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(57) Abstract: A process is provided for fabricating a multilayer article possessing a protective layer which comprises: a) applying a curable protective layer-forming composition to the release coating side of a release liner; b) curing the curable protective layer-forming composition on the release liner; c) forming a plurality of release elements from the structure resulting from step (b), each release element possessing a cured protective layer releasably adhered on one side thereof to the release coating side of the release liner, the other side of the cured protective layer being exposed; d) applying the exposed side of the cured protective layer of a release element to a substrate layer with a quantity of curable adhesive disposed therebetween to provide a curable multilayer article; e) curing the curable multilayer article to adhesively bond the protective layer of its release element to its substrate layer; and, f) separating the cured multilayer article from its release liner to provide a multilayer article possessing a protective layer bonded to a substrate layer. The foregoing process is especially adapted for the manufacture of a high capacity optical information storage medium, in particular, a Blu-ray Disc.

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