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Reciprocating engaging mechanism and related airtight device for preventing gaseous matter from leakage

Abstract

A reciprocating engaging mechanism is applied to an airtight device and includes a shaft, a rotary plate, a plurality of first engaging components and a linkage module. The rotary plate is rotatably disposed on the shaft. A plurality of bridging bars of the linkage module is connected between the rotary plate and the plurality of first engaging components in a respective manner, rotation of the rotary plate drives the plurality of bridging bars to rotate in the same direction, so as to switch the plurality of first engaging components between a locking mode and an unlocking mode.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS (1) This application is a continuation application of U.S. application Ser. No. 17/109,071, filed on Dec. 1, 2020. The content of the application is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

(1) The present disclosure relates to a reciprocating engaging mechanism and a related airtight device of preventing gaseous matter from leakage, and more particularly, to a reciprocating engaging mechanism with preferred airtight efficiency and a related airtight device of preventing gaseous matter from leakage.

2. Description of the Prior Art

(2) A conventional airtight apparatus puts an object inside an accommodating space of the housing, and a cover is assembled with the housing to seal the accommodating space, so that a water cooling device in the airtight apparatus can cool the object; however, liquid matter of the water cooling device is transformed into gaseous matter by heat, and therefore the airtight apparatus applies stable pressure for the cover to assemble the cover with the housing, so as to prevent the gaseous matter from leakage. The cover has a first side and a second side opposite to each other. The first side is close to a shaft mechanism, and the cover is rotatably disposed on the housing via the shaft mechanism. The second side is far from the shaft mechanism, and the cover can be rotated by pressing the second side or any portion of the cover except the first side. When the cover is folded relative to the housing, the cover presses a section of an annular gasket close to the shaft mechanism, and then presses another section of the annular gasket away from the shaft mechanism in response to the second side of the cover contacting the housing. Thus, uneven pressure applied to the annular gasket results in uneven deformation. Some part of the annular gasket may be pushed out of a groove of the housing or the cover may be deformed due to uneven pressure when the cover of the conventional airtight apparatus is folded, so that the conventional airtight apparatus cannot provide preferred airtight efficiency.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(3) The present disclosure provides a reciprocating engaging mechanism with preferred airtight efficiency and a related airtight device of preventing gaseous matter from leakage for solving above drawbacks.

(4) According to the claimed disclosure, a reciprocating engaging mechanism includes a shaft, a rotary plate, a plurality of first engaging components and a linkage module. The rotary plate is rotatably disposed on the shaft. A plurality of bridging bars of the linkage module is connected between the rotary plate and the plurality of first engaging components in a respective manner, rotation of the rotary plate drives the plurality of bridging bars to rotate in the same direction, so as to switch the plurality of first engaging components between a locking mode and an unlocking mode.

(5) According to the claimed disclosure, an airtight device of preventing gaseous matter from leakage includes a housing, a cover and a reciprocating engaging mechanism. The cover is movably assembled with the housing. The reciprocating engaging mechanism is adapted to constrain a movement of the cover relative to the housing. The reciprocating engaging mechanism includes a shaft, a rotary plate, a plurality of first engaging components, a plurality of second engaging components and a linkage module. The shaft is disposed on the cover. The rotary plate is rotatably disposed on the shaft. The plurality of second engaging components is disposed on the

housing. A plurality of bridging bars of the linkage module is connected between the rotary plate and the plurality of first engaging components in a respective manner, rotation of the rotary plate drives the plurality of bridging bars to rotate in the same direction, so as to switch the plurality of first engaging components between a locking mode and an unlocking mode.

(6) These and other objectives of the present invention will no doubt become obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art after reading the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment that is illustrated in the various figures and drawings.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) FIG. 1 is a diagram of an airtight device according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

(2) FIG. 2 is an exploded diagram of a liftable hinge mechanism according to the embodiment of the present disclosure.

