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(54) **GOLF CLUB GRIP**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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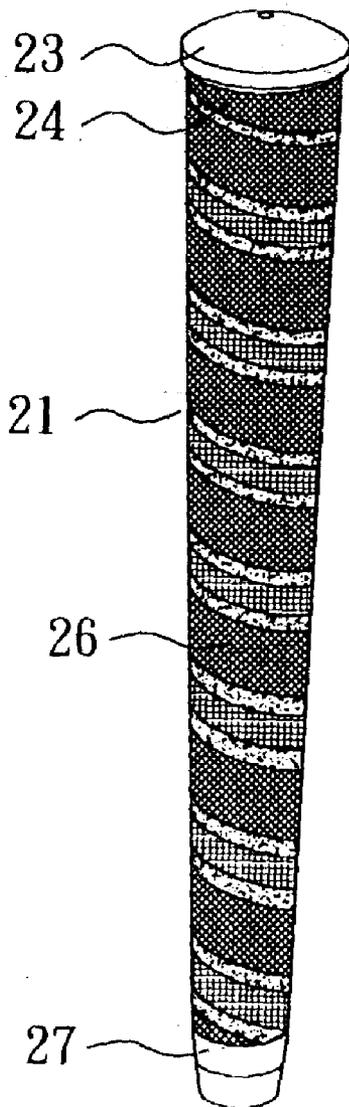
A golf club having a novel grip the golf club grip includes an underlining sleeve made of rubber. A surface of the underlining sleeve is covered with rubber tapes by spirally wrapping at least two rubber tapes on the underlining sleeve. A lower end of the underlining sleeve is encircled by a fastening member such that the rubber tapes are secured to the underlining sleeve without concerns of falling off. Through characteristics of the rubber tapes as being shock-absorbent, waterproof, anti-slip and abrasion resistant, a golfer is less subject to muscle tissue and arm joint injuries resulted from shock generated by impact between the golf club and a golf ball when hitting the golf ball, and the golf club is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.

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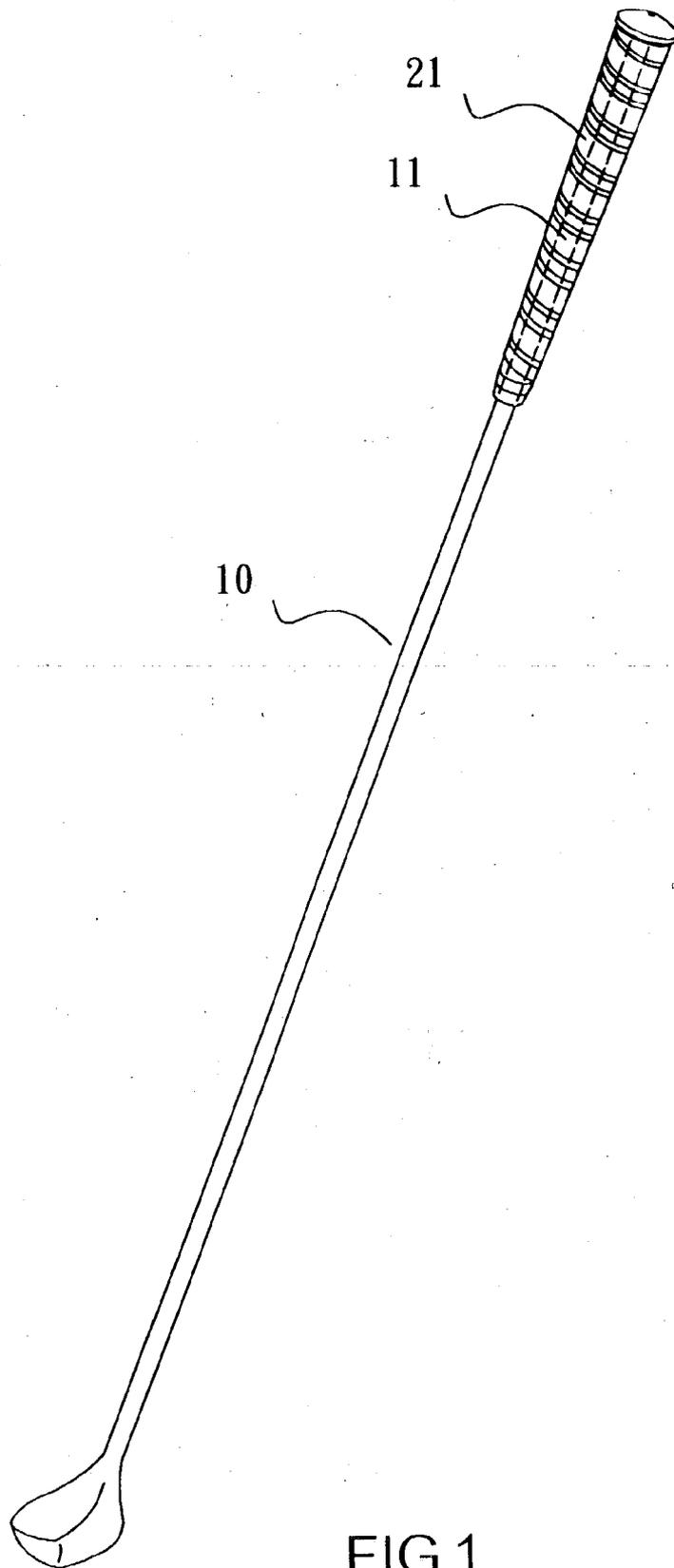


