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(54) **Low cost, high performance, flexible reinforcement for communications cable**

(57) A flexible reinforcement member 30 for a communications cable comprising:
a plurality of high modulus fibers 32, said plurality of high modulus fibers comprises a plurality of glass fiber strands, wherein said plurality of glass fiber strands 32 comprises a plurality of sized glass fiber strands selected from the group consisting of a plurality of sized or unsized E-type glass fiber strands and a plurality of sized or un-

sized ECR-type glass fibers; and
a primary saturant 36 coupled to said plurality of high modulus fibers 32, said primary saturant 36 having a melting point below approximately 300 degrees Celsius and a melt viscosity of less than approximately 1000 centipoise.

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