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(54) **CARTON FOR FOOD PRODUCTS, BLANK AND METHOD OF FORMING A CARTON**

(57) A carton for holding at least one food product includes a plurality of panels extending at least partially around an interior chamber of the inner container portion for holding at least one food product, the plurality of panels of the inner container portion including an inner front panel, an inner back panel, at least one inner side panel, and a bottom panel. The carton further includes an outer sleeve portion comprising a plurality of panels extending at least partially around the inner container portion, the plurality of panels of the outer sleeve portion includes an outer front panel, an outer back panel, and at least one outer side panel, the inner container portion is spaced apart from the outer sleeve portion to form a pocket between the inner container portion and the outer sleeve portion.

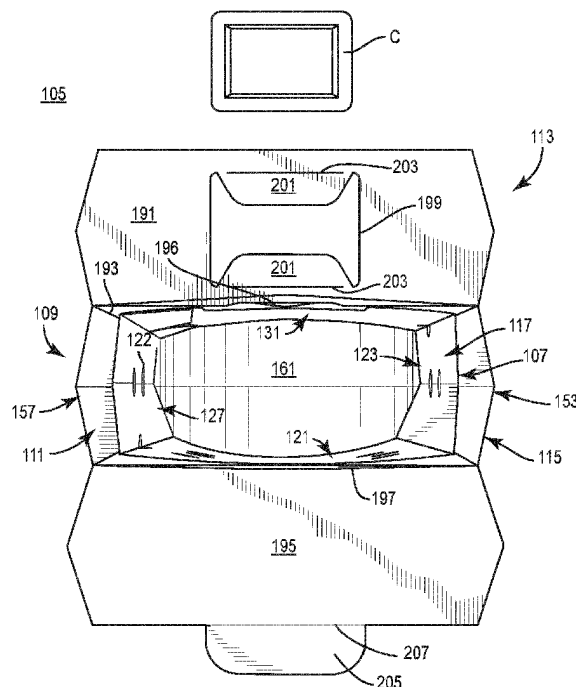


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1. claims: 1-7

Carton having an outer front panel spaced apart from an inner front panel

2. claims: 8-12

Carton wherein at least one panel of a plurality of panels of an outer sleeve portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel

3. claims: 13-25

Blank and method of forming a carton, said method comprising obtaining said blank

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