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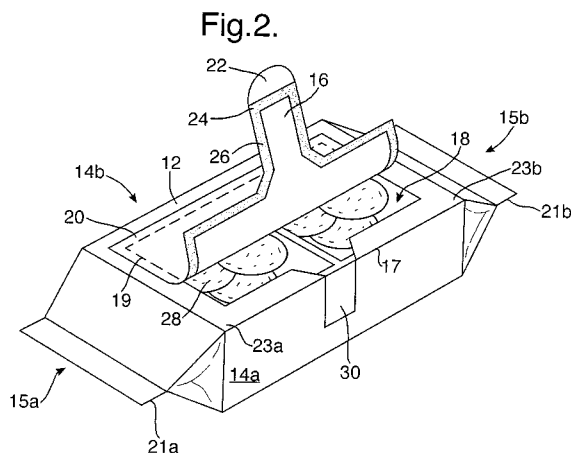
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(54) **Resealable food container**

(57) A polygonal shaped container (10,110,210,310,410,510) is provided which includes a wrapper surrounding a food product. The shape of the container is defined by either a frame containing a food product or rigid material incorporated with the wrapper.

Access to contents in the container is provided by withdrawing a resealable sealing layer (20,120,220a,220b, 320) sealed to the top or side surface of the container (10,110,210,310,410,510) and withdrawing the sealing layer from the container or by pivoting a rigid lid (423) away from the top of the container.





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1. claims: 1-7

Resealable food container with large access opening disposed in the container top and one side

2. claims: 8-11

Resealable food container having at least two access openings

3. claims: 12-17

Resealable food container with access opening being disposed in one of the container side portions

4. claims: 18,19

Resealable food container having a wrapper composed of a first, flexible material and a second, more rigid material

5. claims: 20-22

Resealable food container with rigid lid providing access to the food contained

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