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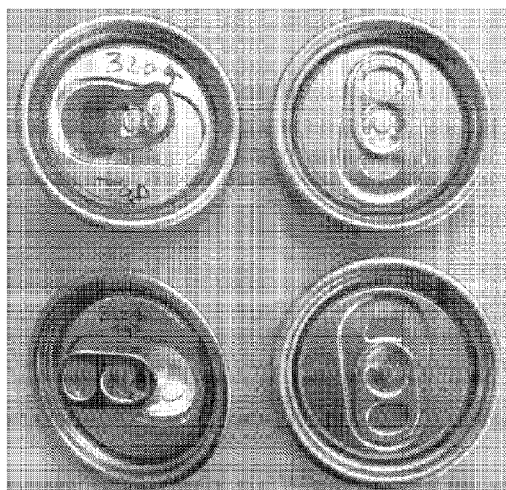


Figure 1A

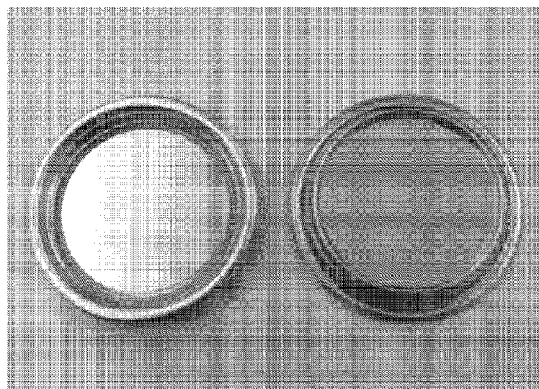


Figure 1B

(57) Abstract: This application discloses 3XXX aluminum alloys useful in fabricating can ends and tabs used for opening cans, particularly AA3104 and AA3204 aluminum alloys. This application discloses 3XXX aluminum alloys useful in fabricating cans comprising a body, end and tab, particularly AA3104 and AA3204 aluminum alloys.



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A can tab or a can end or an aluminium can comprising a can tab or can end, subjected to the condition that the can tab or the can end or both are made from a 3xxx aluminium alloy

2. claims: 2, 6, 13, 16

A can tab or a can end or an aluminium can comprising a can tab or can end, subjected to the condition that the can tab or the can end or both are made from an alloy as described in claim 2

3. claims: 3, 7, 14, 17(all partially)

A can tab or a can end or an aluminium can comprising a can tab or can end, subjected to the condition that the can tab or the can end or both are made from a 3xxx aluminium alloy comprising 2% Mg

4. claims: 3, 7, 14, 17(all partially)

A can tab or a can end or an aluminium can comprising a can tab or can end, subjected to the condition that the can tab or the can end or both are made from a 3xxx aluminium alloy comprising 3% Mg

5. claims: 4, 8, 15, 18

A can tab or a can end or an aluminium can comprising a can tab or can end, subjected to the condition that the can tab or the can end or both are made from a 3104 or 3204 alloy

6. claims: 9, 19

A can end or an aluminium can, subjected to the condition that the can end has the diameter as defined in claim 9

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