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(54) **OUTER COVER FOR AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE**

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Photograph of a diaper cover, with a holiday pattern illustrating a Christmas tree and a teddy bear dressed like Santa, that was sold by Kimberly-Clark in Korea during Dec. 2009.

Photograph of a diaper cover, with a holiday pattern illustrating a Santa suit, that was sold by Kimberly-Clark in Korea during Dec. 2009.

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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for an outer cover for an absorbent article, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

The sole FIGURE is a development view of an outer cover for an absorbent article showing our new design.

The alternating short and long dashed lines shown around the perimeter of the outer cover of an absorbent article are included for the purpose of illustrating environment and form no part of the claimed design. The broken lines shown on the absorbent article are included for decorative purposes and are part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**



