



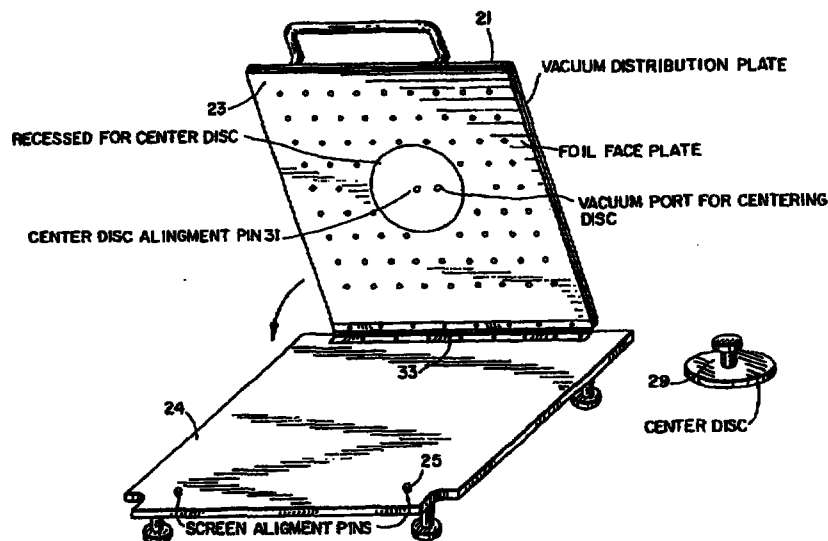
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(57) Abstract

An applicator (21) for attaching a foil to a screen mesh for use in assembly line screen printing of compact discs provides a vehicle in which foil tape is positioned precisely in the center of a screen frame (24) with repeatability. The applicator has a lid (23) that has vacuum porting for the foil and a precision alignment hole (31) for the centering disc. The applicator hinges (33) to the base that provides a positive screen frame location. The foil is aligned on the applicator by using the centering disc then lowered onto the base. The center points of the applicator and the base meet with an accuracy of 0.002".