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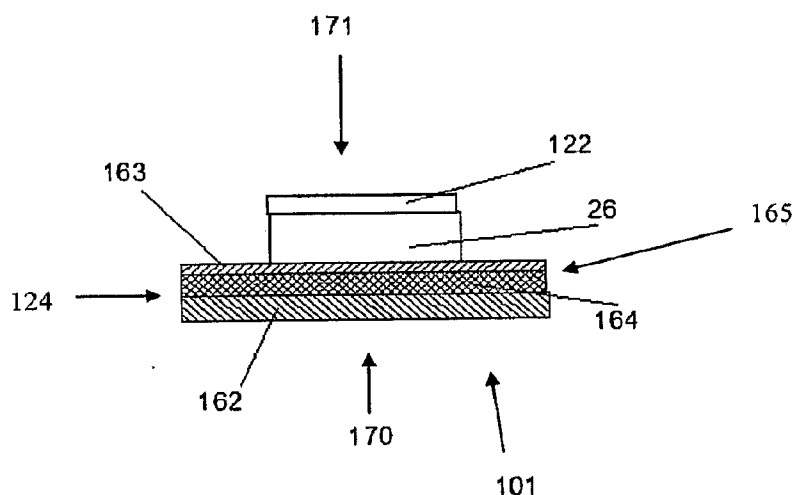
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(57) Abstract: A stretchable outer cover for use with an absorbent article including an elastomeric film. The elastomeric film includes at least one skin layer that is less tacky than at least one core layer. The outer cover can include a nonwoven layer different structural combinations of spunbond fibers, meltblown fibers, and/or nanofibers. The combination of plastic and elastic components results in an outer cover that has favorable mechanical, physical, and aesthetic properties. The outer cover can be rendered either uniaxially or biaxially stretchable via a mechanical activation process.

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