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No Drawing. 10 Pages Specification A laminate of synthetic polymeric materials is produced by an injection molding process wherein the first layer of the laminate is injected into a mold through a first sprue. The first injection is permitted to cool to be sufficiently self-supporting to prevent the material of the first injection from blocking the second injection. The mold cavity is subsequently enlarged, and a second amount of polymeric material is injected into the mold through a second sprue extending through the first layer formed by the first injection.

The two layers may be of the same or different polymeric materials, and may be thermoplastic or thermosetting. Fillers may also be present in the polymeric material. One of the layers, preferably the second, may be a foamable composition. Laminates produced according to the process are useful in the production of large area moldings, such as door panels, interior trim panels of automobiles, and any application in which a smooth surface attached to a bulky backing is required.