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(54) **Floor covering having a jacquard fabric appearance**

(57) The present invention concerns a floor covering and a method for producing the same. The floor covering (1) comprises in particular a basic fabric provided with a projecting line pattern of at least two parallel lines (10) in at least two different directions. In particular, the floor

covering is characterized in that 40 to 60 % of the total surface of the basic fabric comprises of inhibiting components, which are capable of forming a relief with the shape of said line pattern on the basic fabric.

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1. claims: 1-19

Floor covering comprising a base fabric provided with a projecting line pattern and comprising inhibiting components.

2. claims: 20-24

Method for manufacturing a floor covering consisting of a carrier having different layers of plastisol and a line motif applied thereon.

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