

Description

The present invention relates to a device for cutting a paper or other record material, the device being adapted for use with a printer.

Conventional devices of this kind have no satisfactory safety measures against the application of an undue or excessive load when foreign matter, such for example as a piece of metal, gets between movable and fixed cutter blades of the device, or when the movable and fixed cutter blades are stuck or locked. When the movable cutter blade or the fixed cutter blade is damaged, or the movable cutter blade is caused to malfunction, a paper feeder associated with the device tends to jam, with the result that a printing machine with which the device is also associated will be caused to malfunction.

A cutting device is known from US—A—369,473 comprising a first cutter blade; a second cutter blade which is cooperable with the first cutter blade so as to cut material; a support member for supporting the second cutter blade for angular movement, the second cutter blade having an engagement surface which normally engages the support member so that the latter acts as a fulcrum for the second cutter blade; urging means which urge the engagement surface towards a predetermined position with respect to the support member; driving means for driving the second cutter blade towards the first cutter blade in an operative stroke to effect cutting, and a return spring for returning the second cutter blade to a ready position after the second cutter blade has effected the said operative stroke.

The cutting device of US—A—369,473, however, was designed merely for cutting a button hole in cloth and is a hand operated machine. The cloth is cut by the cooperation between dies located in a common vertical plane on opposite sides of the cloth, cutting being effected by moving the discs towards each other.

US—A—369,473 does not discuss what would happen if the blade carrying one of the dies was prevented from moving towards the other blade by striking foreign material, or if foreign material were present between the dies. Such an eventuality would have been extremely improbable and could not fail to be swiftly detected by the workman using the device who would merely have ceased to operate the handle of the device and would have removed the foreign material. Moreover, no jamming of the device could then have occurred.

If, however, the device is power operated and the blades are constituted by a fixed blade across which the other blade is moved, the presence of the foreign material will not be detected before considerable damage is done and the device may well then be not only damaged but also jammed.

According, therefore, to the present invention, there is provided a cutting device for cutting paper or other record medium emanating from a printer comprising a fixed first cutter blade; a

second cutter blade which is cooperable with the first cutter blade so as to cut the record medium; a support member for supporting the second cutter blade for angular movement, the second cutter blade having an engagement surface resiliently urged by resilient urging means into engagement with the support member, the latter thus providing a fulcrum for the second cutter blade; power operated driving means for driving the second cutter blade towards the first cutter blade in an operative stroke to effect cutting, and a return spring for returning the second cutter blade to a pre-cut position after the second cutter blade has effected the said operative stroke, whereby the first cutter blade is a fixed blade across which the second cutter blade is moved by power operated driving means during the said operative stroke, the second cutter blade being mounted for movement against said resilient urging means to a position in which the engagement surface is released from the fulcrum presented by the support member, such that should the second cutter blade encounter undue resistance during its movement across the first cutter blade in the course of its operative stroke the engagement surface then moves away from the support member so that the point of resistance subsequently provides a fulcrum point for the remaining operative stroke, thus preventing damage to the cutting device, the power operated driving means comprising means for automatically enforcing return of the second cutter blade to the pre-cut position whenever it has not been returned to its pre-cut position solely by the force of the return spring.

In the case of the present invention, since the second cutter blade is movable to a position in which the engagement surface is out of engagement with the support member, the power operation of the device will not damage the latter even if foreign material is present between the blades while jamming is also avoided.

The driving means may comprise a rotary cam which is disposed between and engageable with the first and second parts of a drive lever which engages the second cutter blade, the arrangement being such that, in normal operation, the cam operatively engages only the said first part to effect operation of the second cutter blade, but that if the return spring alone is unable to return the second cutter blade to the pre-cut position the cam operatively engages the said second part so as to effect such return.

The arrangement may be such that during one complete revolution of the cam, the second cutter blade is moved from and returned to the pre-cut position so as to effect a cutting operation.

Presser means may be provided for pressing the second cutter blade against the first cutter blade during cutting of the material.

The first cutter blade and/or the second cutter blade may be so formed that the material is incompletely or discontinuously cut or perforated.

The said engagement surface is preferably a

arcuate surface of a recess in the movable second cutter blade.

