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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A vehicle structural member includes an outer member and an inner member secured to the outer member with a hollow cavity defined between the inner member and the outer member. The vehicle structural member further includes a bracket disposed in the hollow cavity and fixedly secured to the inner member for mounting an auxiliary component to the inner member. The bracket includes a main portion and at least one leg fixedly connecting the main portion to the inner member. The at least one leg includes a bulging portion enabling deformation of the bracket when a force is applied to the main portion of the bracket.

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