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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Electronic components (1) are held in first holding portions (19) distributed along a peripheral edge portion of a first rotor (18), which in turn is intermittently rotated to provide the electronic components (1) with markings (5). Then, ink providing the markings (5) is cured on a supply track (94) extending from the first rotor (18) toward a second rotor (90). The electronic components (1) held by the second rotor (90) are successively supplied into cavities (8) of a receiving tape (7) along intermittent rotation of the second rotor (90). An apparatus (12) for providing the markings (5) comprises a printing plate (25) having printing surfaces (37), a platen (60) for supporting the electronic components (1), and a back support (62), elastically displaceably holding the platen (60), which can approach to and separate from the printing surfaces (37).

(Figure 22)