



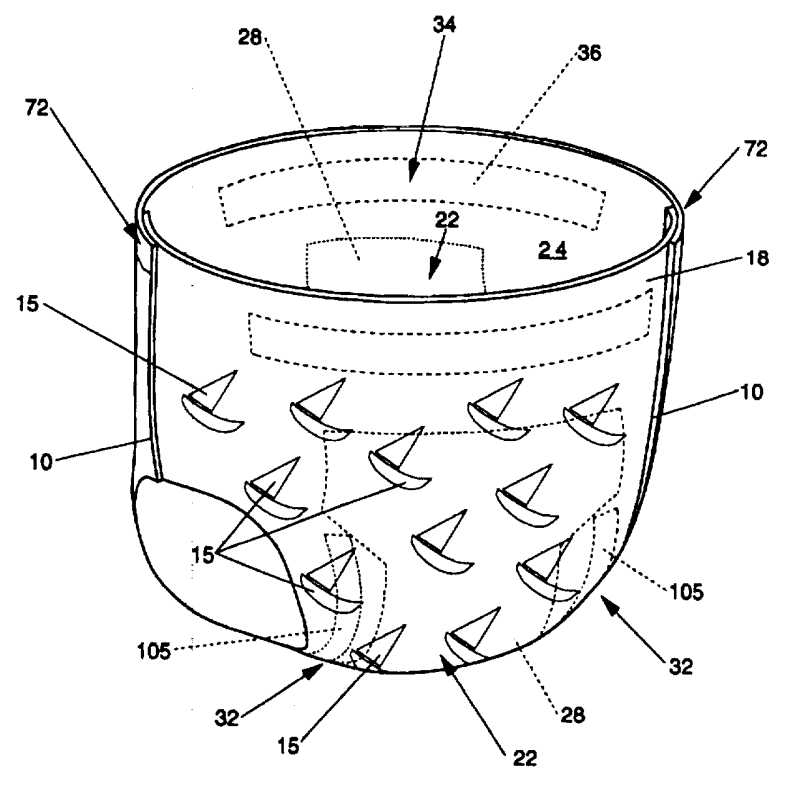
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(57) Abstract

A disposable absorbent article for wearing about a wearer's lower torso is provided. The disposable absorbent article comprises: a chassis; an absorbent assembly (22) joined to the chassis; and seams joining the front portion of the chassis to the rear portion of the chassis so as to form two leg openings and a waist opening. The chassis comprises an inner layer (16) and an outer layer (18) which is joined to the inner layer such that the outer layer will be bloused. The bloused outer layer has a pattern (15) imprinted thereon such that the inner layer with the absorbent assembly joined thereto is substantially unnoticeable to a viewer thereby providing a very garment-like appearance to the absorbent article.



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