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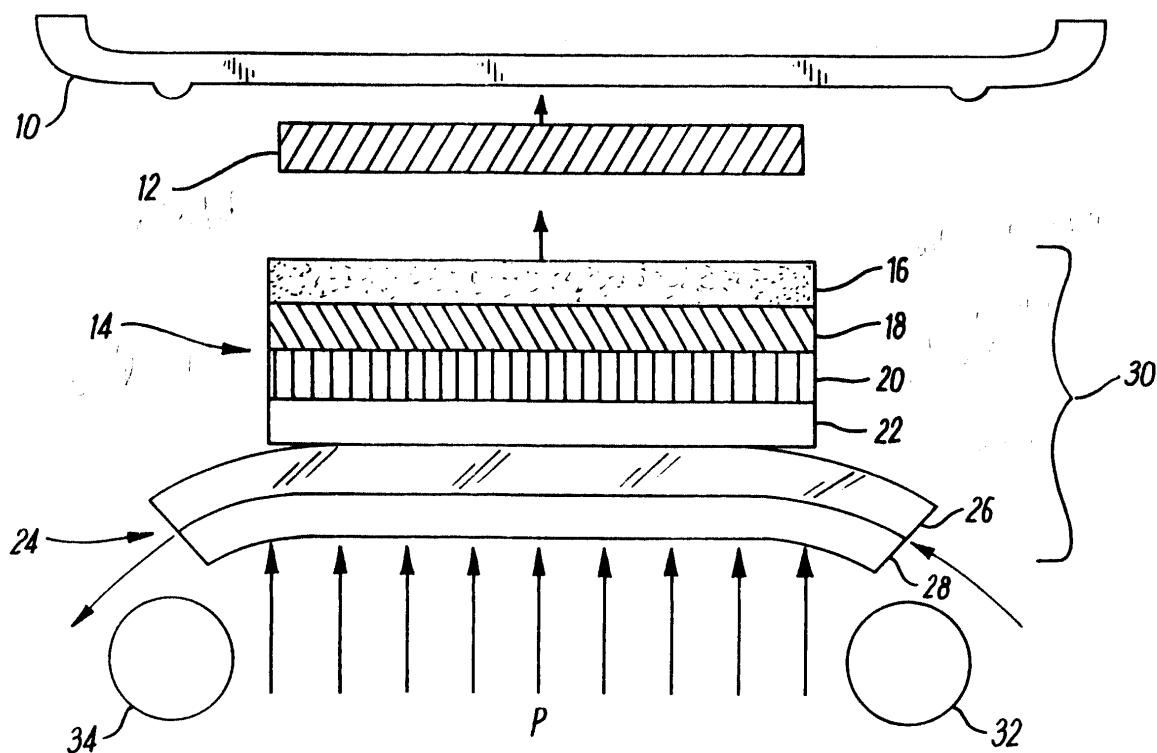
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### (54) Labelling process

(57) A labelling process comprises a first step of attaching a first label (12) substantially permanently to a substrate (10). Thereafter, the process comprises a second step of attaching a second label (14) to the sub-

strate. The attachment of the second label (14) is such that it can be removed from the substrate (10). When attached, the second label (14) substantially conceals the first label (12).





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1. Claims: 1-23,  
30 in so far as dependent on claims 1-23 (searched)

Removably superimposing a label onto another label which is permanently attached to a substrate

2. Claims: 24-29,30 as dependent on 24-29 (not searched)

Label structure