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(54) **SIDE ACCESS FLEXIBLE PACKAGE**

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The ornamental design for a side access flexible package, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

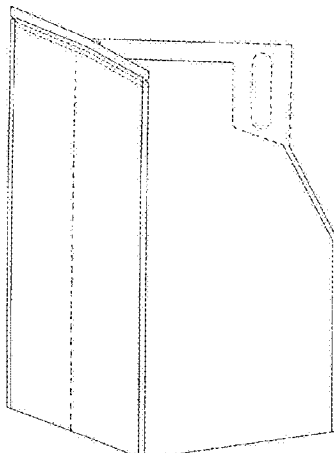
FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a side access flexible package showing my new design; and,

FIG. 2 is a front perspective view of the side access flexible package with its side open for ease of illustration.

The broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

The portions not shown in the above figures are not claimed as part of the invention.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



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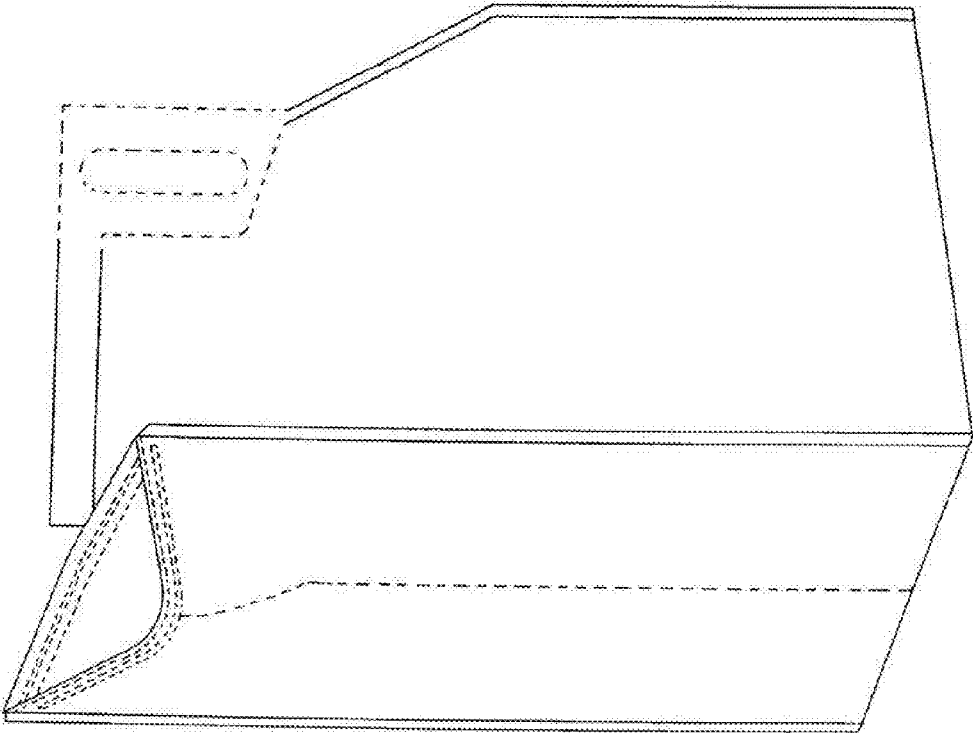


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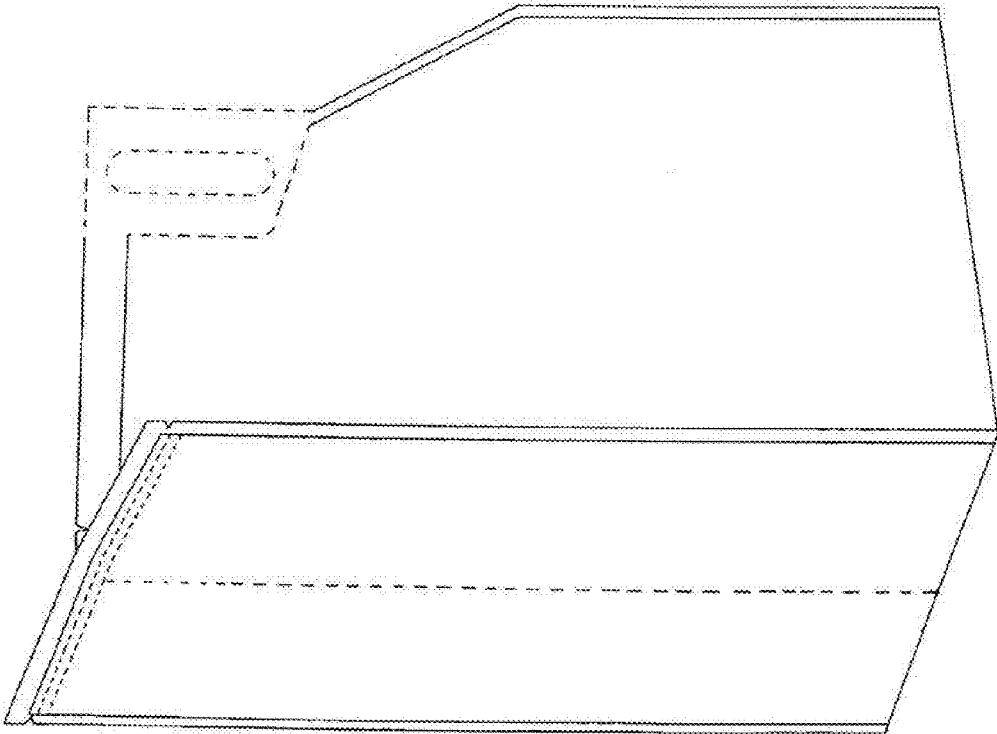


Fig. 1