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(57) Abstract

An absorbent device having improved tactile and dryness attributes created by applying a pattern of hydrophobic projections extending outwardly from the body facing surface of the absorbent device, the hydrophobic projections are adapted to contact the user and to separate the user from the body facing surface of the device thereby defining a plurality of containment areas between the projections for collecting and temporarily containing fluid emanating from the user. The pattern of hydrophobic projections improve the dryness characteristics by keeping the fluid away from the user of the absorbent device and impart comfort properties to the user by creating a soft surface.

