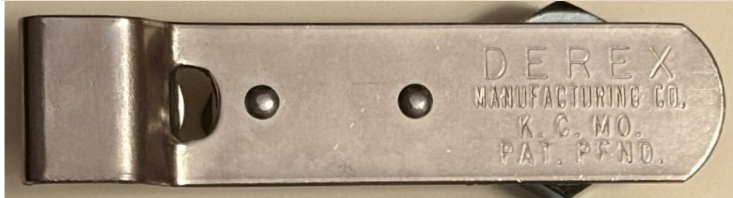


Derex Can Punch and Bottle Opener (1958)

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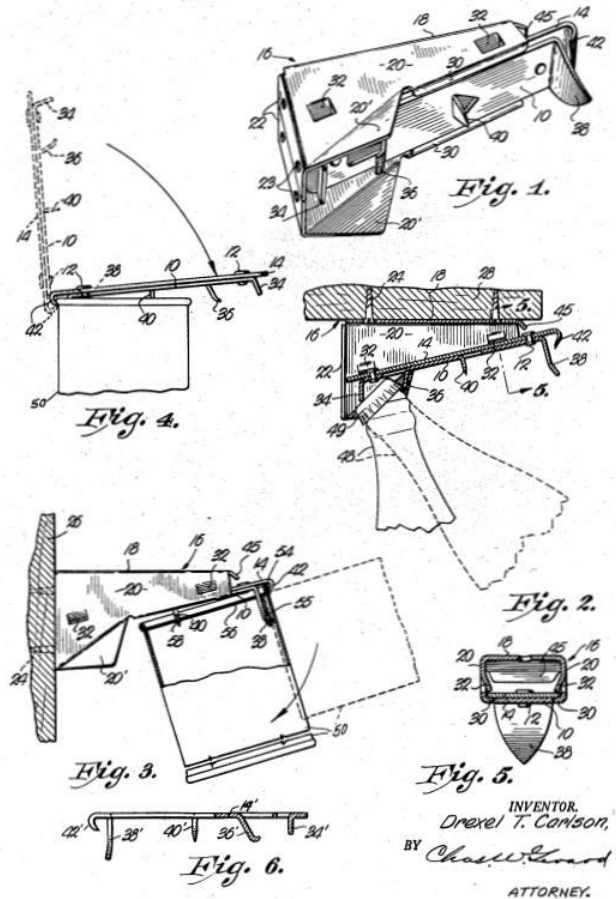
Don Bull, Greetings and Happy New Year. This is just a note to say thank you again. More than a year ago you sent me a package that contained a Derex marketing store display cardboard and the opener part of the can/punch bottle opener that was pictured on it. I had never heard of this opener before you sent it to me. Little did I know it was enough of a clue to begin my hunt for the receiver part of the opener body that was pictured. I love this kind of a challenge. If you Google Derex, that name associated with an opener is pretty much nonexistent. I finally was able to locate and purchase a complete Derex opener. An added bonus was my purchase included the instructions and a mailing box for the Derex Mfg. Company. Having all this information, I fully documented it and tied it to the patent (2,850,800) issued in 1958. Funny enough, the inventor's name was Drexel T. Carlson, similar to the company's name, just rearranged. It appears this opener is somewhat rare to find due to its emergence probably came just when can piecers and bottle cap removal demise was down the road for them with the invention of pull tabs and twist tops. The opener receiver body also might have been a nuisance for some and was tossed with the opener part ending up in the kitchen utensil drawer as a hand opener as it was also intended to be per the instructions. Thank you again for your generosity in sending those items to me. It was a fun journey and one I'm glad I was able to solve.



Sept. 9, 1958 D. T. CARLSON 2,850,800

COMBINATION BEVERAGE CAN PUNCH AND BOTTLE OPENING DEVICE

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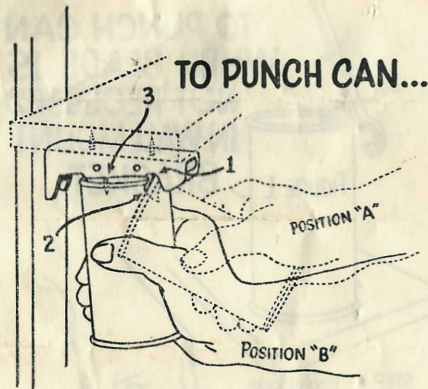
OPERATING & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE—Opener can be mounted on wall or underside of Bar or Cabinet. Suggested mounting height 42" to 52" from the floor. (Approx. elbow height.)

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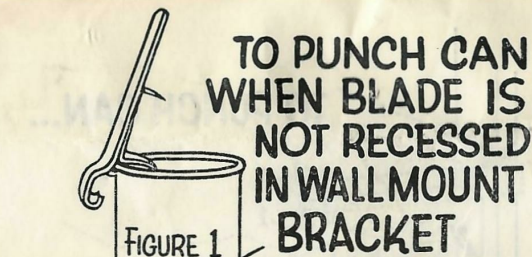


STEP 1 - Hook lip of can at #1 (Position "A")

STEP 2 - Push can forward with a slight downward motion. This action punches large pouring hole with punch marked #2, and at the same time punching small vent hole with punch marked #3

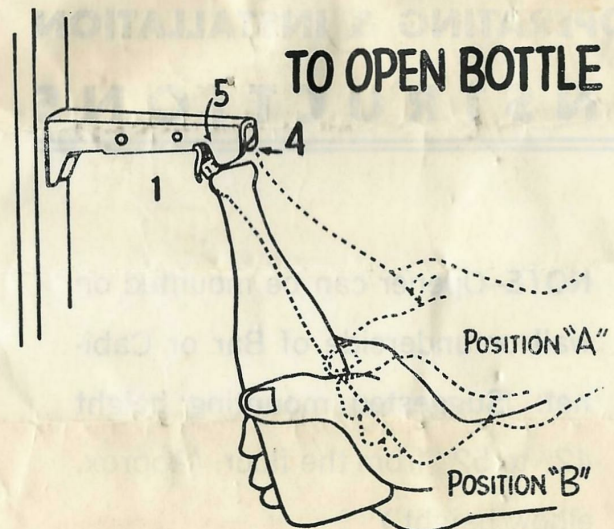
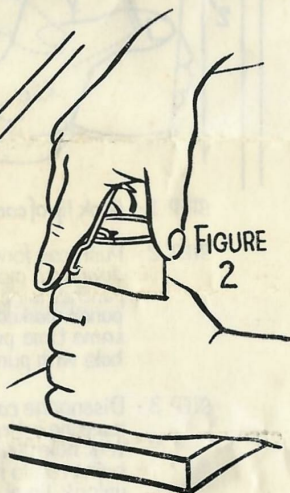
STEP 3 - Disengage can (position "B") by reversing action slightly. Retract vent hole punch (marked #3) then swing can to right or left to unlock lip of can at #1.

(FOR OTHER USES - SEE OTHER SIDE)



STEP 1 - Hook blade over lip of can as shown in figure 1

STEP 2 - Place palm of hand over blade, steady can with the other hand, then press down on blade, thus punching pouring and vent holes.



STEP 1 - Insert crown of bottle between skirts marked #4

STEP 2 - Hook bottle cap at #5 so that can hook marked #1 is bearing on top of bottle cap as shown in position "A"

STEP 3 - Swing bottle forward slightly to position "B" thus removing bottle cap.

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