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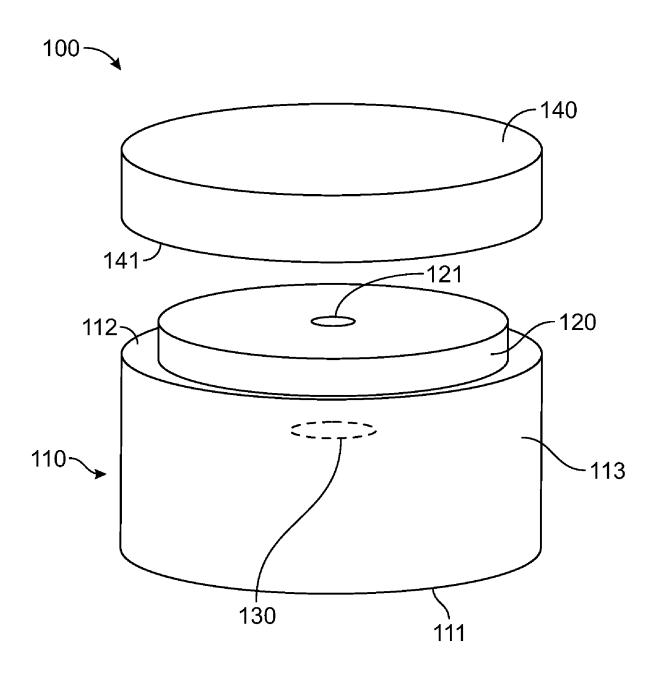
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ABSTRACT (57)

A sunscreen application device, including a main body to store at least one liquid therein, and an applicator movably disposed on and within at least a portion of the main body to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator.



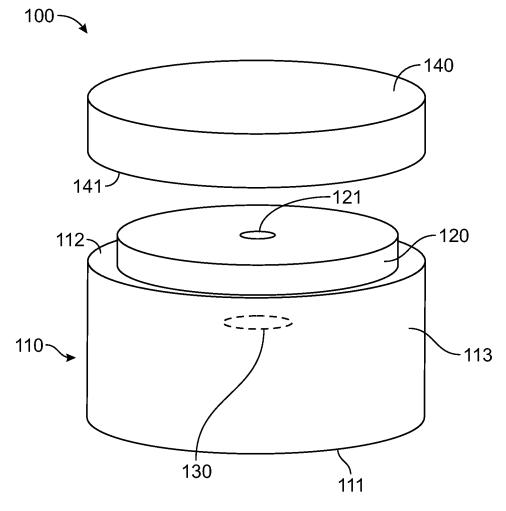


FIG. 1

SUNSCREEN APPLICATION DEVICE

BACKGROUND

1. Field

[0001] The present general inventive concept relates generally to topical treatment, and particularly, to a sunscreen application device.

2. Description of the Related Art

[0002] Sunscreen is an important and often necessary topical product for people experiencing prolonged exposure to the Sun. It is well known that the Sun emits ultraviolet (UV) light that damages skin and can cause the skin to tan. However, applying sunscreen is inconvenient. Typically, the sunscreen leaves a greasy mess on hands of a person and may be painful if the sunscreen enters eyes of the person. The sunscreen will leave a residue on the hands that not only makes it incredibly difficult to have a solid grip on items, post application, but can also stain clothing and other fabrics when not properly washed off.

[0003] Unfortunately, the conventional sunscreen comes in a spray bottle and/or a container with a sunscreen lotion that has to be applied with the hands. In either case, the person is forced to use the hands to ensure effective application of the sunscreen.

[0004] Therefore, there is a need for a sunscreen application device that applies sunscreen to a body of the person without using the hands.

SUMMARY

[0005] The present general inventive concept provides a sunscreen application device.

[0006] Additional features and utilities of the present general inventive concept will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be obvious from the description, or may be learned by practice of the general inventive concept.

[0007] The foregoing and/or other features and utilities of the present general inventive concept may be achieved by providing a sunscreen application device, including a main body to store at least one liquid therein, and an applicator movably disposed on and within at least a portion of the main body to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator.

