** is at least partially nested within the square channel shaped outer wall **110** as shown in FIGS. **1**-**3**.

[0040] The inner wall **120** and outer wall **110** are connected by a pair of back panels **130**, **131**. The first back panel **130** extends between the first edges **112**, **122** of the outer first side panel **111** and the inner first side panel **121**. The second back panel **131** extends between the first edges **115**, **125** of the outer second side panel **114** and the inner second side panel **124**.

[0041] The column cover portion **100** further includes attachment structure **102** for coupling the column cover portion **100** to adjacent structure, such as a post, a second column cover portion, and/or a column cap. In some embodiments, the attachment structure includes upward extending protrusions **103**. The protrusions **103** a configured to be received within corresponding recesses **104** in a second column cover portion **100** when the second column cover portion **100** is positioned on top of the first as shown in FIGS. **5**A-**5**B. The interface between the protrusions **103** and recesses **104** locate the column cover portions **100** relative to each other so as to reduce visibility of the seam therebetween. Accordingly, a plurality of column cover portions **100** can be used to create the appearance of taller columns. The protrusions **103** can similarly be received within recesses in a column cap or header (not shown) to similarly locate the column cap relative to the column cover portion **100**.

[0042] In some forms, the column cover portion **100** can further include downward extending protrusions **503**. The downward extending protrusions **503** are positioned so as to interlock with the upward extending protrusions **103** of an adjacent column cover portion **100** when stacked as shown in FIGS. **5**A-**5**B. The downward extending protrusions **503** can be received with in recesses in a second column cover portion **100** or in a column base portion (not shown).

[0043] Alternatively or additionally, the protrusions **100** are used to couple the column cover portion **100** to a post. In some embodiments, the protrusions **100** are sized to receive screws or bolts for coupling the column cover portion **100** to the post. Alternatively, the protrusions are shaped to couple to a bracket or brace coupling the column cover portion **100** to the post or two a

second column cover portion **100** located on the opposite side of the post, capturing the post therebetween. In still further examples, the post is coupled directly to the inner wall **120** of the column cover portion **100** by adhesive, screws, bolts, other fasteners, or combinations thereof.
[0044] In operation, a pair of column cover portions **100** are used to simulate a column. Turning to FIG. **4**, a wall assembly **400** includes a faux column **410** comprising a first column cover portion **100**A is positioned on a first side **402**A of a post **402** and a second column cover portion **100**B positioned on a second side **402**B of the post **402**. The inner side panels **121**, **124** of the first column cover portion **100**A are spaced apart so as to at least partially receive the post **402** therebetween. Similarly, the inner side panels **121**, **124** of the second column cover portion **100**B are spaced apart so as to at least partially receive the post **402** therebetween.
[0045] The first and second column cover portions **100**A/**100**B are coupled to the post **402** with the back panels **130**/**131** of the first column cover portion **100**A spaced from the back panels **130**/**131** of the second column cover portion **100**B. A wall section **404** is positioned at least partially within the gap **405** between the back panels **130**/**131** of the column cover portions **100**A/**100**B as shown in FIG. **4**.
[0046] In some embodiments, the post **402** is an H-post having opposed cavities **402**C. The cavities **402**C are each configured to receive an end **404**A of the wall section **404**. The wall portion **404** is coupled to the post **402**. Alternatively or additionally, the wall portion **404** is coupled to the column cover portions **100**A/**100**B by adhesive, screws, bolts, nails, other traditional fasteners, or combinations thereof.
[0047] The first edges **112**/**115** of the outer wall side panels **111**/**114** are substantially flush with the outer surfaces of the wall section **404**. In some forms, the first edges **112**/**115** are nonlinear, and are configured to interlock with the faux stone cover of the wall section **404** to form a more natural looking seam therebetween.
[0048] In addition to having columns between two wall sections **404**, as shown in FIG. **4**, a wall or fence may include end columns. FIG. **6** illustrates an end column cover **600** formed of two end column cover portions **600**A/**600**B. Similar to the column cover portions **100** described above, the column cover portions **600**A/**600**B include a square channel shaped outer wall **610** with a square channel shaped inner wall (not shown) at least partially nested within the outer wall **610**. The second side panel **614** of the first column cover portion **600**A and the second side panel **614** of the second column cover portion **600**B are wider than the corresponding side panels **114** of the column cover portion **100**. When the column cover portions **600**A/**600**B are installed on a post, the first edges **615** of the second side panels **614** engage each other to form a seam therebetween. The engagement of the first edges **615** give the first and second column cover portions **600**A/**600**B the appearance of a single solid column, such as a masonry column.
[0049] In some embodiments, the first edges **615** are not linear such that the width of the second side panels **614** vary along the height of the column cover portions **600**A/**600**B. As shown, the edges **615** follow the pattern of the faux masonry features **619**, for example following the mortar line between individual faux stones. The two first edges **615** are configured to interlock.
[0050] In some forms, the faux masonry features **619** follow a nonrepeating pattern to appear more natural. As shown, the width and height of the faux masonry features **619** vary. Accordingly, the seam between the two column cover portions **600**A/**600**B has a nonrepeating stepped pattern, wherein the steps have a varying height and width. The nonrepeating pattern aids in forming a natural appearing column, and in hiding the seam. The remaining sides of the column cover portions **600**A/**600**B are substantially similar to the corresponding sides of the column cover portions **100** described above.
[0051] FIG. **7** illustrates a wall **70** formed of wall sections **404**, column cover portions **100** and end column cover portions **600**. The wall sections **404**, column cover portions **100**, and end column portions **600** are assembled to have the appearance of a masonry wall. Column cover portions **100** are positioned over the posts between adjacent wall sections **404**. The end column cover portions

