

result in bladder re-expansion and fluid intake. Other pumps, such as battery-powered pumps or hand pumps may be used. The sweat may be pumped by the pump or pumps through the outlet tubing and through impermeable inner layer 32 to wicking outer layer 36. From wicking outer layer 36, the sweat may be distributed on external surface 38 of garment 10 and evaporated to thereby cool garment 10.

[0043] Outlet tubing from each pump, for example, outlet tubing 66, 78 and 108, may be joined together before piercing impermeable layer 32. Or, each outlet tubing may independently pierce impermeable layer 32. FIG. 6A is a schematic flow diagram of a garment 10 having two pumps 50, two pumps 70 and one pump 92. Outlet tubing 66, 66, 78, 78, and 108 from each of the respective pumps may join an outlet header or manifold 110. Header 110 may pierce or pass through impermeable layer 32 at an opening 112. Opening 112 may be sealed around header 110. Check valves 64 may be used to prevent backflow. FIG. 6B is a schematic flow diagram of a garment 10 having two pumps 50, two pumps 70 and one pump 92. Outlet tubing 66, 66, 78, 78, and 108 from each of the respective pumps may independently pass through impermeable layer 32 at multiple openings 112. Openings 112 may be sealed around each outlet tubing. Check valves 64 may be used to prevent backflow. Outlet tubing from the pumps and/or outlet header 110 may be fastened to inner surface 34 of impermeable layer 32. FIGS. 6A and 6B are exemplary only. The number of pumps used may be one or more.

[0044] At opening 112 or openings 112, sweat flowing in the outlet tubing or outlet header may flow into a distribution system for distributing the sweat on or in the outer wicking layer 36. FIG. 1 shows a distribution system 114 that may include a plurality of tubes with holes or perforations. The holes may allow the sweat to flow into wicking layer 36. The cross-section of the tubing that forms distribution system 114 may be circular, semi-circular or some other cross-section.

[0045] FIGS. 7A and 7B are side and ends views, respectively, of one embodiment of tubing 116 for distribution system 114. Tubing 116 may have a semi-circular cross-section. Tubing 116 may include openings 118 for the passage of liquid sweat from tubing 116 to wicking layer 36. A flat side 120 of tubing 116 may face inward toward human 24. Tubing 116 may be disposed so as to lie on top of wicking layer 36, or be partially or completely embedded in wicking layer 36. Wicking outer layer 36 may also be a surface treatment, for example, a liquid or spray that may be applied to an outer surface of impermeable inner layer 32 thereby enabling the outer surface to wick, spread, and/or distribute water over regions of the outer surface.

[0046] In FIG. 1, outlet header 110 (FIG. 6A) may exit layer 32 at opening 112 (shown in dashed line) in the neck area and may fluidly communicate with tubing 116a disposed around the bottom of head covering 16. A vertical tubing 116b may lead to a tubing 116c that may be arranged circularly or circumferentially (partially or completely) around the top of head covering 16. A check valve (not shown) may be included in vertical tubing 116b to prevent backflow. A tubing 116d may extend from tubing 116a down sleeve 90 of garment 10. A tubing 116e may extend from tubing 116a down torso portion 104 of garment 10 to a waist tubing 116f. Waist tubing 116f may be arranged circumferentially (partially or completely) around garment 10. Vertical leg tubing 116g may extend from waist tubing 116f to a circumferential thigh tubing 116h. Of course, tubing 116 may be arranged in many

different ways on the exterior of garment 10. In addition, garment 10 may include plumbing and valves configured to distribute harvested sweat to hotter surfaces where sweat evaporation may occur most effectively. Toxic environments of microbes, viruses and tiny insects, etc., may require check valves with enhanced sealing features. Such check valves may require higher opening pressures. Higher opening pressures may be supplied by, for example, a piston or pump driven by a battery-operated, electric motor or solenoid.

[0047] Wicking layer 36 may receive liquid sweat that may exit openings 118 in the network of tubing 116 that forms distribution system 114. Wicking layer 36 may be present wherever impermeable layer 34 is present, or may be selectively used. In FIG. 1, wicking layer 36 is shown with Xs and may be present in areas near tubing 116a-h.

[0048] In some embodiments, garment 10 may include one or more external reservoirs 122 (FIG. 1). In FIG. 1, the locations and sizes of external reservoirs 122 on garment 10 are exemplary only. External reservoir(s) 122 may be of varying capacity. An example of a capacity for external reservoir 122 is 2 liters. External reservoir 122 may be made of any material capable of holding water, for example, plastic or rubber. Reservoir 122 may be flexible or rigid. Reservoir 122 may be attached to the outer surface of garment 10 using, for example, straps or hooks. Reservoir 122 may contain water 124 and may include a fill opening for adding water therein. External reservoir 122 may be disposed exterior to impermeable layer 32 (FIG. 2). External reservoir 122 may be fluidly connected to one or more reservoirs located interior to layer 32, for example, internal reservoirs 62 (FIG. 3), 88 (FIG. 4), or 100 (FIG. 5). FIG. 11 is a schematic fluid flow diagram of garment 10 showing external reservoir 122 connected by tubing 126 to, for example, interior reservoir 62. Flow of water 124 from reservoir 122 may be controlled by, for example, a valve 128.

[0049] Thus, one or more of liquid sweat 40 (FIG. 2), condensed sweat 42 (FIG. 2) and water 124 (from reservoir 122) may be pumped from reservoirs internal to layer 32 to outlet tubing. As an example, in FIG. 11, the contents (which may be one or more of liquid sweat 40, condensed sweat 42, and water 124) of interior reservoir 62 may be pumped through outlet tubing 66. In addition to pumping the contents of reservoirs internal to layer 32 to external distribution system 114 (FIG. 1), some or all of the contents of the internal reservoirs may be redistributed in space 30 or on undergarment 28 (FIG. 2) for re-evaporation, which may enhance cooling. Distribution in space 30 or on undergarment 28 may be helpful, for example, when garment 10 is initially donned, when the user is under-hydrated, or when the user is not sweating adequately. Inadequate sweating may result from, for example, medications taken by the user of garment 10 to resist the neurotoxic effects of chemical agents.

[0050] Redistribution in space 30 or on undergarment 28 may be accomplished by providing one or more fluid exit ports 130 (FIGS. 6A and 6B) in one or more outlet tubes or headers, such as outlet tubes 66, 78, 108 and header 110. Fluid exit ports 130 may include mini or micro nozzles for spraying one or more of liquid sweat 40 (FIG. 2), condensed sweat 42 (FIG. 2) and water 124 onto undergarment 28 and/or in space 30. Ports 130 may be sized such that a portion of the flow through the outlet tubes or headers is redistributed on skin 26 and a portion of the flow is transported to external distribution system 114. Alternatively, separate outlet tubings may be provided from the internal reservoirs for each of: (1) flow to