

Title (en)  
Apparatus and method of producing flexible packages having an automatic closure feature

Title (de)  
Vorrichtung und Verfahren zum Herstellen von Verpackungen mit automatischem Verschluss

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Dispositif et procédé pour la fabrication des emballages avec des fermetures automatiques

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Abstract (en)  
A reclosable flexible package (10) is suitable for retail sale of food products and is comprised of a film material. The reclosable flexible packages (10) are suitable for mass production on high-speed form-fill-seal equipment. The flexible package includes a pair of semi-rigid strips (14,16) attached to the walls of the flexible pouch and positioned parallel to the package opening. The semi-rigid strips (14,16) are configured and arranged to nest together and bias toward one another. Upon opening of the package, the semi-rigid strips (14,16) are moveable between a closed position and an open position. Further, the semi-rigid strips (14,16) are configured such that they automatically reclose the package when the strips are released from the open position.

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