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(57) An athletic shoe (10) having a semi-rigid outsole (12) and an external heel counter (20) integral with the outsole. The heel counter (20) extends around behind the heel region and along the medial and lateral sides of the shoe while another heel counter (22) and the shoe upper (14) nest in the pocket formed by the integral, external heel counter (20). The integral heel counter (20) reduces separation or softening in the region of the juncture between heel and sole caused by flexure during extended use of the shoe.

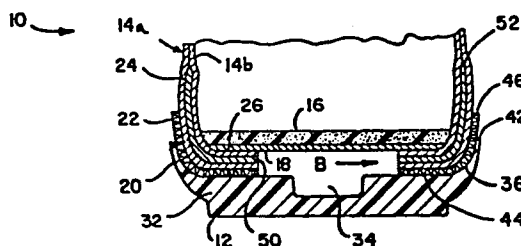


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