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This publication contains illustrations of defects applicable to the examination of the exterior condition of filled metal food containers under the United States Standards for Condition of Containers. They are intended for use as references by inspectors, graders, and others in interpreting and applying the Standards. Since the examination of such containers under the Standards also includes an examination of the can labels, illustrations of labeling defects are included. The tables from the Standards which list metal container and labeling defects are shown on the next page.

In a few instances, an illustration shows the upper or lower limit of a defect. Otherwise, each illustration is considered to be a "typical" representation of the indicated defect. The legend accompanying each illustration explains, in general terms, the reason(s) for the classification of the defect as critical, major, minor, or insignificant. It also identifies each illustration which shows the upper or lower limit of a defect.