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(54) **Packaging, storage and display apparatus and system**

(57) The present invention is directed to a packaging, storage and display system for articles, such as small tools, like drill bits and the like. An index (106,110) for holding the articles is pivotably mounted in a case (102,104). A rack (118), which may be selected from a variety of rack structures, is mounted within the index, for holding articles having particular sizes and shapes.

A frame structure (108) is resistively pivotably mounted on the index, so that the frame structure may be pivoted to a particular position relative to the index, and will tend to remain in that position, until a force in excess of a particular amount is exerted on the frame structure. The index and/or the frame structures may be interchangeably mounted.

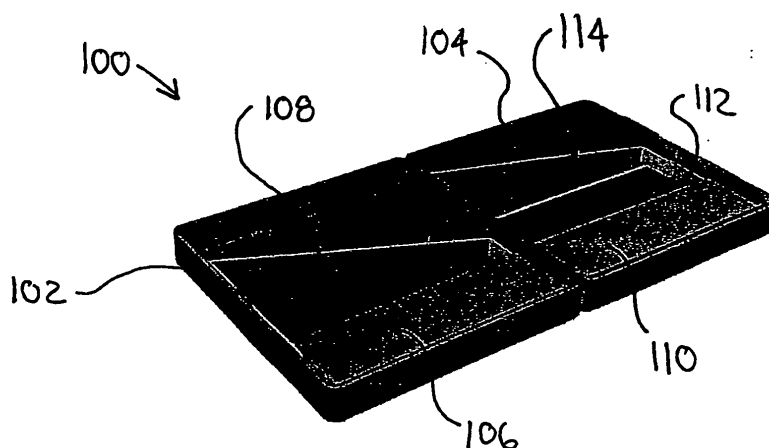


FIG. 1



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- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- 1-2, 4-8, 19, 21-23
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1. claims: 1-2,4-8,19, 21-23

An article container and a holder comprising common potential special technical features relating to a rotation control structure.

2. claims: 1,3,9-11,13-18,20,24

An article container, a system for packaging storing and displaying articles, a method for making apparatus for packaging storing and displaying articles, a holder and an index for packaging storing and displaying articles, comprising common potential special technical features relating to an index comprising a rack, a first index cover part and a second index cover part configured to matingly join the first index cover part to capture the rack between the first index cover part and the second index cover part, as well as to the frame structure.

3. claims: 1,12

An article container comprising common potential special technical features relating to a retaining pin.

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