

transparent so as to be able to view the inner contents of the coin tube 10 without the need of removing cap 19. Preferably, the material used should be an inert material, such as polypropylene or polyethylene so as not to harm, tarnish or chemically react with the coins in the tube.

The coin tube 10 disclosed herein is cheaper to manufacture, uses less materials and provides an air tight seal for the stored coins that is an improvement over prior art coin tubes. There is a positive lock of the cap to the tube body to prevent the cap from coming off and the contents from coming out. Rings 23, 24 provide a semi-locking feature to the cap so that, if the tube is dropped, the contents will not spill out.

Any suitable dimensions can be used. For example, cylindrical portion 13 may be about 1.054 inches in outer diameter and about 1.040 inches in inner diameter. Main body portion 14 may be about 1.070 inches in outer diameter and about 2.414 inches in length. Cylindrical portion 13 may be about 0.500 inches in length with ridge 22 spaced from the upper end of cylindrical portion 13 about 0.100 inches. Ridge 22 may be about 0.020 inches wide. Ribs 25, 30 may be about 0.100 inches wide.

It can be seen that there is disclosed a coin tube that is designed to prevent the tube from rolling. It can be manufactured using less materials than prior art coin tubes and lesser attention to tolerances. The unique nub and hole arrangement between the cap and cylindrical portion keeps the cap from spinning and coming off. The coin tube is stackable and the ridges on the interior of the cap compensate for misalignment providing a tight friction fit. The contents of the tube are protected and will not fall out if the tube is dropped.

Although a particular embodiment of the invention is disclosed, variations thereof may occur to an artisan and the scope of the invention should only be limited by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A coin tube comprising:  
a main body portion generally rectangular in cross-section having four elongated generally rectangular sides meet-

ing at four corners thereof, a bottom wall, and a generally cylindrical portion of the upper end thereof integral therewith having an outer diameter less than the outer diameter of said main body portion; and

a cap generally rectangular in outer configuration having an inner generally cylindrical wall friction fit on to said cylindrical portion, said cap having 4 side walls meeting at four corners thereof, said corners of said cap and said main body portion having mating nubs and holes fixedly securing said cap to said main body portion in a non-rotating manner.

2. The tube of claim 1 wherein said nubs are on said cap and said holes are on said main body portion.

3. The tube of claim 1 wherein each of said corners of said cap and said main body portion includes aligned elongated ribs.

4. The tube of claim 3 wherein said ribs extend outwardly from said main body portion and said cap respectfully terminating in generally rounded ends with elongated grooves on each side thereof forming said ribs.

5. The tube of claim 1 wherein said cylindrical portion has an annular ridge on the exterior thereof adjacent the upper end thereof spaced from said main body portion.

6. The tube of claim 1 wherein said cap has a plurality of spaced ridges on the interior of said cylindrical wall to provide for a friction fit between said cap and said cylindrical portion.

7. The tube of claim 1 wherein said main body portion and said cylindrical portion are formed from one piece of plastic material.

8. The tube of claim 7 wherein said cap is formed from one piece of plastic material.

9. The tube of claim 8 wherein said cap, said main body portion and said cylindrical portion are of a semi-transparent material.

10. The tube of claim 9 wherein said cap, said main body portion and said cylindrical portion are of polypropylene.

11. The tube of claim 9 wherein said cap, said main body portion and said cylindrical portion are of polyethylene.

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