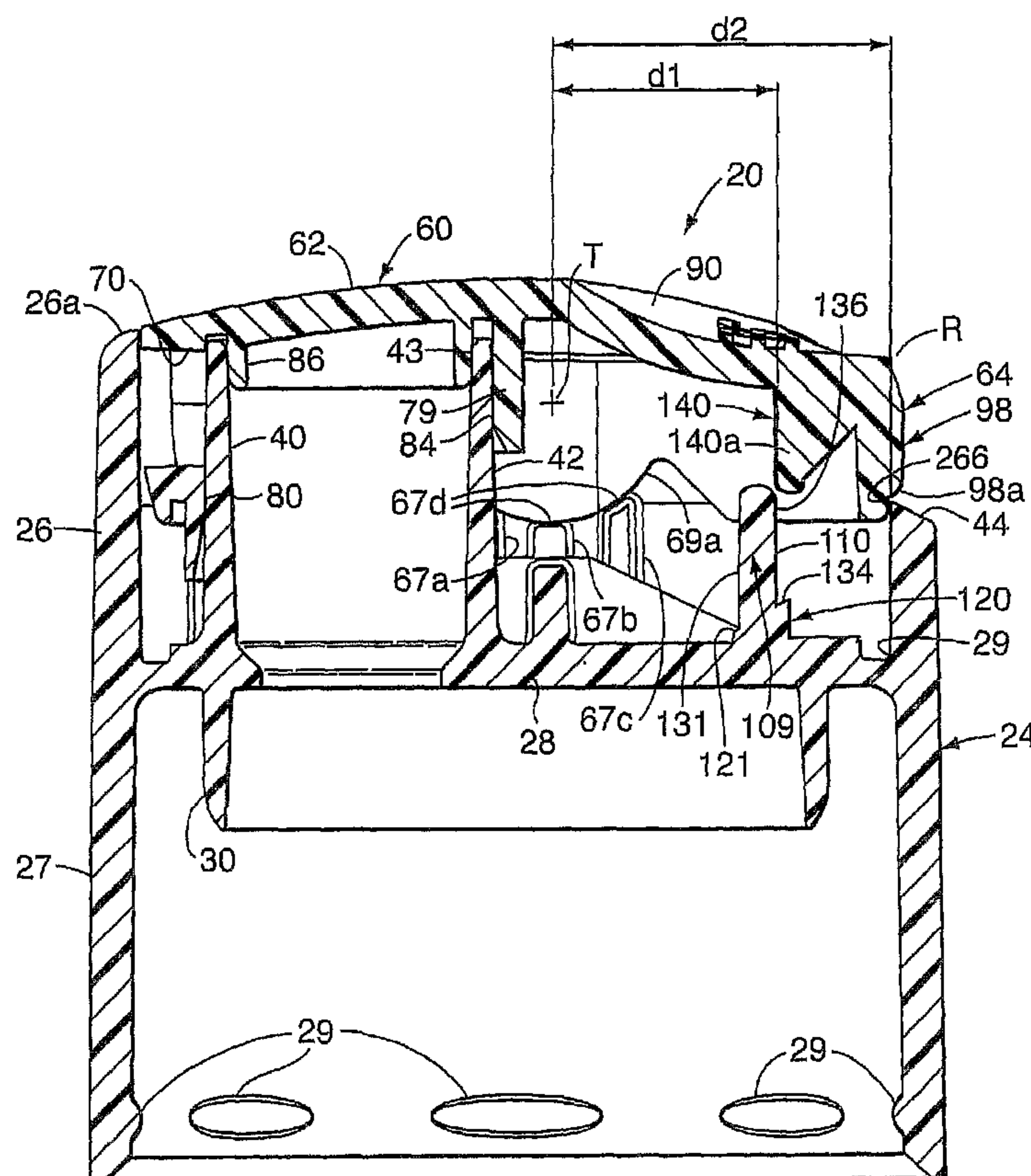




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(24) secured to the container. The actuator (60) is tiltable by applying force to the actuator (60) on one side of the tilting axis (T) so as to move the actuator (60) from a non-dispensing position to a dispensing position. The actuator (60) includes a striker rib (140) extending downwardly at a position between an edge of the actuator (60) and the tilting axis (T). The body (24) includes a deck (28) defining a dispensing aperture (43) and supporting a post (110). The post (110) extends vertically to underlie the actuator (60), preventing tilting of the actuator (60) unless a sufficient opening force is exerted on the actuator (60) to cause the striker rib (140) to shear, or permanently deform, the post (110).

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A RECESSED STRIKER RIB**

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TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention relates to a toggle-action dispensing closure for a container, wherein the closure can be manipulated between a closed orientation and an open, dispensing orientation.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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TECHNICAL PROBLEMS POSED BY THE PRIOR ART

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Designs have been proposed for containers used with flowable substances wherein a closure is provided for being attached to the container mouth and wherein the closure includes a toggle-action actuator, flip-up spout, or nozzle assembly for dispensing the container contents. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,346,100; 5,058,775; 4,962,869; 4,776,501; 4,645,086 and 3,516,581.

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The toggle-action closures, such as those disclosed in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Nos. 5,346,100, 5,058,775, 4,962,869, and 4,776,501, require that the operator push down on a top, rear portion of the closure in order to pivot the actuator of the closure to the dispensing orientation.

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When the actuator is pivoted to the dispensing position, a discharge passage in the actuator is in communication with the container contents, and the container contents can flow out through the actuator. Typically, such toggle-action closures are provided on squeezable containers fabricated from a thermoplastic material providing a inwardly deformable, resilient wall structure. When the container wall structure is squeezed, the