In its preferred form, the invention provides an inexpensive and safe device for cutting a sheet of record paper used in a printer.

The invention is illustrated, merely by way of example, in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device according to the present embodiment with the parts shown in a pre-cut position,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device of Figure 1 showing a movable cutter blade subjected to an undue load,

Figure 3 is a plan view of a cutter drive lever and a drive cam forming part of the device of Figure 1, the cutter drive lever and drive cam being shown in the positions in which they engage each other when a sheet of record paper is cut off,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the device of Figure 1 showing the way in which a movable cutter blade and the cutter drive lever are forcibly released from a locked condition, and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the device of Figure 1 showing the manner in which the movable cutter blade and the cutter drive lever are returned under normal conditions.

Referring to the drawings, a device for cutting a paper or other record medium and which is associated with a printer (not shown) comprises a movable cutter blade 1, a cutter shaft or support member 2 about which the movable cutter blade 1 is angularly movable, a presser spring 3 for preventing the movable cutter blade 1 from moving upwardly, a return spring 4 for returning the movable cutter blade 1 to a pre-cut position after it has been actuated, and a fixed cutter blade 5 across which the movable cutter blade 1 is movable so as to cut a sheet of record paper 14. A release spring 6 has one end secured to a frame 12, its other end engaging the movable cutter blade 1. The release spring 6 is supported on a release spring pin 7. The movable cutter blade 1 has a recess therein provided with an arcuate engagement surface 1a which normally engages the support member 2 so that the latter acts as a fulcrum for the movable cutter blade 1, the release spring 6 urging the engagement surface 1a towards contact with the support member 2. The recess is so shaped, however, that the engagement surface 1a may move away from the support member 2 if, as described below, an undue load acts between the fixed cutter blade 5 and the movable cutter blade 1.

The movable cutter blade 1 can be actuated by a cutter drive lever 8 which is rotatably mounted on a shaft 9 which is itself mounted in the frame 12. A drive cam 10, which is rotatable by a motor or other power source (not shown), is fixed to a drive cam shaft 11. The frame 12 has an opening 13 for the passage therethrough of the sheet of record paper 14.

In operation when power is transmitted from the power source (not shown) to the drive cam shaft 11, the drive cam 10, which is fixed to the

drive cam shaft 11, starts rotating. The drive cam shaft 11 is arranged to be driven intermittently, e.g. by a spring-operated clutch controlled by an external signal for timed operation so as to cause the drive cam 10 to make one revolution. As the drive cam 10 rotates clockwise, it moves into engagement with a flange portion 8—1 of the cutter drive lever 8 which is rotatably mounted on the shaft 9. The cutter drive lever 8 is therefore angularly moved in the direction of an arrow A, thus causing the movable cutter blade 1 to angularly move counter-clockwise about the fulcrum constituted by the support member 2. The movable cutter blade 1 thus moves across the fixed cutter blade 5 to cut off the sheet of record paper 14. The arrangement is such that, during one complete revolution of the cam 10, the movable cutter blade 1 is moved from and is returned to the pre-cut position shown in Figure 1 so as to effect a cutting operation.

Actuation of the drive cam 10 and of the cutter drive lever 8 enables the movable cutter blade 1 to move across a cutting edge of the fixed cutter blade 5 while in contact therewith, thus severing the sheet of record paper 14. At this time, the release spring 6 presses the engagement surface 1a of the movable cutter blade 1 against the support member 2 with a force which is large enough to overcome the load imposed on the movable cutter blade 1 when the latter cuts off the sheet of record paper 14. The presser spring 3 holds the movable cutter blade 1 downwardly to maintain the movable and fixed cutter blades 1, 5 in mutual contact against the cutting load imposed by the sheet of record paper 14 while the movable cutter blade 1 is moving across the fixed cutter blade 5. When the severance of the sheet of record paper 14 has been finished, that is, when operation of the movable cutter blade 1 is completed under normal conditions through operation of the cutter drive lever 8 actuated by the drive cam 10, the movable cutter blade 1 is caused to return to its pre-cut position under the resiliency of the return spring 4 which acts between the movable cutter blade 1 and the frame 12.

