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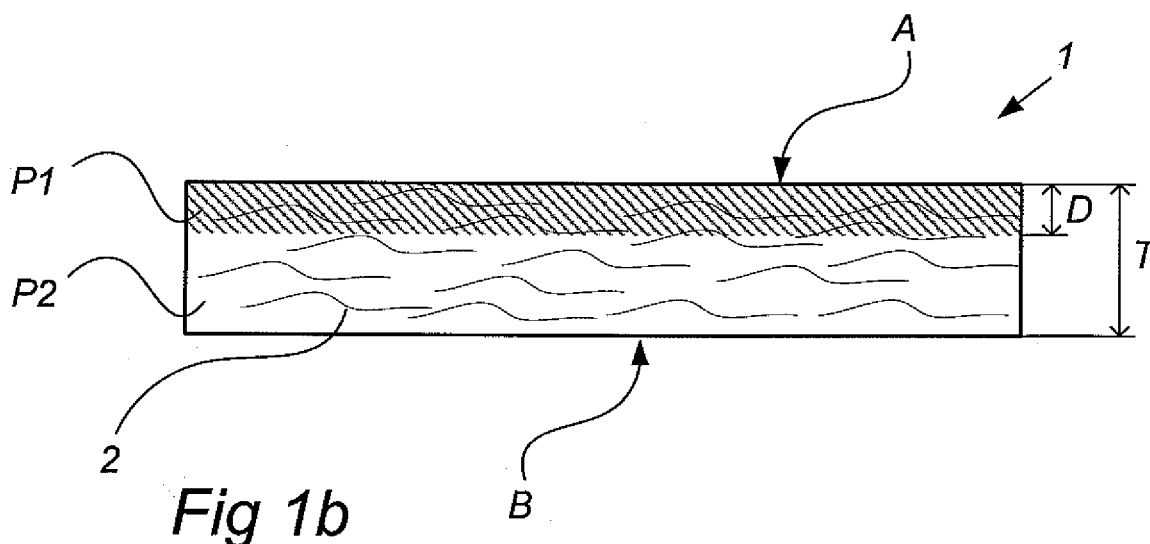
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(54) **Tool for maintenance of hard surfaces, and a method for manufacturing such a tool**

(57) A tool for treating a hard surface comprises a flexible pad (1) having an active treatment surface presenting abrasive particles bonded to the pad, wherein the pad presents a first portion (P1) wherein said abrasive

particles are present in a first concentration, and a second portion (P2, P2') having a second, lower concentration of said abrasive particles, said abrasive particles comprising diamond particles.





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1. claims: 1-16

A tool for treating a hard surface, comprising a flexible pad and abrasive particles comprising diamond particles bonded to the pad, present in locally different concentrations, as well as a method of manufacturing such a tool

2. claims: 17-31

A method of maintaining a hard surface using a flexible pad having abrasive diamond particles bonded to the pad in the absence of an effective amount of crystallization agent

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