WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A coform nonwoven web comprising a matrix of meltblown fibers and an absorbent material, the meltblown fibers being formed from a thermoplastic composition that contains at least one propylene/α-olefin copolymer having a propylene content of from ~~about~~ 60 mole% to ~~about~~ 99.5 mole% and an α-olefin content of from ~~about~~ 0.5 mole% to ~~about~~ 40 mole%, wherein the copolymer further has a density of from ~~about~~ 0.86 to ~~about~~ 0.90 grams per cubic centimeter and the composition has a melt flow rate of from ~~about~~ 120 to ~~about~~ 6000 grams per 10 minutes, determined at 230°C in accordance with ASTM Test Method D1238-E.

2. The coform nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the α-olefin includes ethylene.

3. The coform nonwoven web of claim 1 or 2, wherein propylene constitutes from ~~about~~ 85 mole% to ~~about~~ 98 mole% of the copolymer and the α-olefin constitutes from ~~about~~ 2 mole% to ~~about~~ 15 mole% of the copolymer.

4. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the copolymer has a density of from ~~about~~ 0.861 to ~~about~~ 0.89 grams per cubic centimeter, and preferably from ~~about~~ 0.862 to ~~about~~ 0.88 grams per cubic centimeter, and/or wherein the thermoplastic composition has a density from 0.86 to 0.94 grams per cubic centimeter, preferably from 0.861 to 0.92 grams per cubic centimeter, and more preferably from 0.862 to 0.90 grams per cubic centimeter.

5. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the propylene copolymer is single-site catalyzed.

6. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the melt flow rate of the composition is from ~~about~~ 170 to ~~about~~ 1500 grams per 10 minutes.

7. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the thermoplastic composition has a crystallization half-time of greater than about 5 minutes, and preferably from ~~about~~ 5.5 to ~~about~~ 12 minutes, measured at 25°C in accordance with ASTM D-3417.

8. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least ~~about~~ 50 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition, and preferably at least ~~about~~ 75 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.

9. The coform nonwoven web of any one of claims 1 - 7, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least about 1 wt.% and less than ~~about~~ 49 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition; preferably wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least 5 wt.% and/or less than 45 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition; and more preferably wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes less than 35 wt. % of the thermoplastic composition.

~~10. The coform nonwoven web of claim 9, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes less than about 45 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~11. The coform nonwoven web of claim 9 or 10, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least about 5 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~12. The coform nonwoven web of claim 9 or 11 , wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes less than about 35 wt. % of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~13~~10. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the absorbent material contains pulp fibers.

~~14~~11. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the meltblown fibers constitute from 1 wt.% to ~~about~~ 40 wt.% of the web and the absorbent material constitutes from ~~about~~ 60 wt.% to ~~about~~ 99 wt.% of the web~~.~~; preferably

~~15. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims,~~ wherein the meltblown fibers constitute from 5 wt.% to ~~about~~ 20 wt.% of the web and the absorbent material constitutes from ~~about~~ 80 wt.% to ~~about~~ 95 wt.% of the web.

~~16~~12. The coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims, wherein the web defines an exterior surface having a three-dimensional texture that includes a plurality of peaks and valleys.

~~17~~13. A wipe comprising the coform nonwoven web of any of the foregoing claims

~~18. The wipe of claim 17,~~preferably wherein the wipe contains from ~~about~~ 150 to ~~about~~ 600 wt.% of a liquid solution based on the dry weight of the wipe.

~~19~~14. A method of forming a coform nonwoven web as defined in any of claims 1 to 13, the method comprising: merging together a stream of an absorbent material with a stream of meltblown fibers to form a composite stream, the meltblown fibers being formed from a thermoplastic composition as defined in any of claims 1 to 13~~that contains at least one propylene/α-olefin copolymer having a propylene content of from about 60 mole% to about 99.5 mole% and an a-olefin content of from about 0.5 mole% to about 40 mole%, wherein the copolymer further has a density of from about 0.86 to about 0.90 grams per cubic centimeter and the composition has a melt flow rate of from about 120 to about 6000 grams per 10 minutes, determined at 230°C in accordance with ASTM Test Method D1238-E~~; and
thereafter, collecting the composite stream on a forming surface to form a coform nonwoven web.

~~20. The method of claim 19, wherein the α-olefin includes ethylene.~~

~~21. The method of claim 19 or 20, wherein propylene constitutes from about 85 mole% to about 98 mole% of the copolymer and the α-olefin constitutes from about 2 mole% to about 15 mole% of the copolymer.~~

~~22. The method of any of claims 19 - 21 , wherein the copolymer has a density of from about 0.861 to about 0.89 grams per cubic centimeter, and preferably from about 0.862 to about 0.88 grams per cubic centimeter.~~

~~23. The method of any of claims 19 - 22, wherein the propylene copolymer is single-site catalyzed.~~

~~24. The method of any of claims 19 - 23, wherein the melt flow rate of the composition is from about 170 to about 1500 grams per 10 minutes.~~

~~25. The method of any of claims 19 - 24, wherein the thermoplastic composition has a crystallization half-time of greater than about 5 minutes, and preferably from about 5.5 to about 12 minutes, measured at 125°C in accordance with ASTM D-3417.~~

~~26. The method of any of claims 19 - 25, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least about 50 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~27. The method of any of claims 19 - 25, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least about 1 wt.% and less than about 49 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~28. The method of claim 27, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes less than about 45 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~29. The method of claim 27 or 28, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes at least about 5 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~30. The method of claim 27 or 29, wherein the propylene/α-olefin copolymer constitutes less than about 35 wt.% of the thermoplastic composition.~~

~~31~~15. The method of ~~any of~~ claim~~s 19 - 30~~14, wherein the stream of absorbent material is merged together with first and second streams of meltblown fibers~~.~~

~~32. The method of any of claims 19 - 31 ,~~preferably wherein the first stream and second stream of meltblown fibers are supplied from respective first and second die heads, each of which is oriented at an angle of from ~~about~~ 45° to 55° relative to a plane tangent to the die heads.

~~33. The method of any of claims 19 - 32, wherein the web defines an exterior surface having a three-dimensional texture that includes a plurality of peaks and valleys.~~

~~34. The method of any of claims 19 - 33, wherein the thermoplastic composition has a density from about 0.86 to about 0.94 grams per cubic centimeter, preferably from about .861 to about 0.92 grams per cubic centimeter, and more preferably from about 0.862 to about 0.90 grams per cubic centimeter.~~

~~35. The coform nonwoven web of any of claims 1 - 18, wherein the thermoplastic composition has a density from about 0.86 to about 0.94 grams per cubic centimeter, preferably from about .861 to about 0.92 grams per cubic centimeter, and more preferably from about 0.862 to about 0.90 grams per cubic centimeter.~~