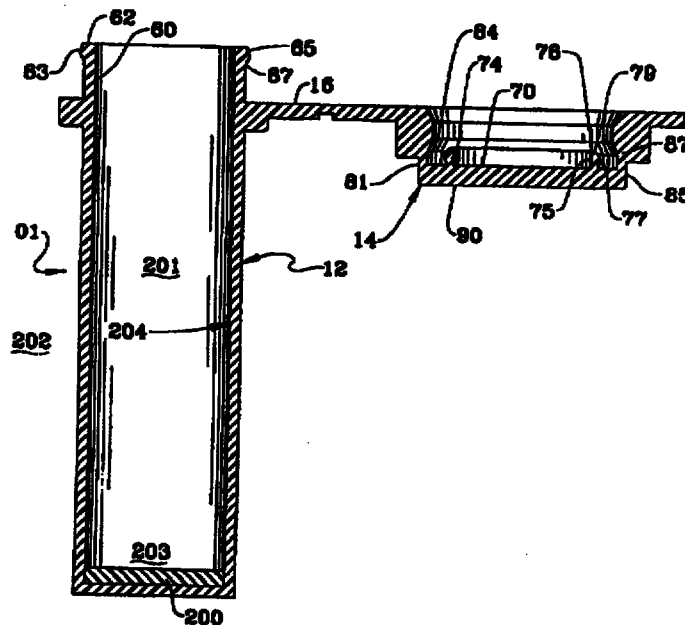


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Shipping and storage container (01) having a body (12) and a cap (14) that together create an enclosure that is constructed from thermoplastic and that includes at least one insert (200) of high-concentration desiccant integrally molded therewith. The containers may be injection molded about a pre-formed insert is so that the insert is at least partially encased within the body of the container. Alternatively, the insert may be co-molded with the body of the container so that the two components are bonded together into one unitized and continuous body.