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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0001] The present invention relates to containers for holding recording media. Particularly, the present invention is directed to such containers for holding relatively thin media, such as disc-shaped media.

Description of Related Art

[0002] Various disc-shaped media are currently used to record and store information optically or magnetically. Such media include compact discs that hold audio or video or other data recorded physically, such as by use of a laser beam, which are then optically read by a laser beam. Often, such discs are sold with information already recorded thereon. In other applications, such discs are sold in blank form and are used by the customer to record and store information thereon. As used herein, the term "compact disc" or "CD" is intended to encompass all such discs, whatever their size, and for all known or proposed uses.

[0003] Compact discs containing laser recorded information are typically packaged in injection molded plastic enclosures designed to hold one or more CDs for protecting the discs during storage and shipment. Enclosures presently used, such as the well known "jewel box," include a base or bottom element, an insert or tray in the base element for positioning and supporting the compact disc in the base element, e.g., by a center projection, commonly referred to as a "rosette", which engages the periphery of the aperture in the center of the disc, and an operable lid or cover hinged to the base element through a spine section. Other enclosures omit the tray, and support the disc via a center projection formed directly on the base element. The enclosure is typically at least partially transparent and graphics relating to the disc and containing trademark and sales promotional information are usually inserted in such a manner as to be visible through the enclosure. Moreover, in certain embodiments a clear plastic sheet or film is applied to the outside of the package, forming a pocket for receiving an insert containing graphics (i.e., a "slip sheet").

[0004] While such containers can include printed material in such a pocket, or directly printed thereon, the information on the printed material will vary, to include information related to the particular medium held within the container. For example, containers for different movies on DVDs (or digital video discs) will include printed information related to the respective movie.

[0005] With the ever increasing variety of formats for recorded media, variations in the printed information can result in difficulty locating a film in the desired format. That is, there is no guarantee that different movie studios and different graphic artists will provide icons indicating

the medium format on the printed material in a consistent and easy-to-find location. The present invention provides a solution for this problem.

[0006] Containers for carrying an information storage medium, for example a CD or DVD or the like, are known from US 2003/0196 916 A1 that provides a media disc case comprising a first rectangular panel having inner and outer surfaces that is hinged to a second rectangular panel having inner and outer surfaces, which second rectangular panel has a cavity shaped to receive a media disc. The media disc case further comprises a region provided on the outer surface of the first rectangular panel in an area along one edge of the media case, which area is configured and adapted for display of a graphical insert, and which is exposed to an outer side of the media disc case. A different example of a container is known from WO01/43132 A1.

[0007] US 2004/0 108 230 A1 shows a forgery prevention structure for a CD container. The surface of the CD container is provided with a plurality of equidistant elongated projections forming a light gate. A sheet of paper with a pattern which is composed of a plurality of transverse lines matching with the projections of the light gate enables a person to see different lines of the pattern through the light gate from different angles. The picture to be seen resembles a motion picture by moving the CD container.

[0008] From WO 98/49 684 A1 a data storage disc cartridge having a dual housing structure is known. The disc is contained in an inner housing which is removably inserted into an outer housing. The outer housing has a viewing window through which an identification area on the inner housing can be viewed from outside the outer housing.

[0009] From US 2003/0 106 814 A1 a package for holding a plurality of media discs each being clamped in a disc-holding tray. The plurality of disc-holding trays are hinged to each other to form a stack of trays. The stack of trays is mounted to a folded jacket. The trays are individually provided with an identification label or the like.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0010] A first aspect of the invention provides a container for carrying an information storage medium, the container comprising a bottom cover having inner and outer surfaces, a top cover having inner and outer surfaces, a medium-engaging element provided on the inner surface of at least one of the top and bottom covers or on an insert tray inserted into the bottom cover, for securing a storage medium thereto, a hinge connecting the bottom cover and the top cover and a display band region provided on the outer surface of at least one of the top cover and the bottom cover, in an area proximate and along one edge of the container, the display band region being configured and adapted for display of indicia, and being exposed to an outer side of the container, characterised in that the display band region along an edge

thereof, stands proud of an adjacent surface of the cover upon which it is provided, so as to define a transition at a border between the display band region and that adjacent surface.

[0011] Preferably, the transition is suitable for retaining printed material disposed within a sleeve held on said adjacent surface.

[0012] Preferably, there further comprises a film applied thereto forming a pocket extending from and across the outer surface of the top cover, around the hinge and across the outer surface of the bottom cover, the pocket providing a receptacle for printed material related to the media held in the container wherein the film is offset from the display band region, allowing an unobstructed view of the display band region, an edge of the film providing access to an interior of the pocket, which edge is located adjacent said transition.

[0013] Preferably, said display band region stands proud of said adjacent surface by 0.5 to 1.0 mm.

[0014] Preferably, said display band region carries indicia thereon.

[0015] Preferably, the display band region is generally rectangular in shape.

[0016] Preferably, the display band is defined in a region extending between about 1 to 5 centimeters from an end wall of the container.

[0017] Preferably, the display band region extends fully across the container, parallel to the end wall.

[0018] Preferably, the indicia is printed on the outer surface of the top cover.

[0019] Alternatively, the indicia is molded into the outer surface of the top cover.

[0020] Alternatively the indicia is provided on an extension supported by and extending from the bottom cover or the insert tray inserted into the bottom cover and is visible through an aperture defined in the display band region of the top cover when the container is in a closed position.

[0021] Preferably, said display band region extends from said at least one of the top and bottom covers onto, and is further formed on, the other of the top and bottom covers along said top edge thereof.

[0022] Preferably, said film extends around said hinge and is secured to the other of the top and bottom covers such that said pocket extends along said at least one of the covers, said hinge and the other of the covers.

[0023] Preferably, the container is loaded with one or more information storage media.

[0024] The purpose and advantages of the present invention will be set forth in and apparent from the description that follows. Additional advantages of the invention will be realized and attained by the methods and systems particularly pointed out in the written description and claims hereof, as well as from the appended drawings.

[0025] To achieve these and other advantages and in accordance with the purpose of the invention, the container, in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, includes bottom and top walls each having inner and

outer surfaces, a medium-engaging element provided on the inner surface of at least one of the top and bottom walls for securing the storage medium thereto, a hinge connecting the bottom wall and the top wall, and a display region provided on the outer surface of the top wall, in a region proximate at least one end of the container. The display region is configured and adapted for the display of indicia, and can have any desired shape, such as rectangular or ovoid, for example.

[0026] The container can additionally include first and second latching elements defined on the top and bottom walls, respectively, for engaging one another to secure the container in a closed condition. The container can further include a film applied thereto forming a pocket extending from and across the outer surface of the top wall, around the hinge and across the outer surface of the bottom wall. The pocket can function as a receptacle for printed material related to the media held in the container. The film forming such pocket can be set-back from the display region, allowing an unobstructed view of the display region. The display region can be embodied so as to extend between about 1 and 5 centimeters from an end wall of the container, and can extend fully across the container, parallel to the end wall.

[0027] The indicia can be printed on or molded into the upper face of the top wall. The indicia can be provided on an extension supported by and extending from the bottom wall through an aperture defined in the display region of the top wall. If so embodied, indicia can be provided that corresponds to a media format of the storage medium carried within the container.

[0028] In accordance with another embodiment, a container for carrying an information storage medium is provided, having a spine, a first cover, and a second cover. The first and second covers are hingedly secured to the spine. The second cover is configured and adapted to engage the first cover, to secure closure of the container. Further, at least one of the first and second covers is provided with a band header for display of indicia, arranged along one edge of the cover on which the band header is provided.

[0029] The container can further include a first latching element defined on the first cover and a second latching element defined on the second cover, for engaging the first latching element.

