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(54) **Composite abradable material**

(57) An abradable material for use at moderate temperatures which is particularly suited for use in the compressor sections of gas turbine engines. Abradable seals of the invention comprise an abradable silicone

polymer matrix which contains a dispersion of hard abradable organic filler particles.

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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Claim 1 is formulated in a way that is not consistent with the background and intended application of the material composition is presented throughout the whole application. As stated by the very first sentence of the application as well as the closest prior art document US3575427 cited by the applicant the abradable material composition is clearly and unambiguously intended for a gas turbine engine tip seal. Consequently the search was performed in the field of tip sealing using abradable rubstrips (with a reinforcing structure) and not in the general field of material compositions as implied by claim 1, which is drafted in a much broader sense, i. e. the material composition alone.

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