FIG.1

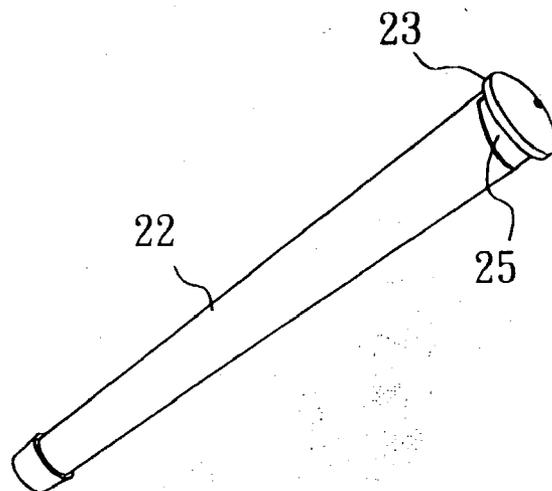


FIG. 2

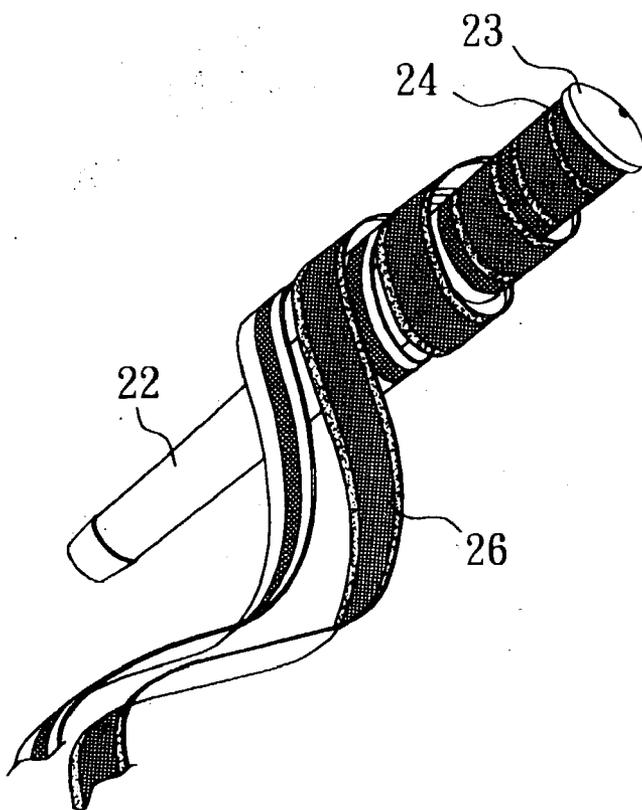


FIG. 3

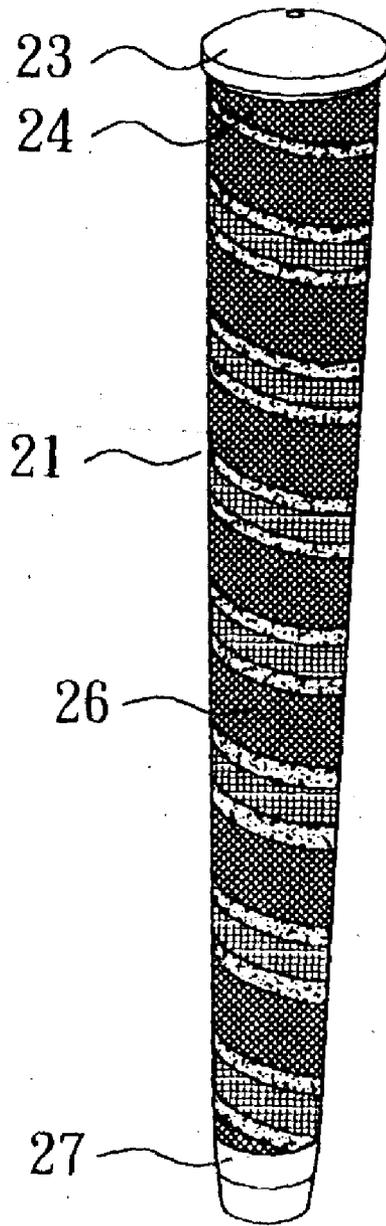


FIG.4

GOLF CLUB GRIP

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] (a) Field of the Invention

[0002] The invention relates to a golf club grip, and more particularly, to a golf club grip comprising a novel underlining sleeve. The underlining sleeve is formed by spirally wrapping at least two rubber tapes having characteristics as being shock-absorbent, waterproof, non-slip and abrasion resistant. Using the golf club grip according to the invention, when hitting the golf ball by the golf club, a golfer is less subject to shock produced by impact between the golf club and a golf ball, and the golf club is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.

[0003] (b) Description of the Prior Art

[0004] Common golf club grips are mostly formed integrals from polyurethane having elasticity. The grip has a hollow accommodating space for placing the grip around a golf club, so that a golfer is able hit a ball when grasping the grip. However, to obtain a pleasant appearance using different patterns, a surface of the prior golf club grip is provided with a plurality of orderly arranged notches, and each notch is painted with colors. The golf club may not have a high quality commercial image as a result. Also, the prior grip is made of polyurethane that has comparatively inferior shock absorbing and anti-slipping effects, and thus the golf club may easily slip off hands of a golfer when hitting a golf ball. In the meanwhile, the golfer is highly liable to shock generated by impact between the golf club and the golf ball to adversely injure muscle tissues and arm joints of the golfer.

[0005] There is another kind of golf club grip having a more superior quality on the market. This type of golf club has a hollow rubber underlining sleeve for coordinating with a shaft of a golf club, such that the underlining sleeve is placed around the shaft of the golf club. The underlining sleeve is spirally wrapped by two elastic tapes made of polyurethane. Each of the elastic tapes has certain width, color and notches for providing the golf club grip with a high quality and pleasant appearance. Nevertheless, this prior golf club grip is still formed using elastic tapes made of polyurethane, and therefore is yet inconvenient for a golfer's use in presence of shortcomings as having inadequate shock absorbing and anti-slipping effects.