

A METHOD AND RELATED APPARATUS FOR CUTTING A PRODUCT FROM A
SHEET MATERIAL

ABSTRACT



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5 A method of cutting a product of a predetermined shape from a sheet material by
firstly supporting a sheet material in a first position by a first support means
whereafter the sheet may be cut through by moving a line type cutter relative to the
sheet material on a line or lines to define part of the predetermined shape. The sheet
material may then be supported in a second position (whether by the first support
10 means or another support means) and again cut by moving a line type cutter relative
to the sheet material on a line or lines to define the remaining perimeter of the
predetermined shape, to thereby cut the predetermined shape from the sheet
material. In the second position the sheet material is provided with upward support
to support the predetermined shape to be cut from the sheet material and wherein in
15 the second position the or another support means includes a through cut
commensurate to the line or lines to define the remaining perimeter of the
predetermined shape.

Figure 1



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