As described above, in a normal cutting operation, transmission of power from the power source via a one-revolution clutch or the like to the drive cam shaft 11 causes the drive cam 10 to rotate, whereupon the cutter drive lever 8 is angularly moved about the shaft 9 in the direction of the arrow A by operative engagement with a larger-diameter cam surface of the drive cam 10. The movable cutter blade 1 is now brought into traversing engagement with the fixed cutter blade 5 to sever the sheet of record paper 14. When the cutting of the paper is completed, the flange portion 8—1 of the drive lever 8 engages with a smaller-diameter cam surface of the drive cam 10 which is located past the maximum-diameter portion thereof, whereupon the return spring 4 causes the movable cutter blade 1 to angularly move the cutter lever 8 rapidly in the direction of an arrow B. Upon engagement of the flange

portion 8—1 of the cutter drive lever 8 by the minimum-diameter portion of the drive cam 10, the drive lever 8 and the movable cutter blade 1 are in their pre-cut position.

The drive system will be protected when foreign matter such as a piece of metal enters between the movable cutter blade 1 and the fixed cutter blade 5 or when the movable cutter blade 1 and the fixed cutter blade 5 are stuck or locked against their mutual traversing movement. More specifically, operation of the drive system upon entrance of foreign matter between the movable cutter blade 1 and the fixed cutter blade 5 will now be described with reference to Figure 2. Actuation of the drive system for driving the parts to cut off the sheet of record paper is the same as that for severing the sheet of record paper 14 in normal conditions, and will not be described. When, however, the movable cutter blade 1 hits foreign matter 15 as the movable cutter blade 1 moves across the fixed cutter blade 5 after the movable cutter blade 1 has started being actuated, the movable cutter blade 1 and the fixed cutter blade 5 may become stuck or locked and unable to cut off the sheet of record paper 14. In this case, the movable cutter blade 1 will be angularly displaced in the direction of the arrow A so that the engagement surface 1a is moved in a direction away from the support member 2. Thus the foreign matter 15 will then serve as a fulcrum for the movable cutter blade 1 which is pressed against the foreign matter 15 by the release spring 6, the support member 2 no longer constituting such a fulcrum. The cutter drive lever 8 is therefore able without damage to angularly move about the shaft 9 and to be operated by engagement with the cam surface of the drive cam 10, as in the normal process for cutting the sheet of record paper 14. Accordingly, the drive member 8, the movable cutter blade 1, the fixed cutter blade 5, and the other parts are prevented from undergoing any undue load or stress and hence from being broken or otherwise damaged.

When the movable cutter blade 1 has been subjected to an undue load, the blade 1 may be jammed in a position in which it cannot be returned to its pre-cut position merely by the force of the return spring 4. A safety device for forcibly returning the movable cutter blade 1 to its pre-cut position in these circumstances will therefore now be described with reference to Figure 3. The cutter drive lever 8 is angularly moved in the direction of the arrow A in the same operation as that for severing the sheet of record paper 14. When the movable cutter blade 1 fails to move across the fixed cutter blade 5 and hence to cut off the sheet of recording paper 14, the cutter drive lever 8 completes its operation, and yet the movable cutter blade 1 fails to return to its pre-cut position under the bias of the return spring 4. In such a situation, the movable cutter blade 1 is forcibly returned to its pre-cut position by bringing the cam surface of the drive cam 10 into engagement with a portion 8—2 of the cutter drive lever 8. The maximum diameter portion of

the drive cam 10 is held against the flange portion 8—1 of the cutter drive lever 8 at the time of severing the sheet of record paper 14 under normal conditions, as illustrated in Figure 3. During a normal mode of the return operation, the drive cam 10 rotates in the direction of an arrow C simultaneously with completion of the severance of the record paper 14 until the flange portion 8—1 of the cutter drive lever 8 is caused, under the resiliency of the return spring 4, to engage the minimum-diameter portion of the drive cam 10, whereupon the movable cutter blade 1 and the cutter drive lever 8 are in the pre-cut position. Under a larger load, the cutter drive lever 8 and the movable cutter blade 1 fail to return under the spring force of the return spring 4, and the flange portion 8—1 of the drive lever 8 does not engage the minimum-diameter portion of the drive cam 10 upon the latter's rotation in the direction of the arrow C. Under these conditions, when the drive cam 10 further rotates in the direction of the arrow C, the maximum-diameter portion of the drive cam 10 is brought into engagement with a flange portion 8—2 of the cutter drive lever 8, thus forcing the cutter drive lever 8 to rotate in the direction of the arrow B. Thus, the movable cutter blade 1 is forcibly moved back to its pre-cut position by the cam 10 which is disposed between the flange portions 8—1 and 8—2.

