

## Layer 5 (top layer) Stratigraphy Card

### Beverage Container Removeable Pull Tab

Beginning in 1958, aluminum became the material used in making beverage containers such as soda cans and beer cans. From 1962 to 1973 the metal tabs used to open these containers pulled completely off the can. People tended to throw these removable tabs on the ground which caused injuries to the humans and animals stepping on them and added to environmental pollution. By the end of the twentieth century new types of tabs eliminated these problems by staying attached to the open can.

People probably used and discarded removable pull tabs shortly after they were produced instead of years or decades later. Because carbonated beverages do not store well, they are normally consumed soon after purchase (within days or weeks). Also, manufacturers quickly phased out removable pull tab cans in favor of the new style. Not much overlap occurred in the production and use of removable and non-removable pull tabs.

