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(54) **Container with lid**

(57) A container (10) includes a base (12) and a plurality of walls (14,16) extending upward therefrom. At least one lid (34) is pivotably connected to one of the walls (14,16). The lid (34) includes at least one projection (40,41) from an upper surface thereof, which contacts at least one rib (21,22) on an exterior surface of the wall (14) to prevent over-rotation of the lid (34).

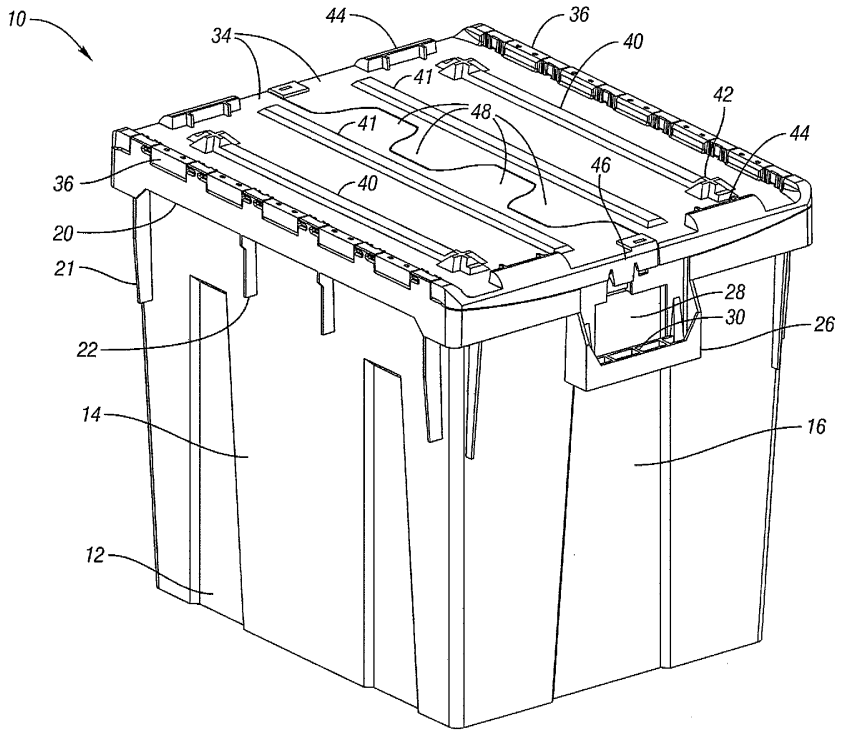


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1. claims: 1-7

A container comprising a base, a plurality of walls extending upward from the base, the plurality of walls including a first wall and a lid pivotable connected to the first wall and pivotable relative to the first wall about an axis between an open position and a closed position, the lid including at least one projection projecting from an interior surface of the lid proximate the axis, wherein the at least one projection pivots the lid to a drain position not parallel to a support surface when the container is placed inverted on the support surface.

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2. claims: 8-15

Container comprising a base, a plurality of walls extending upward from the base, the plurality of walls including a first wall and a lid pivotable connected to the first wall, the first wall including at least one rib on an exterior surface and the lid including at least one projection projecting upwardly, the lid pivotable to an open position where the at least one projection contacts the at least one rib to prevent over-rotation of the lid.

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