**600** are positioned over the posts on the ends of the wall **70**.
[0052] FIG. **8** illustrates a method **800** of assembling a faux masonry wall **70**. The method **800** includes installing **802** the posts along the path of the wall. The posts are installed in a traditional manner, for example by coupling the posts to a buried steel insert or concrete footer. The wall sections **404** are then installed **804** between the posts.
[0053] A first column cover portion **100** is coupled **806** to a first side of a central post. Installing the first column cover portion **100** comprises positioning the first column cover portion **100** such that a first side of the post is at least partially received between the first and second inner side panels **121**, **124**. The back panels **130**, **131** are positioned to be substantially coplanar with one side of the cavity of the post, such that the back panels **130**, **131** are proximate the surface of the wall section **404**. The first column cover portion **100** is secured to the post with traditional fasteners.
[0054] A second column cover portion **100** is coupled **808** to the second, opposite side of the center post. Installing the second column cover portion **100** comprises positioning the second column cover portion **100** such that the second, opposite side of the post is at least partially received between the first and second inner side panels **121**, **124**. The back panels **130**, **131** are positioned to be substantially coplanar with one side of the cavity of the post, such that the back panels **130**, **131** are proximate the surface of the wall section **404**. The first edges **112**, **115** of the outer side panels **111**, **114** of the first column cover portion **100** are spaced from the first edges **112**, **115** of the outer side panels **111**, **114** of the second column cover portion **100** by a distance substantially equal to the width of the wall section **404**. In some examples, the wall section **404** has a thickness of between 1 inch and 4 inches. In one example, the wall section **404** is approximately 2 inches wide. The second column cover portion **100** is secured to the post with traditional fasteners.
[0055] In some applications, additional column cover portions **100** are coupled **809** to the top ends of the first and second column cover portions **100**. The additional column cover portions **100** are placed on top of respective ones of the first and second column cover portions **100** such that the protrusions **103** of the first or second column cover portion **100** is received within corresponding recesses **104** of the additional column cover portion **100**. The additional column cover portions **100** are then coupled to the post in substantially the same manner as described in steps **806**-**808** above.
[0056] A first end column cover portion **600** is secured **810** to the first side of an end post. Installing the first end column cover portion **600** comprises positioning the first end column cover portion **600** such that a first side of the post is at least partially received between the first and second inner side panels. The first edge **112** of the first side panel **111** is positioned to be substantially flush with one side of the cavity of the post, such that the first edge is proximate the surface of the wall section **404**. The first edge **614** of the second side panel **613** is positioned such that at least a portion of the first edge **614** extends to at least the middle point of the post. The first end column cover portion **600** is secured to the post with traditional fasteners.
[0057] A second end column cover portion **600** is coupled **812** to the second, opposite side of the end post. Installing the second end column cover portion **600** comprises positioning the second end column cover portion **600** such that the second, opposite side of the post is at least partially received between the first and second inner side panels. The first edge **112** of the first side panel **111** is positioned to be substantially flush with one side of the cavity of the post, such that the first edge **112** is proximate the surface of the wall section **404**. The first edge **614** of the second side panel **613** is positioned such that it is adjacent to the first edge **614** of the second side panel **613** of the first end column cover portion **600**. As discussed above, the first edges **614** of the second side panels **613** are nonlinear and follow the faux masonry pattern of the end column cover portions **600**. The first edges **614** are configured to interlock, such that the first edge **614** of the second end column cover portion **600** is adjacent the first edge **614** of the first end column cover portion **600** along substantially the entire height of the end column cover portion **600**. The second end column cover portion **600** is secured to the post with traditional fasteners.
[0058] In some applications, additional end column cover portions **600** are coupled **813** to the top

of the first and second end column cover portions **600**. The additional end column cover portions **600** are placed on top of respective ones of the first and second column end column cover portions **600** such that the protrusions **103** of the first or second column end column cover portions **600** is received within corresponding recesses **104** of the additional end column cover portions **600**. The additional end column cover portions **600** are then coupled to the post in substantially the same manner as described in steps **810**-**812** above.

