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(54) **Process for preparing a cleaning tablet**

(57) A method of preparing a cleaning tablet which has a plurality of discrete regions with different compositions, wherein at least a first region of the tablet is a smooth or semi-solid region and a second region is a solid region of compacted particulate material wherein the method comprises the steps of

a)placing a sheet of film over a forming die with at least one cavity; b)forming a recess in the film; c)introducing a fluid composition into the recess to form said first region; d)placing a solid composition on top of the first region to form the second region.

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1. claims: 1-9,14 - 18

Process for forming a multilayer tablet using a film comprising at least one cavity over a forming die, introducing a fluid (melt) into the cavity to form a first region of the tablet, followed by placing a solid composition on top of the first region (such that upon solidification of the melt, both regions are firmly bonded together).

2. claims: 10,11,13-18

Multilayered tablet comprising a compacted layer and a smooth or semi-solid layer, which has a wrapping of a water-soluble film.

3. claims: 12-18

Multilayered tablet comprising a compacted layer and a smooth or semi-solid layer, which has a wrapping, wherein the distance between the wrapping and the tablet is from 0.1 to 1000 micrometers.

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