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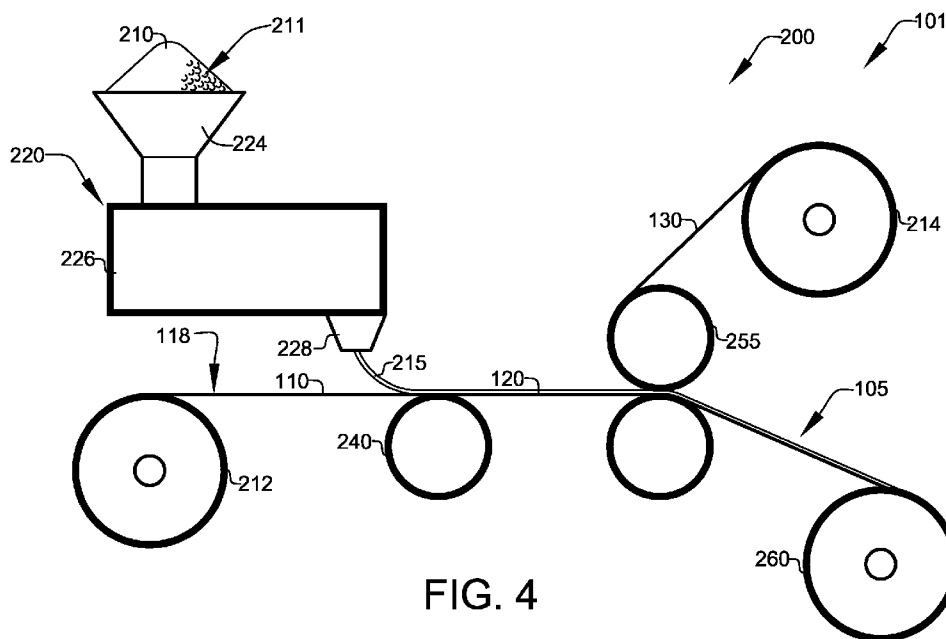


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: Manufacturing methods and systems providing continuous rolls of polyvinyl materials printable on one side and "sticky"-adherable on the other side. Such continuous rolls may be thereafter cut into sizes appropriate for signs, bumper stickers, and other information and/or design objects which are affixable to appropriate surfaces for a variety of advertising and/or design uses.

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EXTRUDABLE ADHERABLE MATERIAL SYSTEMS

BACKGROUND

This invention relates to extrudable adherable material systems. More particularly, this invention relates to providing a system for improved manufacturing of adherable materials. More particularly, it relates to continuously manufacturing a printable material roll, all or portions of which may be adhered to a surface, particularly for viewing of the printing.

If certain products can be adapted to "mass" and/or "continuous" manufacturing, such adaptations may assist in overcoming problems, especially in terms of cost and expense, which might otherwise be incurred using "batch" techniques or even one-product-at-a-time techniques. There are such problems in manufacturing printed materials capable of being "stuck" or otherwise affixed to surfaces proper for a variety of advertising and/or design uses.

OBJECTS AND FEATURES OF THE INVENTION

A primary object and feature of the present invention is to provide a system overcoming the above-mentioned problems.

It is a further object and feature of the present invention to provide such a system which provides, in the form of a continuous roll, a useful adherable material which might otherwise be available only in batch form, more expensive and time consuming to manufacture.

A further object and feature of this invention is to provide manufacturing of such a continuous roll having essentially one printable side and one "sticky" side so that all or portions of such roll may be appropriately printed and adhered to surfaces proper for a variety of advertising and/or design uses.

Still another object and feature of this invention is to provide methods and systems relating to manufacture and use of such continuous rolls in highly efficient and novel ways.

A further primary object and feature of the present invention is to provide such a system that is cost effective,

adaptable, and useful in many ways. Other objects and features of this invention will become apparent with reference to the following descriptions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with a preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a method of manufacture comprising the steps of: providing at least one meltable supply of at least one thermalplastic adhesive material; melting such at least one meltable supply in at least one heated chamber to provide at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic material; and providing at least one continuous supply of at least one printable material having a "wide width"; wherein at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material is capable of forming at least one thermalplastic bond with such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material; and continuously hot-extruding such at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material onto such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material to provide at least one hot extruded adhesive layer; wherein at least one hot contact area, between at least one first side of such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer and such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material, forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond; wherein at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll may be manufactured in at least one continuous process; and wherein such "wide width" comprises no less than about one foot to about three feet.

Moreover, it provides such a method further comprising the steps of: cooling such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer during such at least one continuous process to provide at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer; continuously applying at least one continuous release-sheet layer upon at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer; and continuously forming at least one "weak" contact bond

between such at least one continuous release-sheet layer and such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer; wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll further comprises such at least one continuous release-sheet layer.

Additionally, it provides such a method further comprising the step of printing such at least one printable side of such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll. Also, it provides such a method further comprising, as a final step, the step of cutting such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll; wherein a plurality of adherable printed displays may be obtained.

In addition, it provides such a method wherein such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises at least one copolymer. And, it provides such a method wherein such at least one copolymer comprises at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer. Further, it provides such a method wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprises about 34% polystyrene. Even further, it provides such a method wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene comprises a material described in the art and marketed as "Kraton G1641H".

Moreover, it provides such a method wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer is capable of forming, releasing from, and re-forming contact bonds with additional surfaces than surfaces comprising release-sheet layers. Additionally, it provides such a method wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer, when loss of capability of re-forming contact bonds due to soiling occurs, is capable of being restored by cleaning.

Also, it provides such a method wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces causes no

substantial damage to such additional surfaces. In addition, it provides such a method wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces leaves no substantial residue on such additional surfaces.

And, it provides such a method wherein such "wide width" comprises from about 1-1/2 feet to about 2 feet. Further, it provides such a method wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll comprises a maximum length of about 500 feet. Even further, it provides such a method wherein at least one thickness of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer comprises between about 20 mils and about 30 mils.

Moreover, it provides such a method wherein such step of melting comprises heating such at least one meltable supply to at least one temperature of from about 250 degrees Fahrenheit to about 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Additionally, it provides such a method wherein such step of cooling comprises providing at least one cooling roller in contact with such at least one continuous supply of printable material; and wherein such at least one cooling roller is placed generally between at least one place of extrusion and at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer. Also, it provides such a method wherein at least one distance between such at least one place of extrusion and such at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer comprises about two feet.

In addition, it provides such a method wherein such continuous supply of printable material comprises polyvinyl. And, it provides such a method wherein at least one thickness of such polyvinyl comprises from about two mils to about three mils.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides at least one product manufactured by at least one method.

