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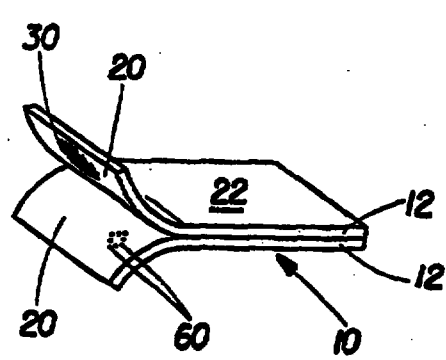
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(57) Abstract A laminate (10) having two or more plies (12). The plies (12) are embossed, and adhesively joined together. The adhesive (30) forms an essentially continuous network. The essentially continuous network increases the strength of adhesive, increases the strength of the laminate (10), and is disposed within the X-Y plane of the laminate coincident the embossments (60).  The diagram illustrates a cross-sectional view of a laminate structure. It consists of two plies, labeled 12, which are joined together by an adhesive layer, labeled 30. The adhesive layer forms a continuous network within the laminate. Embossments, labeled 60, are shown on the surface of the plies, and the adhesive is disposed within these embossments. A dashed line, labeled 22, indicates the X-Y plane of the laminate.		