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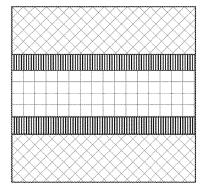
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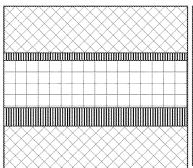
(57)**ABSTRACT**

Disclosed herein is a battery separator comprising two porous or microporous layers and a heat-resistant layer between the two porous or microporous layers. The heatresistant layer may be a ceramic layer or a layer containing a high melt integrity polymer. In some embodiments, the battery separator may further comprise one or more adhesive layers between the two porous or microporous layers. The resulting battery separator may be safer, have more integrity, and/or have shutdown function.

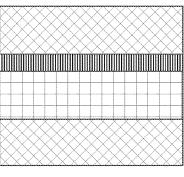
Symmetric



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Heat resistant layer



Porous or microporous layer



Adhesive layer