

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THIS INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A thin walled plastic container for non or very low carbonated beverages having a base of a substantially circular cross section; an underside of said base in a normal mode, being of a generally inverted or concave configuration; a plurality of spaced apart ribs extending circumferentially about and inwardly of said substantially concave base so as to form a plurality of circumferentially spaced apart and inwardly extending feet therebetween; said ribs and feet extending inwardly from the circumference of said base but so as to be spaced apart from a central portion thereof;
wherein, the wall of the base is of sufficient thinness such that when counter pressure is applied to the base during filling of the container, the base is able to flex outward and when said counter pressure is at least partially released the base returns to its original configuration; wherein the degree of flexing is commensurate with the reduction in the counter pressure.
2. A plastic container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inwardly extending feet are provided with foot pads having a foot pad width of 6.6mm.
3. A plastic container as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said base is formed of a lightweight plastics material.