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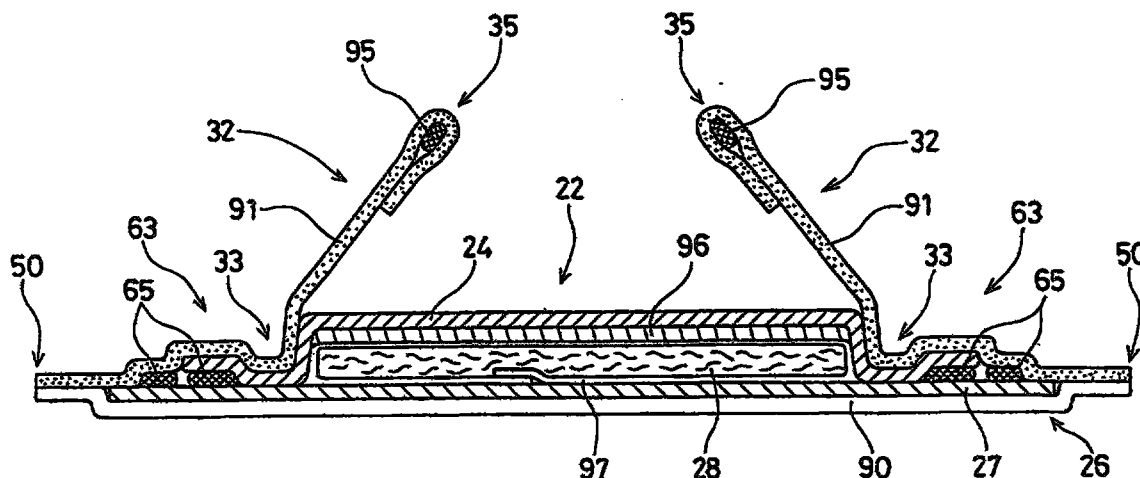
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(54) Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING IMPROVED SOFT BARRIER CUFF



(57) Abstract

The present invention is directed to a disposable absorbent article. The disposable absorbent article comprises a liquid pervious topsheet; a liquid impervious backsheet combined with the topsheet; an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet; and a barrier cuff having a proximal edge and a distal edge, the proximal edge being joined to the topsheet and the distal edge being away from the top surface of the topsheet. The barrier cuff comprises a single layer web having a water resistance value of at least about 150 mmH₂O, and an average bending force value of less than about 25 mg cm²/cm.