(3) FIG. 3 is an assembly diagram of the liftable hinge mechanism according to the embodiment of the present disclosure.

(4) FIG. 4 to FIG. 6 are diagrams of the liftable hinge mechanism in different operation modes according to the embodiment of the present disclosure.

(5) FIG. 7 and FIG. 8 are diagrams of a reciprocating engaging mechanism in different operation modes according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure.

(6) FIG. 9 is a diagram of the reciprocating engaging mechanism according to a second embodiment of the present disclosure.

(7) FIG. 10 is a diagram of the reciprocating engaging mechanism according to a third embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(8) Please refer to FIG. 1. FIG. 1 is a diagram of an airtight device 10 according to an embodiment of the present disclosure. The airtight device 10 can include a housing 12, a cover 14, a liftable hinge mechanism 16 and a reciprocating engaging mechanism 18. The liftable hinge mechanism 16 and the reciprocating engaging mechanism 18 can be respectively disposed between the housing 12 and the cover 14. The cover 14 can be connected to the housing 12 in a rotatable and shiftable manner via the liftable hinge mechanism 16, which means the cover 14 can be liftable relative to the housing 12. The cover 14 can prevent gaseous matter inside the housing 12 from leakage via the reciprocating engaging mechanism 18. The reciprocating engaging mechanism 18 can simultaneously press and release all sides of the cover 14, so that the cover 14 can be locked and unlocked rapidly. The housing 12 has an accommodating space 20, and an electronic apparatus (which is not shown in the figure) can be disposed inside the accommodating space 20 for cooling. The cover 14 can be rotated and lifted relative to the housing 12 for exposing or sealing the accommodating space 20.

(9) Please refer to FIG. 2 and FIG. 3. FIG. 2 is an exploded diagram of the liftable hinge mechanism 16 according to the embodiment of the present disclosure. FIG. 3 is an assembly diagram of the liftable hinge mechanism 16 according to the embodiment of the present disclosure. The liftable hinge mechanism 16 can include a base 22, a connecting component 24, a pin 26 and a constraining component 28. The base 22 can be disposed on the housing 12, and optionally have one or several slab portions 30. In the present disclosure, the base 22 can include two slab portions 30. Each slab portion 30 can have a narrow slot, such as the long-type narrow slot 32. An end of the connecting component 24 can be connected to the cover 14, and the other end of the connecting component 24 can have an axle hole 34. The constraining component 28 can be made by wear-resisting material, and disposed between the base 22 and the connecting component 24. The constraining component 28 can have two surfaces 281 and 282 opposite to each other, and the

surfaces **281** and **282** can respectively abut against the base **22** and the connecting component **24** in a slidable manner.

(10) The pin **26** can slidably pass through the long-type narrow slot **32** of the base **22**, and rotatably insert into the axle hole **34** of the connecting component **24** and a piercing hole **36** of the constraining component **28**. The connecting component **24** can be rotated relative to the base **22** via assembly of the pin **26** and the axle hole **34**, and further can be shifted relative the base **22** via assembly of the pin **26** and the long-type narrow slot **32**. A slot direction **D1** of the long-type narrow slot **32** can be crossed by a structurally vertical direction **D2** of the pin **26**, so that the pin **26** can be slid inside the long-type narrow slot **32** along the slot direction **D1**. In the present disclosure, the slot direction **D1** may be perpendicular to the structurally vertical direction **D2**, which depends on an actual demand. The pin **26** can insert into the long-type narrow slot **32**, the axle hole **34** and the piercing hole **36** along the structurally vertical direction **D2**. When the cover **14** is rotated, the connecting component **24** can be actuated to move the pin **26** inside the long-type narrow slot **32**.

