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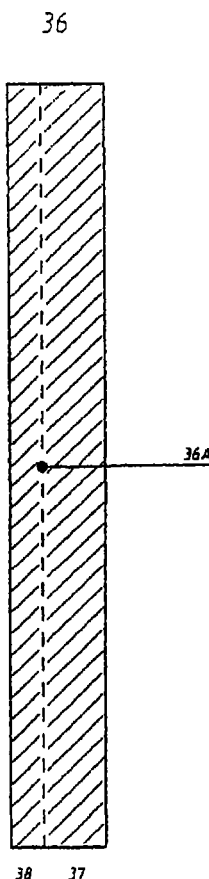
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(57) Abstract: The invention refers to a composite filter for filtering a stream of ambient air comprising at least one non-prebonded upstream tier and one non-prebonded downstream tier, wherein the ration of absolute pore volume of upstream tier to downstream tier $RAPV > 2$, and the absolute projected fiber coverage of upstream tier and of downstream tier $APFC > 95\%$. Further, the invention refers to a method of making such a composite filter comprising the steps of (a) laying down a filtration material onto a support to form the upstream non-prebonded tier, (b) depositing onto the upstream tier the downstream non-prebonded tier, and (c) bonding the tiers to form a composite filter having a unitary stratified structure.

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