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Abstract

Novel facing materials (100) and methods for their manufacture are provided by this invention. The facing material (100) includes at least a fibrous top layer (10) for engaging body fluid and a generally opaque middle layer (20). A portion of the facing material (100) is disposed, preferably by piercing, through the generally opaque middle layer (20) to establish a fluid path through the generally opaque middle layer (20). In the preferred embodiment, the facing material (100) includes a bottom layer (30) having a capillary structure for drawing the body fluid from the fibrous top layer (10). In this preferred embodiment, the fibrous top layer (10) extends through the generally opaque middle layer (20) to provide fluid communication between the fibrous top layer (10) and the bottom layer (30). These composite structures provide a clean/dry facing material that has a comfort of a textile facing and the high opacity of apertured thermoplastic films.

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