(11) In the present disclosure, the base **22** includes two slab portions **30**. The connecting component **24** can be clipped by the two slab portions **30** for preventing the connecting component **24** and the base **22** from separation. The constraining component **28** can be a U-type structure. A bottom portion **40** of the U-type structure can be fixed onto the connecting component **24** via a fixing component **38**. Two lateral portions **42** and **44** can be stretched from opposite sides of the bottom portion **40**. Each of the lateral portions **42** and **44** can insert into space between the connecting component **24** and the corresponding slab portion **30**. The lateral portions **42** and **44** can respectively have the surfaces **281** and **282**. The fixing component **38** can be a screw or a bolt. In other possible embodiment, the base **22** may have one slab portion **30**, and the connecting component **24** may laterally abut against the slab portion **30**, so as to assemble the connecting component **24** with the base **22** via the pin **26** in a movable manner; the said possible embodiment is not shown in the figures.

(12) Please refer to FIG. 4 to FIG. 6. FIG. 4 to FIG. 6 are diagrams of the liftable hinge mechanism **16** in different operation modes according to the embodiment of the present disclosure. As shown in FIG. 4, the cover **14** is prepared to rotate and unfold relative to the housing **12**, and the pin **26** can be lowered to a bottom of the long-type narrow slot **32** when being pressed by the cover **14**; in the meantime, the cover **14** does not press a resilient gasket **46** disposed inside a groove (which is not shown in the figures) on the housing **12**. As shown in FIG. 5, when the cover **14** is flat, weight of the cover **14** is borne by the whole resilient gasket **46**; in the meantime, the pin **26** is not pressed by the cover **14**, and the pin **26** can be slightly lifted from the bottom of the long-type narrow slot **32**. Final, as shown in FIG. 6, the airtight device **10** can utilize the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18** to press and lock the cover **14** with the housing **12**, which means the cover **14** can be set in a level state and then lowered along a vertical direction **D3**, and the resilient gasket **46** can be resiliently deformed by uniform pressure from the cover **14**; the pin **26** can be lowered back to the bottom of the long-type narrow slot **32**. Therefore, the airtight device **10** can utilize the liftable hinge mechanism **16** to slightly move the cover **14** vertically and further to rotate the cover **14** relative to the housing **12**; further, vertical motion of the cover **14** can be driven by the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18**, and rotation of the cover **14** can be driven by an electric actuator **70**.

(13) Please refer to FIG. 7 and FIG. 8. FIG. 7 and FIG. 8 are diagrams of the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18** in different operation modes according to a first embodiment of the present disclosure. The reciprocating engaging mechanism **18** can include a shaft **48**, a rotary plate **50**, a first engaging component **52**, a second engaging component **54** and a linkage module **56**. The shaft **48** can be disposed on the cover **14**. The rotary plate **50** can be rotatably connected to the shaft **48**. The first engaging component **52** can be connected to the rotary plate **50** via the linkage module **56**. The second engaging component **54** can be disposed on the housing **12**. The linkage module **56** can include a first guiding bar **60**, a bridging bar **62** and a restraining component **64**. A

first end **601** of the first guiding bar **60** can be connected to the first engaging component **52**. The bridging bar **62** can be disposed between the rotary plate **50** and a second end **602** of the first guiding bar **60**. The restraining component **64** can be disposed on the cover **14** and cover the first guiding bar **60**. The first guiding bar **60** can pass through an inner narrow slot **641** of the restraining component **64**, so that the first guiding bar **60** can be moved along a specific direction **Ds** to actuate the first engaging component **52**.

(14) The shaft **48** can be connected to a handle **58**, which can be shown in FIG. **1**. When the handle **58** is pressed to actuate the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18** for rotating the rotary plate **50**, rotation of the rotary plate **50** can drive the bridging bar **62** to move the first guiding bar **60** along the specific direction **Ds** via the restraining component **64**. If the rotary plate **50** is rotated in a counterclockwise direction **R1**, the linkage module **56** can switch the first engaging component **52** from an unlocking mode shown in FIG. **7** to a locking mode shown in FIG. **8**, which means the first engaging component **52** is moved from one position far from the second engaging component **54** to another position that inserts into the second engaging component **54**. If the rotary plate **50** is rotated in a clockwise direction **R2**, the linkage module **56** can switch the first engaging component **52** from the locking mode shown in FIG. **8** to the unlocking mode shown in FIG. **7**; that is, the first engaging component **52** can be separated from the second engaging component **54**, and the cover **14** can be freely rotated relative to the housing **12**.

