# CLAIMS

1. A container comprising a glass container body and a metal closure adapted to close an opening in the glass container body, the metal closure comprising:

an end panel;

a generally outwardly convex sidewall depending from the end panel and terminating in an inwardly directed curl, wherein the curl lies on the inside of the sidewall such that the sidewall and the curl provide a substantially smooth outwardly facing surface; and

a sealing compound around an inner periphery of the end panel and extending down the inner surface of the sidewall,

wherein a plurality of ribs are formed in the sealing compound, spaced apart around the circumference of the sidewall, each rib extending down the sidewall and projecting radially inwardly.

2. A container according to claim 1, wherein each rib extends down the sidewall substantially from the junction with the end panel to the curl.

3. A container according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the ratio of the radial thickness of each rib to the radial thickness of the layer of sealing compound between the ribs is at least 2:1.

4. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ratio of the radial thickness of each rib to the radial thickness of the layer of sealing compound between the ribs is at least 4:1.

5. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the ratio of the radial thickness of each rib to the radial thickness of the layer of sealing compound between the ribs is at least 8:1.

6. A container according to claim 3 to 5, wherein the ribs have a radial thickness of at least 1.5mm and the layer of sealing compound between the ribs has a radial thickness of less than 0.4mm.

7. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, the end panel and the depending sidewall being of steel.

8. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the total number of ribs is between three and thirty six.

9. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the total number of ribs is between four and sixteen.

10. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, the maximum external diameter of the closure being in the range 52 to 57 mm, and the closure having a depth of less than 10mm.

11. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, the maximum external diameter of the closure being in the range 52 to 57 mm, and the closure having a depth of less than approximately 6mm.

12. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, said sealing compound being PVC plastisol or moulded TPE.

13. A container according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the innermost surface of each rib is angled relative to the axis of the container, along the length of the rib, optionally by approximately 5 degrees.