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(54) Title: **DRY CLEANING METHOD AND SOLVENT**

(57) Abstract

A dry cleaning system and method comprises specially designed or modified machinery used in conjunction with a cyclic siloxane solvent. In a preferred embodiment, the method comprises the steps of loading articles into a cleaning basket; agitating the articles and the siloxane composition in which they are immersed; removing most of the siloxane composition; centrifuging the articles; subjecting the articles to a partial vacuum pressure and elevated temperature; and removing the articles from the basket after cooling the articles and returning the pressure to ambient.

