



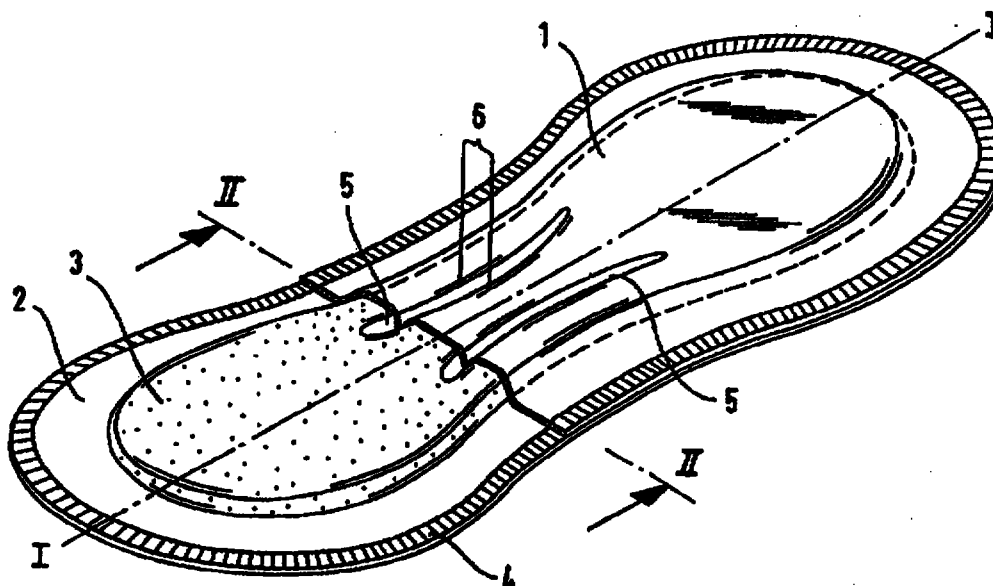
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(54) Title: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE



## (57) Abstract

The present invention relates to an absorbent article comprising a topsheet (1), backsheet (2) and core (3) wherein said core comprises at least two depressed areas forming channels (5).