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(54) **Highly crimpable conjugate fibers and nonwoven webs made therefrom**

(57) The present invention provides conjugate fibers having an ethylene polymer component and a propylene polymer component, which are highly crimpable even at fine deniers. Also provided are nonwoven fab-

rics made from the fibers. The propylene polymer component of the conjugate fiber contains a propylene polymer having a melt flow rate equal to or higher than about 45 g/ 10 min. at 230°C.

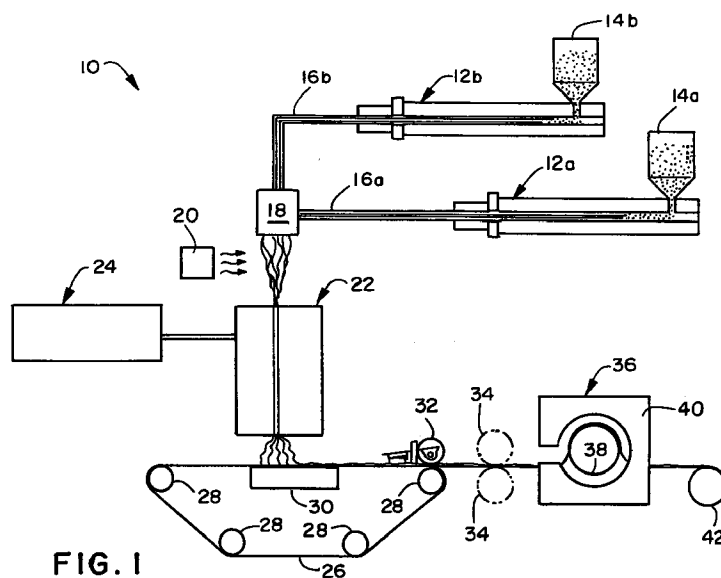


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