Further, it provides such a method further comprising, as a preliminary step, the step of printing such at least one printable side of such at least one continuous supply.

In accordance with another preferred embodiment hereof, this invention provides a roll system, relating to adherable material, comprising: at least one printable material, in at least one continuous length, having a "wide width"; at least one thermalplastic adhesive material overlaying such at least one printable material; wherein at least one contact area between such at least one printable material and at least one first side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond; wherein such overlaid such at least one printable material comprises at least one "long" integral roll; and wherein such "wide width" comprises no less than about one foot to about three feet.

Even further, it provides such a roll system further comprising: at least one release-sheet material, in at least one continuous length, overlaying at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material, wherein at least one contact area between such at least one release-sheet material and such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material forms at least one "weak" contact bond.

Moreover, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises at least one copolymer. Additionally, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one copolymer comprises at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer. Also, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprises about 34% polystyrene. In addition, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene comprises a material described in the art and marketed as "Kraton G1641H".

And, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material is capable of forming, releasing from, and re-forming contact bonds with additional surfaces other than surfaces comprising release-sheet layers. Further, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material, when loss of capability of re-forming contact bonds due to soiling occurs, is capable of being restored by cleaning.

Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material when releasing from such additional surfaces causes no substantial damage to such additional surfaces. Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material when releasing from such additional surfaces leaves no substantial residue on such additional surfaces.

Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein such "wide width" comprises from about 1-1/2 feet to about 2 feet. Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one "wide width" continuous layered roll comprises a maximum length of about 500 feet. Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein at least one thickness of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises between about 20 mils and about 30 mils. Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein such at least one printable material comprises polyvinyl. Even further, it provides such a roll system wherein at least one thickness of such polyvinyl comprises from about two mils to about three mils. And, it provides for each and every novel feature, element, combination, step and/or method disclosed or suggested by this provisional patent application.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view, illustrating a continuous roll of an adherable material of an extrudable adherable

material system, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 shows a sectional side view through section 2-2, illustrating an adherable material of the extrudable adherable material system, according to the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 shows a sectional side view through section 3-3, illustrating an adherable material with a release-sheet layer of an extrudable adherable material system, according to the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 shows a side diagrammatical view of a manufacturing process, illustrating manufacture of a continuous roll of an adherable material, of an extrudable adherable material system according to the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 shows a side perspective view of a post-manufacturing process, illustrating post-manufacturing processing of a continuous roll of adherable material, of an extrudable adherable material system, according to the preferred embodiment of FIG 1.

FIG. 6 shows a side view, illustrating an adherable material of an extrudable adherable material system adhering to a surface, according to the preferred embodiment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 7 shows a flow chart illustrating, the manufacturing process of an adherable material, according to the preferred embodiment of FIG. 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE BEST MODES
AND PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view, illustrating at least one continuous roll **160** of at least one adherable material **105** of an extrudable adherable material system **100**, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention. In embodiment **101** of extrudable adherable material system **100**, adherable material **105** preferably wraps continuously around at least one core **165**, as shown, of between about 3 inches and about 6 inches in diameter, forming continuous roll **160**. Continuous roll **160**

(at least embodying herein wherein such "wide width" comprises no less than about one foot to about three feet; and at least embodying herein wherein such "wide width" comprises from about 1-1/2 feet to about 2 feet; and at least embodying herein wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll comprises a maximum length of about 500 feet) is preferably between about 1 foot and 3 feet wide, preferably between about 1-1/2 feet and 2 feet wide, preferably about 1-1/2 feet wide and preferably no more than about 500 feet long (for optimal handling), as shown. Adherable material **105** preferably comprises at least one printable side **114** and at least one contact adhesive side **128**. Adherable material **105** further comprises at least one release-sheet layer **130**. Release-sheet layer **130** overlays contact adhesive side **128**. Release-sheet layer **130** preferably protects contact adhesive side **128**, as shown, maintaining quality of contact adhesive side **128** prior to use of adherable material **105**. To use adherable material **105**, release-sheet layer **130** preferably peels off to expose contact adhesive side **128**, as shown.

FIG. 2 shows a sectional side view through section 2-2, illustrating adherable material **105** of extrudable adherable material system **100**, according to embodiment **101** of FIG. 1. Adherable material **105** preferably comprises at least one printable layer **110** and at least one adhesive layer **120**, as shown. Printable layer **110** preferably comprises printable side **114** and at least one bondable side **118**, as shown. Printable layer **110** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one thickness of such polyvinyl comprises from about two mils to about three mils) preferably is between about 2 mils and about 3 mils thick. Printable layer **110** preferably is as wide as continuous roll **160** (at least embodying herein at least one printable material, in at least one continuous length, having a "wide width").

Printable layer **110** (at least embodying herein wherein such continuous supply of printable material comprises polyvinyl)

preferably comprises at least one polymer-based compound. Such polymer-based compound preferably comprises at least one polyvinyl material. Upon reading this specification, those with skill in the art will now appreciate that, under appropriate circumstances, considering such issues as then cost, future technology, newly developed materials, etc., use of other materials, such as those, for example, comprising other plastics, plastics lacking polyvinyl, non-plastic printable materials with bonding properties, etc., may suffice.

Printable layer **110** preferably may be cleaned when soiled, preferably using water. Alternately, printable layer **110** may preferably be cleaned using household cleaning agents, preferably comprising glass cleaners, alternately preferably soap, alternately preferably surface spray cleaners.

Adhesive layer **120** preferably comprises at least one thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** (at least embodying herein wherein such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises at least one copolymer; and at least embodying herein wherein such at least one copolymer comprises at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer; and at least embodying herein wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprises about 34% polystyrene; and at least embodying herein wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene comprises a material described in the art and marketed as "Kraton G1641H"), preferably at least one copolymer, preferably at least one copolymer based on styrene, ethylene and butylenes, preferably such copolymer known as "Kraton G1641H" (available from Kraton Polymers of North America). "Kraton G1641H" is composed of styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene. Upon reading this specification, those with skill in the art will now appreciate that, under appropriate circumstances, considering such issues as then cost, future technology, newly developed materials, etc., use of other thermalplastic hot melt adhesives such as

those, for example, comprising other plastics, plastics lacking polystyrene, non-plastic materials with thermalplastic properties, etc., may suffice.

