

{Claims}

{Claim 1}

A disposable diaper having a longitudinal direction, a transverse direction and a thickness direction being orthogonal to one another and comprising a front waist region extending forward in the longitudinal direction, a rear waist region extending rearward in the longitudinal direction and a crotch region extending in the longitudinal direction between the front waist region and the rear waist region,

wherein the crotch region 2 is formed by a crotch panel 6, the front waist region 3 is formed by a front panel 7, the rear waist region 4 is formed by a rear panel 8, and

the crotch region is formed with a bodily fluid absorbent core having a surface at least partially covered with a liquid-pervious sheet and the crotch region is formed along respective side edges thereof opposed to each other in the transverse direction with a pair of stretchable and contractible leakage-barrier cuffs parallelly extending outside the core as viewed in the longitudinal direction, characterized in that:

the front waist region, the rear waist region and the crotch region respectively have an inner side facing the wearer's skin and an outer side opposed to the inner side;

the leakage-barrier cuff comprises an outer cuff 32 and an inner cuff 33 extending in parallel in the longitudinal direction;

~~one of the paired cuffs~~ the outer cuff 32 is formed so as to extend outward beyond the core in the transverse direction and includes the inner side, the outer side, an outer side edge extending in parallel to a center line extending in the longitudinal direction so as

to bisect a dimension of the crotch region in the transverse direction and at least one first elastic member attached under tension to the outer side edge so as to make the outer side edge stretchable and contractible in the longitudinal direction;

~~the other of the paired cuffs~~ inner cuff 33 includes a proximal edge fixed to the inner side of the ~~one of the paired cuffs~~ outer cuff 32 so as to extend in parallel to the center line in the longitudinal direction, a free edge extending in parallel to the proximal edge and at least one second elastic member attached under tension to the free edge so as to make the free edge stretchable and contractible in the longitudinal direction;

the outer cuff 32 and the inner cuff 33 are branched from each other;

at least one of the ~~paired~~ inner and outer cuffs includes a third elastic member 60 extending in the longitudinal direction and attached under tension ~~thereto~~ in the vicinity of ~~the zone in which the proximal edge is fixed thereto;~~ and

the ~~paired~~ leakage-barrier cuffs respective have opposite ends as viewed in the longitudinal direction fixed to the inner side of the front and rear waist regions of the diaper;

at least one of the front and rear waist regions includes a plurality of waist elastic members attached under tension thereto;

the third elastic member 60 intersects with the waist elastic members; and

a force needed to stretch the proximal edge 44 from a state of under contraction of the third elastic member 60 by 20% is higher than a force needed to stretch the second elastic member 49 from the state thereof under contraction by 20%.

{Claim 2}

~~The diaper defined by claim 1, wherein at least one of the front and rear waist regions includes a plurality of waist elastic members attached under tension thereto and one of the first, second and third elastic members intersects with the waist~~

~~elastic members.~~ The diaper defined by claim 1, wherein the third elastic member 60 is bonded to the outer cuff 32 at a position defined between the proximal edge 44 and the center line.

~~{Claim 3}~~

~~The diaper defined by claim 1, wherein at least one of the front and rear waist regions includes a plurality of waist elastic members attached under tension thereto and the third elastic member of the first, second and third elastic members intersects with the waist elastic members.~~