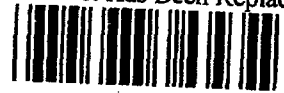


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A heavy duty article carrier for packaging cans disposed horizontally includes bottom, top, side and end walls. A composite top wall includes a pair of hand hole apertures and a score line is formed in each side wall near the top edge thereof and the ends of these side score lines are connected with a weakened severance line which adjoins a diagonal score line formed at each corner of the carrier top wall. In addition, a score line is formed in each end wall near the top thereof and each end of these end score lines is interconnected with the adjacent end edge of the top wall and with the adjacent end of an adjacent diagonal weakened severance line formed in the top wall.