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(54) Title: WIPES DISPENSER NOZZLE

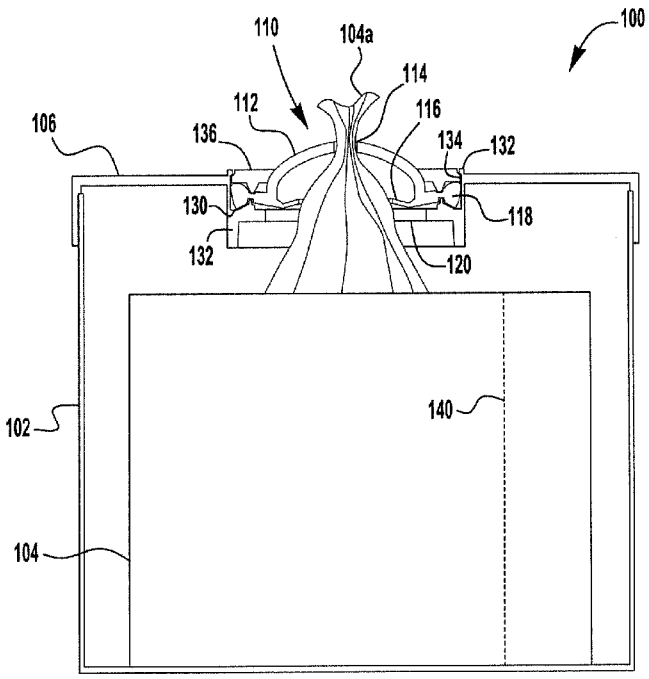


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: One embodiment for dispensers for dispensing wet wipes includes a container, a plurality of wet wipes contained within the container and a dispensing nozzle made of a resilient material secured to the container. The dispensing nozzle includes an outlet opening in the nozzle. A fluid retaining member is located at a point below the opening. Another embodiment includes a container for holding a plurality of wipes. A dispensing nozzle includes a resilient member having an outlet opening is secured to the container. A fluid retaining member is located below the outlet. In one embodiment, the fluid retaining member has a surface that is sloped. Embodiments of dispensing nozzles for wet wipes are also disclosed wherein the dispensing nozzle includes a resilient dome shaped member having an opening located therein. In addition, the dispensing nozzle includes an annular fluid retaining member. The annular fluid retaining member may have a sloped surface.

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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A dispenser (100) for dispensing wet wipes (104a) comprising:
   a container (102);
   a plurality of wet wipes (104a) contained within the container (102);
   a dispensing nozzle (110) (310) made of a resilient material secured to the container (102);
   an outlet opening (114) (314) in the dispensing nozzle (1120) (310); and
   a resilient fluid retaining member (116) (316) located at a point below the outlet opening (114) (314).

2. The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) and dispensing nozzle (110) (310) are a unitary member.

3. The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) and fluid retaining member (116) (316) comprise silicon.

4. The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the retaining member (116) (316) has a sloped surface.

5. The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) is in the form of a dome and the outlet opening (114) (314) is round.

6. The dispenser of claim 5 further comprising a cap (106) for the container (102), wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) is located in the cap (106) and held in place by a retaining ring (136) (450).

7. The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) is annular.

8. A wet wipes (104a) dispenser (100) comprising:
   a container (102) for holding a plurality of wipes (104a); and
   a dispensing nozzle (110) (310) secured to the container (102);
   the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) comprising a resilient member having an outlet (114) (314); and

a resilient fluid retaining member (116) (316) located below the outlet (114) (314);

wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) is configured to contact a wipe (104a) as it is being dispensed.

9. The wet wipes dispenser (100) of claim 8 further comprising a plurality of wipes (104a).

10. The wet wipes dispenser (100) of claim 8 wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) and dispensing nozzle (110) (310) are a unitary member.

11. The wet wipes dispenser (100) of claim 8 wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) and the fluid retaining member (116) (316) comprise silicon.

12. The wet wipes dispenser (100) of claim 8 wherein the retaining member (116) (316) has a sloped surface.

13. The wet wipes dispenser (100) of claim 8 wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) is in the form of a dome and the outlet (114) (314) is round.

14. A dispensing nozzle (110) (310) for wet wipes (104a) comprising:

a resilient dome shaped member (112) (312);

an outlet opening (114) (314) located in the dome shaped member (112) (313); and

a resilient annular fluid retaining member (116) (316);

wherein the annular fluid retaining member (116) (316) is configured to contact a wipe (104a) as it is being pulled out of the dispensing nozzle (110) (310).

15. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 further comprising a container (102) and a roll of wipes (104a).

16. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) and resilient dome shaped (112) (312) member are a unitary piece.

17. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) and fluid retaining member (116) (316) comprise silicon.

18. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 wherein the fluid retaining member (116) (316) has a sloped surface.

19. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 wherein the outlet opening (114) (314) is round.

20. The dispensing nozzle (110) (310) of claim 14 further comprising a cap (106) for the container (102), wherein the dispensing nozzle (110) (310) is located in the cap (106) and held in place by a retaining ring (136) (458).