Adhesive layer **120** preferably comprises at least one primary bond side **124**, as shown. Primary bond side **124** preferably bonds to bondable side **118** of printable layer **110**, forming at least one primary bond **125**, as shown. Adhesive layer **120** preferably further comprises contact adhesive side **128**. Adhesive layer **120** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one thickness of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer comprises between about 20 mils and about 30 mils) preferably is between about 20 mils and about 30 mils thick, as shown. Adhesive layer **120** and printable layer **110** are preferably flexible enough so as to allow adherable material **105** to be rolled into continuous roll **160**, as shown in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 shows a sectional side view through section 3-3, illustrating adherable material **105** with at least one release-sheet layer **130** of extrudable adherable material system **100**, according to embodiment **101** of FIG. 1. Adherable material **105** preferably further comprises release-sheet layer **130**. Contact adhesive side **128** may form at least one contact bond **126**. Prior to initial use, contact adhesive side **128** preferably adheres to release-sheet layer **130**, as shown, using contact bond **126** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one contact area between such at least one release-sheet material and such at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material forms at least one "weak" contact bond). Release-sheet layer **130** preferably comprises at least one polymer, alternately preferably at least one polymer coated paper. Release-sheet layer **130** is preferably designed to minimize adhesion to contact adhesive side **128** of adherable material **105** to enable removal of release-sheet layer **130** (at least embodying herein at least one release-sheet material, in at least one continuous length, overlaying at least one second side of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material).

FIG. 4 shows a side diagrammatical view of a manufacturing process **200**, illustrating manufacture of continuous roll **160** of adherable material **105**, of extrudable adherable material system **100** according to preferred embodiment **101** of FIG. 1. Printable layer **110** is preferably provided in at least one printable layer continuous roll **212** for manufacturing of adherable material **105**, as shown. Adherable material **105** is manufactured with printable side **114** preferably blank, as shown, or alternately preferably pre-printed, not shown. Release-sheet layer **130** is preferably provided in at least one release-sheet layer continuous roll **214** for manufacturing of adherable material **105**, as shown. As shown, thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** is provided, preferably in pellets **211**, alternately preferably in at least one powder, for manufacturing of adherable material **105**.

Thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** is preferably placed into hopper **224** of an extruder **220**, as shown. Thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** preferably transfers from hopper **224** to at least one melting chamber **226** (at least embodying herein wherein such step of melting comprises heating such at least one meltable supply to at least one temperature of from about 250 degrees Fahrenheit to about 350 degrees Fahrenheit) and preferably heats to between about 250 degrees Fahrenheit and about 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** preferably mixes in melting chamber **226**, to assure even temperature and consistency. As thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** melts at least one hot melted adhesive **215** is preferably formed.

At least one extrusion die **228** preferably charges with hot melted adhesive **215**, as shown. Printable layer **110** preferably unrolls from printable layer continuous roll **212** and preferably feeds under extrusion die **228**, as shown. Clearance between printable layer **110** and extrusion die **228** preferably is between about 20 mils and about 30 mils. Hot melted adhesive **215** preferably extrudes from extrusion die **228** onto bondable side **118** of printable layer **110**, as shown. Hot melted adhesive **215**

preferably is between about 20 mils and about 30 mils thick when extruded.

Heat from hot melted adhesive **215** preferably causes at least one thermalplastic bond to form between hot melted adhesive **215** and bondable side **118** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material is capable of forming at least one thermalplastic bond with such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material) of printable layer **110**, as shown. Primary bond **125** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one hot contact area, between at least one first side of such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer and such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material, forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond) preferably comprises such at least one thermalplastic bond. Hot melted adhesive **215** and printable layer **110** preferably cool on at least one cooler roll **240**, as shown. Cooler roll **240** preferably maintains a temperature of between about 60 degrees Fahrenheit and about 75 degrees Fahrenheit, as shown. As hot melted adhesive **215** cools, adhesive layer **120** (at least embodying herein at least one thermalplastic adhesive material overlaying such at least one continuous supply of at least one printable material) preferably forms, as shown.

Release-sheet layer **130** preferably unrolls from release-sheet layer continuous roll **214** and preferably feeds onto at least one application roller **255**, as shown. Cooler roll **240** is preferably between extrusion die **228** and application roller **255** (this arrangement at least embodying herein wherein such at least one cooling roller is placed generally between at least one place of extrusion and at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer). Application roller **255** preferably applies release-sheet layer **130** to adhesive layer **120**, as shown. To allow for cooling time, separation of extrusion die **228** and application roller **255** preferably is about 2 feet (this arrangement at least embodying herein wherein at least one

distance between such at least one place of extrusion and such at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer comprises about two feet). When cooled, temperature of adhesive layer **120** preferably is insufficient to form a thermalplastic bond, however, contact bond **126** preferably forms comprising at least one "weak" contact bond. Pressure of application roller **255** preferably engages contact bond **126** between contact adhesive side **128** and release-sheet layer **130** (at least embodying herein wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll further comprises such at least one continuous release-sheet layer; and this arrangement at least embodying herein continuously forming at least one "weak" contact bond between such at least one continuous release-sheet layer and such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer).

At least one take-up roll preferably gathers completed adherable material **105** into continuous roll **160**, as shown. When continuous roll **160** reaches full length, adherable material **105** is preferably cut and continuous roll **160** is preferably stored for later use. Manufacturing process **200** preferably runs at a rate of about 150 feet per minute. This arrangement at least embodies herein wherein at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll may be manufactured in at least one continuous process.

FIG. 5 shows a side perspective view of a post-manufacturing process **300**, illustrating post-manufacturing processing of continuous roll **160** of adherable material **105**, of an extrudable adherable material system **100**, according to preferred embodiment **101** of FIG 1. Continuous roll **160** preferably facilitates continuous printing on printable side **114**. At least one printer **305** is preferably capable of accepting continuous roll **160** of adherable material **105** for printing. Printer **305** preferably accepts thick media, preferably between about 20 mils and about 50 mils. Further, printer **305** is preferably capable of printing on printable side

114 of adherable material **105**. When printable side **114** of adherable material **105** is manufactured blank, printer **305** preferably prints on printable side **114** (this arrangement at least embodying herein printing such at least one printable side of such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll). When printing on adherable material **105**, release-sheet layer **130** preferably protects adhesive layer **120** from damage, as well as, preferably prevents adherable material **105** from sticking in printer **305**.

Continuous roll **160** preferably also facilitates cutting adherable material **105** into at least one adherable printed display **315** of at least one selectable size appropriate to use of adherable printed display **315**. At least one cutter **310** preferably accepts continuous roll **160**. Cutter **310** preferably is capable of cutting thick materials, preferably between about 20 mils and about 50 mils thick.

