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(54) **CLOSURE**

(57) A dispensing closure (10) for a container is provided. The closure comprises a base (20) which is attachable to a container, and a flip top pourer (15) which is attachable to the base. The pourer comprises a pourer body (25) and a lid (30) which is hingedly attached thereto so as to be movable between a closed position and an open position. The pourer is rotatable relative to the base and its position is axially fixed, the pourer is rotatable between a locked position in which the lid cannot be moved to the open position and an unlocked position in which the lid can be moved to the open position. The pourer body comprises a retention slot (68) and the lid comprises a corresponding retention member (60). In the locked position the retention member cannot escape the slot and in the open position the retention member can escape the slot to allow the lid to be opened.

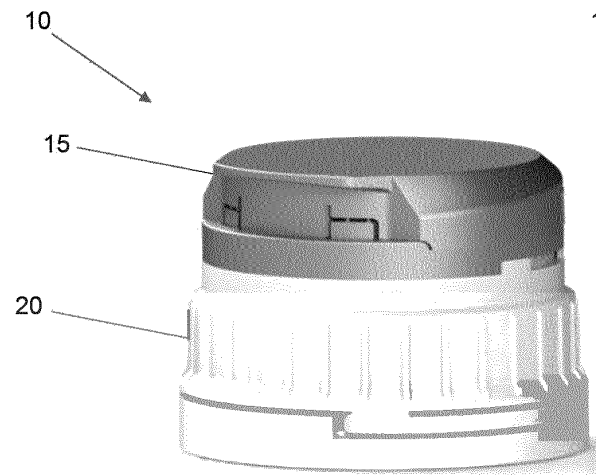


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A selectively lockable closure

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2. claims: 8-15

A closure and a container capable of holding the closure in an open position

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