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(54) Title: OPENING MEANS FOR GABLE TOP CONTAINER

(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a boxed end openable container having means whereby a separating force can be applied transversely to the line of a linear ridge seal (3) of the sealed container (1) at or adjacent that portion of the linear ridge seal located intermediate the apexes of the V folds in the gable ends of the sealed container so as to cause that portion of the ridge seal to separate and subsequently permit substantially the whole length of the linear ridge seal to separate and cause one of the tent side walls of the sealed container to move transversely with respect to the line of the linear ridge seal to form an outlet to the container. Preferably, the container is provided with a pull tab (4) secured to a tent wall and/or the ridge of the assembled container. Preferably, the pull tab has laterally extending portions which are incorporated into the ridge structure. The invention also provides a method for opening a boxed end openable container, a blank for use in the manufacture of the container and a pull tab for use in the invention.

