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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a film of fluoropolymer having glass microspheres dispersed in said fluoropolymer. The addition of glass microspheres to the fluoropolymer can overcome the behaviour of the fluoropolymer to stick to itself in a stack or when wound on itself in a roll. Hence an additional intermediate sheet or like material is not needed. Additionally, it has been found that the glass microspheres can be used during normal manufacturing of fluoropolymer films by melt-extrusion and moreover, films can be obtained in which other desired properties of the fluoropolymer are not adversely affected or any adverse effects are minimal.

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