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**Bexter7 LLC Announces the Bagelpod an Innovation in Bagel Slicing**

**Fremont, CA December 9, 2008** The Bagelpod is the product of a design process that sought to address the shortcomings of alternate designs.

One of the problems is scrapping off of toppings when the bagels are inserted into slicers. The Bagelpod's side covers are hinged at the bottom and close in on the bagel. Because the bagel is not scrapped as it is inserted there is minimum topping losses. In addition, each side cover has a stretched elastic component that gently grips the bagel and positions it for slicing. The elastic member exerts both horizontal and radial forces. The radial forces helps to keep the bagel from collapsing when sliced. Further, since the inner walls are elastic, the design can handle a wide range of bagel sizes – including minibagels.

The slicing system is a patented dual arc blade system that provides the user with compound leverage. Moving the slicing lever causes the blades to counter rotate and eventually mesh at the center of the cutting circle. One lever is formed by the slicing lever and another by the blade as it pivots around a point. Since the slicing lever moves through an angle of 120° while the blades only rotate through an angle of 60° the effective slicing force applied by the user is doubled.

The blades are pinned at both ends in slots that allow them to slide as they are moved through their range of motion. This sliding motion adds to the slicing effectiveness.

The blades are designed to optimize the slicing performance for the motion geometry. It took over 2 years to develop the manufacturing process to make the blades. Both the blade design and manufacturing process are patent pending.

Safety interlocks prevent the blades from being moved while either one or both of the side covers is open. Another safety interlock prevents the side covers from being open while the blades are exposed. With the covers open the blades are locked behind the inner structure of the Bagelpod so that they can't be accidentally touched by the user.

Limited quantities of the Bagelpod are on sale at [bagelpod.amazonwebstore.com](http://bagelpod.amazonwebstore.com) for \$19.95 plus shipping.

A motorized, automated version with changeable slicing mechanisms is being developed. The automated, motorized design will be capable of one handed operation.

**Bexter7 LLC** is an independent virtual product development company that uses contracts and relationships to accomplish goals. The company was founded in 2000 and changed its structure to an LLC in 2006. The company is currently located in Fremont, CA.