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(54) Title: DECORATIVE AND SYMBOLICALLY SHAPED PULL TAB CONTAINER OPENING DEVICES AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME

(57) Abstract

A container opening device, container lid (20), or can top with a decorated feature, or in the case of an opening device, a symbolically shaped pull tab (40) for attachment to a container to perform the dual functions of opening the container and decorating the container for equity, identification or promotional purposes. The pull tab (40) may open the container by acting as a lever which presses against a tear strip (30) in the container top (20) defined by a tear line (31) to separate the tear strip from the container top (20) and open the container (10).

The pull tab (40) may perform a decorative and promotional function by having a decoration or a symbolic shape that is to be recognized as a picture, trademark, icon, character, or other symbolic item or logo. The decoration can be enhanced further by applying color, printing, embossing and labels to the pull tab (40), lid (20) or container (10). The pull tab (40) or decoration can take the shape and design of corporate logos, trademarks, icons, etc. In an alternative embodiment, the pull tab (40) may have a weakened portion (44) so that a piece of the pull tab may be removable from the container as a token or memento.