[0030] If desired or required, a pocket can be applied thereto, extending from and across an outer face of the first cover, around the spine and across an outer face of the second cover. Additional features set forth above in connection with the first embodiment of the invention can advantageously be applied to this embodiment of the invention.

[0031] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and are intended to provide a non-limiting explanation of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0032] The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute part of this specification, are included to illustrate and provide a further understanding of the method and system of the invention. Together with the description, the drawings serve to explain the principles of the invention, wherein:

Figure 1A is an front isometric view of a first embodiment of a media container in accordance with the invention, having indicia provided in a region near an edge of the container, shown in a closed condition;

Figure 1B is a side isometric view of the container of Figure 1A, shown in an open condition;

Figure 2 is a front isometric view of a variation of the container of Figure 1A, shown in an open condition, having internal indicia regions differing from those of the container of Figure 1B;

Figure 3A is another embodiment of a media container constructed in accordance with the invention, having a band-shaped region for display of indicia, the container being shown in a closed condition;

Figure 3B is a side isometric view of the container of Figure 3A, shown in an open condition;

Figure 4 is an isometric view of still another embodiment of a media container constructed in accordance with the invention, having indicia provided in band-shaped display region thereon, the indicia being molded into the display region;

Figure 5 is an isometric view of the media container of Figure 4, shown in an open condition, illustrating the outer surface of the media container;

Figure 6A is a further embodiment of a media container constructed in accordance with the invention, having an insert tray provided therewith, which includes indicia formed thereon, which is displayed through an aperture formed in the cover;

Figure 6B is an isometric view of the container of Figure 6A, with the insert tray fully inserted therein; and

Figure 6C is an isometric view of the container of Figure 6A, shown in a closed condition.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0033] Reference will now be made in detail to selected embodiments of the invention, which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

[0034] In accordance with the invention, a container for carrying an information storage medium is provided including top and bottom walls connected by a hinge or spine with each wall having upper and lower faces, and side walls and end walls extending inwardly therefrom. The container further includes a medium-engaging element for securing the storage medium thereto, and a display

region provided on the upper face of the top wall, in a region proximate at least one of the first and second end walls. The top and bottom walls, together with their respective side walls and end walls form first and second covers, respectively. The covers are hinged together, and are provided with latching features to secure the container in a closed condition.

[0035] For purpose of explanation and illustration, and not limitation, Figures 1A and 1B illustrate a media container 100 in accordance with the invention comprising a bottom wall or base portion (or bottom "wall" or "cover") 110 connected to a lid portion (or upper "wall" or "cover") 111 by a spine portion 112. A clear plastic film 113 is attached to the exterior of the container 100 forming a pocket. A cover sheet or "slip sheet" (shown blank) is inserted into the pocket behind the film 113. The film 113 preferably does not cover the entire front face of the container but, instead, leaves a band 114 at the top where the outer surface of the container 100 remains exposed. The band 114 extends across the front face of the container, around the spine and across the rear face of the container. This band 114 is available for inclusion of indicia, such as customized molding or printing, e.g. of graphics or logos. In the example shown, a series of words (represented by areas 114A) are molded or printed in the area of the band 114 on the front face of the container. These may, for example, be the name of the studio, movie or artist. Alternatively or additionally, a logo corresponding to a media format can be included in the band 114, such as a logo corresponding to one of "DVD," "HDDVD" or "Blu-Ray™," formats, for example. Alternatively, or additionally, logos or symbols of a more 3-dimensional nature may be molded in the area of the band 114, e.g. projecting therefrom by up to a predetermined distance, e.g., 3 mm. Alternatively or additionally, the surfaces of the container in the area of the band 114 may be customized so as to have a distinctive shape or appearance, e.g. the edges, corners and/or faces thereof may be formed with various convex, concave or angular features. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, the band 114 stands proud, e.g. by 0.5-1.0mm, of the adjacent surfaces of the container 100.

[0036] A similar band (not shown) not covered by a film 113 can be provided around the lower end of the container 100, in place of the band 114 or in addition thereto. In alternate embodiments, the film 113 is omitted so that the major faces of the lid, spine and base portions can be provided with customized features at any position thereon.

[0037] Figures 1B and 2 illustrate two variations of the interior portion of the container 100. A media-engaging element (or "rosette") 115 is provided on the interior of the base portion 110 for receiving a disc-shaped medium, and a circular upstand 116 is provided for surrounding the periphery of the disc-shaped medium. In the embodiments of Figures 1B and 2, the upstand 116 is positioned substantially centrally in the base portion 110 so regions 117A and 117B are left at either end of the base portion.

In an alternative embodiment (not shown), the upstand 116 may be offset from the center of the base portion 110, such that it is positioned, for example, closer to the bottom end walls. Internal printed or molded graphics features may be formed in the display regions 117A and 117B (outlined by dash-dot lines). If desired, the display region 114 can be embodied as a transparent region, with the indicia provided in region 117A being visible therethrough.

[0038] Graphics, or other customized features can, however, be formed anywhere on the internal faces of the base, spine and lid portions. The illustrated embodiments show a star shape 118 molded on the base portion 10 within the area defined by the circular upstand 116 and extending beyond the upstand. V-shaped grooves are additionally formed within the upstand 116, and correspond to portions of the star shape 118. Naturally, the specific shape of features of containers in accordance with the invention can be embodied as desired. For example, while the display region 117B of Figure 1B is substantially rectangular, the display region 117B of Figure 2 includes circular and triangular regions.

[0039] Moreover, as set forth above, the container 100, preferably includes one or more latching features to secure the container 100 in a closed condition. Latching elements 119a and 119b are arranged on respective ones of the bottom wall 110 and the top wall 111.

[0040] Figures 3A and 3B illustrate another embodiment of a media container 300 in accordance with the invention having regions 330, 331, 332A and 332B for display of indicia, which can be customized as desired. As with the aforementioned embodiment described above in connection with Figures 1A, 1B and 2, the exterior of the container 300 includes an indicia display region 330 in which a conventional display material is provided by, e.g., a printed sheet positioned behind a clear film attached to the exterior of the container. A second display region 331 in the form of a band is arranged adjacent one or more ends of the container 300, which extends generally the width of the container 300. As with the band region 114 of the container 100 of Figures 1A, 1B and 2, the outer surface of the injection molded container 300 in this region 331 is preferably exposed—that is, not covered by a clear film. Although in alternate embodiments, a clear film can be applied thereto, if desired. In this band region 331, as with the foregoing embodiment, customized printed or molded features can be provided.

[0041] In the interior of the container 300, customized features can additionally be formed in flat areas, e.g. as indicated at 332A and 332B, on the exposed surfaces of the interior of the base portion 334 outside an upstand 333. A logo may, for example, be printed on or molded in area 332A and the name of a film or series to which the medium to be housed in the container relates may be printed on or molded in area 332B. In addition, the shape of the upstand 333 may be customized, e.g. to tie in with a feature of the logo or movie, if desired.

[0042] Figures 4 and 5 illustrate a further embodiment of a container 400 constructed in accordance with the invention. The container 400 includes a top cover 411 and a bottom cover 410, joined by a hinge element 412. The hinge 412, as with other embodiments set forth herein, can be a so-called living hinge formed by providing a region of thinned material thickness, but any suitable hinge design can be used.

[0043] The top cover 411 includes a plurality of display regions 430, 414. The larger display region 430, which can extend around the hinge 412 to the bottom cover 410, will typically include a clear sleeve 535 (Fig. 5) adhered thereto with printed material being inserted behind the sleeve, as described above in connection with the preceding embodiments. A band-shaped display region 414 is provided along the upper edge of the container 400, with indicia 415 integrally molded therewith. As illustrated, the band-shaped display region 414 stands proud of the large display region 430, with a small transition 417 defining a border between the regions. This transition 417 can help secure printed material within a sleeve 535 held on the large display region 430.

