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(54) **A method of producing metal cans and metal cans produced thereby**

(57) A process for producing metal cans (7) from a feedstock (1) comprising a low carbon steel strip or sheet coated on each of its surfaces with a coherent laminated coating of a thermoplastic polymer material. The process includes one or more redrawing stages in which the side walls are reduced in thickness by a stretching operation, and forming in the can base an inwardly projecting dome bordered by upstanding walls which subtend an angle of between 0 and 5° to the vertical.

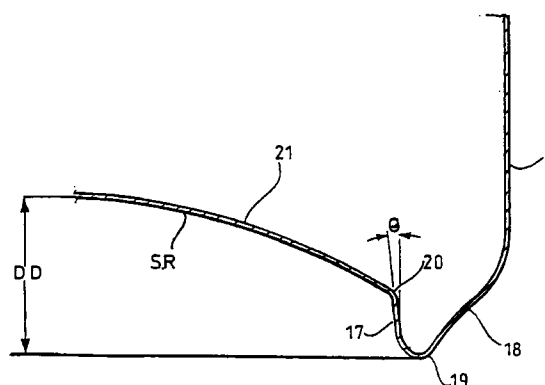


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