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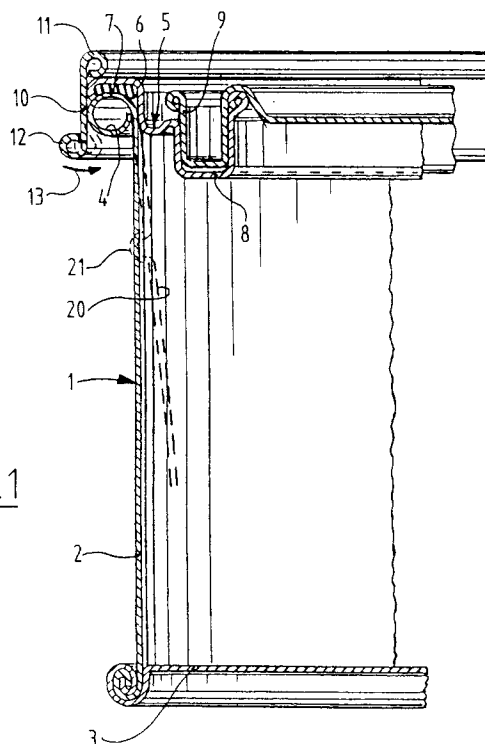
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(54) **Can with lid and closing ring.**

(57) The invention relates to a can (1) with a lid (9). The can comprises a base (3), a standing wall (2) joined thereto along the periphery and a ring (5) which is connected to the upper edge of the standing wall and which defines an opening (8) for receiving therein the lid, wherein the ring is releasably connected to the wall. The upper edge of the wall can have an outward facing beaded edge (4) and the ring can have a flange resting on the beaded edge, wherein clamping means are present for clamping the flange on the beaded edge. The invention further relates to a tool for releasing the ring from a can.

FIG.1**EP 0 672 591 A3**



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X	WO-A-93 02937 (SKANDIA BLIK APS) 18 February 1993 * page 2, line 7 - page 2, line 33 * ----	1-3,6,8,9	B65D43/06 B44D3/12
X	US-A-5 255 814 (J. DELAGERA) 26 October 1993 * the whole document * ----	1,6,7	
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namely claims:
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1. Claims 1-11
2. Claims 12,13

OBJECTION AGAINST UNITY OF INVENTION

1. Plurality of inventions

Claims 1-11 refer to a can with a lid which, moreover, has a ring connected in a releasable manner to the upper edge of the standing wall of the can. Claims 12 and 13, however refer to a tool for releasing a ring from a can.

2. Closest prior art

The document WO-A-93 02 937 (page 2, lines 7-33) discloses a tin container which possesses a collar secured to the upper brim of the can. The collar defines an opening for receiving the lid of the can.

3. Common special technical features

The only common special technical feature linking claims 1-11 with claims 12 and 13 is a can with the characteristics of claims 9,10 or 11. Such a can is already known from the document WO-A-93 02 937. Therefore, no special technical features are involved in the technical relationship between the invention of claims 1-11 and the invention of claims 12 and 13.

4. Lack of unity

Consequently, there is a lack of unity "a posteriori" and the different inventions not belonging to a common inventive concept are formulated as the different subjects in the communication pursuant to Rule 46 EPC.