As shown in Figure 5, the movable cutter blade 1 and the cutter drive lever 8 can be returned under the biasing force of the return spring 4 alone after the sheet of record paper 14 has been cut off during a normal cutting operation. Under such a normal cutting operation, the drive lever 8 is returned to the pre-cut position before the maximum-diameter portion of the drive cam 10 engages the flange portion 8—2 of the cutter drive lever 8. Thus, the movable cutter blade 1 can be returned after the normal cutting operation without imposing an undue load on the drive cam 10 and the drive members.

Although in the illustrated embodiment the movable cutter blade 1 has a continuous cutting edge along the portion thereof which is movable across the fixed cutter blade 5, the movable cutter blade 1 and/or the fixed cutter blade 5 may be partly slotted or grooved to allow the sheet of record paper 14 to remain partly uncut. This arrangement enables one to provide for easy handling of receipts in cash registers and the like. The device for cutting off a sheet of record paper described above is less costly and safer than previously known devices in that it has a reduced number of cutter blade parts and is simple in shape.

Claims

1. A cutting device for cutting paper or other record medium emanating from a printer comprising a fixed first cutter blade (5); a second cutter blade (1) which is cooperable with the first cutter blade (5) so as to cut the record medium (14); a support member (2) for supporting the

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second cutter blade (1) for angular movement, the second cutter blade (1) having an engagement surface (1a) resiliently urged by resilient urging means (6) into engagement with the support member (2), the latter thus providing a fulcrum for the second cutter blade (1); power operated driving means (8, 10) for driving the second cutter blade (1) towards the first cutter blade (5) in an operative stroke to effect cutting, and a return spring (4) for returning the second cutter blade (1) to a pre-cut position after the second cutter blade (1) has effected the said operative stroke, whereby the first cutter blade (5) is a fixed blade across which the second cutter blade (1) is moved by the power operated driving means (8, 10) during the said operative stroke, the second cutter blade (1) being mounted for movement against said resilient urging means (6) to a position in which the engagement surface (1a) is released from the fulcrum presented by the support member (2), such that should the second cutter blade (1) encounter undue resistance (15) during its movement across the first cutter blade (5) in the course of its operative stroke, the engagement surface (1a) then moves away from the support member (2) so that the point of resistance (15) subsequently provides a fulcrum point for the remaining operative stroke, thus preventing damage to the cutting device, and the power operated driving means (8, 10) comprising means (8—2) for automatically enforcing return of the second cutter blade (1) to the pre-cut position whenever it has not been returned to its pre-cut position solely by the force of the return spring (4).

2. A device as claimed in claim 1 characterised in that the driving means (8, 10) comprises a rotary cam (10) which is disposed between and engageable with first and second parts (8—1, 8—2) of a drive lever (8) which engages the second cutter blade (1), the arrangement being such that, in normal operation, the cam (10) operatively engages only the said first part (8—1) to effect operation of the second cutter blade (1), but that if the return spring (4) alone is unable to return the second cutter blade (1) to the pre-cut position, the cam (10) operatively engages the said second part (8—2) so as to effect such return.

3. A device as claimed in claim 2 characterised in that, during one complete revolution of the cam (10), the second cutter blade (1) is moved from and returned to the pre-cut position so as to effect a cutting operation.

4. A device as claimed in any preceding claim characterised by presser means (3) for pressing the second cutter blade (1) against the first cutter blade (5) during cutting of the material (14).

5. A device as claimed in any preceding claim characterised in that the first cutter blade (5) and/or the second cutter blade (1) is or are so formed that the material (14) is incompletely or discontinuously cut or perforated.