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] As described above, the prior golf club grip has comparatively insufficient shock absorbing and anti-slipping effects, such that the golf club is likely to slip off hands of a golfer when the golfer grasps the grip and hits a golf ball. In addition, the golfer is highly subject to shock generated by impact between the golf club and the golf ball. Therefore, the golf club grip according to the invention is capable of successfully eliminating the aforesaid shortcomings.

[0007] In the view of the aforesaid shortcomings, the primary object of the invention is to provide a novel grip for a golf club. Using the golf club grip according to the invention, a golfer is less subject to injuries resulted from shock generated by impact between the golf club and a golf ball when hitting the golf ball, and the golf club is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.

[0008] To accomplish the aforesaid object, the golf club grip according to the invention comprises an underlining sleeve made of rubber. A surface of the underlining sleeve is covered with rubber tapes by spirally wrapping at least two rubber tapes on the underlining sleeve. A lower end of the underlining sleeve is encircled by a fastening member such that the rubber tapes are secured to the underlining sleeve without concerns of falling off. Through characteristics of the rubber tapes as being shock-absorbent, waterproof, anti-slip and abrasion resistant, a golfer is less subject to injuries resulted from shock generated by impact between the golf club and a golf ball when hitting the golf ball, and the golf club is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.

[0009] The secondary object of the invention is to provide a golf club grip having rubber tapes, wherein the rubber tapes have different widths, colors, notches and patterns. Using different rubber tapes, the grip is selectively designed as having various externals, thereby offering a high quality and pleasant appearance.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0010] FIG. 1 shows an elevational view of the golf club according to the invention.

[0011] FIG. 2 shows an elevational view of the underlining sleeve according to the invention.

[0012] FIG. 3 shows a schematic view illustrating the underlining sleeve being wrapped by rubber tapes according to the invention.

