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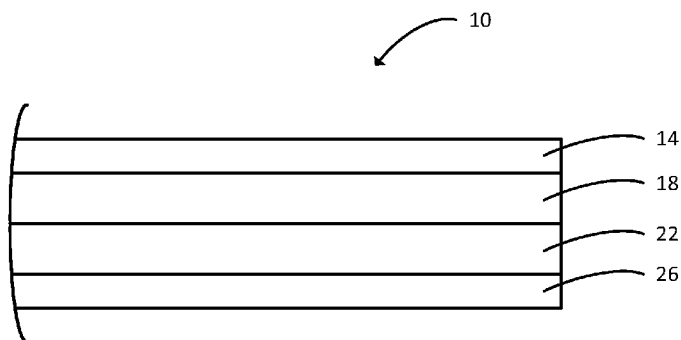


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A protective covering material for protecting solid surface countertop materials is provided. The protective covering material includes a core layer formed from a polymer material such as polyethylene which is formed as an elongate thin sheet of material having uniform thickness. The protective covering material also includes an outer protective clear coat layer attached to a first side of the core layer and an adhesive layer attached to a second side of the core layer. The protective covering material may be permanently attached to a countertop material with the adhesive layer to protect the countertop material from damage during daily use.



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