[0044] As can be seen in Figure 5, the bottom cover 410 includes a band-shaped display region 514, which mirrors the band-shaped display region 414 of the top cover 411, although in the illustrated embodiment, no indicia is included thereon.

[0045] Further, the embodiment of Figures 4 and 5 includes rounded edges 435, which meet at respective rounded corners 431. As illustrated, the corners are arcuate and relatively gradual. However, variations on the precise shape of the corners is possible.

[0046] Figures 6A, 6B and 6C illustrate yet another embodiment of a media container 600 constructed in accordance with the present invention. The container 600 includes a top cover 611 and a bottom cover 610, joined by a hinge element 612. The container 600 further includes an insert tray 650, which is inserted into the bottom cover 610, and includes a rosette 655 and a circular dent 657 provided for receiving the periphery of the disc-shaped medium. The tray 650 further includes an indicia region 615 formed on and extending from the surface of the tray 650, so that when the top cover 611 is closed, the indicia region 615 is visible through an aperture 665 formed in the top cover 611 when the container is in a closed position. With this configuration, the indicia can be changed without the need to redesign and mold an entire container, but only a tray (e.g., tray 650) need be redesigned. Alternatively still, the indicia region 615 can be removable from the container 600 or the insert tray 650, thereby only necessitating a small piece be changed if a redesign occurs.

[0047] Figure 6B illustrates the container 600, with the insert tray 650 secured therein. The tray can be attached to the remainder of the container 600 by any suitable means, such as, but not limited to adhesive, cohesive, heat, sonic or solvent welding, mechanical interlocking elements or snap fit.

[0048] As can be seen in Figure 6C, the top cover 611 includes a plurality of display regions 630, 614. As with foregoing embodiments, the larger display region 630, which can extend around the hinge 612 to the bottom cover 610, will typically include a clear sleeve 635 secured thereto, with printed material being inserted behind the sleeve 635. A band-shaped display region 614 is provided along the upper edge of the top cover 611, and as mentioned above, includes an aperture 665 through which the indicia region 615 passes, and is visible from the external container. Alternatively, the display region 614 can be transparent, and the indicia region is visible therethrough. Moreover, the indicia region 615 need not extend fully to or through the aperture 665. Indeed, the indicia region 615 can be coplanar with the insert tray 650. As will be appreciated, the indicia region 615 need not be provided on a separate insert tray, but can be provided on the bottom cover 610 itself, if desired.

[0049] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the media containers of the present invention without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

[0050] A container for carrying an information storage medium includes top and bottom walls connected by a hinge or spine with each wall having upper and lower faces and side walls and end walls extending inwardly therefrom. The container further includes a medium-engaging element for securing the storage medium thereto, and a display region provided on the upper face of the top wall, in a region proximate at least one of the first and second end walls. The top and bottom walls, together with their respective side walls and end walls form first and second covers, respectively. The covers are hinged together, and are provided with latching features to secure the container in a closed condition.

Claims

1. A container for carrying an information storage medium, the container comprising:

- a) a bottom cover (110; 410; 610) having inner and outer surfaces;
- b) a top cover (111; 411; 611) having inner and outer surfaces;
- c) a medium-engaging element (115; 655) provided on the inner surface of at least one (110) of the top and bottom covers or on an insert tray (650) inserted into the bottom cover (610), for securing a storage medium thereto;
- d) a hinge (112; 412; 612) connecting the bottom cover (110; 410; 610) and the top cover (111; 411; 611);
- e) a display band region (114; 414; 614) provided on the outer surface of at least one of the top cover (111; 411; 611) and the bottom cover (110;

410; 610), in an area proximate and along one edge of the container, the display band region (114; 331; 414; 614) being configured and adapted for display of indicia, and being exposed to an outer side of the container, **characterised in that** the container comprises a transition (417) defined by said display band region (114; 414; 614) that stands proud of the adjacent surface of the outer surface of the at least one of the top cover (111; 411; 611) and the bottom cover (110; 410; 610).

- 2. The container of claim 1, wherein the transition (417) is suitable for retaining printed material disposed within a sleeve held on said adjacent surface (430).
- 3. The container of claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising a film (113; 330; 535; 635) applied thereto forming a pocket extending from and across the outer surface of the top cover (111; 411; 611), around the hinge (112; 412; 612) and across the outer surface of the bottom cover (110; 410; 610), the pocket providing a receptacle for printed material related to the media held in the container wherein the film (113; 330; 535; 635) is offset from the display band region (114; 331; 414; 614), allowing an unobstructed view of the display band region (114; 331; 414; 614), an edge of the film (113; 330; 535; 635) providing access to an interior of the pocket, which edge is located adjacent said transition.
- 4. The container according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said display band region stands proud of said adjacent surface by 0.5 to 1.0 mm.
- 5. A container of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said display band region (114; 414) carries indicia thereon.
- 6. The container of any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the display band region (114; 414) is generally rectangular in shape.
- 7. The container of any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the display band (114; 331; 414; 614) is defined in a region extending between about 1 to 5 centimeters from an end wall of the container.
- 8. The container of any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the display band region (114; 331; 414; 614) extends fully across the container, parallel to the end wall.
- 9. The container of any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the indicia is printed on the outer surface of the top cover (111; 411; 611).
- 10. The container of any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the indicia is molded into the outer surface of the top

cover (111; 411; 611).

11. The container of any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the indicia is provided on an extension supported by and extending from the bottom cover (610) or the insert tray (650) inserted into the bottom cover (610) and is visible through an aperture (665) defined in the display band region (614) of the top cover (611) when the container is in a closed position.

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12. The container of any of claims 1 to 11 wherein said display band region (114; 414) extends from said at least one of the top and bottom covers (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) onto, and is further formed on, the other of the top and bottom covers (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) along said top edge thereof.

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13. The container of any of claims 1 to 12, wherein said film extends around said hinge (112; 412; 612) and is secured to the other of the top and bottom covers (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) such that said pocket (113; 330; 535; 635) extends along said at least one of the covers (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611), said hinge (112; 412; 612) and the other of the covers (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611).

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14. The container according to any preceding claim further comprising one or more information storage media.

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Patentansprüche

1. Ein Behältnis zum Aufnehmen eines Informationsspeichermittels, wobei das Behältnis Folgendes aufweist:

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- a) eine Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610) mit einer inneren und äußeren Oberfläche;
- b) eine Deckelplatte (111; 411; 611) mit einer inneren und äußeren Oberfläche;
- c) ein Mitteleingreifelement (115; 655), das an der inneren Oberfläche von zumindest einem (110), der Deckelplatte, der Bodenplatte, oder an einem in die Bodenplatte eingelegten Einlageteil (650), vorgesehen ist, zum Sichern eines Speichermittels daran;
- d) ein Gelenkteil (112; 412; 612), das die Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610) mit der Deckelplatte (111; 411; 611) verbindet;
- e) einen Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 414; 614), der an der äußeren Oberfläche von zumindest einem, der Deckelplatte (111; 411; 611) oder der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610) vorgesehen ist, in einem Bereich in der Nähe und entlang eines Randes des Behältnisses, wobei der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 331; 414; 614) zum Anzeigen einer Markierung ausgebildet und angepasst ist

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und freiliegt an einer äußeren Seite des Behältnisses, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** das Behältnis einen Übergang (417) aufweist, der durch den Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 414; 614) definiert ist, der aus der benachbarten Oberfläche der äußeren Oberfläche von zumindest einem, der Deckelplatte (111; 411; 611) oder der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610) hervorsticht.

