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(54) **Deformation of thin walled bodies**

(57) A predetermined wall zone of a thin walled container (1) is deformed using internal tooling positioned internally of the container, and external tooling positioned externally of the container. The tooling (10) and the predetermined wall zone are co-aligned before deformation of the wall zone, and the external (13) and internal (15) tooling co-operate in a forming operation to deform the wall zone of the container. The internal tool-

ing (15) is moveable relative to the container wall between a retraction/insertion tooling configuration in which the internal tool (11a,11b) can be inserted or retracted from the interior of the container, to a wall engaging configuration for effecting deforming of the wall zone.

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