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(57) Abstract: Methods for coating substrates comprising applying a powder to at least a portion of the substrate are disclosed. Following application of the powder layer, the substrate is coated, such as with a base coat and/or clear coat.

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1. claims: 1-3,9-16

method for coating a substrate which comprises applying a powder to at least a portion of a substrate and then coating the substrate, whereby the powder comprises an organic powder, in particular flour

1.1. claims: 1,9,10

substrate coated by the method of claim 1, whereby the substrate comprises EVA foam

1.2. claims: 1,9,11

substrate coated by the method of claim 1, whereby the substrate comprises thermoplastic urethane

2. claims: 1,4,5,9-16

method for coating a substrate which comprises applying a powder to at least a portion of a substrate and then coating the substrate, whereby the powder comprises an inorganic powder, in particular bentone

3. claims: 1,6-17

method for coating a substrate which comprises applying a powder to at least a portion of a substrate and then coating the substrate, whereby the powder comprises a colorant, in particular an effect pigment such as mica

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