

ABSTRACT

An absorbent article is provided for use in the perineal area of the body having an absorbent core (7) having an upper body facing surface (16), a lower garment facing surface (17), first and second longitudinal sides (4), and first and second transverse ends (3). A body fluid impervious sealing wrapper (10,11), having upper (10) and lower portions (11) each having longitudinally (27,28) and transversely extending edges (25,26) along which said portions are joined, is formed around the absorbent core (7) so as to enclose at least the entirety of the garment facing surface (17), the longitudinal sides (4) and the transverse ends (3), thereby forming a seal. A centrally disposed opening (6) is formed in the upper portion of the sealing wrapper (10,11) thereby forming a window (6) on the body facing surface (16) of the absorbent core (7) that exposes it to fluid flow. A fluid pervious layer (8) covers at least the portion of the body facing surface (16) on which the window (6) is formed. The upper portion of the sealing wrapper (10) and the pervious layer (8) are joined so as to form a laminated layer (9). In another embodiment, the window (6) is formed in a fibrous non-woven fabric that covers the longitudinal sides of the absorbent core (7) and the window (6) is covered by an apertured plastic film.

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