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(54) **Improved insole for foot massage**

(57) The invention concerns to an improved insole (1) for massaging the foot, characterized in that it provides a raised portion (2), with elastic properties, in correspondence of the beginning of the plantar arc zone, so as to follow a more correct anatomy of the foot, and in

that an anatomic housing is provided in correspondence of the heel, said housing containing a gel insert (3), anchored to the insole (1) only on its rear portion so that displacement forward of the insole (1) makes the same insole (1) sliding under the insert (3) without any movement of the same insert.

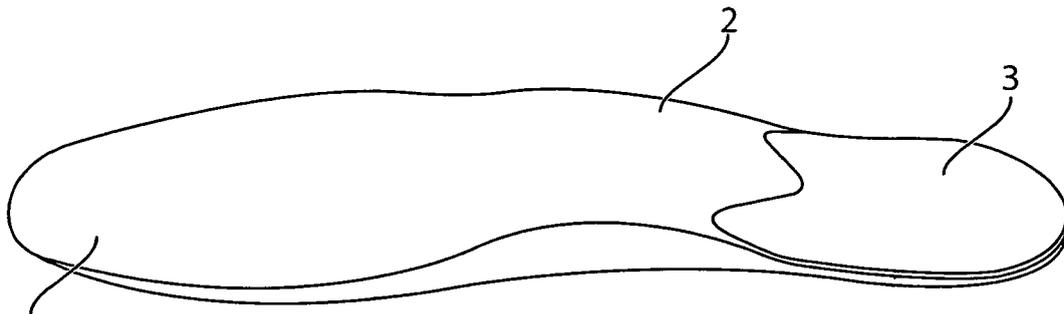


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