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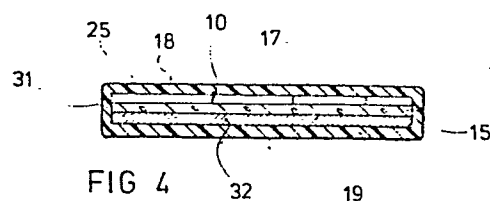
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54 **Security documents.**

57 A security document (20,21) is provided with limited areas (17;26,27,28) of pressure-sensitive material the surfaces of which are substantially co-planar with the remainder of the area (25;33,34,35) of the document and the whole area of the document is overlain with a transparent protective cover layer (18;24) so that markings can be applied to the said limited areas (17;26,27,28) and these marks can be neither erased nor removed from the document.

The transparent cover layer (18;24) may be adhesively bonded plastics material or may be a coating applied in a liquid form which subsequently sets, cures or hardens. The limited areas of pressure-sensitive material (17,26,27,28) are made co-planar with the remainder of the document (25;33,34,35) by applying an entirely covering layer of pressure-sensitive material which is subsequently desensitised in the areas (25;33,34,35) where the pressure-sensitive marking is not required.





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