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(54) **Microwavable packaging**

(57) A microwavable package (48) may include one or more microwave-absorbing regions (62), microwave-shielding regions, and/or embossed regions designed to enhance microwave cooking of food products including raw meat, poultry, and fish as well as breaded, battered, and dough-containing items. Microwave-absorbing regions (62) (i.e., solid susceptors) may promote thermal cooking, browning, and/or crisping of food products. Microwave-shielding regions (i.e., patterned susceptors) may promote uniform cooking and inhibit overcooking of food products. A patterned susceptor (20) may be a conductive grid or a grid of conductive or non-conductive shapes (e.g., squares, triangles, circles). In an embodiment, solid susceptors (62) and patterned susceptors (20) may be formed from a common thin metal film on a common polymer barrier layer and laminated to a common structural backing layer. An embossed region of a microwavable package may promote crisping of a food product by allowing air to circulate between the food product and an interior surface of the microwavable package.

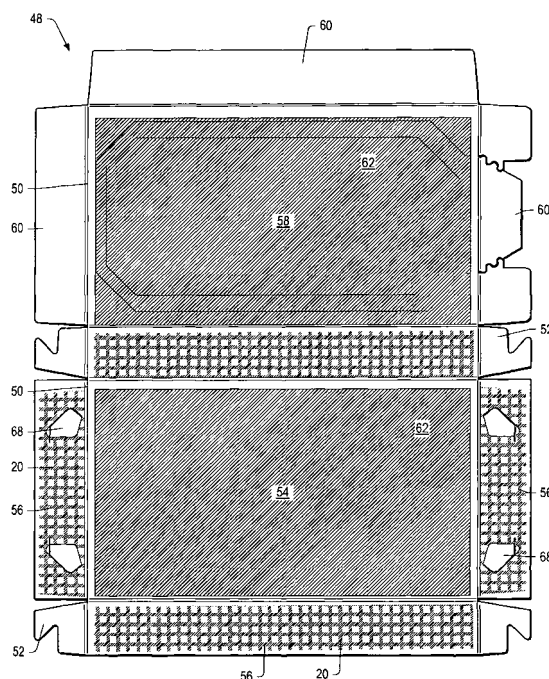


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