When printable side **114** of adherable material **105** preferably has been printed, alternately preferably is blank, cutter **310** preferably cuts adherable material **105** into at least one selected size appropriate to at least one use of adherable printed display **315** (this arrangement at least embodying herein cutting such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll). Such at least one use of adherable printed display **315** (at least embodying herein wherein a plurality of adherable printed displays may be obtained) may be preferably as at least one bumper sticker, alternately preferably as at least one sign, alternately preferably as at least one label. Such at least one selectable size preferably may be appropriate to signs for windows, alternately preferably signs for cars, alternately preferably bumper stickers, alternately preferably large signs. Such at least one selectable sizes preferably range up to at least one dimension of continuous roll **160**. Such at least one selectable size preferably is about 9 inches by about 3 inches, alternately preferably about 9 inches by about 18 inches, alternate preferably about 18 inches square, alternately

preferably about 18 inches by about 36 inches, alternately preferably about 2 feet square, alternately preferably about 2 feet by about 6 feet. Cutter **310** preferably comprises at least one die cutter. Upon reading this specification, those with skill in the art will now appreciate that, under appropriate circumstances, considering such issues as then cost, advancing technology, newly developed cutting methods, etc., use of other cutters such as, for example, rotary cutters, rotary die cutters, slicers, etc., may suffice.

FIG. 6 shows a side view, illustrating an adherable material **105** adhering to at least one surface **650**, according to preferred embodiment **101** of FIG. 1. Contact adhesive side **128** preferably may bond to surface **650** forming at least one contact bond **126**, as shown. Primary bond **125** is preferably substantially stronger than contact bond **126**. Contact bond **126** comprises a weaker bond preferably designed to allow removal of adherable material **105** from surface **650**, preferably without breaking primary bond **125**.

Adhesive layer **120** preferably causes no damage, when removed, to surface **650**. Adhesive layer **120** preferably leaves no residue on surface **650** when adherable material **105** is removed (this arrangement at least embodying herein wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces leaves no substantial residue on such additional surfaces). Adhesive layer **120** preferably removes no part of surface **650** when adherable material **105** is removed (this arrangement at least embodying herein wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces causes no substantial damage to such additional surfaces).

Contact bond **126** (at least embodying herein wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer is capable of forming, releasing from, and re-forming contact bonds with additional surfaces than surfaces

comprising release-sheet layers) preferably is re-useable, preferably allowing removal and bonding multiple times. Contact bond **126** preferably sustains adherence despite ordinary forces acting upon adherable material **105** during use. When contact adhesive side **128** becomes soiled, such that contact bond **126** is inadequate to sustain adherence, contact adhesive side **128** preferably may be washed, with soap and water, to remove soil and preferably substantially restore quality of contact bond **126** (this arrangement at least embodying herein wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer, when loss of capability of re-forming contact bonds due to soiling occurs, is capable of being restored by cleaning). Adherable material **105** may preferably substitute for sheet magnets either when surface **650** is non-metallic or where a magnetic field is not desirable.

FIG. 7 shows a flow chart illustrating, manufacturing process **200** of an adherable material **105**, according to preferred embodiment **101** of FIG. 4. Printable layer **110** and release-sheet layer **130** are preferably provided in continuous rolls for manufacturing of adherable material **105**, as shown, in step Provide Materials **710** (at least embodying herein providing at least one continuous supply of at least one printable material having a "wide width"). Additionally, thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** is preferably provided, as shown, in step Provide Materials **710** (at least embodying herein providing at least one meltable supply of at least one thermalplastic adhesive material).

Thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** is preferably placed into hopper **224** of extruder **220** in step Fill Extruder Hopper **720**, as shown. Thermalplastic hot melt adhesive **210** preferably transfers from hopper **224** to melting chamber **226** and preferably melts, as shown, in step Melt Adhesive **730** (at least embodying herein melting such at least one meltable supply in at least one heated chamber to provide at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic material). Extrusion die **228**

preferably charges with hot melted adhesive **215** in step Charge Extrusion Die **740**, as shown.

Printable layer **110** preferably unrolls from printable layer continuous roll **212** and preferably feeds under extrusion die **228** in step Feed Printable Backing **750**, as shown. Hot melted adhesive **215** preferably extrudes from extrusion die **228** onto printable layer **110**, as shown, in Step Extrude Hot Melted Adhesive onto Printable Backing **760** (at least embodying herein continuously hot-extruding such at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material onto such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material to provide at least one hot extruded adhesive layer). Heat from hot melted adhesive **215** preferably causes primary bond **125** to form between hot melted adhesive **215** and bondable side **118** of printable layer **110**, as shown, in step Create Stronger Bond **765** (at least embodying herein wherein at least one hot contact area, between at least one first side of such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer and such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material, forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond).

Hot melted adhesive **215** and printable layer **110** preferably cool on cooler roll **240**, as shown, in step Cool Hot Material **770** (at least embodying herein wherein such step of cooling comprises providing at least one cooling roller in contact with such at least one continuous supply of printable material). Adhesive layer **120** forms as hot melted adhesive **215** cools in step Cool Hot Material **770** (at least embodying herein cooling such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer during such at least one continuous process to provide at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer).

Release-sheet layer **130** preferably unrolls from release-sheet layer continuous roll **214** and preferably feeds onto application roller **255** in step Feed Release Sheet **780**, as shown. Application roller **255** preferably applies release-sheet layer

130 to contact adhesive side **128** of adhesive layer **120**, as shown, in step Apply Protective Release Sheet **785** (at least embodying herein continuously applying at least one continuous release-sheet layer upon at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer). Take-up roller **260** preferably rolls completed adherable material **105** into continuous roll **160** in step Roll Up Adherable Material **790**, as shown. When continuous roll **160** reaches full dimension adherable material **105** is preferably cut and continuous roll **160** is preferably stored for later use in step Store Roll of Adherable Material **795**, as shown, completing manufacture of continuous roll **160** in manufacturing process **200** (at least herein embodying wherein at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll may be manufactured in at least one continuous process).

Alternately, in place of steps Roll Up Adherable Material **790** and Store Roll of Adherable Material **795**, adherable material **105** preferably may be cut into at least one selectable size in step Cut into Predetermined Sizes **810**, as shown. When providing printable layer continuous roll **212** in step Provide Materials **710**, printable layer continuous roll **212** alternately preferably may be pre-printed, as shown, in step Use Pre-Printed Printable Backing **800** (at least embodying herein as a preliminary step, the step of printing such at least one printable side of such at least one continuous supply).

Although applicant has described applicant's preferred embodiments of this invention, it will be understood that the broadest scope of this invention includes modifications such as diverse shapes, sizes, and materials. Such scope is limited only by the below claims as read in connection with the above specification. Further, many other advantages of applicant's invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the above descriptions and the below claims.

