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Peelable can end will handle aggressive products and retorts

The latest peelable can end from **Amcor Flexibles**, the **AluFix Retort Xtra**, has been awarded an Alufoil Trophy 2018 in the Technical Innovation category. It is the first aluminium foil can end able to withstand aggressive products such as tomato sauce, sauerkraut, fish in white wine and similar products. It is sealable on PP lacquered tinplate and is suitable for all current retortable production capabilities, says the company.



Alufoil Trophy's judging panel, made up of leading industry specialists, were hugely impressed by the can end's ability to cover such a broad range of products. "This is a notoriously difficult area for aluminium foil and to have overcome it in such a comprehensive way is a major step forward. It opens new markets and brings safety, convenience and material savings in addition to being truly innovative," they said.

Normally products like pickles, dips, tomatoes sauces or seafood are highly acetous, or have salts or spices in them. The Retort Xtra's composition has been designed specifically for environments with low pH values and high levels of these demanding substances.

"AluFix Retort Xtra is a very important addition to our portfolio of peel-off-end solutions. We can now proudly offer safety and convenience for pretty much all metal can applications in the global market," said Andrea Della Torre, Senior Director of R&D in Amcor Flexibles EMEA. "It was a fantastic joint effort between multiple R&D teams, so we appreciate very much EAFA's recognition with an Alufoil Trophy 2018," he added.

Amcor believes the can end, which incorporates a tab rather than the traditional ring pull, will gain wide acceptance with both the canning industry and consumers. This is due to the safe and easy opening, materials and energy saving in the manufacturing cycle and the fact it can be introduced without disrupting existing production programs, including retorts. Both printing and embossing are possible on this BPA free membrane.

The Alufoil Trophy is organised by the European Aluminium Foil Association. There are five categories – Consumer Convenience, Marketing + Design, Product Protection, Resource Efficiency and Technical Innovation. For the Alufoil Trophy 2018 there were ten winners.

High-resolution pictures can be downloaded and all winning entries can be viewed at www.trophy.alufoil.org

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The European Aluminium Foil Association is the international body representing companies engaged in the rolling and rewinding of alufoil and in the manufacture of aluminium closures, alufoil semi-rigid containers and of all kind of flexible packaging. Its more than 100 members include companies in Western, Central and Eastern Europe.
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