[0008] The main body may include a base, a top surface having a size equivalent to a size of the base, and a cylindrical surface perpendicularly disposed away from the base toward the top surface to connect the base to the top surface.

[0009] The applicator may be disposed on and within at least a portion of a center of the top surface and protrudes away from the top surface.

[0010] The applicator may at least partially deform in response to an application of force thereto.

[0011] The applicator may include a dispensing aperture disposed on at least a portion of a center of the applicator to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator.

[0012] The sunscreen application device may further include a valve disposed within at least a portion of the main

body and connected to the applicator to release the at least one liquid from the main body to the applicator in response to depressing the applicator.

[0013] The sunscreen application device may further include a lid removably connected to at least a portion of the main body to cover the applicator.

[0014] The lid may include a recessed surface disposed on at least a portion of a center of the lid to receive the applicator therein and prevent evaporation of the at least one liquid from the applicator while the lid remains connected to the main body.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] These and/or other features and utilities of the present generally inventive concept will become apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

[0016] FIG. 1 illustrates a side perspective view of a sunscreen application device, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present general inventive concept.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0017] Various example embodiments (a.k.a., exemplary embodiments) will now be described more fully with reference to the accompanying drawings in which some example embodiments are illustrated. In the figures, the thicknesses of lines, layers and/or regions may be exaggerated for clarity.

[0018] Accordingly, while example embodiments are capable of various modifications and alternative forms, embodiments thereof are shown by way of example in the figures and will herein be described in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intent to limit example embodiments to the particular forms disclosed, but on the contrary, example embodiments are to cover all modifications, equivalents, and alternatives falling within the scope of the disclosure. Like numbers refer to like/similar elements throughout the detailed description.

[0019] It is understood that when an element is referred to as being "connected" or "coupled" to another element, it can be directly connected or coupled to the other element or intervening elements may be present. In contrast, when an element is referred to as being "directly connected" or "directly coupled" to another element, there are no intervening elements present. Other words used to describe the relationship between elements should be interpreted in a like fashion (e.g., "between" versus "directly between," "adjacent" versus "directly adjacent," etc.).

[0020] The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting of example embodiments. As used herein, the singular forms "a," "an" and "the" are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. It will be further understood that the terms "comprises," "comprising," "includes" and/or "including," when used herein, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements and/or components, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components and/or groups thereof.

[0021] Unless otherwise defined, all terms (including technical and scientific terms) used herein have the same mean-

ing as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which example embodiments belong. It will be further understood that terms, e.g., those defined in commonly used dictionaries, should be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art. However, should the present disclosure give a specific meaning to a term deviating from a meaning commonly understood by one of ordinary skill, this meaning is to be taken into account in the specific context this definition is given herein.

LIST OF COMPONENTS

[0022] Sunscreen Application Device 100

[0023] Main Body 110

[0024] Base 111

[0025] Top Surface 112

[0026] Cylindrical Surface 113

[0027] Applicator 120

[0028] Dispensing Aperture 121

[0029] Valve 130

[0030] Lid 140

[0031] Recessed Surface 141

[0032] FIG. 1 illustrates a side perspective view of a sunscreen application device 100, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present general inventive concept. [0033] The sunscreen application device 100 may be constructed from at least one of metal, plastic, wood, and rubber, etc., but is not limited thereto.

[0034] The sunscreen application device 100 may include a main body 110, an applicator 120, a valve 130, and a lid 140, but is not limited thereto.

[0035] Referring to FIG. 1, the main body 110 is illustrated to have a cylindrical shape. However, the main body 110 may be rectangular, circular, conical, triangular, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, octagonal, or any other shape known to one of ordinary skill in the art, but is not limited thereto.

[0036] The main body 110 may store at least one liquid therein, such as a sunscreen lotion and/or a sunscreen liquid with a propellant to convert the sunscreen into an aerosol in response to being dispensed.

