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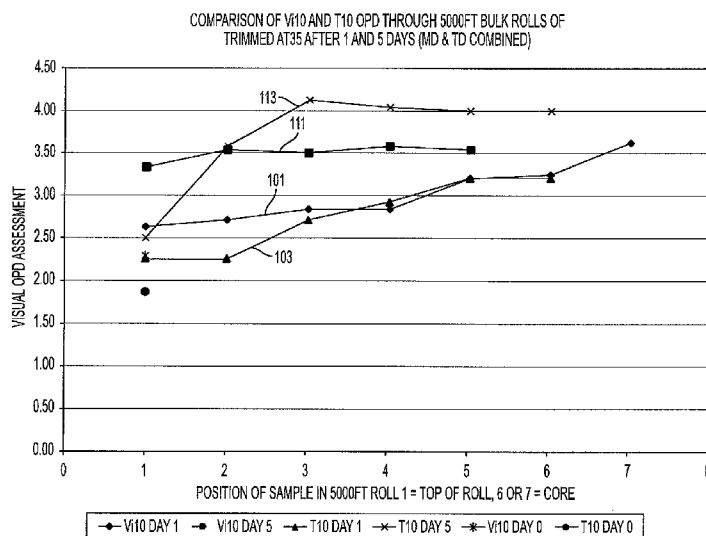


FIG. 11

(57) Abstract: An environmentally acceptable catalyst, coating system, and methods for thermal cure silicone release coatings that utilize bismuth ("Bi") catalyst to retain properties of tin ("Sn")-catalyzed systems but do not have the toxicity and environmental hazards associated therewith. The coating systems and methods also provide a laminate that shows reduced orange peel distortion over time compared with tin ("Sn")-catalyzed systems and methods.



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