(15) It should be mentioned that the first engaging component **52** can have a first inclined guiding surface **521**, and the second engaging component **54** can have a second inclined guiding surface **541**. The first inclined guiding surface **521** can be slid relative to the second inclined guiding surface **541** when the first engaging component **52** inserts into the second engaging component **54**, so that a level force applied to the first engaging component **52** can be transformed into a vertical force via relative slide between the first inclined guiding surface **521** and the second inclined guiding surface **541**. The first engaging component **52** can be perpendicularly lowered in a small range by pressure from the second engaging component **54**, and the cover **14** can be uniformly lowered accordingly to deform the resilient gasket **46**. The resiliently deformed resilient gasket **46** can be filled in space between the housing **12** and the cover **14** for airtight function.

(16) Please refer to FIG. **9**. FIG. **9** is a diagram of the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18'** according to a second embodiment of the present disclosure. In the second embodiment, elements having the same numerals as ones of the first embodiment have the same structures and functions, and a detailed description is omitted herein for simplicity. The linkage module **56'** of the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18'** can further include a transferring component **66** and a second guiding bar **68**. The transferring component **66** can be connected to the second end **602** of the first guiding bar **60**. The second guiding bar **68** can be disposed between the transferring component **66** and the bridging bar **62**. The bridging bar **62** can be directly connected to the second guiding bar **68**, or can be connected to the second guiding bar **68** through any component similar to the transferring component **66**. The restraining component **64** can cover one or both the first guiding bar **60** and the second guiding bar **68**. An amount of the restraining component **64** depends on a design demand.

(17) The transferring component **66** can be a sliding block or a sliding bar; any component capable of providing force transmission between the first guiding bar **60** and the second guiding bar **68**, or between the second guiding bar **68** and the bridging bar **62** can belong to a scope of the transferring component **66** in the present disclosure, and other possible embodiments are omitted herein for simplicity. If the cover **14** has the large dimensions, the linkage module **56'** in the second embodiment can connect the first guiding bar **60** with the second guiding bar **68** via the transferring component **66** to form a multi-stage force transmission mechanism, for preventing the guiding bar from being bent due to excessive length. Amounts and connective positions of the first guiding bar **60**, the restraining component **64**, the transferring component **66** and the second guiding bar **68** of the reciprocating engaging mechanism **18'** are not limited to the second embodiment, and can be

varied according to the design demand.

(18) Please refer to FIG. 10. FIG. 10 is a diagram of the reciprocating engaging mechanism 18" according to a third embodiment of the present disclosure. In the third embodiment, elements having the same numerals as ones of the foresaid embodiments have the same structures and functions, and a detailed description is omitted herein for simplicity. In the first embodiment and the second embodiment, each first guiding bar 60 can be connected to one first engaging component 52. In the third embodiment, the reciprocating engaging mechanism 18" can enlarge a width of the first engaging component 52', and several first guiding bars 60 can be connected to the same first engaging component 52'. Then, a width of the second engaging component 54' can be enlarged to match with the width of the first engaging component 52'. In other possible embodiment, a width of the first guiding bar and/or the second guiding bar can be optionally enlarged to decrease amounts of the first guiding bar and the second guiding bar.