[0037] The main body 110 may include a base 111, a top surface 112, and a cylindrical surface 113, but is not limited thereto.

[0038] The base 111 may be planar and be disposed on a first end of the main body 110. Moreover, the base 111 may be removably disposed on any surface, such as a ground surface, a table, a countertop, etc.

[0039] The top surface 112 may be disposed on a second end of the main body 110 opposite with respect to the base 111. The top surface 112 may have a size (e.g., a diameter and/or a circumference) equivalent to a size (e.g., a diameter and/or a circumference) of the base 111.

[0040] The cylindrical surface 113 may be circumferentially disposed in a circle around a perimeter of the base 111 and/or the top surface 112. Additionally, the cylindrical surface 113 may be disposed between the base 111 and/or the top surface 112. As such, the cylindrical surface 113 may connect the base 10 the top surface 112. Moreover, the cylindrical surface 113 may be perpendicularly disposed away from the base 111 toward the top surface 112 to connect the base 111 to the top surface 112, such that the base 111, the top surface 112, and/or the cylindrical surface 113 may form a cylinder.

[0041] The applicator 120 may be constructed of a foam (e.g., polyurethane foam), a sponge, and a microfiber, but is not limited thereto.

[0042] The applicator 120 may be movably disposed on and/or within at least a portion of the main body 110. More specifically, the applicator 120 may be disposed on and/or within at least a portion of a center of the top surface 112. The applicator 120 may at least partially extend above a surface of the top surface 112. As such, the applicator 120 may protrude away from the top surface 112.

[0043] Furthermore, the applicator 120 may at least partially deform (e.g., bend, stretch) in response to an application of force (e.g., pushing, pulling) thereto. In other words, the applicator 120 may move and/or compress in response to being depressed.

[0044] The applicator 120 may include a dispensing aperture 121, but is not limited thereto.

[0045] The dispensing aperture 121 may be disposed on at least a portion of a center of the applicator 120. Moreover, the dispensing aperture 121 may dispense the at least one liquid from the main body 110 in response to depressing the applicator 120. As such, the applicator 120 may absorb and/or be coated with the at least one liquid from the main body 110 in response to depressing the applicator 120. Subsequently, the applicator 120 may be moved (e.g., rubbed, glides) over a body of a user to apply sunscreen.

[0046] The valve 130 may be disposed within at least a portion of the main body 110 and/or connected to the applicator 120. The valve 130 may be opened in response to depressing the applicator 120, such that the dispensing aperture 121 may receive the at least one liquid moving through the valve 130 from the main body 110. In other words, the valve 130 may release the at least one liquid from the main body 110 to the applicator 120 in response to depressing the applicator 120. Conversely, the valve 130 may remain closed while the applicator 120 has an absence of the application of force. In other words, the valve 130 may be closed while the applicator 120 is not being depressed. As such, the valve 130 may prevent the at least one liquid from moving through the valve 130 while the applicator 120 is not in use. Therefore, the valve 130 may be a one-way valve.

[0047] The lid 140 may be removably connected to at least a portion of the main body 110. Moreover, the lid 140 may cover and/or enclose the applicator 120 therein while connected to the main body 110.

[0048] The lid 140 may include a recessed surface 141, but is not limited thereto.

[0049] The recessed surface 141 may be disposed on at least a portion of a center of the lid 140. The recessed surface 141 may be recessed with respect to an outer edge of the lid 140. Additionally, the recessed surface 141 may receive the applicator 120 therein. The recessed surface 141 may have a size (e.g., a height, a circumference) corresponding to a size (e.g., a height, the circumference) of the applicator 120. Accordingly, the applicator 120 may snugly fit within the recessed surface 141. The recessed surface 141 may form an airtight and water tight seal while disposed over the applicator 120 and/or the lid 140 remains connected to the main body 110. Thus, the lid 140 and/or the recessed surface 141 may prevent evaporation of the sunscreen from the applicator 120 while connected to the main body 110.