[0013] FIG. 4 shows a schematic view illustrating the underlining sleeve having been wrapped by rubber tapes according to the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0014] To better understand the objects, structural characteristics and effects of the invention, detailed descriptions shall be given with the accompanying drawings hereunder.

[0015] Referring to FIG. 1, the grip having a novel grip according to the invention is used for a shaft 11 of a golf club 10 so as to provide a golfer with easier grasps for hitting a golf ball. Referring to FIG. 2, a grip 21 comprises a hollow underlining sleeve 22 made of rubber. The underlining sleeve 22 is coordinated with the shaft 11 of the golf club 10, such that it is placed around the shaft 11 of the golf club 10. An upper end of the underlining sleeve 22 is disposed with a cover 23 further provided with a joint 24 below. The underlining sleeve 22 is also provided with a groove 25 for wrapping top ends of rubber tapes 26 at a position at a side thereof and near the cover 23.

[0016] Referring to FIGS. 2, 3 and 4, the underlining sleeve 22 is spirally wrapped by at least two rubber tapes 26 in a downward direction. Undersides of the rubber tapes 26 are applied with adhesive, levelly cut top ends of the rubber tapes 26 are placed on the groove 25, and the rubber tapes 26 are gradually wrapped around a surface of the underlining sleeve 22 in a downward direction. Levelly cut lower ends of the rubber tapes 26 are horizontally aligned with the joint 24 of the underlining sleeve 22, and then a fastening member 27 (such as a tape, a rubber pipe and a pyrocondensation pipe) at a lower end of the underlining sleeve 22

is utilized for securing the rubber tapes 26 around the underlining sleeve 22. As a result, the rubber tapes 26 are wrapped around and adhered to a surface between the cover 23 and the joint 24 of the underlining sleeve 22.

[0017] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 4, when the grip 21 is placed around the shaft 11 of the golf club 10, through characteristics of the rubber tapes 26 as being shock-absorbent, waterproof, non-slip and abrasion resistant, when hitting the golf ball using the golf club 10, a golfer is less subject to injuries resulted from shock generated by impact between the golf club 10 and a golf ball. In the meanwhile, the golf club 10 is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.

[0018] Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, the rubber tapes 26 used for the grip 21 have different widths, colors and patterns. The rubber tapes 26 may be designed as having different widths, colors and patterns, and various rubber tapes 26 may be adopted based on a wide range of conceptions and originalities, thereby obtaining high quality and pleasant appearances. Also referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, surfaces of the rubber tapes 26 used for the grip 21 have distinct notches for increasing friction, thereby enabling the grip 21 to be less likely slipped off hands of a golfer.

[0019] Again referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, according to the invention, a surface of one of the rubber tapes 26 used for the grip 21 is marked with incisions of a brand name for stimulating purchasing urges of consumers, and further accomplishing advertising and selling purposes.

[0020] It is of course to be understood that the embodiments described herein are merely illustrative of the principles of the invention and that a wide variety of modifications thereto may be effected by persons skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the following claims.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A golf club having a novel grip comprising:
 - a hollow underlining sleeve made of rubber for coordinating with and placing around a shaft of a golf club, and having a cover at a top end thereof, a joint below the cover, and a groove for wrapping top ends of rubber tapes at a position at a side thereof and near the cover;
 - at least two rubber tapes applied with adhesive at undersides thereof and spirally wrapped around the underlining sleeve in a downward direction, such that the rubber tapes are wrapped around and adhered to a surface between the cover and the joint of the underlining sleeve;
 - a fastening member encircling around a lower end of the underlining sleeve for securing the rubber tapes around the underlining sleeve; and
 - the characteristics thereof being shock-absorbent, waterproof, non-slip and abrasion resistant, so that a golfer is less subject to injuries resulted from shock generated by impact between the golf club and a golf ball when hitting the golf ball, and the golf club is also less likely to slip off hands of the golfer.
- 2. The golf club having a novel grip in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rubber tapes of the grip have different widths, colors and patterns, thereby providing the rubber tapes with high quality and pleasant appearances.
- 3. The golf club having a novel grip in accordance with claim 1, wherein surfaces of the rubber tapes of the grip have distinct incisions for increasing friction, thereby preventing the grip from slipping off hands of a golfer when the golfer grasps the golf club.
- 4. The golf club having a novel grip in accordance with claim 1, wherein the fastening member is a tape.
- 5. The golf club having a novel grip in accordance with claim 1, wherein the fastening member is a rubber pipe.
- 6. The golf club having a novel grip in accordance with claim 1, wherein the fastening member is a pyrocondensation pipe.

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