What is claimed is:

- 1) A method of manufacture comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing at least one meltable supply of at least one thermalplastic adhesive material;
 - b) melting such at least one meltable supply in at least one heated chamber to provide at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic material; and
 - c) providing at least one continuous supply of at least one printable material having a "wide width";
 - d) wherein at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material is capable of forming at least one thermalplastic bond with such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material; and
 - e) continuously hot-extruding such at least one melted supply of such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material onto such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material to provide at least one hot extruded adhesive layer;
 - f) wherein at least one hot contact area, between at least one first side of such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer and such at least one first side of such at least one continuous supply of such printable material, forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond;
 - g) wherein at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll may be manufactured in at least one continuous process; and
 - h) wherein such "wide width" comprises no less than about one foot to about three feet.
- 2) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

- a) cooling such at least one hot extruded adhesive layer during such at least one continuous process to provide at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer;
 - b) continuously applying at least one continuous release-sheet layer upon at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer; and
 - c) continuously forming at least one "weak" contact bond between such at least one continuous release-sheet layer and such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer;
 - d) wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll further comprises such at least one continuous release-sheet layer.
- 3) The method according to claim 2 further comprising the step of printing such at least one printable side of such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll.
 - 4) The method according to claim 3 further comprising, as a final step, the step of cutting such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll; wherein a plurality of adherable printed displays may be obtained.
 - 5) The method according to claim 2 wherein such at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises at least one copolymer.
 - 6) The method according to claim 5 wherein such at least one copolymer comprises at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer.
 - 7) The method according to claim 6 wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprises about 34% polystyrene.
 - 8) The method according to claim 7 wherein such at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene comprises a material described in the art and marketed as "Kraton G1641H".
 - 9) The method according to claim 2 wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive

layer is capable of forming, releasing from, and re-forming contact bonds with additional surfaces than surfaces comprising release-sheet layers.

- 10) The method according to claim 9 wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer, when loss of capability of re-forming contact bonds due to soiling occurs, is capable of being restored by cleaning.
- 11) The method according to claim 9 wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces causes no substantial damage to such additional surfaces.
- 12) The method according to claim 9 wherein such at least one second side of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer when releasing from such additional surfaces leaves no substantial residue on such additional surfaces.
- 13) The method according to claim 2 wherein such "wide width" comprises from about 1-1/2 feet to about 2 feet.
- 14) The method according to claim 13 wherein such at least one "wide-width" continuous layered roll comprises a maximum length of about 500 feet.
- 15) The method according to claim 2 wherein at least one thickness of such at least one cooled extruded adhesive layer comprises between about 20 mils and about 30 mils.
- 16) The method according to claim 2 wherein such step of melting comprises heating such at least one meltable supply to at least one temperature of from about 250 degrees Fahrenheit to about 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 17) The method according to claim 2 wherein such step of cooling comprises providing at least one cooling roller in contact with such at least one continuous supply of printable material; and wherein such at least one cooling roller is placed generally between at least one place of extrusion and at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer.

- 18) The method according to claim 17 wherein at least one distance between such at least one place of extrusion and such at least one place of application of such release-sheet layer comprises about two feet.
- 19) The method according to claim 2 wherein such continuous supply of printable material comprises polyvinyl.
- 20) The method according to claim 19 wherein at least one thickness of such polyvinyl comprises from about two mils to about three mils.
- 21) At least one product manufactured by the method according to claim 1.
- 22) The method according to claim 1 further comprising, as a preliminary step, the step of printing such at least one printable side of such at least one continuous supply.
- 23) A roll system, relating to adherable material, comprising:
 - a) at least one printable material, in at least one continuous length, having a "wide width";
 - b) at least one thermalplastic adhesive material overlaying said at least one printable material;
 - c) wherein at least one contact area between said at least one printable material and at least one first side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material forms at least one "strong" thermalplastic bond;
 - d) wherein such overlaid said at least one printable material comprises at least one "long" integral roll; and
 - e) wherein such "wide width" comprises no less than about one foot to about three feet.
- 24) The roll system according to claim 23 further comprising:
 - a) at least one release-sheet material, in at least one continuous length, overlaying at least one second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material;
 - b) wherein at least one contact area between said at least one release-sheet material and said at least one

- second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material forms at least one "weak" contact bond.
- 25) The roll system according to claim 24 wherein said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises at least one copolymer.
- 26) The roll system according to claim 25 wherein said at least one copolymer comprises at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer.
- 27) The roll system according to claim 26 wherein said at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprises about 34% polystyrene.
- 28) The roll system according to claim 27 wherein said at least one styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene polymer comprising about 34% polystyrene comprises a material described in the art and marketed as "Kraton G1641H".
- 29) The roll system according to claim 24 wherein said at least one second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material is capable of forming, releasing from, and re-forming contact bonds with additional surfaces other than surfaces comprising release-sheet layers.
- 30) The roll system according to claim 29 wherein said at least one second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material, when loss of capability of re-forming contact bonds due to soiling occurs, is capable of being restored by cleaning.
- 31) The roll system according to claim 29 wherein said at least one second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material when releasing from such additional surfaces causes no substantial damage to such additional surfaces.
- 32) The roll system according to claim 29 wherein said at least one second side of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material when releasing from such additional

surfaces leaves no substantial residue on such additional surfaces.

- 33) The roll system according to claim 24 wherein such "wide width" comprises from about 1-1/2 feet to about 2 feet.
- 34) The roll system according to claim 33 wherein such at least one "wide width" continuous layered roll comprises a maximum length of about 500 feet.
- 35) The roll system according to claim 24 wherein at least one thickness of said at least one thermalplastic adhesive material comprises between about 20 mils and about 30 mils.
- 36) The roll system according to claim 25 wherein said at least one printable material comprises polyvinyl.
- 37) The roll system according to claim 37 wherein at least one thickness of said polyvinyl comprises from about two mils to about three mils.

