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A rucksack shoulder pad.

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Schulterpolster für einen Rucksack.

Title (fr)  
Coussinet d'épaule pour sac à dos.

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Abstract (en)  
A shoulder pad for a rucksack harness is disclosed, which includes an elongate foamed plastics element (10) having one or more webs (12) of relatively stiff plastics material mounted onto one surface thereof, which surface is in use remote from the user's body. The pad includes a plurality of elongate strips (18, 20) of relatively stiff plastics material arranged side by side longitudinally of the foamed plastics element, with a gap or respective gaps (14, 16) therebetween. When such a shoulder pad is used on a rucksack the area of load transmission is increased, thus permitting increased comfort of the user and/or increased load capacity. The provision of the plurality of elongate strips helps to spread the load and additionally allows for flexibility of the shoulder pads. The elongate strips with intervening gap(s) may be provided in a region of the shoulder pad which is intended to be bent over the top of the shoulder of a user, and/or in a region of the shoulder pad which is intended to overlie the upper scapular region of a user, where a capability of transverse flexure of the pad is useful to suit users of different breadth of back. <IMAGE>

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