[0059] In some embodiments, the column cover portions **100**, **600** described above are sized to comply with standard construction dimensions. In some forms, the front panels **117** of the column cover portions **100**, **600** are between approximately 8 inches and approximately 24 inches wide. In one form, the front panels **117** are approximately 12 inches wide.

[0060] The first side panels **111** are less than half the width of the front panels **117**. In some forms, the first side panels **111** are between approximately 3 inches and approximately 11 inches wide. In one form, the first side panels **111** are approximately 5 inches wide.

[0061] The second side panels **114** of the column cover portions **100** are substantially the same width as the first side panels **111**. The second side panels **614** of the end column cover portions **600** have a varying width that ranges from approximately 25% to approximately 75% of the width of the front panel **117**. In some forms, the second side panels **614** have a width that ranges from approximately 33% to approximately 67% of the width of the front panel **117**. The average width of the second side panels **614** is substantially equal to half the width of the front panel **117**.

[0062] The distance between the inner side panels **121**, **124** is substantially equal to the width of a standard sized post. In some examples, the distance between inner side panels **121**, **124** is substantially equal to the width of a standard **4** inch post, **5** inch post, or **6** inch post. In some forms, the distance between inner side panels **121**, **124** is substantially equal to the width of a standard wood post, such as 3.5 inches for a 4×4 post, 4.5 inches for a 5×5 post, or 5.5 inches for a 6×6 post.

[0063] When installed, the first edges **112** of the first side panels **111** of the column cover portions **100**, **600** are spaced apart by approximately the thickness of a standard wall section **404**. In some embodiments, the first edges **112** of the column cover portions are spaced apart by approximately 1 inch, approximately 2 inches, or approximately 4 inches.

[0064] The column cover portions **100**, **600** have a height of between approximately 3 feet and approximately 4 feet.

[0065] The above dimensions are examples. A person of ordinary skill will appreciate that the column cover portions described herein can be adjusted to be other sizes.

[0066] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, each of the column cover portions is formed of one or more of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), acrylonitrile styrene acrylate (ASA), polyurethane, or acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS). Further, while the system includes polymer cover portions, in that the structure and shape of the cover portion is associated with a polymer construction, the cover portions can include a large percentage of filler. For example, a cover portion formed with a polyurethane matrix may include a majority of filler (such as fly ash) and still be considered a “polymer panel,” as will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art. Likewise, the polymer cover portions may include small sections that are made from another material, such as a metal. For example in some embodiments the fastening hem may include metal parts for stability.

[0067] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, each of the cover portions includes a coating disposed over at least the outer surface of the visible body. In some embodiments, the coating blocks ultraviolet (UV) light to protect the body of the cover portions from UV degradation. In some embodiments, the coating is decorative and imparts a particular visual aspect to the cover portions. For example, in some embodiments the coating is opaque and has a particular color. In other embodiments, the coating is transparent.

[0068] In some embodiments, the coating is variegated, such that different portions of the surface

of the cover portions have different colors. For example, in some embodiments, the coating is partially transparent such that sections of the underlying material of the visible body show through the coating while other sections are overlaid with an opaque covering. In some embodiments the coating includes an image of a natural product. In some embodiments, the coating provides a texture to the surface of the panel, for example to provide a desired tactile sensation when the panel is touched.

[0069] In certain embodiments, the coating is applied directly to the outer surface of the cover portions. In other embodiments, the coating is applied to the surface of a mold and is secured to the material of the cover portions during the molding process. In some embodiments, the coating is provided as a liquid that is sprayed or otherwise applied onto the body of the cover portions or into the mold. In other embodiments the coating is a film or laminate that is stretched over or otherwise applied to the cover portion body. Still, in other embodiments the film or laminate coating is inserted into a mold before the molding process.

[0070] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, each of the cover portions is injection molded. In other embodiments, each of the cover portions is rotomolded, thermoformed, or cast. For example, in some embodiments the cover portions are formed of polyethylene and roto-molded. In some embodiments the cover portions are fabricated through an additive process. For example, in some embodiments the panels are made by 3D printing.

[0071] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, each of the cosmetic features **119** is a digitized rendering of a stone. For example, in some embodiments a natural stone is scanned using either a laser scanner or a white light scanner to form a digital 3D rendering of the stone. A mold is then fabricated using the digital rendering and the cover portions are produced with the digitized rendering of the stone from the mold. In other embodiments, digital rendering of the stone is used by a 3D printer to create the cover portions. Still in other embodiments, a cast is made from the naturally occurring stone, and a mold is subsequently made based on the cast.

