

panel, being suitable for attachment to the container, extending around said side walls of the container, and

[0030] b) adhesive means for attaching the label to the container and cap assembly,

[0031] wherein tampering with or removing said tear strip from the assembly by way of pulling an end tab, removing or repositioning the cap from the container causes the perforated lines of the tear strip to wrinkle or rupture separating the upper and lower panels of the assembly along the tear strip, wherein the tabs of the upper panel remain attached to the cap and the lower panel remains attached to the container, and wherein wrinkle or rupture of the label serves as visible and physical evidence of opening of said assembly.

[0032] Although this invention has been described with respect to specific embodiments, the details of these embodiments are not to be construed as limitations. Various equivalents, changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention, and it is understood that such equivalent embodiments are part of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A tamper-evident label suitable for attaching to a container and cap assembly, the cap being removably attached to the container, said container having a bottom, side walls, a mouth, and top edge adjacent to the mouth, said cap having a top, side wall, and bottom edge adjacent to the mount of the container, wherein a spacing void exists between the walls of the container and cap, the label comprising:

a) a planar sheet having a tear strip defined by two parallel perforated lines there through defining upper and lower panels, the tear strip overlaying the void between the assembly walls, extending over the top edge of the container and the bottom edge of the cap, said upper panel, being suitable for attachment to the cap, having at least two tabs extending over the side walls of said cap, said tear strip extending around the assembly and over said spacing void, and said lower panel, being suitable for attachment to the container, extending around said side walls of the container, and

b) means for attaching the label to the container and cap assembly,

wherein tampering with or removing said tear strip from the assembly by way of pulling an end tab, removing or repositioning the cap from the container causes the perforated lines of the tear strip to wrinkle or rupture separating the upper and lower panels of the assembly along the tear strip, wherein the tabs of the upper panel remain attached to the cap and the lower panel remains attached to the container, and wherein wrinkle or

rupture of the label serves as visible and physical evidence of opening of said assembly.

2. The tamper-evident label according to claim 1, wherein the upper and lower panels containing identification, safety and use indicia.

3. The tamper-evident label according to claim 2, wherein the label is fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic material, metal foils and paper.

4. The tamper-evident label according to claim 3, wherein the tear strip contains a tab on either end thereof.

5. The tamper-evident label according to claim 4, wherein the tear strip contains reinforcement there through.

6. The tamper-evident label according to claim 5, wherein the reinforcement is selected from fibrous filaments, plastics and metal strips.

7. The tamper-evident label according to claim 6, wherein the fibrous filament is parallel to the perforations in the label.

8. A tamper-evident label suitable for attaching to a thermoplastic container and cap assembly, the cap being removably attached to the container, said container having a bottom, side walls, a mouth, and top edge adjacent to the mouth, said cap having a top, side wall, and bottom edge adjacent to the mount of the container, wherein a spacing void exists between the walls of the container and cap, the label comprising:

a) a planar paper sheet having a tear strip defined by two parallel perforated lines there through defining upper and lower panels, the tear strip overlaying the void between the assembly walls, extending over the top edge of the container and the bottom edge of the cap, said tear strip having pull tabs on opposite ends thereof and a reinforcing strand incorporated therein, said upper panel, being suitable for attachment to the cap, having at least two tabs extending over the side walls of said cap, said tear strip extending around the assembly and over said spacing void, and said lower panel, being suitable for attachment to the container, extending around said side walls of the container, and

b) adhesive means for attaching the label to the container and cap assembly,

wherein tampering with or removing said tear strip from the assembly by way of pulling an end tab, removing or repositioning the cap from the container causes the perforated lines of the tear strip to wrinkle or rupture separating the upper and lower panels of the assembly along the tear strip, wherein the tabs of the upper panel remain attached to the cap and the lower panel remains attached to the container, and wherein wrinkle or rupture of the label serves as visible and physical evidence of opening of said assembly.

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