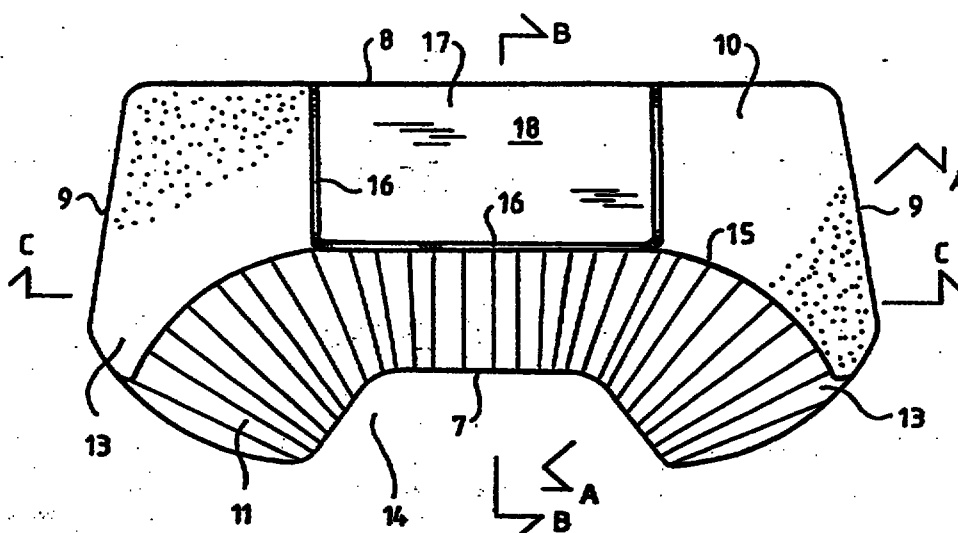


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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a work surface particularly designed for computer work or terminal operations. The invention aims at preventing injuries of the neck, wrist and arms and excessive visual strain that commonly occur in computer and other terminal work. This is achieved by supporting the arms of a person working at the computer or terminal at their entire length between the elbow and the wrist. The support to the forearms at their entire length is provided by means of a portion (11) of the work surface being arranged to curve downwardly in such a way that the lowest point (at 7) of the top surface of the work surface is close to the user and the highest to the keyboard and the mouse surface (10). This allows the user to rest his/her arms on the work surface during work.