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Easy open package

(57) An easy-open package (20) has at least one permanent seal and at least one peelable (i.e., easy-open) seal (21). In one embodiment, an easy-open (20) package having a peelable heat seal (21) and a permanent heat seal (22) is made from a multilayer film (31) having a first outer layer comprising a first composition which is heat sealable to form a peelable heat seal (21), and a second outer layer comprising a second composition heat sealable to form a permanent heat seal (21). The multilayer film (36) is folded inward at one or more seal regions, so that the package has at least one peelable seal (21) and at least one permanent seal (22).

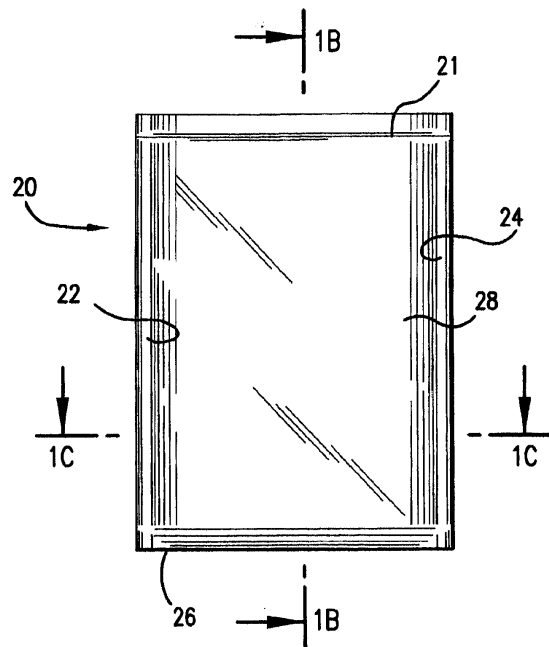


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