

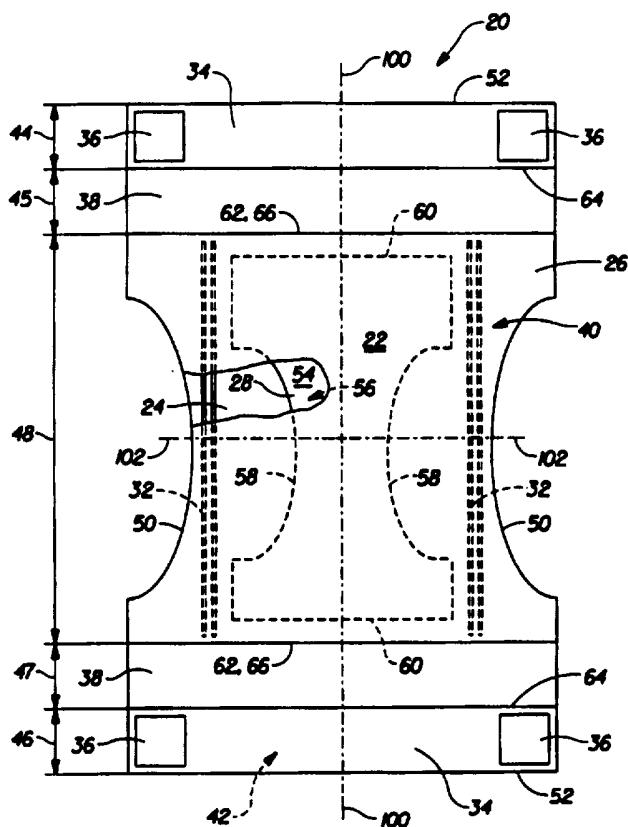


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(54) Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH FIT ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM**(57) Abstract**

Absorbent articles, such as disposable diapers, incontinence briefs, diaper holders, training pants and the like having fit panels that improve body contact of the containment assembly with resulting improved, fit are provided. The fit panels have longitudinal elastic extensibility that provides a body contact force causing the containment assembly to have improved contact with a wearer throughout the full range of wearer motions. An additional benefit of the longitudinal elastic extensibility of the fit panel is the ability of the absorbent article to adapt to the change in body rise dimensions that occurs during normal movement. An alternative embodiment of the invention also provides a stretchable attachment means wherein the waist feature of the absorbent article can be attached to the waistband of a wearer's clothing in a manner such that it can stretch and contract with the waistband while remaining attached.



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