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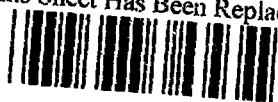
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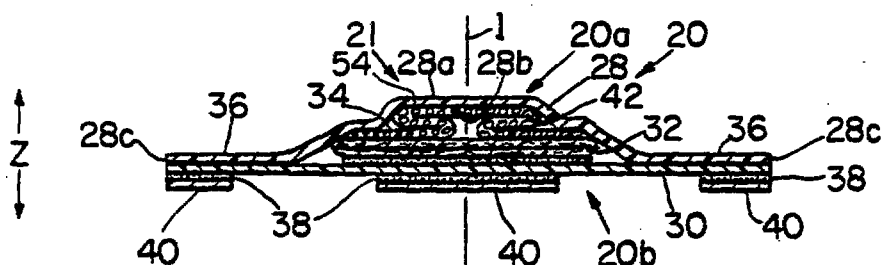


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(54) Title: **HYGIENIC ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING BLENDED ABSORBENT CORE**



(57) Abstract

An absorbent article, such as a diaper, sanitary napkin (20), adult incontinent device which have absorbent cores (32) comprised of blends of different types of fibers are provided. The absorbent articles preferably comprise a liquid pervious topsheet (28), a liquid impervious backsheet (30) joined to the topsheet, a blended absorbent core positioned between the topsheet and the backsheet, and an acquisition layer (34). The absorbent core comprises a homogeneous blend of fibers comprising a first group of short, low denier, hydrophilic fibers and a second group of longer, higher denier, moisture insensitive synthetic fibers. The first group of fibers is selected from a group comprising natural fibers, synthetic fibers or cross-linked cellulose fibers. The second group of fibers comprises between about 5 and 90 % of said absorbent core, by weight. The absorbent core is compressed to a density of at least about 0.09 g/cm³ (1.5 g/in.³).