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(54) Title: WATER-RESISTANT ROLL TOWEL DISPENSER

(57) Abstract

A roll towel dispenser (10) is constructed to inhibit ingress of water into the dispenser cabinet during washdown operations. The dispenser (10) includes a back housing portion (18) for mounting to a planar mounting surface, such as a wall. A front housing portion (20) is closeable on the back housing portion (18) to define an interior compartment and a dispensing slot (34). The front housing portion (20) and back housing portion (18) define a lip (40) and groove (42) arrangement forming a labyrinthine seal when the dispenser housing is closed. A deflector shield (86) is defined at a lower region of the back housing portion (18) to inhibit entry of sprayed liquid through the dispensing slot (34). In addition, the latch mechanism utilized to releasably maintain the front housing portion (20) closed on the back housing portion (18) is constructed to inhibit ingress of liquid. A support structure located in the compartment rotatably supports the roll (26) of towel product for dispensing through the slot (34).

