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(54) **ULTRASONIC EDGE SEALING OF SHEET
MOLDING COMPOUND CARRIER FILM**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A process for manufacturing a sheet molding compound
carrier film including a first layer of material and a second
layer of material sealed with each other along an edge. The
seal is formed using ultrasound transmitted by a weld horn
as both layers of material move along an anvil portion. The
seal on the edge is suitably formed to protect the edge and
build a weld to ensure moldable sheet molding compound
flows to the edges of the carrier sheet, while providing a
homogeneous mixture of glass and resin and also allowing
air to escape.

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