

(54) **FASTENER HAVING TORQUE REDUCING THREAD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A gutter fastener (10) having a first shank portion (14) with a head (12a) integrally formed on one end and a second shank portion (16) integrally formed with the opposite end. The first shank portion has a length (L1) substantially equal to the water collecting opening in a gutter (20), while the second shank portion has a length (L2) substantially equal to one half the length of the first shank portion. The second shank portion includes screw-like threads (50) for engaging the facial panel (24) behind a gutter arid enabling a more secure connection between the two.

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