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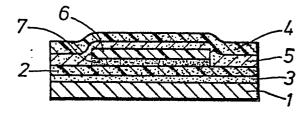
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54 Labelling tapes.

A labelling tape consists of a plastics film (2) and adhesive (3) to stick it to the object it is desired to label, which adhesive (3) is protected by a release paper strip (1). In the labelling tape a narrower pigmented tape comprising a plastics film backing (6) and a shearable dyed or pigmented coating (7) is held against the surface of tape (2). The pigmented tape is held against the tape (2) e.g. by an overall applied wider adhesive tape (4, 5). In use pigmented or dyed areas corresponding to the desired label legend are transferred from coating (7) to the surface of tape (2) under pressure. Thereafter the remainder of the pigmented tape is peeled off and discarded to leave the transferred pigmented or dyed legend on plastics film (2) and, preferably beforehand, the release paper strip (1) is removed and plastics film (2) is adhered to the object to be labelled. A modified tape embossing machine may be used to make the labels.



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