(19) In conclusion, the airtight device of the present disclosure can put the electronic apparatus into the housing, and seal the accommodating space of the housing by the cover; multi-dimensionally liftable motion of the cover can be provided by the liftable hinge mechanism and the reciprocating engaging mechanism. For increasing airtight efficiency between the cover and the housing, the present disclosure can connect the liftable hinge mechanism between the cover and the housing. When the cover is rotated relative to the housing for folding and unfolding, the cover can be lifted and lowered relative to the housing in the level state due to rotatable and slidable motion of the pin inside the long-type narrow slot of the base and the axle hole of the connecting component. For example, the resilient gasket can have four sections connected to each other, and has a shape of the four connected sections corresponding to an opening of the accommodating space. The cover can simultaneously press the four sections of the resilient gasket when being levelly lowered, which means the four sections of the resilient gasket have the same deformed compression; therefore, the resilient gasket is not unevenly pressed and not moved out of the groove on the housing, and the cover is not deformed or bent by pressing some part of the resilient gasket out of the groove.

(20) Besides, the present disclosure can set the reciprocating engaging mechanism between the cover and the housing. The reciprocating engaging mechanism can dispose one or several first engaging components on each side of the cover, and further dispose one or several second engaging components on the housing corresponding to the first engaging components. The handle can be actuated to rotate the rotary plate of the linkage module, and the rotation of the rotary plate can drive the bridging bar, the guiding bar and the transferring component to shift and switch the first engaging component into the locking mode or the unlocking mode. The rotary plate can be rotated to forty-five degrees, which depends on the actual demand. The amount of the first engaging component, the second engaging component, the first guiding bar, the second guiding bar, the bridging bar and the transferring component can be plural, and the actual amount can be set according to the design demand. The present disclosure can utilize small rotation of the linkage module to simultaneously assemble the plurality of engaging components with each other, so as to assemble the housing with the cover in an effort-saving and rapid manner.

(21) Those skilled in the art will readily observe that numerous modifications and alterations of the device and method may be made while retaining the teachings of the invention. Accordingly, the above disclosure should be construed as limited only by the metes and bounds of the appended claims.

Claims

1. An airtight device of preventing gaseous matter from leakage, comprising: a cover; a housing, the cover being movably assembled with the housing, a groove being formed on a side of the housing facing the cover; a liftable hinge mechanism connected to the housing and the cover, the liftable hinge mechanism comprising: a base disposed on the housing and having a narrow slot; a

connecting component connected to the cover and having an axle hole; and a pin slidably passing through the narrow slot and rotatably inserting into the axle hole, multi-dimensionally liftable motion of the connecting component relative to the base being generated via a movement of the pin inside the narrow slot and the axle hole, so as to seal the housing by the cover for preventing the gaseous matter inside the housing from leakage; and a resilient gasket disposed inside the groove on the housing, wherein the cover is in a level state when contacting the resilient gasket due to liftable motion of the liftable hinge mechanism; wherein the liftable hinge mechanism further comprises a constraining component disposed between the base and the connecting component, two opposite surfaces of the constraining component respectively abut against the base and the connecting component in a slidable manner.

2. The airtight device of claim 1, wherein the airtight device further comprises a reciprocating engaging mechanism adapted to constrain a movement of the cover relative to the housing, the reciprocating engaging mechanism comprises: a shaft disposed on the cover; a rotary plate rotatably disposed on the shaft; a plurality of first engaging components; and a linkage module, a plurality of bridging bars of the linkage module being connected between the rotary plate and the plurality of first engaging components in a respective manner, rotation of the rotary plate driving the plurality of bridging bars to rotate in the same direction, so as to switch the plurality of first engaging components between a locking mode and an unlocking mode.

3. The airtight device of claim 1, wherein the narrow slot is a long-type narrow slot, a slot direction of the long-type narrow slot is crossed with a structurally vertical direction of the pin, and the pin is slid inside the long-type narrow slot along the slot direction.

4. The airtight device of claim 1, wherein the base comprises two slab portions, each of the two slab portions has the narrow slot, the connecting component is disposed between the two slab portions.