[0050] Therefore, the sunscreen application device 100 may prevent hands of the user from getting greasy and/or

having residue thereon due to touching the at least one liquid. As such, the sunscreen application device 100 may prevent the hands of the user from getting sticky and/or slippery. Also, the sunscreen application device 100 may avoid having to use a separate device to apply the sunscreen due to being an all-in-one device.

[0051] The present general inventive concept may include a sunscreen application device 100, including a main body 110 to store at least one liquid therein, and an applicator 120 movably disposed on and within at least a portion of the main body 110 to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body 110 in response to depressing the applicator 120. [0052] The main body 110 may include a base 111, a top surface 112 having a size equivalent to a size of the base 111, and a cylindrical surface 113 perpendicularly disposed away from the base 111 toward the top surface 112 to connect the base 111 to the top surface 112.

[0053] The applicator 120 may be disposed on and within at least a portion of a center of the top surface 112 and protrudes away from the top surface 112.

[0054] The applicator 120 may at least partially deform in response to an application of force thereto.

[0055] The applicator 120 may include a dispensing aperture 121 disposed on at least a portion of a center of the applicator 120 to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body 110 in response to depressing the applicator 120. [0056] The sunscreen application device 100 may further include a valve 130 disposed within at least a portion of the main body 110 and connected to the applicator 120 to release the at least one liquid from the main body 110 to the applicator 120 in response to depressing the applicator 120. [0057] The sunscreen application device 100 may further include a lid 140 removably connected to at least a portion of the main body 110 to cover the applicator 120.

[0058] The lid 140 may include a recessed surface 141 disposed on at least a portion of a center of the lid 140 to receive the applicator 120 therein and prevent evaporation of the at least one liquid from the applicator 120 while the lid 140 remains connected to the main body 110.

[0059] Although a few embodiments of the present general inventive concept have been shown and described, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in these embodiments without departing from the principles and spirit of the general inventive concept, the scope of which is defined in the appended claims and their equivalents.

- 1. A sunscreen application device, comprising:
- a main body to store at least one liquid therein; and
- an applicator movably disposed on and within at least a portion of the main body to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator, such that the applicator has a planar top surface and has an absence of material of the applicator at a center thereof, such that the absence of material extends from an interior of the main body through the applicator to the planar top surface.

- 2. The sunscreen application device of claim 1, wherein the main body comprises:
 - a base:
 - a top surface having a size equivalent to a size of the base;
 - a cylindrical surface perpendicularly disposed away from the base toward the top surface to connect the base to the top surface.
- 3. The sunscreen application device of claim 2, wherein the applicator is disposed on and within at least a portion of a center of the top surface and protrudes away from the top surface.
- **4**. The sunscreen application device of claim **1**, wherein the applicator at least partially deforms in response to an application of force thereto.
- 5. The sunscreen application device of claim 1, wherein the applicator comprises:
 - a dispensing aperture disposed on at least a portion of a center of the applicator to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator.
- **6**. The sunscreen application device of claim **1**, further comprising:
 - a valve disposed within at least a portion of the main body and connected to the applicator to release the at least one liquid from the main body to the applicator in response to depressing the applicator.
- 7. The sunscreen application device of claim 1, further comprising:
- a lid removably connected to at least a portion of the main body to cover the applicator.
- **8**. The sunscreen application device of claim **7**, wherein the lid comprises:
 - a recessed surface disposed on at least a portion of a center of the lid to receive the applicator therein and prevent evaporation of the at least one liquid from the applicator while the lid remains connected to the main body.
 - 9. A sunscreen application device, comprising:
 - a main body to store at least one liquid therein;
 - an applicator movably disposed on and within at least a portion of the main body to dispense the at least one liquid from the main body in response to depressing the applicator, such that the applicator has a planar top surface and has an absence of material of the applicator at a center thereof, such that the absence of material extends from an interior of the main body through the applicator to the planar top surface; and
 - a lid removably connected to a top surface of the main body to cover the applicator, the lid comprising:
 - a recessed surface disposed on at least a portion of a center of the lid to receive the applicator therein and forming an airtight and a water tight seal while disposed over the applicator.

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