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(54) **Container closure**

(57) A closure (20) for a container (22) having an opening bounded by a rim (26), said closure comprising:

a substantially bowl-shaped body (28) having an interior surface (30) and an exterior surface (32) and having defined there through an aperture (34); and connection means for sealing the body to the container such that the interior surface defines an interior

space into which the opening of said container opens during use of said closure,

said body (28) being selectively deformable, upon manual manipulation, between an open configuration, wherein the interior space is in fluid communication with the aperture, and a closed configuration, wherein one of the interior surface (30) and the exterior surface (32) is sealed against the aperture (34).

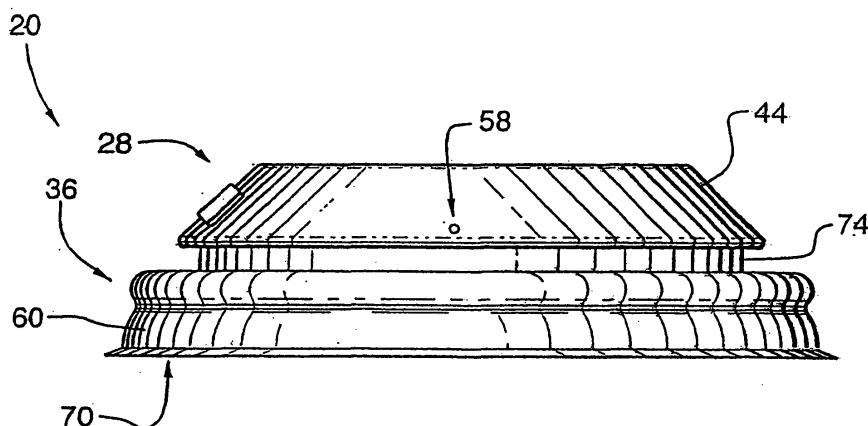


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1. claims: 1-10

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1.1. claims: 1-4,6

A closure as claimed in claim 1 limited by the interior surface sealing against the aperture.

1.2. claim: 5

A closure as claimed in claim 1 limited by the interior surface defining a protuberance which projects through the aperture when the body is in the closed configuration.

1.3. claims: 7-10

A closure according to claim 7.

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