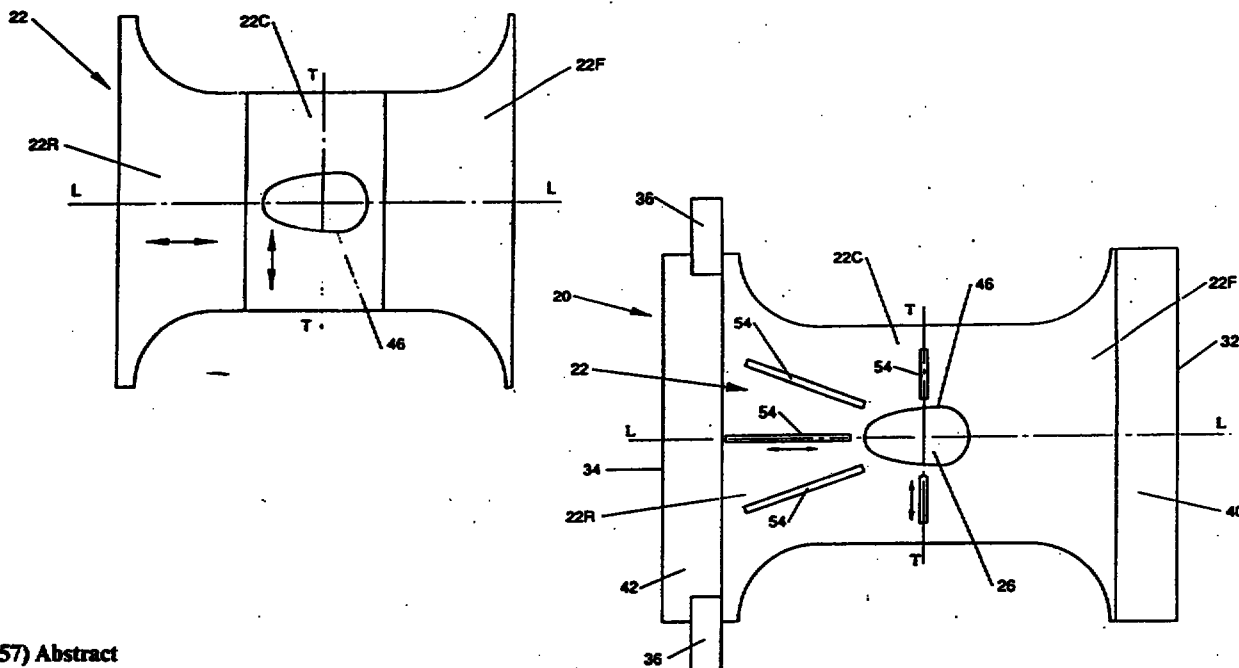



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**(57) Abstract**

A topsheet (22) for use in a disposable absorbent article. The topsheet is divided into three trisections (22R, 22C, 22F) disposed in a particular arrangement along the longitudinal axis (L-L) of the disposable absorbent article. The front trisection (22F) has no elastic extensibility. The central trisection (22C) has elastic extensibility in the transverse direction. The rear trisection (22R) has elastic extensibility in the longitudinal direction. If desired, the topsheet (22) may be further provided with an aperture (46) for communicating fecal material through the topsheet into a void space (52) in the disposable absorbent article. An exemplary disposable absorbent article is also included in the disclosure.