2. Behältnis nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Übergang (417) zum Halten von bedrucktem Material geeignet ist, das innerhalb einer Hülle angeordnet ist, die auf der benachbarten Oberfläche (430) gehalten ist.

3. Behältnis nach Anspruch 1 oder Anspruch 2, das ferner Folgendes aufweist: eine Schicht (113; 330; 535; 635), die daran angebracht ist, die eine Tasche formt, die sich von und über die äußere Oberfläche der Deckelplatte (111; 411; 611) erstreckt, um das Gelenkteil (112; 412; 612) und über die äußere Oberfläche der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610), wobei die Tasche eine Aufnahme für gedrucktes Material vorsieht, bezogen auf das Mittel, das in dem Behältnis gehalten wird, wobei die Schicht (113; 330; 535; 635) abgesetzt ist von dem Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 331; 414; 614), was einen ungehinderten Blick auf den Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 331; 414; 614) erlaubt, wobei ein Rand der Schicht (113; 330; 535; 635) Zugriff zu einem Inneren der Tasche vorsieht, wobei der Rand benachbart des Übergangs angeordnet ist.

4. Behältnis nach Anspruch 1, 2 oder 3, wobei der Anzeigenbandbereich aus der benachbarten Oberfläche um 0,5 bis 1,0 mm hervorsticht.

5. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, wobei der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 414) eine Markierung darauf trägt.

6. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5, wobei der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 414) üblicherweise rechteckig in seiner Form ist.

7. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 6, wobei der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 331; 414; 614) in einem Bereich definiert ist, der sich zwischen etwa 1 bis 5 Zentimeter von einer Endwand des Behältnisses erstreckt.

8. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 7, wobei sich der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 331; 414; 614) vollständig über das Behältnis, parallel zu der Endwand erstreckt.

9. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 8, wobei die Markierung auf die äußere Oberfläche der Dek-

kelplatte (111; 411; 611) gedruckt ist.

10. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 8, wobei die Markierung in die äußere Oberfläche der Dekkelplatte (111; 411; 611) geformt ist.

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11. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 8, wobei die Markierung auf einem Fortsatz vorgesehen ist, der durch die Bodenplatte (610) oder das in die Bodenplatte (610) eingelegte Einlageteil (650) gestützt ist und sich von dieser/diesem erstreckt, und durch eine Öffnung (665), die in dem Anzeigenbandbereich (614) der Dekkelplatte (611) definiert ist, sichtbar ist, wenn das Behältnis in einer geschlossenen Stellung ist.

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12. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 11, wobei sich der Anzeigenbandbereich (114; 414) auf zumindest einem, der Deckel- oder der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) erstreckt und ferner an dem anderen, der Deckel- oder der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) entlang des Deckelrandes darauf ausgebildet ist.

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13. Behältnis nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 12, wobei sich die Schicht um das Gelenkteil (112; 412; 612) erstreckt und an den anderen, der Deckel- und der Bodenplatte (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) gesichert ist, so dass sich die Tasche (113; 330; 535; 635) entlang von zumindest einem, einer der Platten (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611), dem Gelenkteil (112; 412; 612) oder der anderen der Platten (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) erstreckt.

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14. Behältnis nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, das ferner einen oder mehrere Informationsspeichermittel aufweist.

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Revendications

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1. Boîte de rangement destinée à transporter un support de stockage de données, la boîte de rangement comprenant:

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- a) un couvercle inférieur (110; 410; 610) présentant des surfaces intérieure et extérieure;
- b) un couvercle supérieur (111; 411; 611) présentant des surfaces intérieure et extérieure;
- c) un élément qui vient en prise avec le support (115; 635) prévu sur la surface intérieure d'au moins un (110) des couvercles supérieur et inférieur ou sur un plateau intercalaire (650) inséré dans le couvercle inférieur (610) en vue de fixer le support de stockage à celui-ci;
- d) une articulation (112; 412; 612) reliant le couvercle inférieur (110; 410; 610) au couvercle supérieur (111; 411; 611)

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e) une région de bande d'affichage (114; 414; 614) disposée sur la surface extérieure d'au moins un des couvercles supérieure (111; 411; 611) et inférieure (110; 410; 610), dans une zone à proximité et le long d'un bord de la boîte de rangement, la région de bande d'affichage (114; 331; 414; 614) étant configurée et adaptée pour l'affichage d'indications, et étant exposée à un côté extérieur de la boîte de rangement, **caractérisée en ce que** la boîte de rangement comporte un élément de transition (417) délimité par ladite région de bande d'affichage (114; 414; 614) qui est proéminent par rapport à la surface contiguë de la surface extérieure d'au moins un des couvercles supérieur (111; 411; 611) et inférieure (110; 410; 610).

2. Boîte de rangement de la revendication 1, dans laquelle l'élément de transition (417) est conçu de manière à pouvoir retenir les imprimés disposés à l'intérieur d'un manchon maintenu sur ladite surface contiguë (430).

3. Boîte de rangement de la revendication 1 ou de la revendication 2, comportant en outre une pellicule (113; 330; 535; 635) appliquée sur celle-ci qui forme une pochette s'étendant depuis et à travers la surface extérieure du couvercle supérieur (111; 411; 611), autour d'une articulation (112; 412; 612) et à travers la surface extérieure du couvercle inférieur (110; 410; 610), la pochette formant un étui pour les imprimés associés au support retenu dans la boîte de rangement, dans laquelle la pellicule (113; 330; 535; 635) est décalée par rapport à la région de bande d'affichage (114; 331; 414; 614), permettant une vue dégagée de la région de bande d'affichage (114; 331; 414; 614), un bord de la pellicule (113; 330; 535; 635) fournissant l'accès à l'intérieur de la pochette, ce bord étant situé au voisinage dudit élément de transition.

4. Boîte de rangement selon la revendication 1, 2 ou 3, dans laquelle ladite région de bande d'affichage est proéminente par rapport à ladite surface contiguë de 0,5 à 1,0 mm.

5. Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans laquelle ladite région de bande d'affichage (114; 414) porte des indications sur celle-ci.

6. Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5, dans laquelle la région de bande d'affichage (114; 414) présente une forme généralement rectangulaire.

7. Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6, dans laquelle la région de zone

d'affichage (114; 331; 414; 614) est délimitée dans une région s'étendant entre environ 1 et 5 centimètres à partir d'une paroi d'extrémité de la boîte de rangement.

- 8.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 7, dans laquelle la région de bande d'affichage (114; 331; 414; 614) s'étend entièrement à travers la boîte de rangement, en parallèle à la paroi d'extrémité.

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- 9.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 8, dans laquelle les indications sont imprimées sur la surface extérieure du couvercle supérieur (111; 411; 611).

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- 10.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 8, dans laquelle les indications sont moulées dans la surface extérieure du couvercle supérieur (111; 411; 611).

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- 11.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 8, dans laquelle les indications sont fournies sur une extension supportée par et s'étendant à partir du couvercle inférieur (610) ou du plateau intercalaire (650) inséré dans le couvercle inférieur (610) et sont visibles à travers une ouverture (665) délimitée dans la région de bande d'affichage (614) du couvercle supérieur (611), lorsque la boîte se trouve à l'état fermé.

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- 12.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 11, dans laquelle la région de bande d'affichage (114; 414) s'étend depuis ledit au moins un des couvercles supérieur et inférieur (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) jusqu'à l'autre des couvercles supérieur et inférieur (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611), sur lesquels elle est en outre formée, et le long dudit bord supérieur de ceux-ci.

