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(54) Title: A FOLDED WEB PRODUCT DISPENSING SYSTEM**(57) Abstract**

A folded web product dispensing system composed of: (a) an outer housing (12) defining an interior space (14); (b) a dispensing face (20) defined in the outer housing (12) proximate to an end of a stacking means (16), the dispensing face (20) has a central portion (22) and a dispensing throat (24) located in the central portion (22), and (c) stacking means (16) mounted within the outer housing (12) for holding a stack of folded web product within the interior space (14), the stacking means (16) having a staging area (30) proximate the dispensing throat (24) including at least two curved bumpers (32) oriented so as to be parallel to the path of travel of the folded webs as they approach the dispensing throat (24), and a number of ribs (34) defined on the bumpers (32) for temporarily arresting movement of the folded webs as they approach the dispensing throat (24). The folded web product may be a stack of paper napkins (18).

