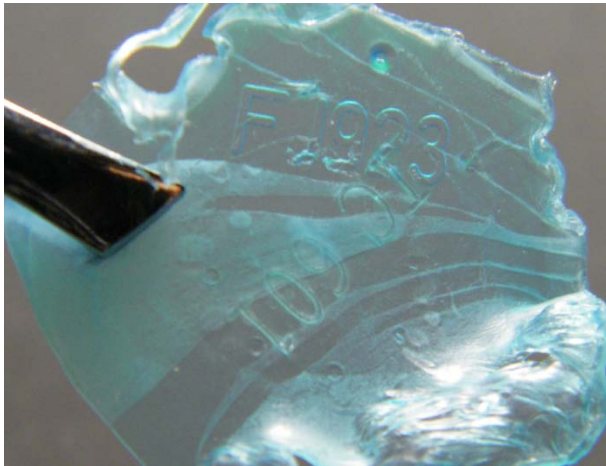


“Do you open?...”



Plastic liner removed from inside a bottle cap. Note the various letters and number stamped-in.



Inside of bottle cap, with plastic liner removed to reveal yet another stamped-in code.

In order to avoid makeh b'patish and other melachos on Shabbos, some people are accustomed to puncture the cap of carbonated beverages before twisting them off. The pictures above show, however, that there may be another problem with puncturing – that of mechikah, the destruction of lettering, when the knife pierces symbols which are hidden from view.

This notice is not meant to serve as p'sak halachah; please consult your moreh hora'ah for a definitive ruling