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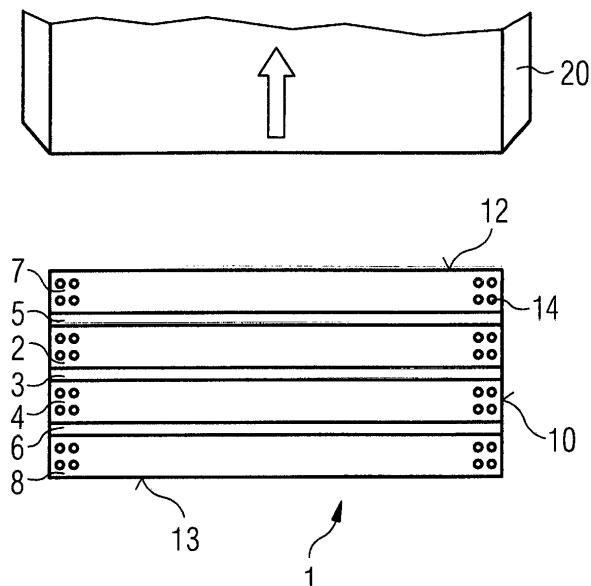
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(54) **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CARD BODY, CARD BODY, SEPARATING TOOL AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A CARD BODY**

(57) The invention relates to a method for manufacturing a multilayer card body (1), in particular for a portable data carrier, with improved properties in that the side surface of the card body is sealed during separation or after it has been separated from a laminated sheet. Further, the invention relates to a card body (1), manufactured according to the method. Besides, the invention relates to a corresponding separating tool (20). Moreover, the invention relates to an apparatus for manufacturing a multilayer card body (1). The method comprises laminating together at least two layers (2, 4) to form a laminated sheet, separating the multilayer card body from the laminated sheet, eg by cutting, milling or punching out. The sealing can be carried out by heating, eg by ultrasonic waves, by destroying and, thereby, activating capsules (14) containing adhesive, by applying a sealing material (30) to the side surface (10), wherein the sealing means (30) is an adhesive, a varnish or a solvent, by subjecting the side surface (10) to UV radiation (50) or IR illumination (60), by subjecting the side surface (10) to laser radiation (70), or by using mechanical or laser engraved edges or micro-structuring. The separating tool (20) can be heated so as to cut and heat-seal at the same time.

FIG 3





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**1. claims: 1-12, 14(completely); 15(partially)**

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Method for manufacturing a multilayer card body, having the following steps: laminating together at least a first layer and a second layer to form a laminated sheet, separating the multilayer card body from the laminated sheet, the multilayer card body having a top surface, a bottom surface and a side surface, and sealing the side surface of the multilayer card body during the separating step or as a step following the separating step, wherein no test for determining delamination of the layers at the side surface is performed prior to the sealing step. Technical problem: manufacture of a multilayer card body which can not be easily delaminated.

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**2. claims: 13, 15(all partially)**

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Separating tool for sealing a side surface of a multilayer card body during separation of the multilayer card body from a laminated sheet, wherein the separating tool is suitable for producing heat for sealing the side surface. Technical problem: sealing by heating.

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**3. claims: 13, 15(all partially)**

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Separating tool for sealing a side surface of a multilayer card body during separation of the multilayer card body from a laminated sheet, wherein the separating tool is suitable for destroying capsules within at least one of a first layer and a second layer of the multilayer card body or between the first layer and second layer. Technical problem: sealing by destroying capsules.

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