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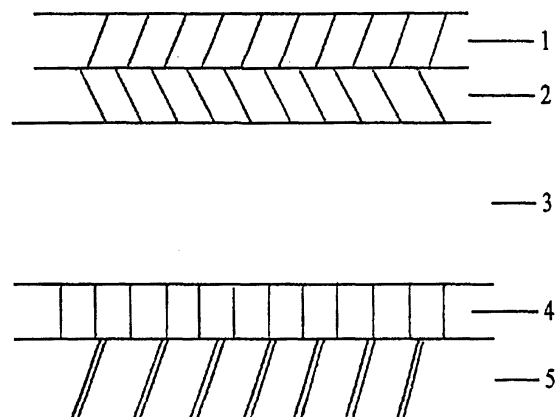
(54) **Recording material and recording method**

(57) A recording material is provided which comprises in order:

1. A sealing layer comprising a particulate polymer characterised by a film forming temperature of between 60° C and 160° C and an average particle size between 1 µm and 50 µm together with at least one binder,
2. at least one ink receiving layer,
3. a polymeric substrate,
4. an adhesive layer,
- and
5. a release liner.

There is also provided a method for treatment of images on the recording material of the invention wherein the printed image is heated after printing to seal the layer comprising the particulate polymer to provide a robust image protecting coating. Preferably the printed image is heated under pressure with the image surface in contact with a second, inert sheet, which is held against the image surface of the material by passing through a laminator.

FIGURE 1





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