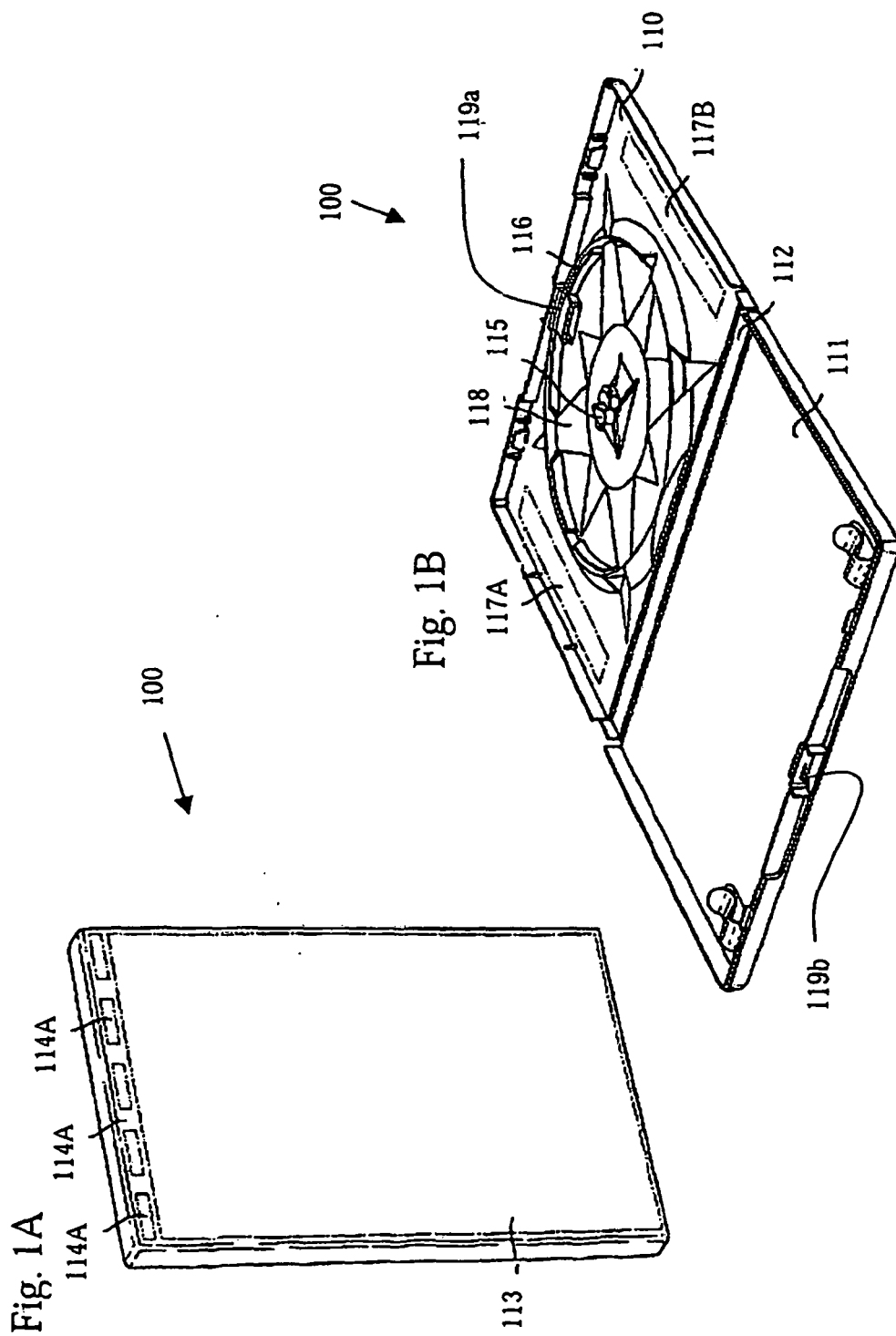
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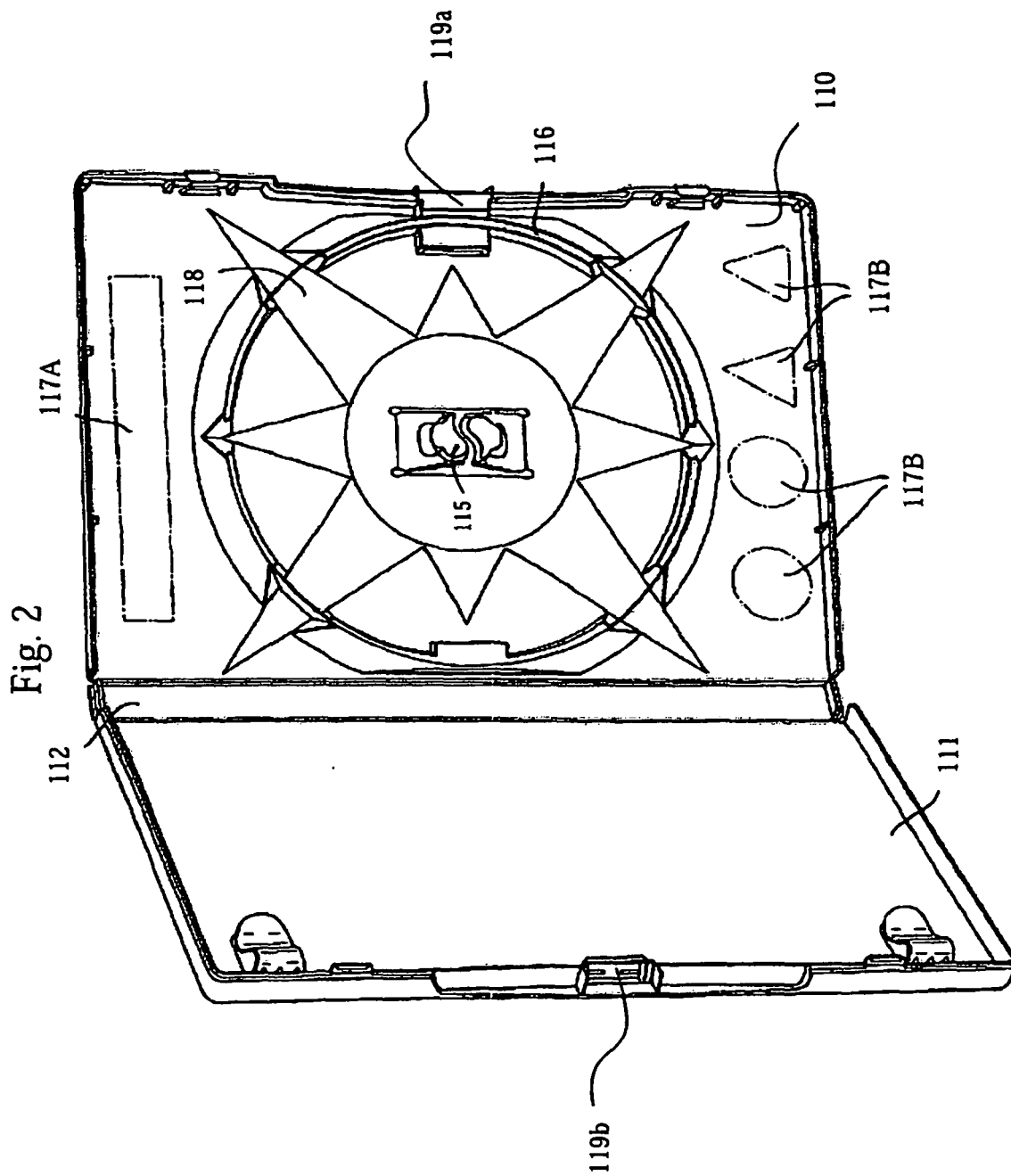
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- 13.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 12, dans laquelle ladite pellicule s'étend autour de ladite articulation (112; 412; 612) et elle est fixée sur l'autre des couvercles supérieur et inférieur (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611) de telle sorte que ladite pochette (113; 330; 535; 635) s'étend le long dudit au moins un des couvercles (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611), de ladite articulation (112; 412; 612) et de l'autre des couvercles (110; 410; 610; 111; 411; 611).

