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(54) **Fabric for arresting ballistic articles**

(57) In the field of aircraft engines, it is known to provide a so-called rigid fabric barrier for containing ballistic articles such as fragments of engine components liberated by mechanical failure in the engine. However, known rigid fabrics of plain woven form suffer from high elongation per unit length.

The disclosure relates to a rigid fabric (10) comprising a plurality of elongate interstices (16) each containing one or more elongate warp yarns (15). The interstices (16) permit the warp yarns to lie in an uncrimped condition, thereby improving the elongation characteristics of the fabric (10).

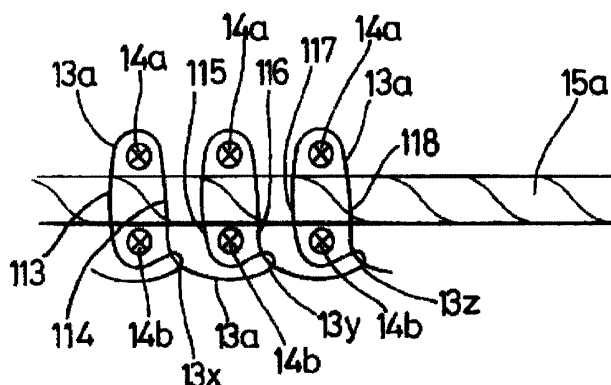


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