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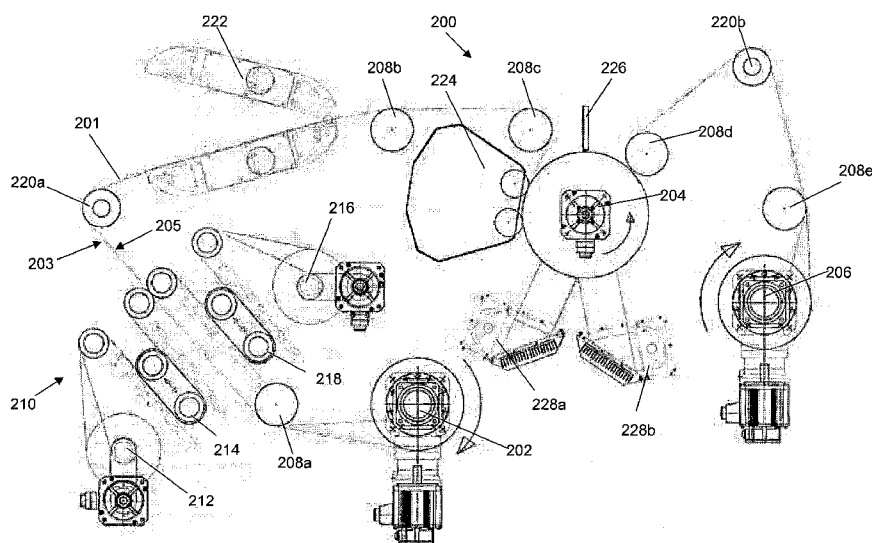
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(57) Abstract: An imprinting apparatus and method, and a method for fabricating an imprint drum for an imprinting apparatus. The imprinting apparatus comprises releasing means for releasing a feed material; an imprint drum comprising a rotatable inner member, and an outer member releasably mounted to the inner member and configured to engage with a first surface of the feed material for forming a plurality of structures adjacent to said first surface; and collecting means for collecting the feed material together with the formed structures; wherein the outer member has an engagement surface capable of accommodating at least one sheet mold, the at least one sheet mold engaging with the first surface of the feed material for forming the respective structures.