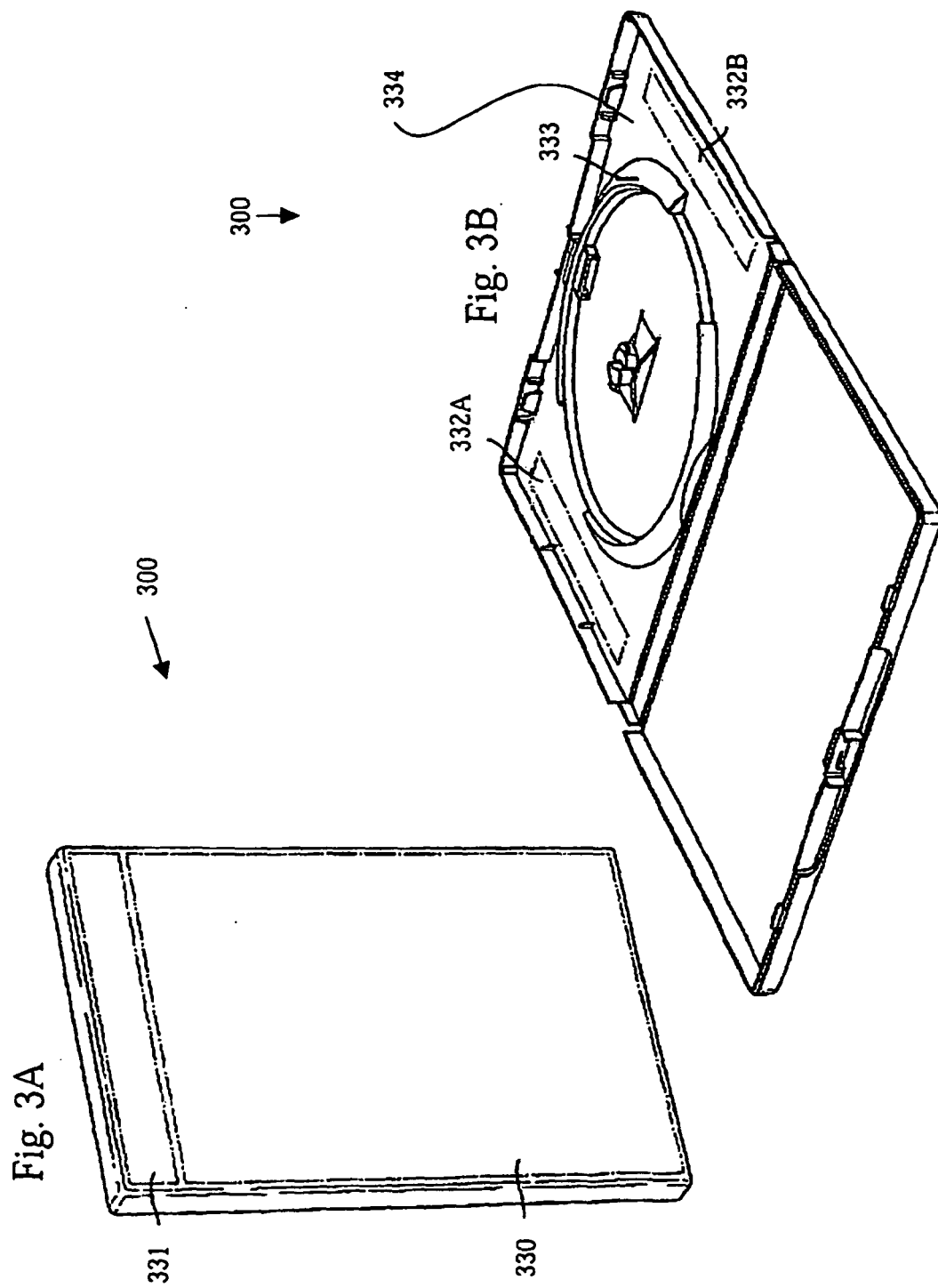
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- 14.** Boîte de rangement selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes comportant en outre un ou plusieurs supports de stockage de données.

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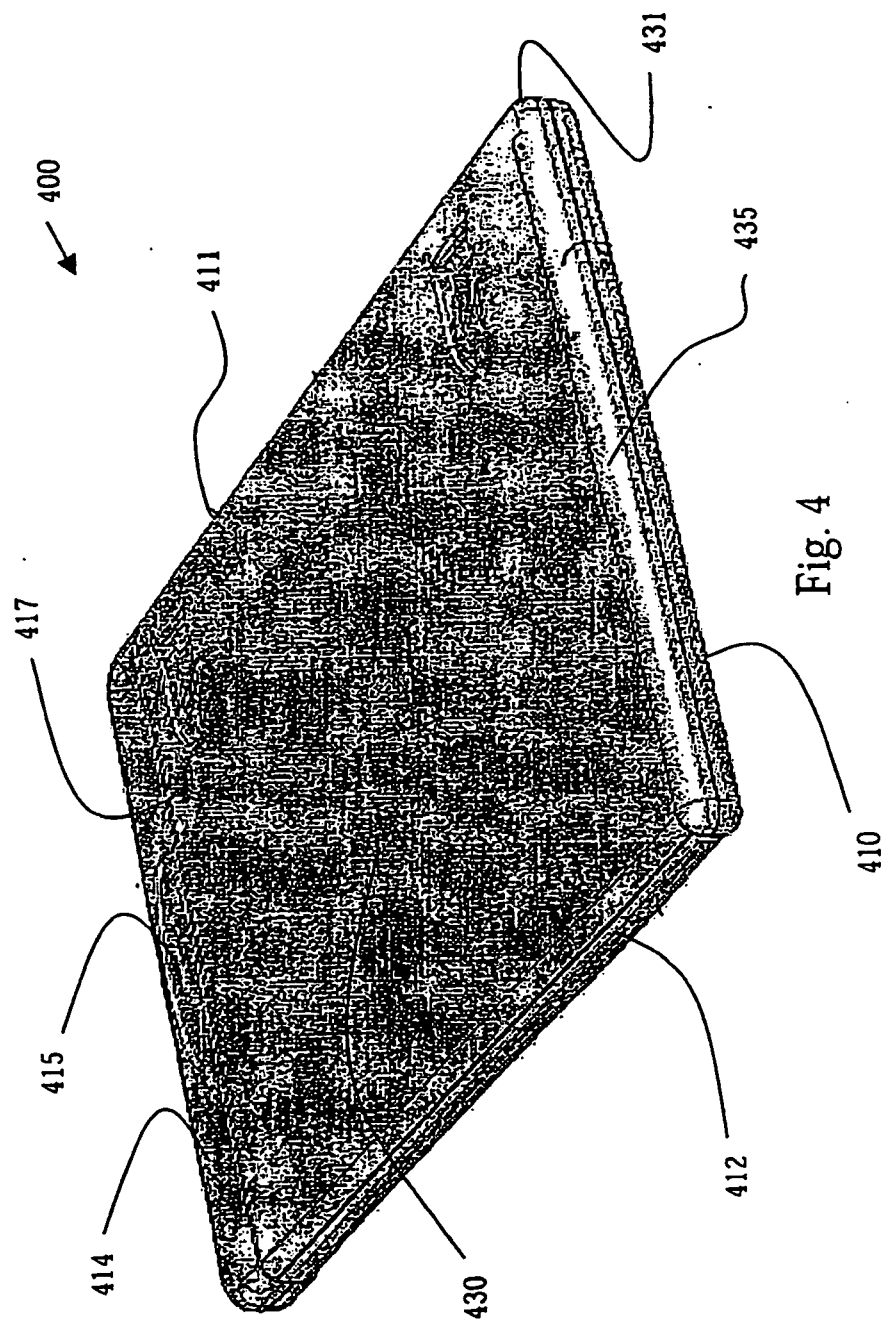


