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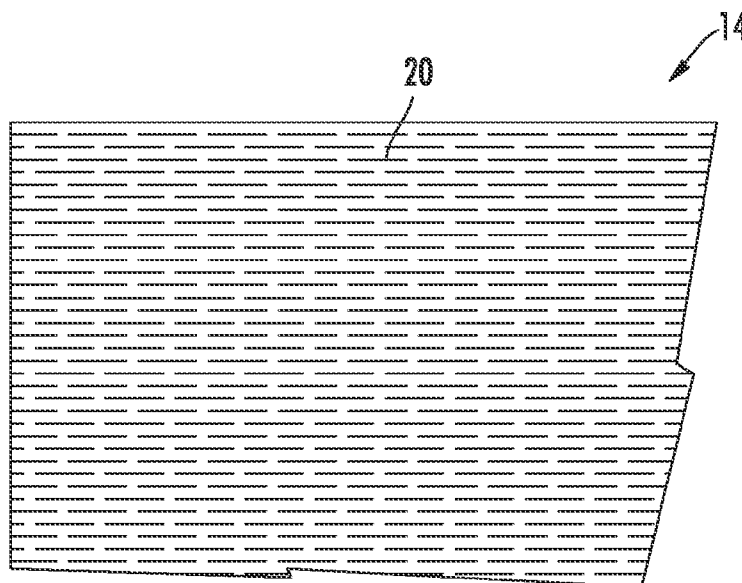


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: A susceptor 14 includes a flexible substrate and a metallic material provided on at least one surface of the substrate. A first plurality of ventilation apertures 20 are formed in the substrate and the metallic material, and the first plurality of ventilation apertures are configured to permit a fluid to pass through the substrate and the metallic material.

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1. claims: 1-12

A susceptor comprising:
a flexible substrate; and
a metallic material provided on the at least one surface of the substrate;
a first plurality of ventilation apertures are formed in the substrate and the metallic material, and the first plurality of ventilation apertures are configured to permit a fluid to pass through the substrate and the metallic material.

2. claims: 13-19

A microwaveable product comprising:
a support member having at least one recess;
a first susceptor coupled to the recess and having a plurality of ventilation apertures;
a dough-based food product positioned within the recess and adjacent the susceptor and configured to be at least partially proofed after being positioned within the recess and adjacent the susceptor; and
a top portion coupled to the support member to enclose the food product within the recess.

3. claims: 20-23

A microwaveable product comprising:
a package having a generally tubular shape with a longitudinal axis;
a susceptor provided within the package; and
a food product within the susceptor and fully proofed to substantially conform to the tubular shape of the package; wherein the package is configured to permit the food product to expand with respect to the longitudinal axis of the package during baking.

4. claims: 24-26

A package for microwave baking or browning a dough-based food product, the packaging comprising:
an outer package;
a support member having a plurality of apertures and provided within the outer package; and
at least one susceptor coupled to the support member; wherein the support member includes at least one spacer configured to provide a clearance to permit steam to vent from the food product during baking.

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