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1. ☐ THIS IS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND BASE ISSUE FEE DUE
2. ☒ All of the claims being allowable. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED in this application in view of: (If not attached hereto, a Notice of Allowance or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course).
- a. ☐ Applicant's communication filed _____
- b. ☐ Interview summarized on attached EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD.
- c. ☒ Examiner's Amendment to the Record below. Should the changes and/or additions below be unacceptable to applicant, an appropriate amendment to the record may be proposed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted before or with the remittance of the Base Issue Fee.
- d. ☐ An Examiner's Amendment will follow.
- e. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-11
3. ☐ PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS REMAINS CLOSED. Should the changes and/or additions below be unacceptable to applicant, an appropriate amendment to the record may be proposed as provided 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted before or with the remittance of the Base Issue Fee.

----- EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT TO THE RECORD -----

- A. ☒ Note statement of reasons for allowance contained below. Any comments considered necessary by applicant regarding reasons for allowance must be submitted no later than the payment of the Base Issue Fee; preferably with it, to avoid processing delays. Such submissions should be clearly labeled: "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- B. ☒ Note attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO -- 892, which is part of this communication. The listed references are considered to be pertinent to the claimed invention, but the claims are deemed to be patentable thereover.
- C. ☐ Note attached LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT, PTO-1449, which is part of this communication and serves as an acknowledgment of receipt of applicant's prior art statement. The references which were considered have been initialed on the form by the examiner, and the claims are deemed patentable thereover.
- D. ☐ The formal drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- E. ☐ The drawing correction request filed on _____ has been: ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved.
- F. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has: ☐ been received.
☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____
filed on _____
- G. ☐ Note amendment to Specification, Claims and/or Drawing contained below.

The amendment filed September 28, 1981 has been entered.

See attached Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The claims patentably distinguish over the art of record by reciting in combination:

- 1) - the continuous determination of mold temperature at a location closely adjacent to the mold cavity,
- 2) - the repetitive calculation of the Arrhenius equation to provide a continuous, repetitive output representative of the state of cure in terms of total required cure time,
- 3) - the repetitive comparison of the total required cure time value with the value of an elapsed timer within the digital computer which is initially set at the closure of the molding press.

For example, the patent to Davis et al (3,649,729), while disclosing the continuous determination of the temperature at the boundary surfaces of an article to be molded, does not disclose the continuous comparison of a calculated total required cure time value with elapsed time.

The patent to Smith(3,980,743, which is a division of Ser. No. 137,427, April 26, 1971, Pat. No. 4,022,555), not previously of record, is cited of interest. The Smith patent is directed to a rubber curing method(exemplified by the prior art previously of record in the case) wherein the state of cure is calculated in terms of "cure equivalents" or "cure units", the value of which is compared with a predetermined number of "cure equivalents" or "cure units" as opposed to the recited comparison of calculated total required cure time with elapsed time. Further, the claims distinguish over Smith by reciting the measurement of temperature "at a location closely adjacent the mold cavity" which, as per page 10, paper no. 4 of parent S.N. 472,595, excludes use of a probe which projects into the mold such as disclosed by Smith.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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(See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05 (a).)