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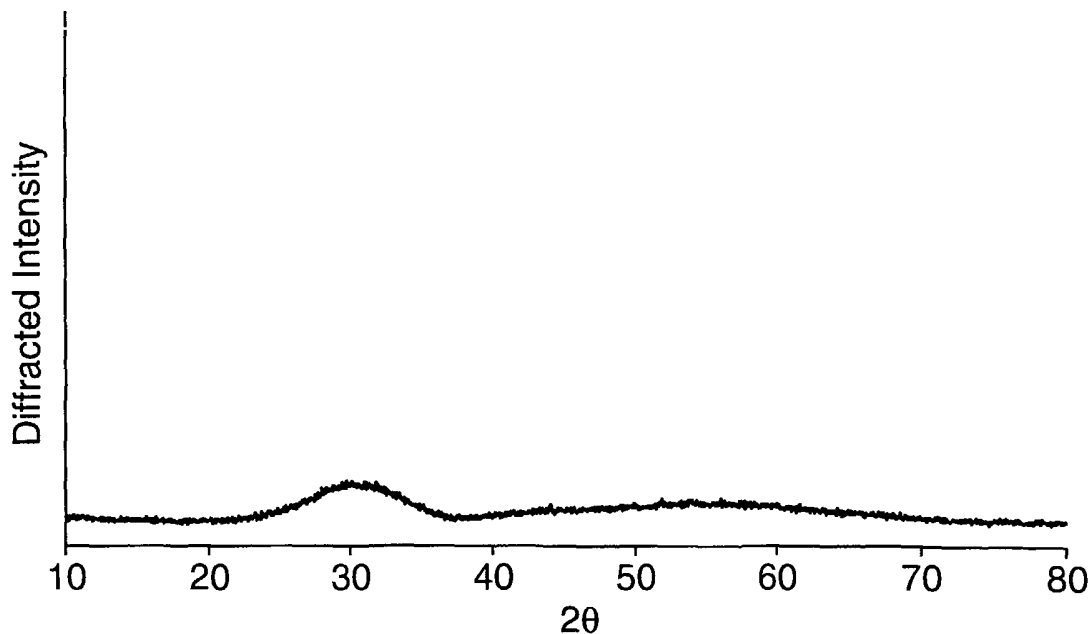
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to microspheres (i.e., beads) that comprise at least 50 wt-% titania and at least 5 wt-% bismuth oxide. The glass microspheres further comprise zirconia. The invention also relates to retroreflective articles, and in particular pavement markings, comprising such microspheres.

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