ABSTRACT: A bedding or seating product (10) comprising a spring assembly (12) made up of a plurality of parallel strings of springs (30) joined to each other. Each of the strings of springs (30) comprises a row of interconnected pocketed coil springs (34). Selected pockets of fabric (32) are shorter than adjacent pockets, so coil springs (34) in the selected pockets are under a greater load than adjacent coil springs. In one preferred embodiment, every other pocket (32) is under a greater load than the adjacent pockets, resulting in a checkerboard arrangement in at least one area of the product (10).
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