



Owens-Illinois Announces One-Piece Squeeze & Turn Child-Resistant Package

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Stock product line combines advanced technology with an economical price

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc., (NYSE: OI) through its units Owens-Illinois Closure Inc. and Owens-Illinois Prescription Products Inc., introduces a new stock product line of child-resistant squeeze & turn packages which incorporate a one-piece closure and bottle system available in five sizes.

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"Owens-Illinois has a long-standing reputation of supporting the Consumer Product Safety Commission through our supply of child-resistant closures and packages," says Thomas Shields, O-I industry manager. "The squeeze & turn package is the newest addition to our product line and offers our customers a cost-effective, child-resistant total package solution."

Squeeze & turn closures are a proven technology designed as a lower-cost alternative to two-piece child-resistant closures (CRCs), while offering the same child protection and senior-friendly characteristics.

The squeeze & turn closure is a non torque-dependent system which means it does not rely entirely on the closure's application torque for child resistance. It is also production-friendly in that no on-line retorquers are required after the induction seal is activated. Additionally, the closure emits an audible and tactile click as the squeeze & turn closure is properly resealed.

The package uses conventional liners and is suitable for both pharmaceutical and over-the-counter solid oral dose applications.

While squeeze & turn closures are new to solid oral dose applications, O-I's 28-400 squeeze & turn linerless closures have been used for years in packaging liquid cough and cold products. O-I also offers an extensive line of two-piece Clic-Loc(R), Argus-Loc(R), Ultra-Loc(TM) and Chem-Loc(R) child-resistant closures.

The full stock line of the squeeze & turn package includes 45, 75, 120, 180, and 225 cc sizes and is available now. The system is currently being introduced by major pharmaceutical companies.

For more information on the squeeze & turn package or to request a sample kit, call 1-800-321-3391 or e-mail rx.customer@owens-ill.com . Media inquiries please call (419) 247-1297.

About O-I

Owens-Illinois is the largest manufacturer of glass containers in North America, South America, Australia and New Zealand, and one of the largest in Europe. O-I also is a worldwide manufacturer of plastics packaging with operations in North America, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Plastics packaging products manufactured by O-I include consumer products (blow molded containers, injection molded closures and dispensing systems) and prescription containers.

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