liquid nutrition to an infant. The bottle includes a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion. A rib protrudes from an outer surface of the bottle and is arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant. The bottle may include at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas which each define a cylindrical section of the bottle. Each surface area may be positioned for engagement by machinery during filling and sealing operations.

[005a] In another embodiment, there is provided bottle for storing liquid nutrition and feeding liquid nutrition to an infant, the bottle comprising:

a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion; and

a rib protruding from an outer surface of the bottle and arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant;

wherein at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle each define a cylindrical section of the bottle and each are positioned for engagement by machinery during a filling operation;

wherein the rib is disposed contiguous to a lowermost of the at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle.

Brief Description of the Drawings

[006] Features and advantages of the general inventive concepts will become apparent from the following detailed description made with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[007] Figure 1 is a front view of an exemplary bottle, showing a rib protruding from an outer surface of the bottle;

[008] Figure 2 is a front view of another exemplary bottle;

[009] Figure 3 is a front view of another exemplary bottle; and

[010] Figure 4 is a front perspective view of the bottle of Figure 1, shown with a nipple installed on the bottle and held in an application position by a user.

Detailed Description

[011] This Detailed Description merely describes exemplary embodiments in

accordance with the general inventive concepts and is not intended to limit the scope of the invention or the claims in any way. Indeed, the invention as described by the claims is broader than and unlimited by the exemplary embodiments set forth herein, and the terms used in the claims have their full ordinary meaning.

[012] The general inventive concepts will now be described with occasional reference to the exemplary embodiments of the invention. This general inventive concept may, however, be embodied in different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the general inventive concepts to those skilled in the art.

[013] Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the

What is claimed is

1. A bottle for storing liquid nutrition and feeding liquid nutrition to an infant, the bottle comprising:

a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion; and

a rib protruding from an outer surface of the bottle and arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant;

wherein at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle each define a cylindrical section of the bottle and each are positioned for engagement by machinery during a filling operation.

2. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed in the top half of the bottle.

3. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed in the body portion of the bottle.

4. The bottle of claim 3, wherein the rib is disposed in the top half of the body portion.

5. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the body portion defines a flared portion expanding in outer diameter toward the rib.

6. The bottle of claim 5, wherein the flared portion is contiguous with the rib.

7. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed contiguous to a lowermost of the at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle.

8. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib defines a cylindrical section of the bottle.

9. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the neck comprises a cap-engaging rim portion, the cap-engaging rim portion defining a cylindrical section of the bottle.

10. The bottle of claim 9, wherein a ratcheted section is disposed around at least a portion of the outer circumference of the cap-engaging rim portion.

11. A bottle for storing liquid nutrition and feeding liquid nutrition to an infant, the bottle comprising:

a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion; and

a rib protruding from an outer surface of the bottle and arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant;

wherein the body portion defines a flared portion expanding in outer diameter toward the rib.

12. The bottle of claim 11, wherein at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle each define a cylindrical section of the bottle and each are positioned for engagement by machinery during a filling operation.

13. The bottle of claim 11, wherein the flared portion is contiguous with the rib.

14. The bottle of claim 13, wherein the rib is disposed contiguous to a lowermost of the at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle.

15. The bottle of claim 11, wherein the rib defines a cylindrical section of the bottle.

16. A bottle for storing liquid nutrition and feeding liquid nutrition to an infant, the bottle comprising:

a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion; and

a rib disposed on the body portion and protruding from an outer surface of the bottle and arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant;

wherein the body portion defines a flared portion expanding in outer diameter toward and contiguous with the rib.

17. The bottle of claim 16, wherein at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle each define a cylindrical section of the bottle and each are positioned for engagement by machinery during a filling operation.

18. The bottle of claim 17, wherein the rib is disposed contiguous to a lowermost of the at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle.

19. The bottle of claim 16, wherein the neck comprises a cap-engaging rim portion, the cap-engaging rim portion defining a cylindrical section of the bottle.

20. The bottle of claim 19, wherein a ratcheted section is disposed around at least a portion of the outer circumference of the cap-engaging rim portion.

What is claimed is

1. A bottle for storing liquid nutrition and feeding liquid nutrition to an infant, the bottle comprising:

a base portion, a neck portion for removably securing a cap or nipple, and a body portion disposed between the base portion and the neck portion; and

a rib protruding from an outer surface of the bottle and arranged for manual gripping by a user to manipulate a position of the bottle relative the infant;

wherein at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle each define a cylindrical section of the bottle and each are positioned for engagement by machinery during a filling operation;

wherein the rib is disposed contiguous to a lowermost of the at least two remote and distinct outer surface areas of the bottle.

2. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed in the top half of the bottle.

3. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed in the body portion of the bottle.

4. The bottle of claim 3, wherein the rib is disposed in the top half of the body portion.

5. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib is disposed around the entire circumference of the bottle.

6. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the rib defines a cylindrical section of the bottle.

7. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the body portion defines a flared portion expanding in outer diameter toward the rib.

8. The bottle of claim 7, wherein the flared portion is contiguous with the rib.

9. The bottle of claim 1, wherein the neck comprises a cap-engaging rim portion, the cap-engaging rim portion defining a cylindrical section of the bottle.

10. The bottle of claim 9, wherein a ratcheted section is disposed around at least a portion of the outer circumference of the cap-engaging rim portion.