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[54] **HOT MELT ADHESIVE PELLET  
COMPRISING CONTINUOUS COATING OF  
PELLETIZING AID**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a hot melt adhesive composition in  
pellet form. The hot melt adhesive composition is pressure  
sensitive, having a storage modulus, G', at 25° C., of less  
than about 5×10<sup>6</sup> dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>. The pellets are coated with a  
pelletizing aid on the surface at a concentration preferably  
ranging from about 1 wt-% to about 30 wt-%. The pellet-  
izing aid is a hot melt adhesive component or a material  
which does not substantially adversely affect the adhesive  
properties. The pellets are free-flowing and have a substan-  
tially tack-free surface.

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