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(54) Title: THE USE OF A BREATHABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE A CLEAN AND DRY TOPSHEET (57) Abstract The present invention relates to absorbent articles such as sanitary napkins and the use of breathable backsheet constructions therein to provide improved topsheet performance. In particular, the present invention relates to a moisture vapour permeable, liquid impermeable backsheet and its use for the provision of a dry wearer facing surface, preferably a topsheet of an absorbent article.		