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54 **Improved sealing system for plastic containers.**

57 The application describes a system for tight and hermetic sealing of plastics containers, characterized by the use of a metallic strip (1) which covers the peripheral edges of the lid and of the container (5) (6) and which is folded twice to seal the container, the second folding step also folding the said peripheral edges. The strip is preferably of an inverted "U" shape and may be clamped about the said peripheral edges.

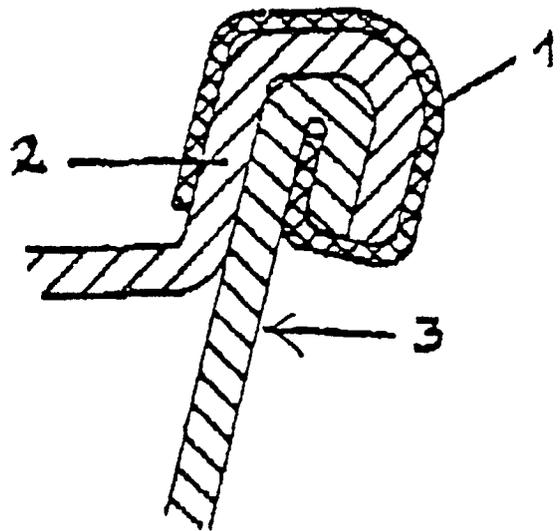


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DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
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namely claims:
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namely claims: 1-3-, 5



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namely:

1. Claims 1-3,5: System wherein strip has a shape for tight hermetic sealing of plastics container.
2. Claim 4: System ... wherein strip has serrated edge to facilitate opening ...

A system according to claim 1 has to be considered as prior art, see search report. Consequently, the subclaims become independent. They constitute solutions to two different problems which appear independent of each other. (Non-unity of invention a posteriori).