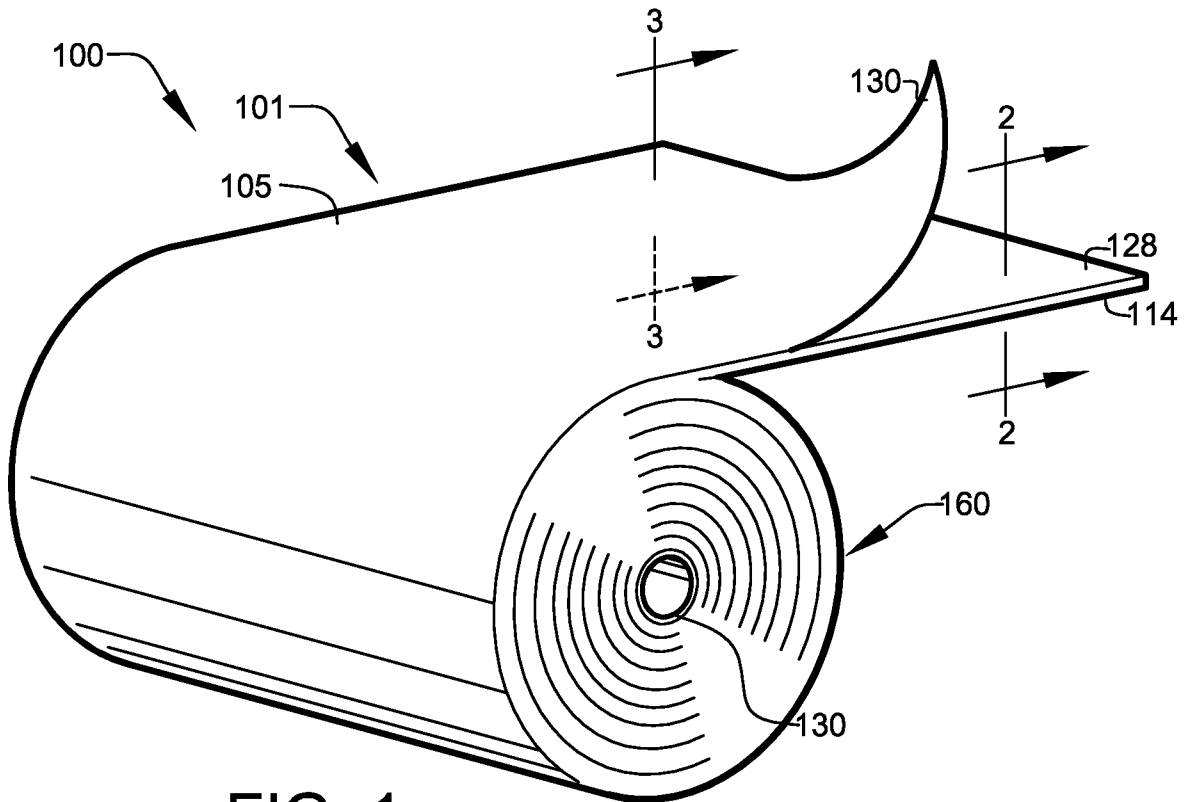


FIG. 1

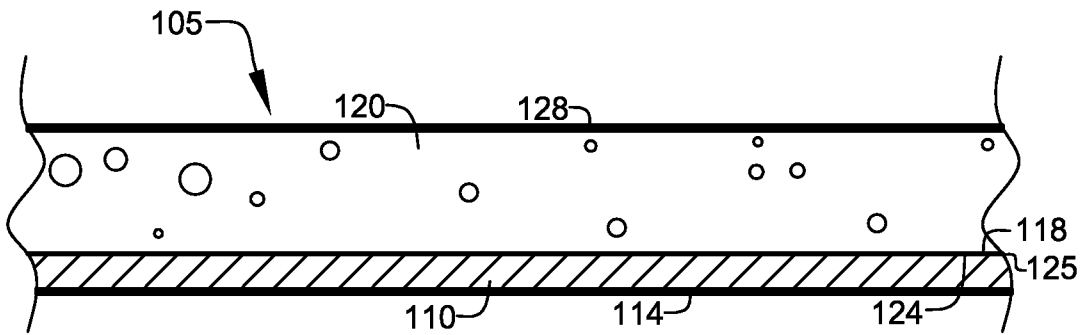


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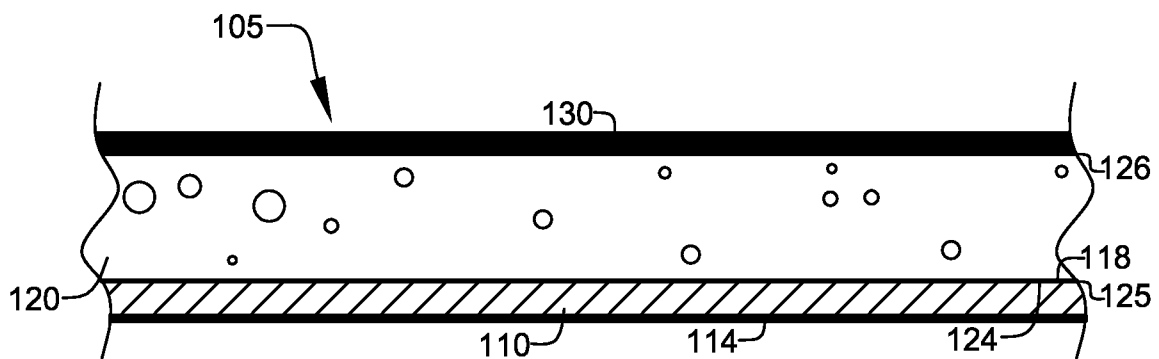


