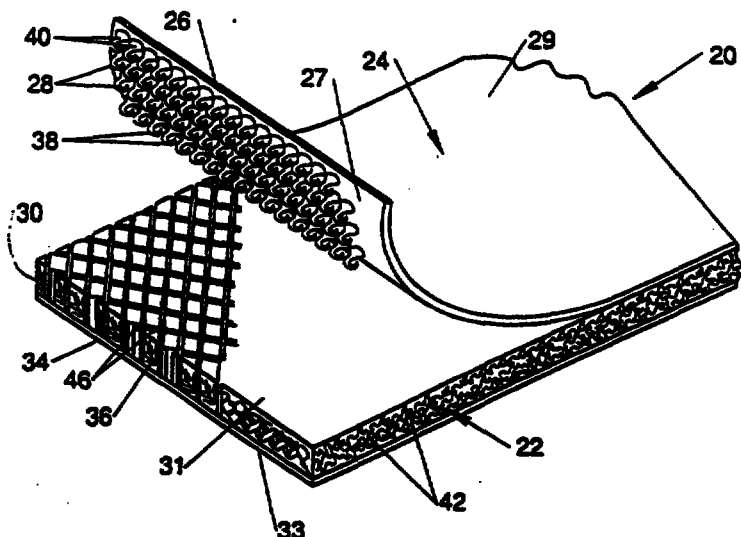




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(57) Abstract

A female component is provided for engaging a complementary hook component in a refastenable fastening device. The female component comprises a nonwoven web secured to a backing. The nonwoven web has a basis weight of between about 6 and about 42 grams/meter². The nonwoven web may comprise, among other types of nonwovens, a carded web with fibers between about 2.5 cm and about 13 cm long, or a spunbonded web with continuous length fibers. The denier of the fibers should be between about 0.5 and about 15. The total area occupied by any bonds between the fibers comprising the nonwoven web is less than about six percent of the total area of the web. The total area occupied by both the bonds between the fibers comprising the nonwoven web and by the bonds between the nonwoven web and the backing is between about 10 percent and about 35 percent of the total area of the female component.