[0072] In certain embodiments as otherwise described herein, the colors of the cover portions of the system are very similar in order to provide uniformity throughout the column covering. For example, in some embodiments the color difference between one cover portions and any neighboring wall sections is no more than 2 ΔE based on the Hunter Lab color scale. In other embodiments the difference in color between the cover portions and adjacent wall sections is more pronounced.

[0073] In certain embodiments this difference in color can provide a more natural aesthetic. For example, river rock often varies in color from one stone to the next. In some embodiments, this color variation is provided by a surface coating, such as a paint, on the visible body. In other embodiments, the color of the material of the cover portions is varied from one cover portion or adjacent wall section to the next. For example, in certain embodiments, a color of the material of the cover portion and a color of the material of the adjacent wall sections have a color difference of at least 2 ΔE, e.g., at least 4 ΔE, e.g., at least 10 ΔE. In some embodiments, the color difference between a cover portion of the system and at least each neighboring wall section of the system is at least 2 ΔE, e.g., at least 4 ΔE, e.g., at least 10 ΔE.

[0074] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made to the processes and devices described here without departing from the scope of the disclosure. Thus, it is intended that the present disclosure cover such modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

## Claims

**1**-**19**. (canceled)

**20**. A column cover comprising: an outer wall including a front panel, first side panel, and second side panel; an inner wall including a front panel, first side panel, and second side panel; at least a

first back panel coupling the outer wall and the inner wall such that the inner wall is at least partially nested within the outer wall; and an attachment structure provided on the front panel of the inner wall, the attachment structure configured to couple the column cover to an adjacent structure.
**21**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein the adjacent structure is a post or a second column cover.
**22**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein the adjacent structure is a second column cover.
**23**. The column cover of claim 22, wherein the second column cover is configured with a corresponding attachment structure configured to interlock at least a portion of the column cover to the second column cover.
**24**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein the attachment structure further comprises at least one protrusion and at least one recess.
**25**. The column cover of claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion and at least one recess are disposed adjacent to each other.
**26**. The column cover of claim 25, wherein the at least one protrusion includes two protrusions and the at least one recess includes two recesses, wherein the two recesses and two protrusions alternate with each other.
**27**. The column cover of claim 24, wherein the attachment structure is provided at a first end of the front panel of the inner wall, the column cover further comprising a second attachment structure at a second end of the front panel of the inner wall.
**28**. The column cover of claim 24, wherein the column cover is a first column cover, the attachment structure is a first attachment structure, and further comprising a second column cover comprising a second attachment structure, wherein the second attachment structure is configured to receive at least one protrusion of the first attachment structure in a corresponding recess in the second attachment structure.
**29**. The column cover of claim 28, wherein the at least one protrusion of the first attachment structure is configured to interlock with at least one corresponding recess of the second attachment structure.
**30**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein the attachment structure is a first attachment structure, the column cover further comprising a second attachment structure.
**31**. The column cover of claim 30, wherein the first attachment structure is provided at a first end of the column cover and the second attachment structure is provided at a second end of the column cover, the second end opposite the first end.
**32**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein at least a portion of the column cover is formed of a polymeric material.
**33**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the outer wall comprises a plurality of cosmetic features.
**34**. The column cover of claim 20, wherein the inner wall and/or the outer wall are a square channel shaped inner wall and/or a square channel shaped outer wall.
**35**. A method of assembling the column cover of claim 20, the method comprising: receiving a first side of an adjacent structure at least partially with the inner wall of a first column cover; and securing the first column cover to the adjacent structure.
**36**. The method of assembling the column cover according to claim 35, wherein the securing the column cover to the adjacent structure further comprises attaching, using at least one fastener, the column cover to the adjacent structure; and wherein the at least one fastener is configured to secure the attachment structure of the first column cover to the adjacent structure.
**37**. The method of assembling the column cover according to claim 36, wherein the attachment structure further comprises at least one protrusion and at least one recess, wherein the fastener is configured to secure the at least one protrusion to the adjacent structure.
**38**. The method of assembling the column cover according to claim 35, further comprising positioning a second column cover proximal to the adjacent structure, wherein the second column

cover comprises a second attachment structure configured to interlock with the attachment structure of the first column cover.

**39**. The method of assembling the column cover according to claim 38, wherein the attachment structure of the first column cover further includes at least one protrusion and the second attachment structure of the second column cover includes at least one corresponding recess, the method further comprises receiving the at least one protrusion in the at least one corresponding recess to interlock the at least one protrusion with the corresponding recess.