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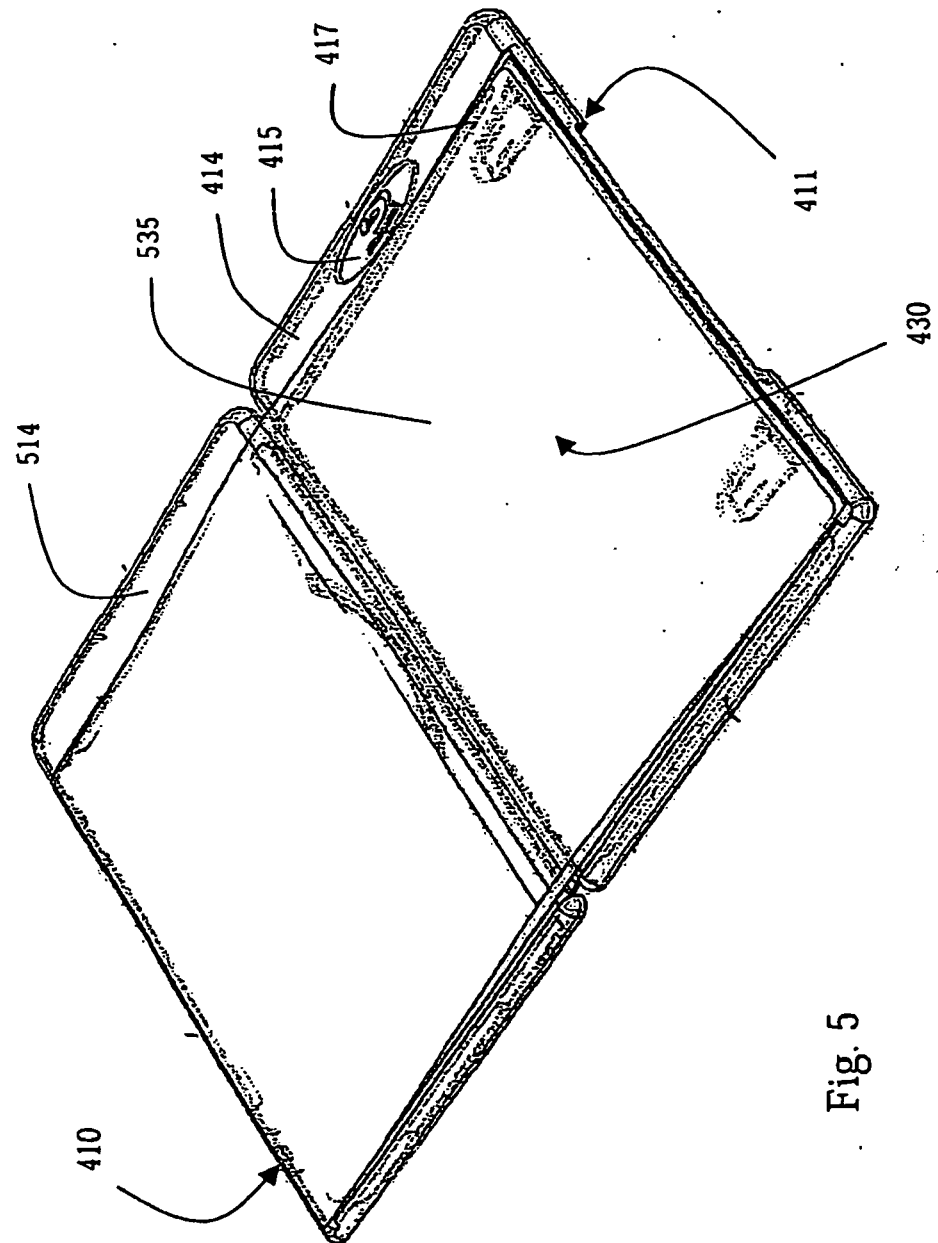


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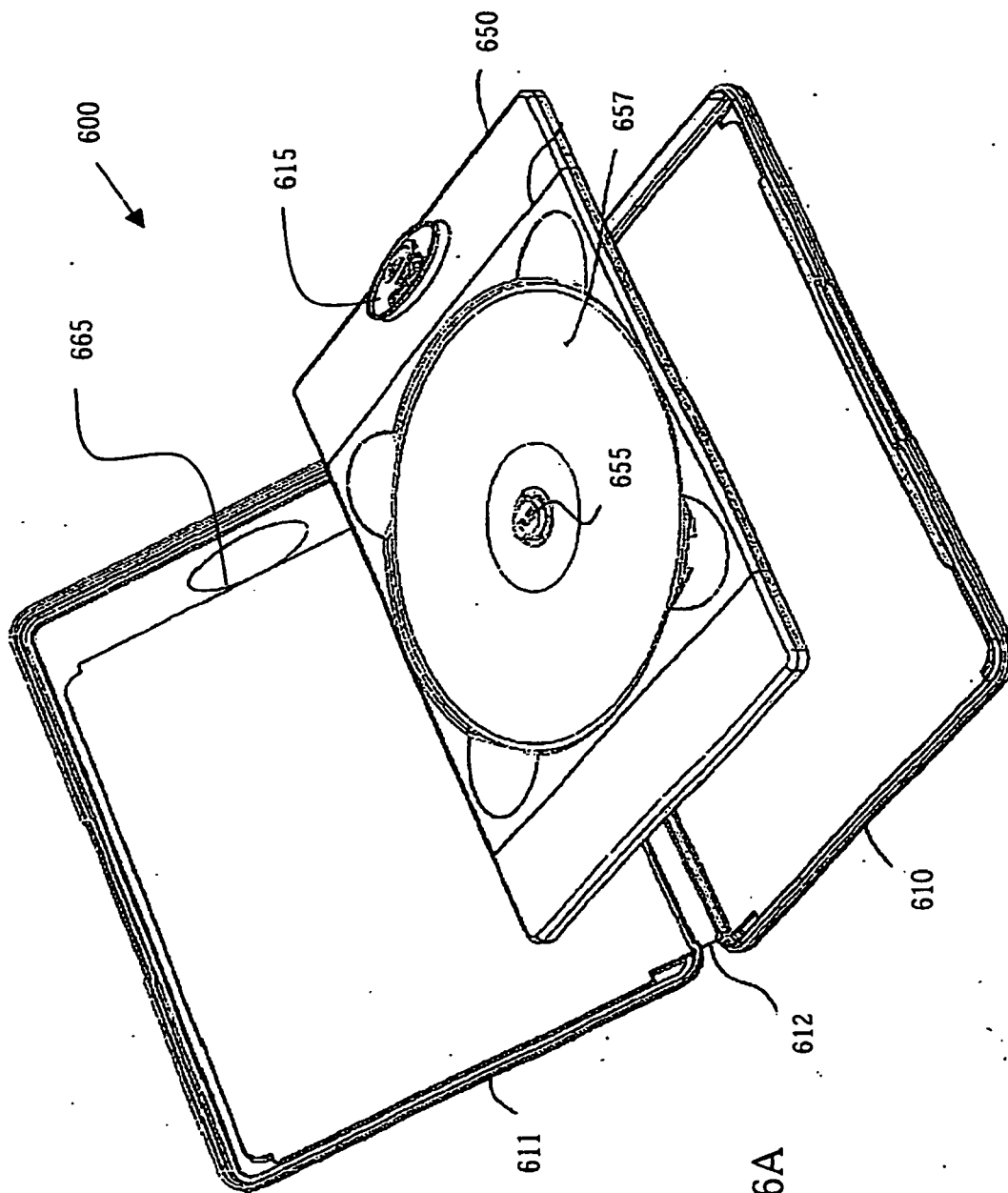


