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(54) **Printed markers**

(57) Printed markers for identifying electrical cables are formed by winding an elongate strip or flattened length of tubing 19 onto a reel 30, which is then mounted for rotation to a thermal transfer printer 25. The printer

then prints markings onto the strip or tubing 19 as it advances past a print head 36 of the printer. The strip or tubing 19 may be formed with transverse lines of weakness at intervals along its length, to define successive markers.

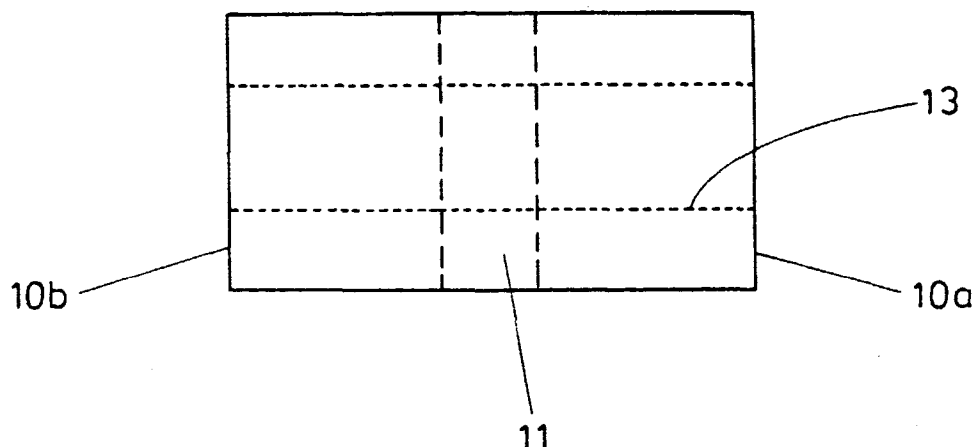


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