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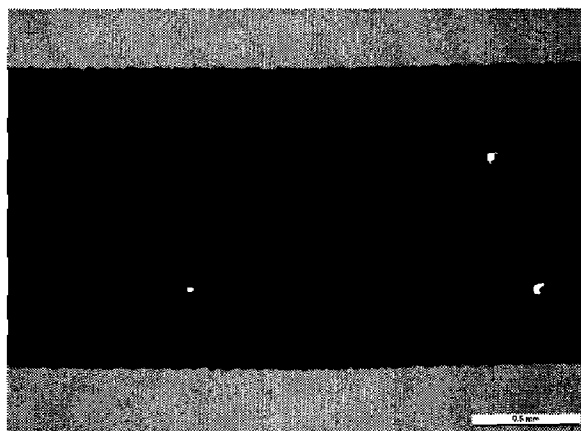


FIG. 12

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the field of copolyester elastomer compositions for manufacturing articles by melt extrusion processes at high extrusion rate, which articles exhibit higher quality smooth surface appearance than the articles made from compositions of the state of the art.



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