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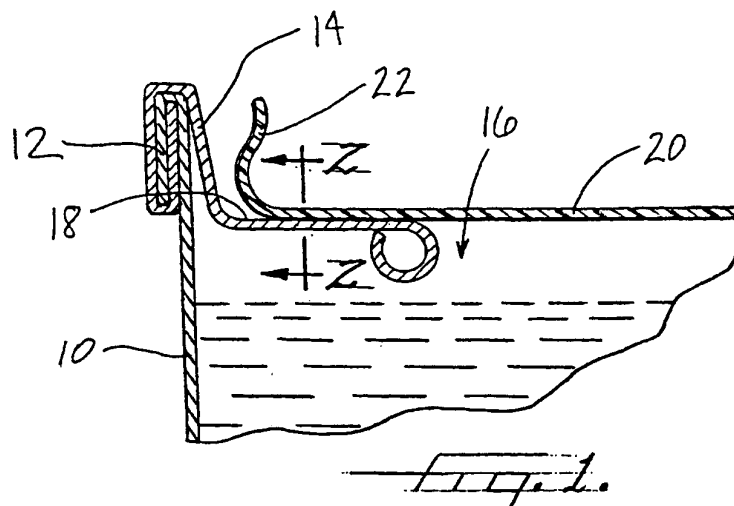
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(54) **Easily openable closure for a retortable container**

(57) A retortable, easily openable closure of the type having a metal end and a membrane closure heat-sealed thereto, wherein the metal end has a coating of a heat-seal composition (24) comprising a food-compatible metal-coating composition blended with polypropylene. The polypropylene disperses within the food-compatible metal-coating composition during curing of the coating on

the metal end such that an outer surface of the coating defines a multitude of separate, spaced islands (26) of polypropylene dispersed within the food-compatible metal-coating composition so as to form bonding sites. The membrane closure's lower surface has a heat-seal layer of polypropylene for sealing to the coating on the metal end.



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