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(54) **Food container**

(57) A container (10A, 10B) including a lower portion (30) and lid (20). The lower portion (30) has a sidewall (312) and a base portion (310) that define a hollow interior having an opening defined by a distal portion (330) of the sidewall. The sidewall has a keyway (342). The lid (20) has a body portion (200) with a peripheral portion (210). A flap (212A-212D) is attached to the peripheral portion. A key member (230) is positioned on the flap. The key member (230) is receivable inside the keyway (342) of the lower portion (30). The body portion (200) is configured to be pivoted relative to the flap when the key member (230) is received inside the keyway (342) to position the body portion (200) adjacent the distal portion (330) of the sidewall (312) to close the opening of the hollow interior.

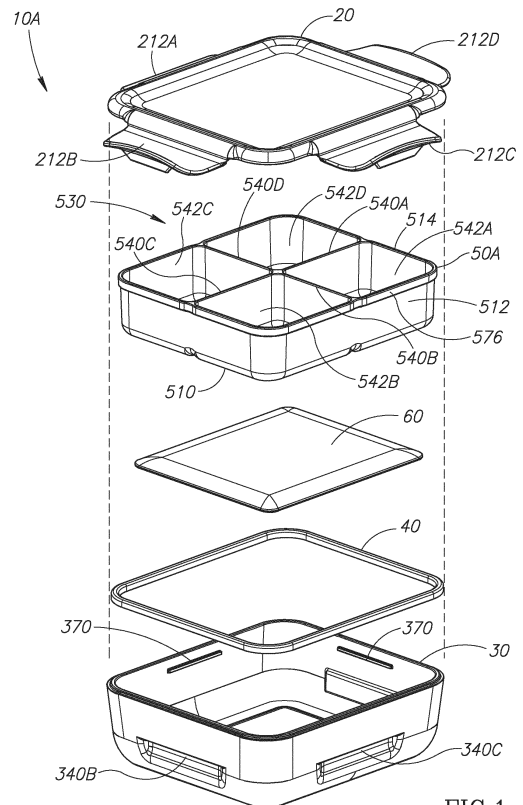


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a container comprising a seal extending along the distal portion of the sidewall of the lower portion, the seal being positioned between the peripheral portion of the body portion of the lid and the distal portion of the sidewall of the lower portion to form a leak proof seal therebetween when the body portion is adjacent the distal portion of the sidewall and closing the opening of the hollow interior defined by the distal portion of the sidewall

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2. claims: 3-5

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a container comprising a removable tray positioned inside the hollow interior of the lower portion

3. claims: 8, 15

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a container wherein the keyway has a support portion and an overhang portion

4. claim: 10

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a container wherein the hollow interior is configured to receive and store one or more food items having a temperature

5. claim: 12

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a container wherein the lid and the lower portion are each dishwasher safe

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