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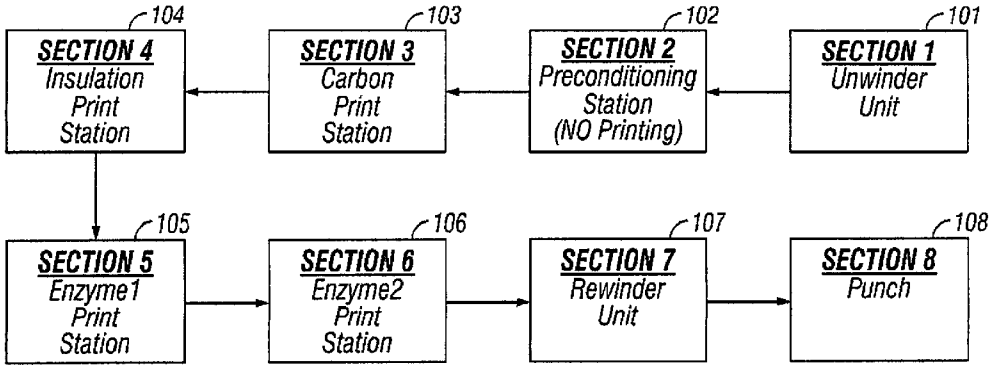
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(57) Abstract: The present invention described a method of preconditioning a substrate in a web manufacturing process wherein the web manufacturing process includes a plurality of printing steps, the method comprising the steps of moving the substrate through the web manufacturing process under tension; heating the substrate as the substrate is passed through the printing steps, wherein the substrate temperature does not exceed a first predetermined temperature during the printing steps; and passing the substrate into a preconditioning station wherein the substrate is heated to a second temperature which exceeds the first temperature.

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