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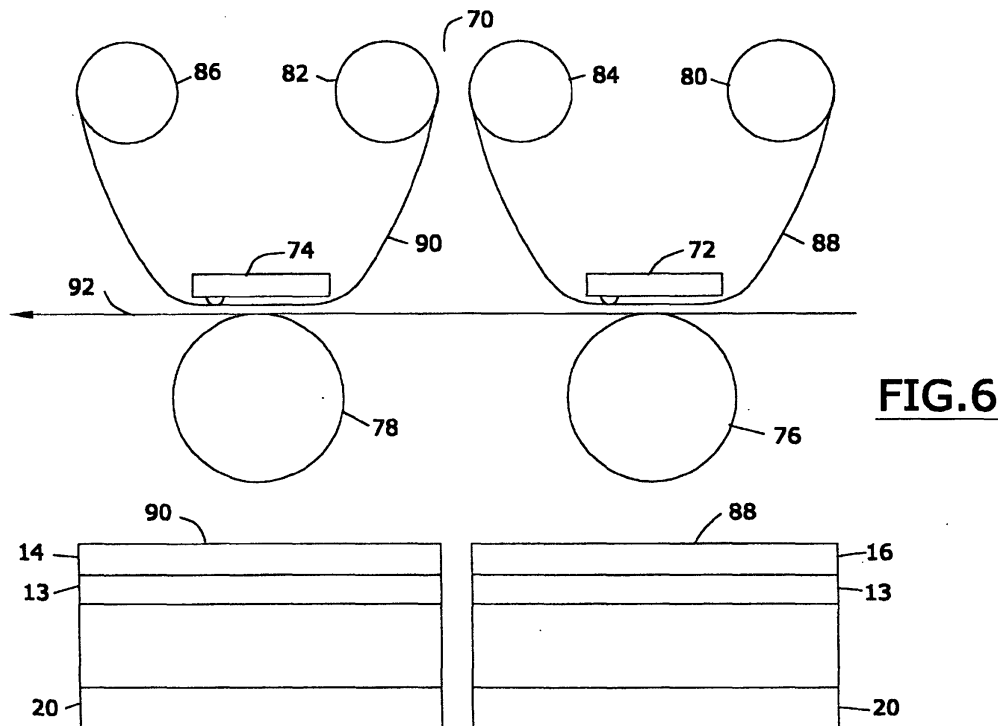
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Thermal transfer ribbon

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A thermal transfer ribbon (10) with an effective contrast ratio of at least about 87 percent and a brightness of at least about 70. The ribbon (10) contains a flexible substrate (12) and, disposed over the substrate

(12), at least one coating (14,16) containing from about 45 to about 90 weight percent of titanium dioxide and from about 0.05 to about 20 weight percent of glass particles. This coating has a coat weight from about 3 to about 20 grams per square meter.





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