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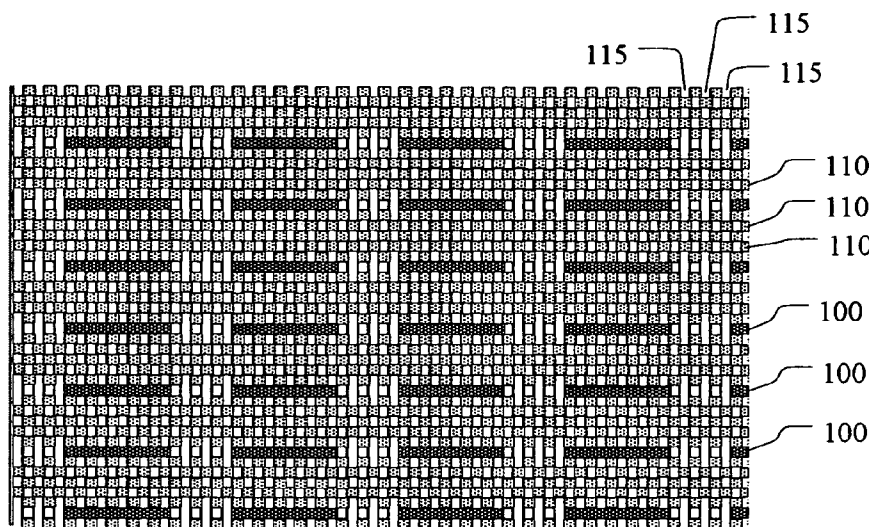


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: A woven fabric for use in an implantable medical device, such as a stented graft member, comprises shape memory element strands (100) woven with textile strands (110, 115). At least one of the shape memory element strands (100) has at least one float of at least five textile strands between binding points. The shape memory element strands may be heated and cooled before the weaving process, and then heated again after the weaving process.



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