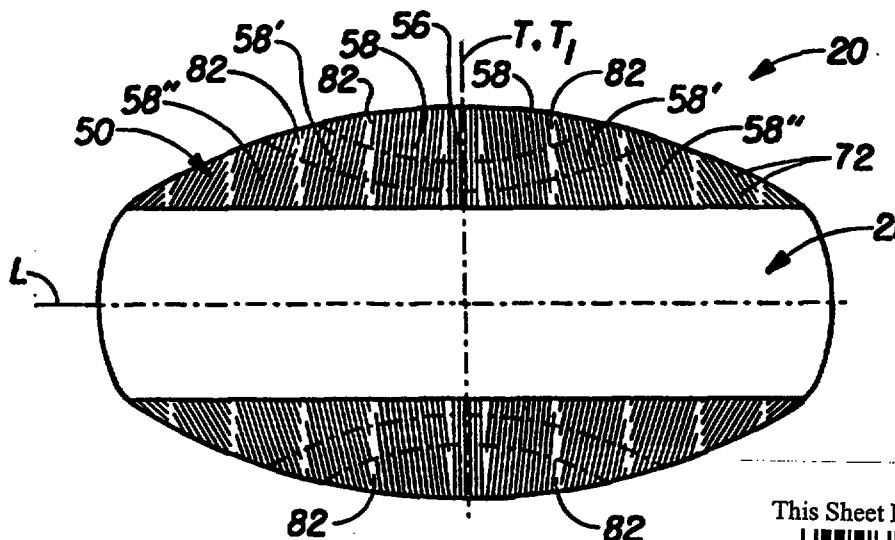




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(54) Title: **ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING UNDERGARMENT COVERING COMPONENTS WITH PATTERNED REGIONS OF EXTENSIBILITY**



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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to absorbent articles such as sanitary napkins, panty liners, and incontinence pads. More particularly, the present invention relates to absorbent articles, such as sanitary napkins, that have undergarment covering components (or "side wrapping elements") with patterned regions of extensibility that automatically wrap the sides of a wearer's panties and provide an alternative to conventional side flaps.