

**IMPROVED FLEXIBLE STRIP CABLE****ABSTRACT**

A flexible strip test cable having an elongated flexible strip cable, a series of strip traces disposed lengthwise on the flexible strip cable and having electrical strip contacts near one end of the flexible strip cable, an extension cable integral with the flexible strip cable and having a width at one end greater than the width of the flexible strip cable, and a series of test traces on the extension cable having electrical test contacts near the end of the extension cable remote from the flexible strip cable. Each of the test traces is electrically connected to one of the strip traces, and the minimum distance between two test contacts is greater than the minimum distance between two strip contacts. The flexible strip test cable may have a tooling guide for aligning a cutting tool with the end of the flexible strip cable which is connected to the extension cable. Alternatively, the test contacts may be electrically accessible through one surface of the extension cable in any pattern so that the minimum distance between two test contacts is greater than the minimum distance between two strip contacts. In still another embodiment, at least one test contact is electrically accessible through one surface of the extension cable and at least one test contact is electrically accessible through the opposing surface of the extension cable.

FIGURE 4