

ARTIFICIAL NIPPLE, FEEDER, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING ARTIFICIAL NIPPLE

Abstract

An artificial nipple 100 comprising a nipple body portion 120 connected to mounting means 110 for mounting the nipple on an infant feeding bottle 11, and a mammary papilla leading end portion 140 disposed at the leading end portion of a mammary papilla portion 130 and having a leading end opening portion 141. The wall from the nipple body portion to the mammary papilla leading end portion is made of a soft material. The inner layer on the inner side of the wall is formed of a shape holding layer 150 made of a material having a rigidity capable of holding the wall shape. The outer layer on the surface side of the wall is formed of a tongue abutting layer 160 having a smooth face for allowing a peristalsis motion by a tongue. Between the shape holding layer and the tongue abutting layer, there is disposed a deformation absorbing layer 170, which is made of a material having a lower rigidity than that of the material of the shape holding layer and the tongue abutting layer and which is made thicker than the shape holding layer and the tongue abutting layer.

[Fig. 7(a)]