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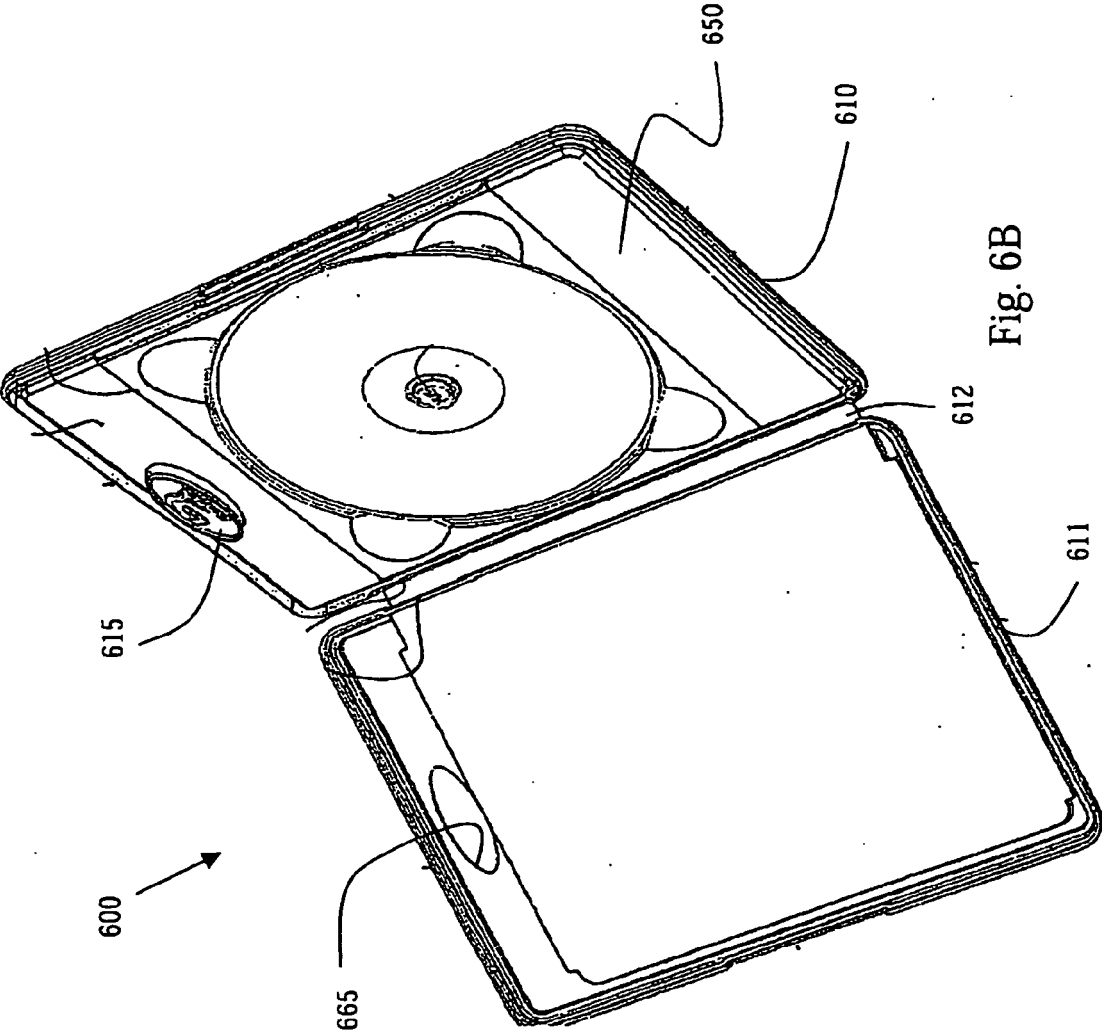


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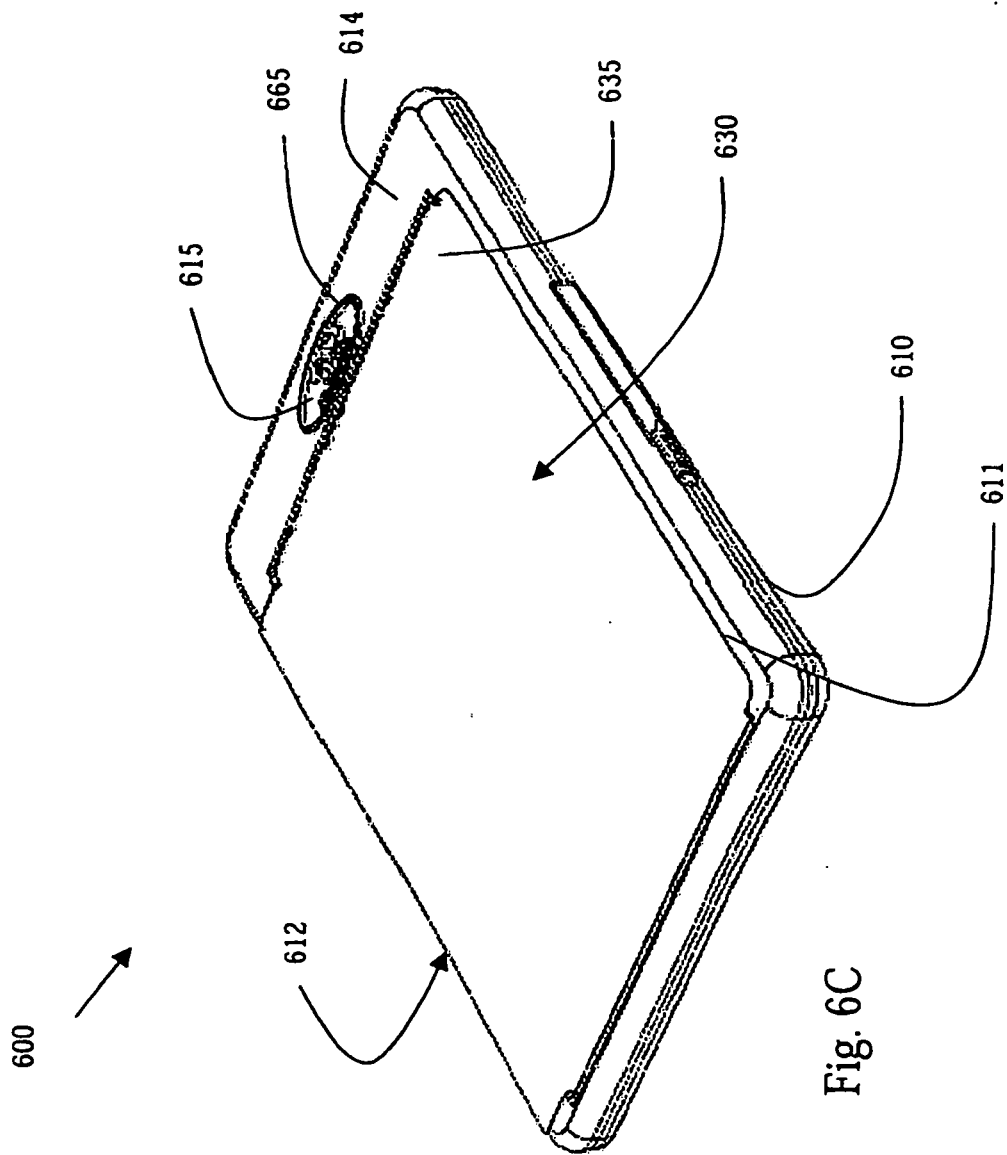


Fig. 6C

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