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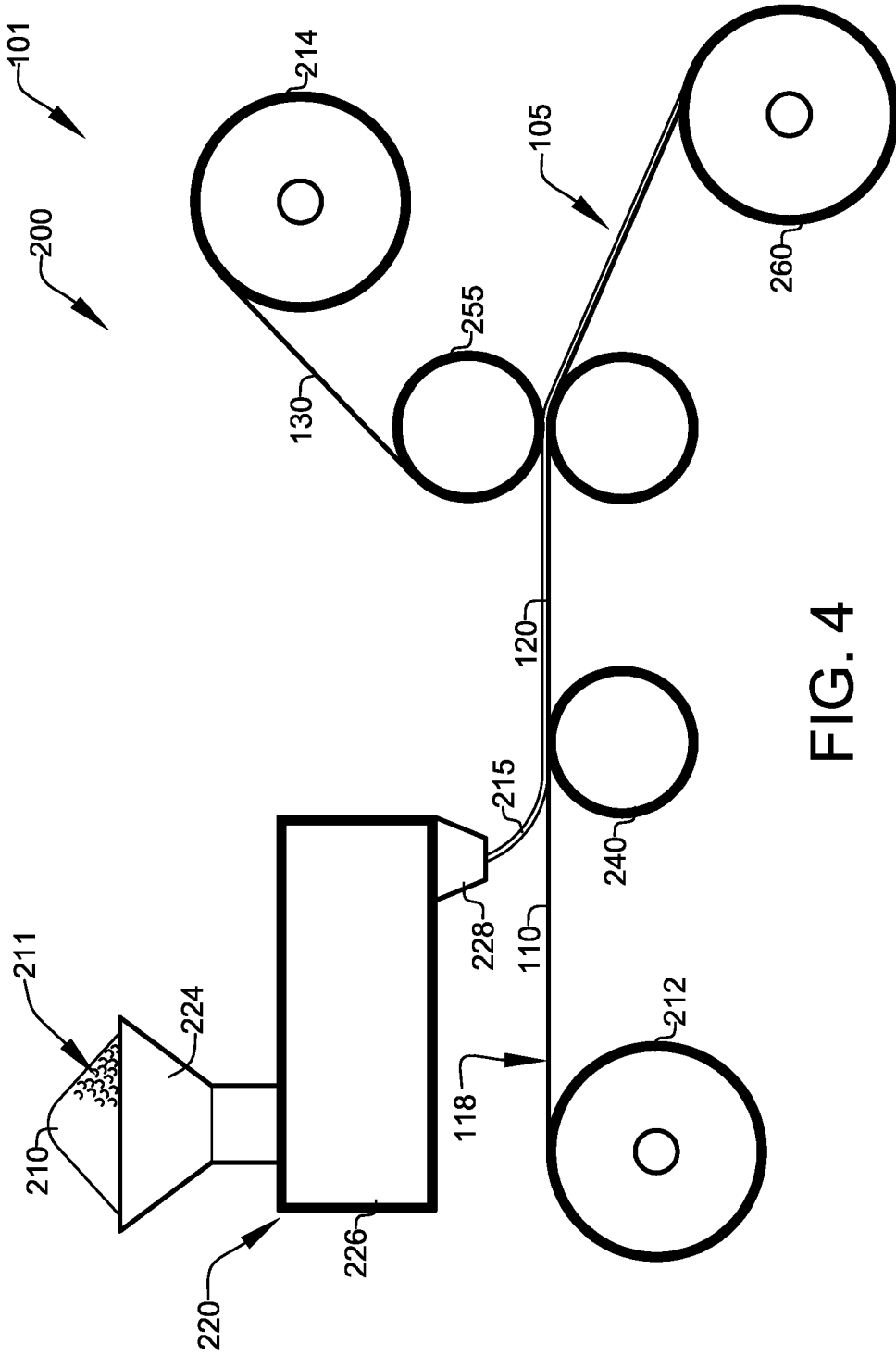


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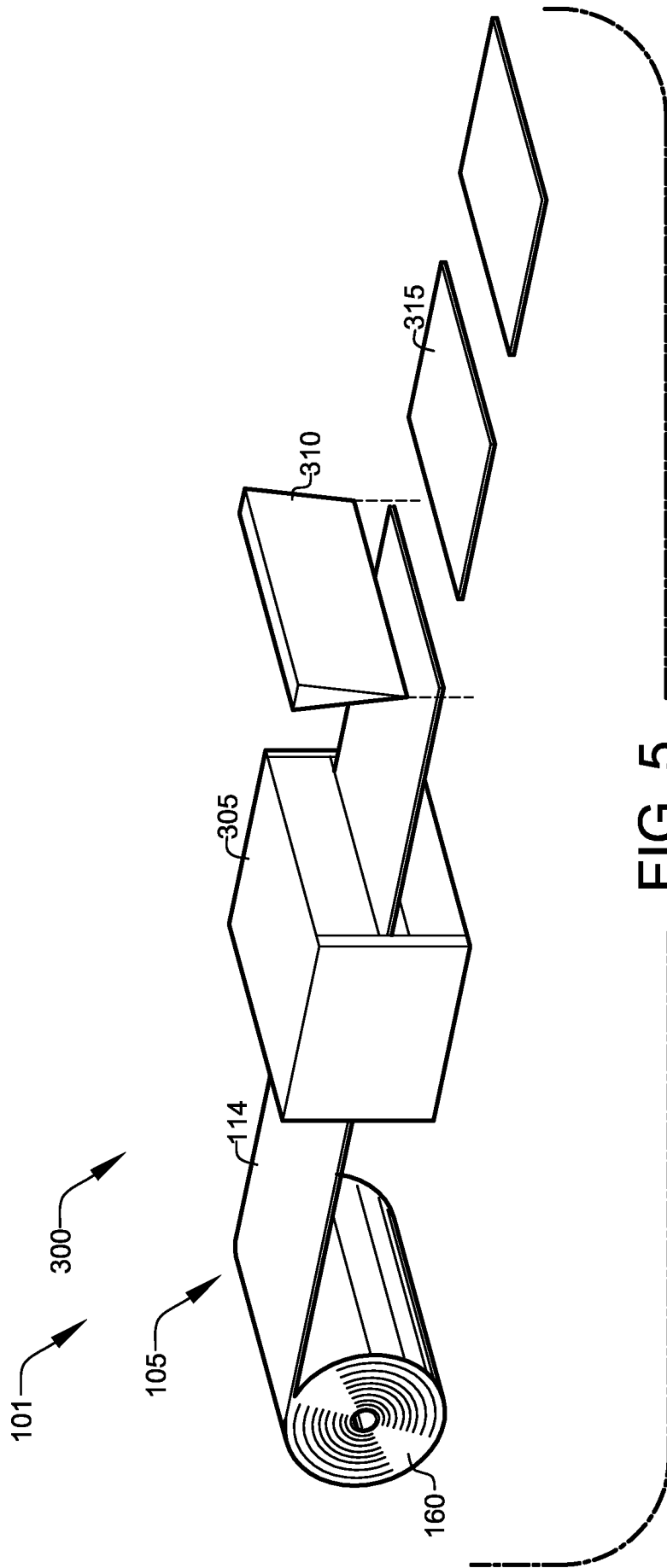


