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ABSTRACT

5 Vaginal epithelium drying is substantially reduced or
prevented by reducing the capillary suction pressure of a
tampon in early use. This is accomplished by modifying
the capillary suction pressure of the surface of the
tampon by using hydrophobic components in the tampon, such
as hydrophobic fibers and/or hydrophobic cover material.
10 Other means of obtaining a lower capillary suction
pressure include increasing the denier of the fibers in
the tampon's absorbent core and/or decreasing the density
of the tampon.

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