6. A device as claimed in any preceding claim characterised in that the said engagement surface (1a) is an arcuate surface of a recess in the second cutter blade (1).

Patentansprüche

1. Schneidvorrichtung zum Schneiden von Papier oder einem anderen aus einem Drucker austretenden Aufzeichnungsmedium, bestehend aus einem feststehenden ersten Schneidmesser (5); einem zweiten Schneidmesser (1), das mit dem ersten Schneidmesser (5) zusammenwirken kann, um das Aufzeichnungsmedium (14) zu schneiden; einem Halteelement (2), welches das zweite Schneidmesser (1) winkelmäßig bewegbar hält, welches zweite Schneidmesser (1) eine Eingriffsfläche (1a) hat, die durch eine Federbeaufschlagungseinrichtung (6) in Eingriff mit dem Halteelement (2) federnd gedrückt wird, so daß das Halteelement einen Drehpunkt für das zweite Schneidmesser (1) vorsieht; einer motorgetriebenen Antriebseinrichtung (8, 10) zum Antrieb des zweiten Schneidmessers (1) gegen das erste Schneidmesser (5) bei einem Arbeitshub zur Vornahme eines Schneidvorganges; und einer Rückzugfeder (4) zur Rückführung des zweiten Schneidmesser (1) in eine Schneid-Vorposition, nachdem das zweite Schneidmesser (1) den Arbeitshub vorgenommen hat, wobei das erste Schneidmesser (5) ein feststehendes Messer ist, über das das zweite Schneidmesser (1) durch die motorgetriebene Antriebseinrichtung (8, 10) während des Arbeitshubes bewegt wird, das zweite Schneidmesser (1) gegen die federnde Beaufschlagungseinrichtung (6) in eine Position bewegbar gehalten ist, bei der die Eingriffsfläche (1a) von dem durch das Halteelement (2) gebildeten Drehpunkt freigegeben ist, so daß, wenn auf das zweite Schneidmesser (1) ein übermäßiger Widerstand (15) während der Bewegung über das erste Schneidmesser (5) während des Arbeitshubes einwirken sollte, die Eingriffsfläche (1a) sich vom Tragelement (2) wegbewegt, so daß der Angriffspunkt des Widerstandes (15) danach einen Drehpunkt für den verbleibenden Arbeitshub vorsieht, wodurch eine Beschädigung der Schneidvorrichtung verhindert wird, und die motorgetriebene Antriebseinrichtung (8, 10) eine Einrichtung (8—2) zum automatischen Verstärken der Rückföhrbewegung des zweiten Schneidmessers (1) in die Schneid-Vorposition umfaßt, wenn dieses Messer durch die Kraft der Rückföhrfeder alleine nicht in die Schneid-Vorposition zurückgebracht worden ist.

2. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Antriebseinrichtung (8, 10) eine drehbare Kurvenscheibe (10) umfaßt, die zwischen einem ersten und zweiten Teil (8—1, 8—2) eines Antriebshebels (8) angeordnet und mit diesen Teilen in Eingriff bringbar ist, welcher Hebel in Eingriff mit dem zweiten Schneidmesser (1) steht, wobei die Anordnung so ist, daß bei normalen Betrieb die Kurvenscheibe (10) nur mit dem ersten Teil (8—1) in Wirkeingriff steht, um den Betrieb des zweiten Schneidmessers (1) zu bewirken, jedoch für den Fall, daß die Rückzugfeder (4) alleine nicht in der Lage ist, das zweite Schneidmesser (1) in die Schneid-Vorposition zurückzubringen, die Kurvenscheibe (10) in Wirkeingriff



mit dem zweiten Teil (8—2) steht, um die Rückföhrbewegung vorzunehmen.

3. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 2, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß während einer vollständigen Umdrehung der Kurvenscheibe (10) das zweite Schneidmesser (1) aus der Schneid-Vorposition weg und in die Schneid-Vorposition zurückgeföhrt wird, um einen Schneidvorgang zu bewirken.

4. Vorrichtung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, gekennzeichnet durch eine Andruckeinrichtung (3), die das zweite Schneidmesser (1) gegen das erste Schneidmesser (5) während des Schneidens des Materials (14) drückt.

