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(54) Title: PACKAGES FOR SINGLE-USE FOLDED TOWELS WHICH PROVIDE FOR UNFOLDING

(57) Abstract

The present invention presents improved packages for single-use, disposable folded towels (105, 205, 305), and more particularly to single- and multi-towel packages which provide for readily grasping a defined portion of the towel upon opening the package and automatic unfolding of the towel upon removal from the package without a separate unfolding step requiring additional consumer action. Single-towel embodiments are disclosed which provide for complete unfolding of the towel by use of: (a) an opening (152, 257) bearing a particular geometrical relationship to the dimensions of the folded towel; or (b) a flexible bar (351, 451) within the package to provide unfolding of the towel in the longitudinal direction. A multi-towel embodiment which provides for the advantageous dispensing features and convenience of an improved single-towel package while providing the added capability of multi-towel transportation is also disclosed. These packages provide for complete containment and protection of the folded towel prior to use, while providing ease of dispensing and unfolding for the consumer at the time of use. Several methods of folding folded towels for use with packages according to the present invention are also disclosed, as well as various methods of fabricating the improved packages according to the present invention.

