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(57) Abstract: A coated fabric includes a fabric web and a coating layer substantially overlying the fabric web. The coated fabric has a ratio of a coating weight to an average coating thickness or 1.7 or less. The average coating thickness is 20 μm or greater. Several methods for applying the coating on the fabric and for deionizing the fabric prior to curing the coating material are also disclosed.



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1. claims: Claims 1-12

A coated fabric, wherein the coating overlies the fabric and the ratio coating weight to an average thickness is 1.7 or less and airbag comprising it or with a silicone coating with an average thickness of at least 20 m.

2. claim: 13

Method for coating a fabric characterised by advancing the fabric on a support, coating it with a blade and advancing it to a second support.

3. claims: 14,15

Method for coating a fabric characterised by advancing the fabric on two supports, one of them having a bowed portion.

4. claims: 16-21

Method for coating a fabric characterised by dispensing the coating material as a liquid curtain.

5. claims: 22-29

Method for treating a fabric characterised by deionizing the fabric prior to curing the coating material.

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