5. Vorrichtung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß das erste Schneidmesser (5) und/oder das zweite Schneidmesser (1) so ausgebildet ist, daß das Material (14) unvollständig oder diskontinuierlich geschnitten oder perforiert wird.

6. Vorrichtung nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß die Eingriffsfläche (1a) eine bogenförmige Fläche einer Ausnehmung im zweiten Schneidmesser (1) ist.

Revendications

1. Dispositif de coupe pour couper du papier ou autre support d'écriture sortant d'une imprimante, comportant une première lame de couteau fixe (5); une seconde lame de couteau (1) qui peut collaborer avec la première lame de couteau (5) de façon à couper le support d'écriture (14); un élément support (2) pour supporter la seconde lame de couteau (1) pour permettre son mouvement angulaire, la seconde lame de couteau (1) présentant une surface de contact (1a) poussée élastiquement, par un moyen de poussée élastique (6), pour venir en prise avec l'élément support (2), ce dernier fournissant ainsi un pivot pour la seconde lame de couteau (1); un moyen d'entraînement motorisé (8, 10) pour entraîner la seconde lame de couteau (1) en direction de la première lame de couteau (5) selon une course opérationnelle pour effectuer la coupe, et un ressort de rappel (4) pour rappeler la seconde lame de couteau (1) dans sa position avant coupe, après que la seconde lame de couteau (1) a effectué ladite course opérationnelle, ce par quoi la première lame de couteau (5) est une lame fixe le long de laquelle la seconde lame de couteau (1) est entraînée par le moyen d'entraînement motorisé (8, 10) au cours de ladite course opérationnelle, la seconde lame de couteau (1) étant montée pour permettre son mouvement, contre ledit moyen de poussée élastique (6), pour venir dans

une position dans laquelle la surface de prise (1a) est dégagée d'avec le pivot représenté par l'élément support (2), de façon telle que, si la seconde lame de couteau (1) vient à rencontrer une résistance abusive (15) durant son mouvement le long de la première lame de couteau (5) au cours de sa course opérationnelle, la surface de prise (1a) s'écarte de l'élément support (2) de sorte que c'est le point de résistance (15) qui fournit ensuite un point de pivotement pour le reste de la course opérationnelle, évitant ainsi les dommages au dispositif de coupe, et le moyen d'entraînement motorisé (8, 10) comportant un moyen (8—2) pour ramener automatiquement de force la seconde lame de couteau (1) à la position avant coupe chaque fois qu'elle n'a pas été ramenée à sa position avant coupe simplement par la force du ressort de rappel (4).

2. Dispositif selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que le moyen d'entraînement (8, 10) comporte une came tournante (10) qui est disposée entre la première partie et la seconde partie (8—1, 8—2) et qui peut venir en prise avec ces parties, d'un levier d'entraînement (8) qui vient en prise avec la seconde lame de couteau (1), la disposition étant telle que, en opération normale, la came (10) ne vient en prise opérationnellement qu'avec ladite première partie (8—1) pour assurer le fonctionnement de la seconde lame de couteau (1), mais que, si le ressort de rappel (4) à lui seul est incapable de ramener la seconde lame de couteau (1) à la position avant coupe, la came (10) vient en prise opérationnelle avec ladite seconde partie (8—2) de façon à assurer ce retour.

3. Dispositif selon la revendication 2, caractérisé en ce qu'au cours d'un tour complet de la came (10), la seconde lame de couteau (1) s'écarte de la position avant coupe puis revient à cette position avant coupe de façon à exécuter une coupe.

4. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, caractérisé par un moyen presseur (3) pour presser la seconde lame de couteau (1) contre la première lame de couteau (5) au cours de la coupe du matériau (14).

5. Dispositif selon une quelconque des revendications précédentes, caractérisé en ce que la première lame de couteau (5) et/ou la seconde lame de couteau (1) a, ou ont une forme telle que le matériau (14) est coupé ou perforé de façon incomplète ou discontinue.

6. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, caractérisé en ce que ladite surface de prise (1a) est une surface en arc d'une encoche dans la seconde lame de couteau (1).