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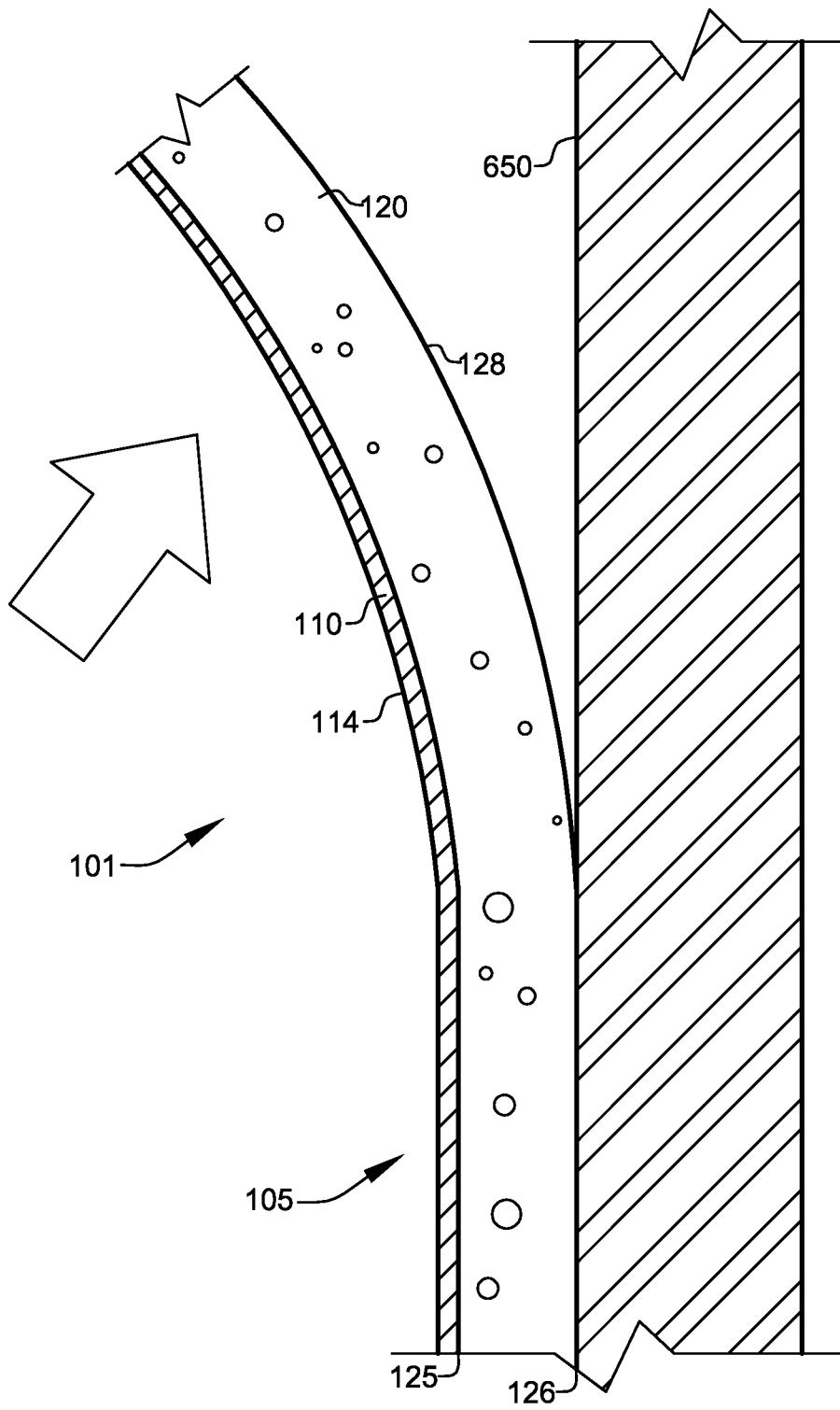


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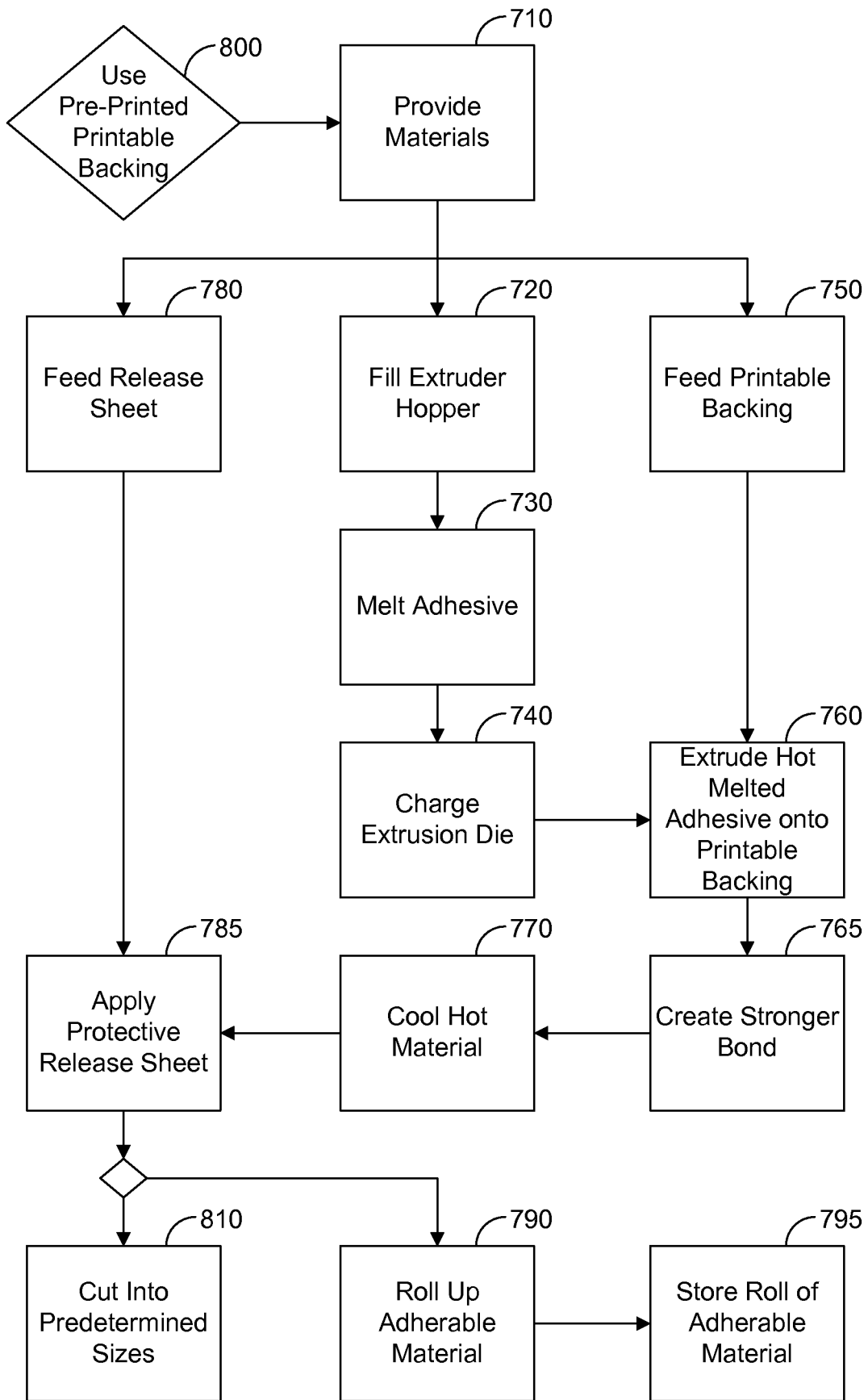


FIG. 7