Tampon components and possible ingredients:

Absorbent core
- Rayon 1,2
- Cotton 2
- Organic cotton 3

Overwrap fabric/non-woven cover
- Rayon 2
- Polyethylene 1,2
- Polypropylene 2
- Polyester 1,2
- Organic cotton 3

Withdrawal string
- Rayon 1
- Cotton 2
- Polyester 1,2
- Polypropylene 2
- Water repellant wax 3

Thread (for attaching withdrawal string)
- Cotton 2,3
- Polyester 2

Additives/adjuvants:
- Fragrance ingredients 2,7
- Lubricants 5,6,9
- Odor control agents (zeolites etc.) 5,7,8
- Anti-bacterial (Anti TSS) compounds (Triclosan, Hexachlorophene etc.) 5,7,10
- Hydrophobic or hydrophilic fiber finishes 4,5,6,9
- Surfactant (polysorbate 20 etc.) 6,7,9
- Colorants 5
- Optical brighteners 9

Applicator:
- Cardboard 2
- Plastic 2
- Polyethylene polymer 1
- Plant-based LDPE plastic 3
- Colorants 1,2

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Sources of information on potential components of tampons:

Menstrual pad potential ingredients and components

Top Sheet/ Body side liner
- Polyolefins
- Polyolefin film and fibers
- Cotton

Top Sheet Additives
- Petrolatum
- Zinc Oxide
- Colorants
  Lotion ingredients including: Petrolatum, Behenyl Alcohol, Zinc Oxide, Silica Dimethicone Silylate, C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate, Glycerin, Niacinamide, Panthenol, Polyhydroxystearic Acid, Isononyl Isononanoate, Glycine Soja Oil, Chamomilla Recutita Flower Extract, Bisabolol, BHT, Tocopherol, Hexamidine Diisethionate

Absorbent Core
- Wood cellulose
- Wood fluff pulp
- Superabsorbent gel/ sodium polyacrylate
- Rayon
- Polyester
- Undisclosed absorbent foam (Flex Foam)
- Polyolefin fibers
- Corn starch
- Airlaid paper

Back Sheet/ Pad backing
- Polyolefins
- Polyethylene film
- Colorants

Adhesive
- Undisclosed adhesive chemicals

Fragrance
- Undisclosed fragrance ingredients

Additives
- Negative ion strip
- Undisclosed antimicrobial additive
- Silver ions
- Silicone polymers
- Undisclosed odor neutralizers

Wrapper
- Printed polyolefins
- Cellulose
- Starch film

Wing paper/ peel strips
- Printed paper
- Printed silicone-coated paper

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