

Title (en)  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING A FOOT

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VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUM SCHUTZ EINES FUSSES

Title (fr)  
PROCÉDÉ ET APPAREIL POUR PROTÉGER UN PIED

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO2011075814A1] Disclosed is a method and apparatus for protecting a foot of a user. The apparatus may be applied to an article of footwear having laces worn by the user or may be integral therewith. The apparatus comprises a first tongue guard portion engageable with a first portion of said laces so as to lie adjacent thereto and a second tongue guard portion pivotally supported from the first tongue guard portion and biased so as to lie adjacent to a second portion of the laces. The first and second tongue guard portions may comprise a rigid exterior shell and an interior cushioning layer disposed thereunder. The method comprises securing the first tongue plate to the article of footwear so as to lie adjacent to the first portion of the laces and biasing the second tongue so as to lie adjacent to a second portion of the laces.

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