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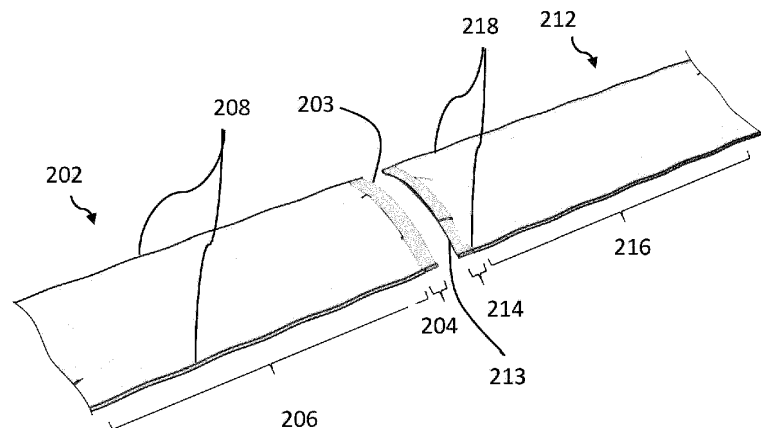


Fig. 31

(57) Abstract: A method of providing a join between a first tyre base layer end portion and a second tyre base layer end portion, the method comprising: providing a first length of tyre base layer comprising a first end portion, a first main portion, and a first pair of stiffening elements; providing a second length of tyre base layer comprising a second end portion, second main portion and a second pair of stiffening elements; joining together the first end portion and the second end portion such that each of the stiffening elements of the first pair of stiffening elements align with a corresponding stiffening element of the second pair of stiffening elements.

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