ABSTRACT

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TWIST LOCK MANIPULATION

A manipulation device 5 for either securing a twist-lock to a shipping container or releasing it therefrom or both, the device 5 comprising engagement means 20 operative to engage and rotate at least a portion of the twist-lock so as to secure the twist lock in the shipping container or to release it therefrom; a support member 15 disposed above the engagement means 20, the support member 15 being arranged to receive and support a mid region of the twist-lock whilst allowing a lower portion of the supported twist-lock to project below the member to be engagable with the engagement means 20; said support member 15 being in the form of a plate incorporating at least one aperture allowing the lower portion of the supported twist-lock to project below the plate; wherein said support member 15 is selectively movable out of alignment with an axis of rotation of the twist-lock.

FIG. 1A